



Spiritual “No Work” Doctrine

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Intro:

Scary that ffa’s message parallels the Pope’s! I did not know that before today! Adventism’s true message has been being slowly pushed into a corner since the 1950s by Rome and Evangelical Protestantism; I saw the changes as they came in one after another!

I was thinking lately about the propriety of basing a message on PATTERNS (which as you and I both know can be influenced and twisted a bit to fit what the presenter wants to prove.) Never in all history has a Present Truth message been based on PATTERNS; they were all based on time prophecies and a prophetic actual word for word prophetic message. “The Kingdom of God is at hand” “Behold the Bridegroom Cometh” “If Baal be God, worship him; if God be God, worship him” “By Faith alone” and so on.

“In our own country there are thousands of all nations, and tongues, and peoples who are ignorant and superstitious, having no knowledge of the Bible or its sacred teachings. God’s hand was in their coming to America, that they might be brought under the enlightening influence of the truth revealed in His Word, and become partakers of His saving faith.”--Review and Herald, March 1, 1887.

“We are not keeping pace with the opening providence of God. Jesus and angels are at work. This cause is onward, while we are standing still and being left in the rear. If we would follow the opening providence of God, we should be quick to discern every opening, and make the most of every advantage within our reach, to let the light extend and spread to other nations.”--Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, p. 212, 213.

Brothers and Sisters; what think ye? You can search your estate CD-ROM as diligently as possible and you cannot find anywhere that it says that we are not to be reaching out with the Advent Faith and Truth for as long as probation lasts! Just the opposite can be show in Hundreds of Quotations such as the above.

I think of this warning:

“The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances.”--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 463. (1885) (Read the chapter!)

"My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." Jeremiah 4:19

". . .Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD." Amos 6:10. "Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time." Amos 5:13

"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD." Jeremiah 23:28

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Preface: Ps. E Richards

In light of the ongoing controversy as to whether we shall believe and obey the plain testimony of the Scriptures and Spirit of Prophecy regarding our work and calling to win souls to Christ, I forward this short study I just received. May it be a blessing and encouragement to your souls. A serious quote to consider:

"The rabbis counted their righteousness a passport to heaven; but Jesus declared it to be insufficient and unworthy. External ceremonies and a theoretical knowledge of truth constituted Pharisical righteousness. The rabbis claimed to be holy through their own efforts in keeping the law; but their works had divorced righteousness from religion. While they were punctilious in ritual observances, their lives were immoral and debased. Their so-called righteousness could never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"The greatest deception of the human mind in Christ's day was that a mere assent to the truth constitutes righteousness. In all human experience a theoretical knowledge of the truth has been proved to be insufficient for the saving of the soul. It does not bring forth the fruits of righteousness. A jealous regard for what is termed theological truth often accompanies a hatred of genuine truth as made manifest in life. The darkest chapters of history are burdened with the record of crimes committed by bigoted religionists. The Pharisees claimed to be children of Abraham, and boasted of their possession of the oracles of God; yet these advantages did not preserve them from selfishness, malignity, greed for gain, and the basest hypocrisy. They thought themselves the greatest religionists of the world, but their so-called orthodoxy led them to crucify the Lord of glory.

"The same danger still exists. Many take it for granted that they are Christians, simply because they subscribe to certain theological tenets. But they have not brought the truth into practical life. They have not believed and loved it, therefore they have not received the power and grace that come through sanctification of the truth. Men may profess faith in the truth; but if it does not make them sincere, kind, patient, forbearing, heavenly-minded, it is a curse to its possessors, and through their influence it is a curse to the world." DA 309.

On the Walls of Zion,

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Subject: The Spiritual "NO WORK" Doctrine

Brethren,

I sent this study on Evangelism to you to encourage your hearts and to strengthen your faith in the sure word of prophecy. It is not my desire to condemn any, but to speak up for Christ and to lift up the weary hands.

Recently, I have seen that the Pope has called on all to stop doing any work to win souls for Christ. This is the same that is being said by those who claim to be leaders of the work for this time in the house of God. It seems to me that many are circling their wagons in an effort to save themselves and their flocks from undue influences. Sadly, they have lost sight of the very first principle of heaven - Mercy. Christ has suggested that they should first go and learn what that means, that He will have mercy and not sacrifice. May we have His great mercy upon us as a people and may we show that mercy to those for whom He has given so so much, first to the house of Israel, and then to the Gentiles. Your Brother from, The Three Angels School of Health

The Spiritual "NO WORK" Doctrine

Shall We Work For Souls in the Closing Work?

If So, How Shall We Work for Them?

Work in The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:29–34

And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: ***that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.*** It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments: And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Day of Atonement is a Sabbath Day

Leviticus 23:26–32

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; **and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.** And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. ***Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict***

your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Blameless Priests – Work on the Sabbath Days

Leviticus 24:5–9

And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, **even an offering made by fire unto the LORD. Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.** And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

Matthew 12:5–21

Or have ye not read in the law, **how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?** But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. **But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.** For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. **And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.** And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? **How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.** Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. **Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.** But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: **I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.** He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, **till he send forth judgment unto victory.** And **in his name shall the Gentiles trust.**

Our Judgment for Others Returns Upon Ourselves

Matthew 7:2

For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Isaiah 3:8–15

For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: **because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.** The show of

their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! **for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.** Say ye to the righteous, that **it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.** Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.* As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. **The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.** The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; **the spoil of the poor is in your houses.** What mean ye *that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor?* saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

We Are the Light of the World

Mark 4:21–25

And he said unto them, **Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?** For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, **Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.** For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

Why We Have Not Received the Refreshing

Isaiah 58:1–14

Cry aloud, spare not, **lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.** **Yet they seek me daily,** and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: **they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.** Wherefore have we fasted, *say they,* and thou seest not? **wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?** Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. **Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness:** ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high. **Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?** *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?* when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; **and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?** Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward. **Then** shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am.* **If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;** And ***if*** thou draw out thy soul to the

hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; **then** shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon day: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: **and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.** And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. **If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day;** and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

The Elect Love to Work for God

Isaiah 65:22, 23

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and **mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.** They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

No Work, No Eating of the Blessings of the Work

2 Thessalonians 3:7 – 15

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, **but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.** For even when we were with you, **this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.** For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. **Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.** But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. **And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him,** that he may be ashamed. **Yet count *him* not as an enemy,** but admonish *him* as a brother.

First the Natural, Afterward the Spiritual

1 Corinthians 15:46

Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The End Shown From the Beginning

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contrary to the word of God in abstaining from labor, in urging his errors upon others, and in denouncing all who did not receive them. **He rejected every evidence which the Lord gave to convince him of his error, and was determined to make no change in his course.** He took weary journeys, walking great distances to places where he would receive only abuse, and thought that in so doing he was suffering for Christ's sake. Impressions were followed, and reason and judgment were laid aside. {CET 74.3}

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Fruits of the "No-Work" Doctrine

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Naming Names

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"The Lord gave me a faithful message for this man, and I was sent long distances to warn the people of God against the errors he was urging upon them. At one time I was shown that I must go to Paris, Maine, for there was a meeting appointed which I must attend. I followed the direction given me, and there learned that Elder S. had notified the brethren that there was to be a great meeting the next day at the house

of Brother C., where important matter was to be brought out, and he urged all to attend. {LS80 225.1}

"The next morning we went to the place appointed for meeting. When Elder S. came in and saw us present he seemed troubled. The meeting commenced with prayer. Then as I tried to pray, the blessing of the Lord rested upon me, and I was taken off in vision. **Elder Stevens had declared that he would listen to nothing but Bible. I was shown the teachings of the Bible in contrast with his errors. I then saw that the frown of God was upon Elder S.; that he was leading honest, conscientious souls astray. They feared to differ with him. Yet they saw inconsistencies in his faith, and their judgment told them he was wrong. His object in appointing that meeting was to make an effort to strengthen the cords of error with which he had bound these souls.** {LS80 225.2}

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Leads to Self-Destruction

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Satan's Efforts

In every age Satan has sought to impair the efforts of God's servants by introducing into the church a spirit of fanaticism. Thus it was in Paul's day, and thus it was in later centuries during the time of the Reformation. Wycliffe, Luther, and many others who blessed the world by their influence and their faith, encountered the wiles by which the enemy seeks to lead into fanaticism overzealous, unbalanced, and unsanctified minds. **Misguided souls have taught that the attainment of true holiness carries the mind above all earthly thoughts and leads men to refrain wholly from labor. Others, taking extreme views of certain texts of Scripture, have taught that it is a sin to work--that Christians should take no thought concerning the temporal welfare of themselves or their families, but should devote their lives wholly to spiritual things.** The teaching and example of the apostle Paul are a rebuke to such extreme views. {AA 348.1}

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When Paul first visited Corinth, he found himself among a people who were suspicious of the motives of strangers. The Greeks on the seacoast were keen traders. So long had they trained themselves in sharp business practices, that they had come to believe that gain was godliness, and that to make money, whether by fair means or foul, was commendable. Paul was acquainted with their characteristics, and he would give them no occasion for saying that he preached the gospel in order to enrich himself. He might justly have claimed support from his Corinthian hearers;

but this right he was willing to forgo, lest his usefulness and success as a minister should be injured by the unjust suspicion that he was preaching the gospel for gain. He would seek to remove all occasion for misrepresentation, that the force of his message might not be lost.—The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 348, 349. {BLJ 181.4}

The Closing Work is From "House to House"

The Two Types of Closing Work

The First

Acts 20: 18–21

And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: ***And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.***

1 Timothy 5: 7 – 10

And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, ***if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.***

The Second

1 Timothy 5: 13 – 13

And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not...For some are already turned aside after Satan.

The Result

Acts 2: 42–47

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ***And fear came upon every soul:*** and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. ***And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*** ***And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people.*** And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

The Third Angel

As long as the message of mercy is to be given to the world, there will be a call for effort in behalf of other institutions and enterprises similar to that for the relief of our schools. **And as long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work.** When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress God's people, **places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing.** If in one place the persecution becomes severe, let the workers do as Christ has directed. "When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another." If persecution comes there, go to still another place. God will lead His people, making them a blessing in many places. **Were it not for persecution they would not be so widely scattered abroad to proclaim the truth.** And Christ declares: **"Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."** Matthew 10:23. **Until in heaven is spoken the word, "It is finished," there will always be places for labor, and hearts to receive the message.** {6T 478.2}

Wherefore "let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9.

I am bidden to say to our publishing houses: "Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that 'here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Revelation 14:12. **Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world.**"-- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 61. {ChS 148.3}

The Latter Rain Angel

And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory. {7T 140.3}

...The great conflict that Satan created in the heavenly courts is soon, very soon, to be forever decided. Soon all the inhabitants of the earth will have taken sides, either for or against the government of heaven. Now, as never before, Satan is exercising his deceiving power to mislead and to destroy every unguarded soul. **We are called upon to arouse the people to prepare for the great issues before them. We must give warning to those who are standing on the very brink of ruin.** God's people are to put forth every power in combating Satan's falsehoods and pulling down his strongholds. **To every human being in the wide world who will give heed, we are to make plain the principles at stake in the great controversy--principles upon which hangs the eternal destiny of the soul. To the people far and near we are to bring home the question:** "Are you following the great apostate in disobedience to God's law, or are you following the Son of God, who declared, 'I have kept My Father's commandments'?" {7T 141.2}

This is the work before us; for this our publishing institutions were established; it is this work that God expects at their hands. {7T 142.1}