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Linda Finds the Truth

By Hal Mayer

The articles in *Last Generation* spoke to me; I knew it was the truth,” shares Linda Perchyk. “The articles were all biblical.”

Linda was raised in a staunch Roman Catholic family. She was always told that if she was bad she would burn in hell forever. But while in her teens, she began to question these things after she began reading *Plain Truth* magazine from the Armstrong Radio Church of God (formerly a Sabbath-keeping church). In *Plain Truth* she found that sinners won’t burn in hell forever. She also found the seventh-day Bible Sabbath.



“As I read the *Last Generation* magazine, I could see that the articles were all biblical.”

Linda’s mother was very worried about her distrust of the Catholic Church and often warned her about leaving it. Linda stayed a Roman Catholic until her mother died, when Linda was 19. Then she went church-hunting. She had many ups and downs, including an injury. These things distracted her from reading the Bible.

Then something happened. Her roommate’s son-in-law, a smoker and a drinker, found the Lord and turned his life around. “This inspired me,” Linda says. “I wanted to find the Lord and be godly, too.”

One day Linda went to the Sunset Marketplace, near Renton, Washington, where she lives. There was a Silent SAM box loaded with *Last Generation*

magazines. Linda took one home, and as she read the articles, the Holy Spirit spoke to her and impressed her that this was the truth. “As I read the *Last Generation* magazine, I could see that the articles were all biblical, more so than the *Good News* magazine (formerly *Plain Truth*),” says Linda. “One article on wine greatly impressed me. Wine in the Bible is unfermented. I always wondered how Jesus could turn water into something the Bible condemns. But *Last Generation* magazine clarified this troubling point for me.”

Linda sent in the Bible study card that our literature missionary sponsors had put inside the magazine. Soon she received a call from a Seventh-day Adventist Bible worker in that area. They started Bible studies together. “My eyes were opened,” Linda says. “He answered a lot of questions for me. I knew for sure that the Catholic Church had false doctrines.”

“The Bible studies really helped me to understand the truth,” says Linda. “I am preparing for baptism this Spring (2005). I’m going to attend an evangelistic series here and am really looking forward to it!”

“If I had not seen the *Last Generation* magazine, I would not have found this church,” says Linda. “I just praise God that I paused and picked it up.”

If you or your church group would like to get involved in the Silent SAM project, or sponsor the *Last Generation* to your list of non-SDA friends, please call (877) 527-8436 for more information. 

By Robin Heiks



More *Last Generation* Magazines for Americans

“If you hadn’t made the offer, we wouldn’t have thought to give gift subscriptions to our relatives, friends in our area, and co-workers. We like *Last Generation* because of the variety of topics in each issue,” commented an enthusiastic sponsor.

In November 2004, we asked our supporters to reach out to their neighbors, friends, family, and colleagues here in the United States of America by sponsoring one-year gift subscriptions to *Last Generation* magazine at a greatly reduced rate. We would like to thank each one of you for your support. God blessed this offer more than we ever expected, and we praise God for your overwhelming response!

There was also an added bonus to this appeal. If you responded before December 6, your group of subscribers would also receive

a complimentary copy of the “Messiah” issue, just in time for the holiday season. More than 75% of the sponsors took advantage of this bonus.

I believe that it is truly providential that the new subscribers to *Last Generation* received “Rekindle Your Spirit in God’s Word” for their first issue. This issue is different than most, because it is packed with articles specifically about the Bible, such as “Swordsmanship: Making the Best Use of Your Bible” and “Who Gave Us Our Bible?” There are also stories of how the Bible changed Doug Batchelor’s life and how Franz Hasel, a German minister, put his trust in Bible prophecy during World War II.

It’s time to get serious, and the Lord knows that precious souls need to hear pure truth, which is what *Last Generation* has always offered. 



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He Made Me Whole!

By Darrel Dacres

“Glory to God, and thanks to Hartland for teaching me the eight laws of health.”

In 1996, when the stress was overwhelming, I had migraine headaches and difficulty sleeping.

I accepted an invitation to church with an open mind. What did I have to lose? Something clicked!

I found the joy and happiness that I had been looking for.

However, the joy didn't last. I started getting confused. I tried putting everything in perspective by starting to plan my new life. When nothing was going my way, I got more and more agitated. I said, “If this is what God is all about, I might as well go back to my old life.”

I went from one pastor to another trying to find an answer until I was ready to give up. Life became a living hell as I fought with myself. Finally, I got on my knees and prayed, “God, I am trying to find You. Today I am surrendering my whole life to You. If stress is going to kill me, forgive me for all my sins and take me.”

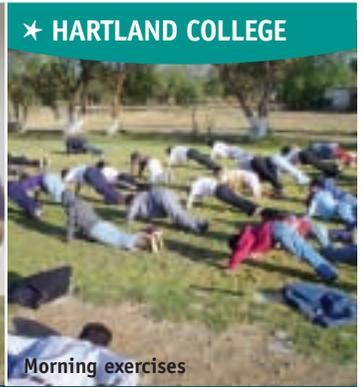
“After making dramatic changes in my lifestyle, I no longer take any medication for migraine headaches, I’m sleeping better, and I have more energy. I know that this is what God intended for His children from the beginning.”

I went to a mission in Atlanta, Georgia, for two weeks and found some peace. Upon my return to Cayman, I again started planning my new life. When nothing was going my way, I got agitated and confused again. God spoke to me and said, “Let go and let Me.” I then prayed and asked God to let His will be done.

In answer to my prayer, my nephew suggested that I contact a place in Virginia called Hartland. After much prayer for guidance, I made arrangements to go to the Hartland Wellness Center. My life will never be the same. I have a new life in Christ. I became a vegan and made dramatic changes in my lifestyle. I no longer take any medication for migraine headaches, and since becoming vegan I have not gotten a virus. I'm sleeping better, and I have more energy. I know that this is what God intended for His children from the beginning. “Thank You, dear Lord, for making me whole.” 



Camp staff and helpers



Morning exercises

BOLIVIA YOUTH CAMP *A Life-changing Experience* *By Ther Ling Kwok*

"I wanted to leave early, but I decided to stay. Thank you for your friendliness. Now I know that Christians are nice people," commented Mirtha, a young lady who attended a youth Bible camp in Bolivia last December.

In 2003, three Hartland students and Pastor Kang held an extension school in Bolivia. Coordinated by health major Lizette Bustamante, a Bolivian, the school created interest in the Bible.

In December 2004, Lizette returned to hold a youth Bible camp in Cochabamba. This time the Hartland team consisted of Lizette, Pastor David Hernandez, German Morera, Robbie Berghan, Seven Lee, and Ther Ling Kwok. Local youth leaders were the counselors. Fifty youth from secular, atheistic, Adventist, and Roman Catholic families attended the camp.

Although one church was active in evangelism and won many new believers, it lacked a pastor and Bible workers to encourage the young people to live a Christian lifestyle. Thus, the Bible camp aimed "to show the youth that they can be good Christians and still have fun, and to let them experience what it's like to live their convictions daily," said Robbie Berghan.

To reinforce the message, the speakers shared their personal testimonies during both morning worship

and the classes. The classes offered were, "Conversion and Righteousness by Faith," "Daniel and Revelation," "Health," "Scripture Memorization," and "Speech and Homiletics." Counselors bonded with their groups and encouraged them to have a deeper commitment to God.

At the end of camp, our team received many thank-you notes saying how the young people's lives were changed. Several young men were impressed to spend more time studying the Bible, including an 18-year-old from an orphanage. A nine-year-old girl, also orphaned, now shares the health message with her uncle's family and neighbors. Two atheistic girls want to keep in touch with their new friends,

as they see something attractive in Christians. Another girl plans to study health at Hartland.

"Thank you for sharing good moments when we played and did many other things. Thank you for teaching us the love that God has for us," wrote Erika.

Zecia wrote, "Thank you for making great efforts for the brethren in the church. God is very pleased with the work that you are doing. Don't get discouraged if the way is very hard, because God will help you and reward you greatly."

Please pray for the plans that are being made to return this summer to train the church members in hydrotherapy, massage, and nutrition. 



Pastor Hernandez presents a worship talk to campers.

“Joy Unspeakable”

By Faith Lyons

Have you ever awakened in the morning with the “blahs,” or feeling a bit down? Or maybe some days you catch yourself thinking discouraging thoughts. If this happens to you often, then let me share how encouraged I am to read letters from people all over the world who read our publications. For many souls, literature has significantly changed their lives and brought meaning to their existence. By reading about their thirst for truth and their desire to hasten the coming of the Lord, I can almost guarantee that your blahs and discouragement will quickly vanish!

Gordon from South Africa writes, “Thank you so much for the books. Two groups have each received a set. The third set will go to a library in Ceres next weekend, when we baptize ten people.”

We are also encouraged by Martin who writes, “Thanks a lot for the books you sent me. May the Almighty God bless you. I hope to meet you when He comes. Until then, ‘we’ve a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right.’”

Heart-wrenching letters come from those who

are incarcerated. Mouhannad in California writes, “You ought to know that I happen to be a Seventh-day Adventist and an avid student of the Holy Bible. Unfortunately, I also happen to be an incarcerated individual.” Even though Mouhannad’s letter may break our hearts, it also spurs us on to work much harder. These precious souls totally depend upon us to send them our publications for messages of hope and courage.

Oh, friends, there is still so much work to do! Your support, by purchasing our books and materials, helps us to get publications into the hands of those you just read about. So many dear people are depending upon you and me. I believe you can now understand why there is no time for “blahs” and discouragement—only “joy unspeakable, full of glory.”

Be sure to check our website www.hartlandpublications.com often, as we are continually getting new materials to help you in your walk with the Lord and to work to evangelize the world for Jesus.

Maranatha! 

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Proverbs 3:9

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Nora gives treatment



Nora with patient and friends



Tony & Aaron demonstrate massage

Hartland Mission to Botswana

By Alina Pop

When they were healed they asked, “What church do you belong to? We believe that we, too, need to belong to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.” These words came from some ladies whom the Botswana mission trip team met. Their health condition was so serious, that they had been constipated for weeks. What an example of the health message being the entering wedge for the gospel!

In December 2004, Aaron Baker, a Bible teacher at Hartland College, and Tony and Nora Ricono, former staff members at the Hartland Wellness Center, went to Botswana on a mission trip that was organized by Hartland World Mission.

The team discovered that the two greatest needs were the gospel and education. Many people perform voodoo and satanic rituals. Some estimate that of the ten million people in Botswana about sixty percent have the HIV virus. People commonly experience headaches and aching joints from not drinking sufficient water. Also, there are people suffering with malnutrition because much of their food contains high amounts of sugar.

During the training program Aaron taught “Conversion and Righteousness by Faith,” “Daniel,” “Revelation,” and “The Sanctuary

Message.” The Riconos taught practical methods of using hydrotherapy, massage, and simple herbs. Their goal was to enable those attending these classes to minister to their own people.

To make the learning effective, the team organized outreach activities in the community so the students could practice what they just learned. The students were excited to see how powerfully God worked through the natural remedies.

The Riconos met a lady who couldn’t stand up straight. She had pain throughout her body, so all she did was sit all day. They helped her change her diet and walk, and Nora gave her a full-body massage. In a short time, she felt so much better that she said, “My life will never be the same.”

Tony reports, “Nora and I ministered to Wada, a Seventh-day Adventist lady who had a thyroid condition. She has since called us and said her condition is diminishing because she is applying some of the simple remedies that we taught in class. Some people were inspired to start a sanitarium. One man was getting ready to start a school for elementary students because of what our ministry team said.”

We praise God for working through simple remedies and His missionaries to bring healing, hope and courage to hungry souls in Botswana. 

Dream Becomes Reality

By German Morera and Robbie Berghan

“I want to have the enthusiasm that you have, and I want to know more about this Sabbath message,” was the cry of a Pentecostal brother who attended the meetings.

We cannot change lives by anything that we do. Only the Holy Spirit does the changing. We thank God for allowing us to be instruments to reach people for Him in the country of Colombia during both the Summer and Winter of 2004. One particular experience showed us that God is doing the work and that all the glory should be His. One Sabbath morning we were invited to preach to a group of people. Robbie was scheduled to preach the sermon. While listening to the Sabbath School program, he realized that the topic of discussion was the very one he had chosen for his sermon. When it was time to preach, Robbie was uncertain as to what he should preach about. He decided to ask the congregation some questions in order to determine what their specific needs were. Based on the responses he received, he decided to speak on the 2300-day prophecy and its connection with the sanctuary in heaven, the Spirit of Prophecy, and end-time events.

After the meeting, a man approached us and began relating a dream that he had a few months before.

This sincere soul was searching for God’s true church at the time. In his dream he saw both an English preacher and the number 2300, but he had no idea what the number meant. After Robbie’s sermon, this brother gratefully acknowledged that the message had been a direct answer from God, an answer which clearly showed him what church he needed to begin attending.

The population of Colombia is 90-95% Catholic, and everyone is in great need of light, especially about the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Medical missionary work was the entering wedge

and gave us the opportunity to minister to the physical needs of the people and to show them God’s love through the natural remedies.

“God sent you to my house to help my son,” said a lady whose son was struggling with drugs. Health topics interested many, and this prepared their hearts for the spiritual messages which followed. In addition, God also opened the way for us to speak on television and radio concerning both health subjects and the prophecies.

We are thankful for the many opportunities God has given us to touch hearts in Colombia. May the seeds that were sown bear fruit for eternity. 



Top: Man who had a dream, with Robbie (L) & German (R). **Middle:** Robbie preaches, German translates. **Bottom:** German, medical missionary.

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Students Reach Out

AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NET 2005

By Diego Silva and Rebecca Lui



Diego Silva, one of our students on internship, shares:

Joyce, a former Amazing Facts contact, told me recently, “I had been praying that the Lord would send someone to study the Bible with me.”

Amazing Facts gave us a list of their correspondence contacts in the Stafford area. Joyce received her first lesson in 1999, but never responded. I called to see if she still lives in the area; but the phone was disconnected, so I crossed her off my list. One afternoon, another student and I happened to be down the street visiting another contact, when I realized that Joyce lived nearby. I was impressed to go to her door.

When we mentioned Amazing Facts, she remembered that name and invited us in. After she found out that we were Seventh-day Adventists, she began to share, with tears in her eyes, that God had been convicting her about the Sabbath. We started studying with her, her husband, and her mother. Now the home is filled with people, including a group of children who are studying the Bible with other college students.

The Fundamentals of the Christian Faith class went door-to-door taking surveys in order to find people interested in attending the Amazing Facts Net 2005 evangelistic series.

Rebecca Lui, one of the students, had an encouraging experience when she was asked to teach two church members how to fill out the surveys:

I wasn’t planning on training others, at all.

I was nervous, because we had to ask questions such as, “Do you believe there is a God?” and “If so, who do you believe He is? Is Jesus the Son of God?” I am naturally shy, and I had never confronted people with such direct questions about God before.

We got a few surveys filled out. When one of my friends knocked on a door, I prayed that she would gain more confidence. The man who answered the door told us that he noticed that his neighbors weren’t answering their doors, even though they were home. He felt sorry for us and decided to help us out with the survey—“but no personal information.”

At the end we asked, “Would you be interested in doing Bible studies? Would you give your name and address?”

“I said, ‘No personal information,’” he replied.

I prayed, “Lord, please change this man’s heart to accept our offer for Bible studies, and help this to be a good experience for my friend.”

The man asked, “What denomination are you? I was good friends with a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I used to study the Bible and attend church with him. I believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath.” He was still hesitant to give us his name and address, but he finally did. Praise God that He answered my prayer!”

After two hours, despite many rejections, the students and church members found more than twenty people who were interested in studying the Bible. We praise the Lord for giving us these contacts for His kingdom. 🙏

★ NEW STAFF

LYNN (R) AND DEE (L) GREEN moved here from Canton, Ohio. They decided to follow the Lord after doing the Amazing Facts Bible studies. In 2002, the Millard family introduced them to Hartland, and they decided to be baptized here during the camp meeting.

Lynn says, "I like the atmosphere and enjoy the love of God in the students. I've never seen such dedication in the youth like here at Hartland. We enjoy working with others who love the Lord."



Dee works in customer service at Hartland Publications. Lynn works for plant services and is currently working on the ladies' dormitory.

"Our goal here at Hartland is to improve our walk with the Lord and learn more of the Bible in order to prepare for heaven in whatever way the Lord leads."

Welcome to our team. We've been praying for dedicated families to respond to God's call and become missionaries here at Hartland.

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★ VOLUNTEERS



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volunteered his time to help us with the construction of our new ladies' dormitory. "I'm very grateful to be here. I came to get closer to the Lord and be of some benefit to God's people; however, I learned that I need to concentrate on reflecting God's character."



The ladies' dormitory is taking shape. Our goal is to be able to use it this Fall. Thank you for supporting this project.



Punished for Speaking the Truth

By Hal Mayer

Political correctness is quite a taskmaster. It often prevents us from getting to the real truth. For example, in the recent presidential campaign here in America, President Bush suggested that the struggle with terrorism will be with us for a long time and that there is no way to eliminate it all together; instead his administration's task would be to reduce the threat of terrorism.

The media reacted negatively to this moment of truth and punished him. President Bush dutifully retreated to the less accurate and more unsupportable position of eliminating terrorism all together. John Kerry had a similar experience.

Why do human beings have difficulty being realistic? The ultimate result of such political correctness is disappointment and discontent among those who look up to such leaders for solutions.

Have you ever had anyone place unrealistic expectations on you that you couldn't possibly achieve, and then find them upset with you for

not meeting them? I have.

This happens in churches, institutions, and even families. We are often willing to accept lies, or believe things that aren't true, even when, with a little thought, we could clearly see the fallacy of our thinking. Yet, because it is not the picture we want to believe or the



Hal Mayer
Stewardship Ministries

experience that we want to have, we are willing to create our own reality, and blithely live in it until we come face to face with the genuine. Then, we become disappointed.

I know an increasing number of people, for example, who are disillusioned with their church fellowship. They have blithely accepted what they have been told and think that

everything is just as it should be in Zion. Then they are hit with the reality of the enormous apostasy that plagues God's church. Their eyes are suddenly opened, and they sometimes react in extreme ways.

Why is it easier to hide problems and protect those who are doing wrong or who are teaching error? Is it because many want to support unsustainable notions about the condition of God's church in these last days? This is not the time for fables. It is the time for truth.

If members refrain from speaking out on things that matter, the illusion of "peace and safety" will continue until it is, perhaps, too late. Then they may be lost because of their disillusionment. May we, each one, be careful to face reality with a holy boldness. Sweep it not under the proverbial "carpet." It is time to prepare for the crisis, and God's people must be warned. If you are punished for it, you are not alone. Jesus was, too.

God bless you. 

Why I like to come to Hartland Convocations



"I get a rich blessing out of the messages here. I also like to

come because it gives me an opportunity to think and reflect on God's will for my life. It's a nice setting to meet other Christians who share my faith."

Sarah Ware, Virginia

"I like to come to Hartland's convocations because

I know that they advocate true education. I know that every time I come here, they're going to feed me with the Word. I appreciate the commitment to the standards of the church. I always enjoy myself



coming here."

Brian Jeffrey, Maryland

"I am thankful for every opportunity I have to come to Hartland's convocation,

a time of spiritual refreshing. Leaving the noise and confusion of New York City and coming to Hartland is like coming to an oasis where I can drink from the fountains of truth. For me it has been a source of revival and reformation. I felt that every message I heard this weekend was tailored just for me."

Irisdene Samuel, New York



From the Mailbag

"Thank you for the *Hartland Ministry Report* that you send us. We appreciate it very much, and our hearts are touched by how the Lord is working through you and your ministry. We pray that He will continue to bless and sustain."

B. & C. K., Australia

"Please accept my meager gift to help your ministry a little bit. If I had it, you'd receive many times more; be assured. You're in my daily prayers. I so appreciate all you're doing for the salvation of souls. May God bless you all richly in 2005, as you work for Him!"

A.F., California

"Keep working for the Lord by the grace He gives. Don't give the enemy an inch, any won ground. You are in our

prayers. Jesus be with us always and heal, mend, and restore us mentally, physically, and spiritually, so we can be saved."

M. & J. L., Washington

"Thank you for the *Hartland Ministry Report* we received. It is encouraging to read how people are being blessed around the world. May we all be faithful in our service to Him."

M. & E. S., Canada

"Praise God for you. Praise Him for simple, compassionate ways to healthy living and for those who are willing to share, teach, and demonstrate the love of God."

M.B., Ohio

"I've heard so many lovely things about your school and have listened to a few

tapes a friend has given me to mail to Africa. I am impressed to start supporting a school I really believe in."

C.S., Arizona

"I thank God for your faithfulness to Him and your ministry to fellow believers and the world at large. I also thank Him for His love which was demonstrated at the cross through Jesus Christ our Lord. It's that love that has brought us together, through your ministry. May you continue to uphold the truth and high standards set before us.

Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you, that the message of the Three Angels will be taken to the world, and that Jesus will come quickly."

J.H., New York

John Rogers

Bible Translator, Martyr

By Hal Mayer

John Rogers was born in England in 1500. He was eventually educated in Cambridge and became a priest. Around this time the Reformation opened Europe to the gospel and was making a tremendous impact. John was called to Antwerp (which is in modern Belgium) in the “Low Countries” to pastor the English community living there. At Antwerp, John Rogers accepted the reformed teaching and became acquainted with William Tyndale, who was living in exile there.

William Tyndale had published his translation of the New Testament, and these books were being smuggled into England in sacks of wheat. As he began the work of

translating the Old Testament, Miles Coverdale and John Rogers assisted him. When Tyndale was executed in 1536, Rogers and Coverdale continued with his work. But Coverdale did not know Hebrew and had translated the Old Testament from the Latin, German, and Swiss-German translations of the Old Testament.

In 1538, Henry VIII ordered that there be a Bible placed in every church in his kingdom. The Coverdale Bible, the first complete Protestant Bible to be published, was used to fulfill this order. Later Roger’s translation, known as “Matthew’s Bible” (to hide Roger’s identity) was published to continue filling Henry VIII’s order. Rogers, who knew Hebrew, translated the Old Testament from the original Hebrew language. Henry preferred this Bible and gave it his official sanction.

When Rogers eventually returned to England

in 1550, he pastored a church in London.

However, Queen Mary broke her promise not to persecute those whose religious convictions were different than hers. She sided with the Catholic Church against the Reformers, and John’s life was in danger. He was eventually taken from his home and thrown in a prison with common

criminals. At his trial on January 25, 1555, Rogers bravely defended the Reformation doctrines, denouncing the Pope’s claim to the headship of the church and the teaching that the church could forgive sins. Three days later he was again arraigned. This time he denounced the doctrine of transubstantiation and

refused to acknowledge Mary’s claim to the throne. A further accusation against him was that, as a priest, he had chosen to marry.

John Rogers’ lack of political correctness was the cause of his death. Had he been more careful, perhaps he would have spared his life; but the Reformation would have been greatly hindered. Rogers was declared a heretic and condemned to the stake. On his public journey, he sang psalms. His wife and children stood by the roadside to watch his journey to the stake, yet he remained strong.

Perhaps there are many today who would quake, tremble, and compromise under similar circumstances in order to be spared personal disaster. May God help us all to be strong like Rogers, and to speak the truth plainly and boldly, with holiness and the fear of God, even if it costs us much to do so. 



Beware of What Is Popular

Recently, I was introduced to Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. I had heard of it, but had not seen it—let alone read it. However, a concerned church elder gave me a copy of it to review.

Pastor Warren is the founding pastor of the Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California, one of the largest churches in the U.S.A. Many have flocked to this church to seek the secrets of its success. Among them have been an increasing number of Seventh-day Adventists.

I investigated the book to see why it is so highly recommended, and I came to the conclusion that it contains an alarming mixture of truth and error. For example, his concept of worship and music is contradictory to what we find in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

1. "Worship has nothing to do with the style or volume or speed of a song. God loves all kinds of music because he invented it all. . . ."

Warren, p. 65. Is that so? See *Evangelism*, p. 507.

2. "There is no biblical style [of music]. . . . There is no such thing as 'Christian' music; there are only Christian lyrics. . . . There are no spiritual tunes. . . ." *Ibid.*, pp. 65, 66. If this is true then why do we have statements about a certain type of music which made the angels weep? See *Adventist Home*, p. 514.

3. We "learn" that worship is not for our

benefit—"it's for God." Warren, p. 66. This concept is not in harmony with inspired counsel: "When Jesus meets with his people, his blessing rests upon those who assemble for the purpose of worshipping God. We need to cherish and cultivate a spirit of true worship, a spirit of devotion, upon the Lord's holy, sanctified day. We should assemble together believing that we

shall receive comfort and hope, light and peace, from Jesus Christ." *Signs of the Times*, June 6, 1895.

I urge pastors and laity to expose the errors of this book. They do not reflect the perfect principles of God's Word. There is no question that there are some good things in it but it is not safe

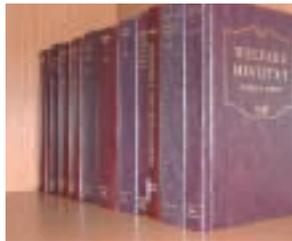
ground to explore, because error is very close to the truth. Instead, we have a rich library of books to which God has given His approval - books such as *Evangelism*, *Christian Service*, *Ministry of Healing*, *Welfare Ministry*, *Story of Redemption*, and *Early Writings*. These books offer us pure truth, unadulterated with error.

May God keep us from deception.



Colin D. Standish, President

Editor's note: Recommended resources that address music and worship are *Adventists Affirm*, vol. 12 no.1 and vol. 13 no.1.



Books such as these offer us pure truth, unadulterated with error.

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April 8-9, 2005
Three Angels' Chorale
Huntsville, Alabama
Contact: Heather James
(256) 379-2586

April 8-10, 2005
Camp Winnekaeg
Portuguese-Brazilian
Retreat
Ashburnham,
Massachusetts
Speaker: Diego Silva
Contact: Karla Marques
(800) 516-7587

April 8-10, 2005
Kernersville S.D.A.
Church, North Carolina
Speaker: Male Bone Laing
Contact: John Hodgkin
(336) 817-0260

April 14, 2005
Three Angels' Chorale
Hartland Wellness Center
Contact: Betsy Mayer
(540) 672-1996 ext 316

April 15-16, 2005
Las Vegas, Nevada
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: 702-309-3197
ericbetts80@hotmail.com

April 15-17, 2005
Rocky Mt. S.D.A. Church
Rocky Mt., Virginia
Speaker: Male Bone Laing
Contact: Joyce Combs
(540) 483-2714

April 21-23, 2005
Home Schooling Seminar
Cedar Lake, Michigan
Sonlight Education Ministry
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Angela Kurtz
(989) 427-3636

April 29-May 1, 2005
Hartland Spring
Convocation
Speaker: Eric Betts
Contact: Michael Smith
(540) 672-1996 ext 232

May 6-7, 2005
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: David
(918) 396-9160
deq7@toast.net

May 6-8, 2005
Cohutta Springs
Conference Center
Crandall, Georgia
Speaker: Colin Standish
Contact: Marlon James
(256) 379-2586

May 12-14, 2005
Home Schooling Seminar
Collegedale, Tennessee
Sonlight Education Ministry
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Karen Treadway
(423) 472-2198

May 12, 2005
Three Angels' Chorale
Hartland Wellness Center
Contact: Betsy Mayer
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May 13, 14, 2005
Three Angels' Chorale
Emanuel S.D.A. Church
Bronx, New York
Contact: Betsy Mayer
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May 13-15, 2005
Croton, Ohio
Speaker: Male Bone Laing
Contact: Gary Holback
(740) 383-2478

May 19-21, 2005
Parkstreet S.D.A. Church
Oberlin, Ohio
Speaker: Diego Silva
Contact: Phil & Gabriel
Hagan (440) 284-0635

May 20-21, 2005
Glendale, California
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: (818) 242-7149

May 27-29, 2005
Orlando, Florida
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: (800) 769-2150

May 28, 2005
Three Angels' Chorale
Rocky Mount, Virginia
Contact: Betsy Mayer
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June 3-4, 2005
Hartland College
Graduation

June 10-11, 2005
Columbus, Ohio
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Gary and Gayle
(888) 281-0537

June 16-18, 2005
Home Schooling Seminar
Colville, Washington
Sonlight Education Ministry
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Teresa Kodimer
(509) 684-6843

June 24-26, 2005
Solingen, Germany
(near Darmstadt)
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: +49-212-592490
Uwe.haug@wta.de

July 26-31, 2005
Hartland Camp Meeting
Theme: "END TIME"
Contact: Michael Smith
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September 4-8, 2005
Midwifery & Childbirth
Education
Hartland Wellness Center
Speakers: Patty Barnes
Mary Ann McNeilus
Contact: Jean Baden
(800) 763-9355

October 2-7, 2005
Medical Missionary
Training
Hartland Wellness Center
Contact: Jean Baden
(800) 763-9355

Fall Convocation
October 28-30, 2005
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