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# Welcome

Dear Reader,

One of the greatest lessons I have come to learn the last little while is the vital part suffering plays in our character formation. The use of suffering (or trials as we often call them) is a sharp tool in the hand of God to show us our weaknesses of character and to make much needed changes.

When I think of many Bible characters, I see that suffering or trials were God's workmen in their lives too. Take Joseph for example. Sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, thrown into prison, and then forgotten by two of Pharaoh's servants that he had aided, languishing in prison with no hope of release—what thoughts might have crossed Joseph's mind? What thoughts would have crossed your mind if you were in a similar position?



*image: Joseph's dream of grain*

Would you give up on God? Would you disbelieve in His goodness and lose trust in Him? Would your faith grow dim? Would you think He doesn't hear your prayers? Or think that He will never rescue you? Would you be angry that you have been repaid evil for good?

Maybe you can relate to something that has happened in your personal life. Has someone maligned your reputation unjustly? Have you gone through so many trials that you are tempted to think God is not good after all and will not see you through?

Joseph's faithful integrity led to the loss of his reputation and his liberty. Have you experienced something like this where you have done no wrong and received nothing but evil in return?

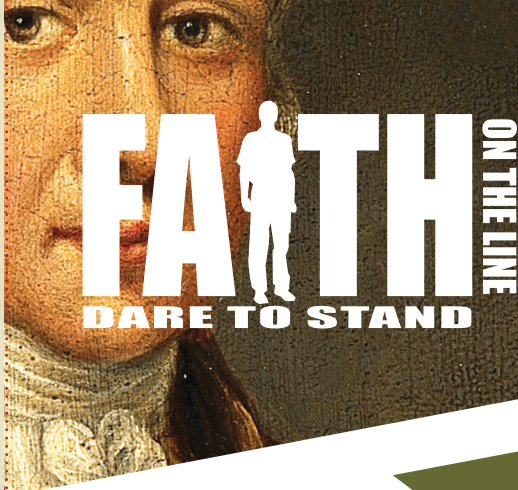
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**Editor's note:** Some of our readers were confused by the Vaccine article in *The Health Reformer* article in the *Winter 2021 FOTL magazine*. This article was not written by Sister White but reflected the ideas and opinions of the early pioneers.





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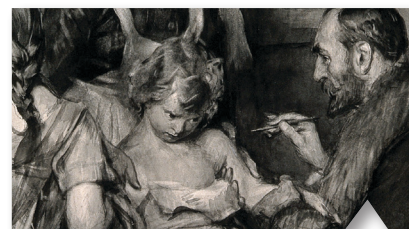
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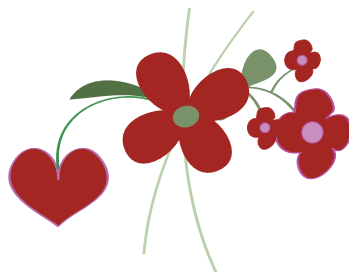
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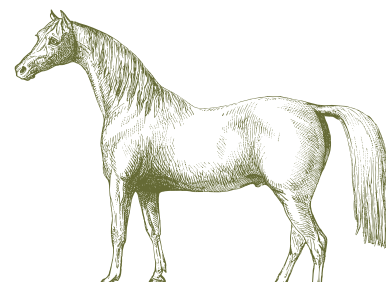


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**P E R S P E C T I V E S**

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1796

It's commonly believed that **Edward Jenner** in 1796 was the first to experiment with vaccination but the procedure dates back to ancient times.

Jenner coin, children dancing around cow as angel places wreath around its neck. Words: glory to God.



The earliest form of vaccination or inoculation likely originated with **Egyptian sorcerers** and involved superstition and magic.



Eye of Horus is an ancient Egyptian symbol of protection, royal power, and good health.\*

200 BC *Variolation*

Variolation was an early, crude method of smallpox inoculation in practice before 200 BC in **China and India**.

1500



Francis Xavier, co-founder Jesuit Order



Lady Mary Montagu

In the 1500s, co-founder of the Jesuit Order, **Francis Xavier**, encountered the practice and brought it to southern Europe.

**Lady Mary Montagu**, wife of the British Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire at the time, encountered the practice in Istanbul. She had been left badly scarred from smallpox in 1715 and her brother had died from the disease in 1713. In 1718, she had the variolation procedure done on her five-year-old son. On her return to England, she had her four-year old daughter variolated. Both children survived.

The doctor who had variolated Lady Montagu's daughter, conducted his own experiment on six condemned prisoners who were offered release if they survived. When news of this successful experiment spread, variolation caught on with the Royal household and subsequently established itself in mainstream medicine in England. In spite of some deaths due to the procedure, it was seen to be a safer alternative to contracting the disease naturally, as variolated patients generally experienced less severe symptoms and it was assumed that variolation offered lifetime immunity to smallpox.



## 1840 *First Vaccination Act*

### The Variolation Business, Paving the Way for Big Pharma

In order to corner the market on the fast-growing popularity of the practice, British doctors began promoting severe bloodletting prior to the variolation procedure and insisting that deep incisions were necessary for injecting the disease-producing biological material. In 1840, with the passing of the first Vaccination Act, variolation was outlawed while vaccination was made optional and offered free of charge.

In spite of widespread belief that smallpox vaccination offered protection against the disease, in 1871 in Bavaria out of 30 742 cases, 29 429 were in vaccinated persons. That is an efficacy rate of less than 5% for the vaccine. That same year in Prussia, a country with the highest rate of re-vaccination in Europe, 69 839 people died of smallpox. This was the highest smallpox death rate of any northern European country. About the same time, in Germany where all army recruits were re-vaccinated, the death rate due to smallpox was 60% higher among army personnel than in the civilian population.

## 1870-1871

In European smallpox epidemics of 1870-1871, in Cologne, the first unvaccinated person to get smallpox was the 174<sup>th</sup> case; at Bonn, the first unvaccinated person to contract smallpox was the 42<sup>nd</sup> case; and in Liegnitz, the first unvaccinated person to get sick was the 225<sup>th</sup> case. In other words, the first people to get sick were those who'd been vaccinated. Only after many vaccinated persons fell ill did unvaccinated people get sick.

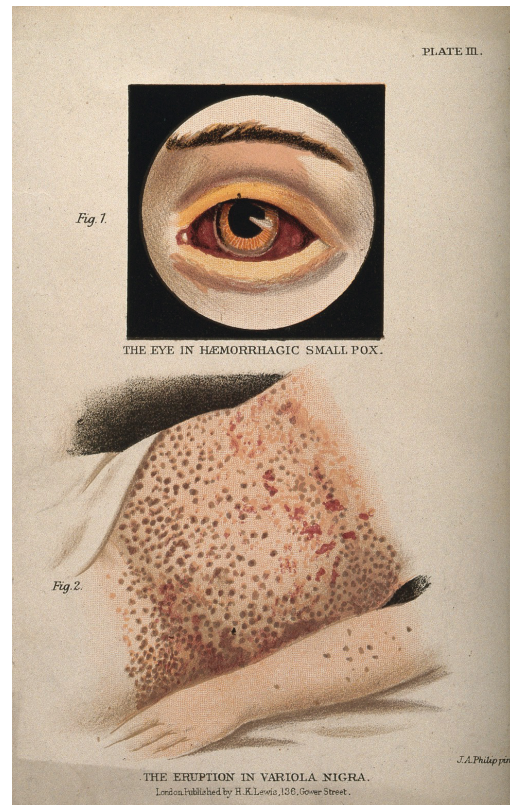


Fig. 1;  
The eye in hemorrhagic smallpox

Fig. 2;  
The eruption in variola nigra

In England in 1871, because of strict vaccination enforcement, 97.5% of the population were vaccinated. This coincided with England's worst smallpox epidemic. In contrast, a Gloucester doctor, Walter Hadwen, fought the disease by recommending against vaccination, but practicing instead strict hygiene and the isolation of those who fell ill. Dr. Hadwen noted, "Since the passing of the (UK compulsory vaccination) Act of 1853 we have had no less than three distinct epidemics. In 1857-1859 we had more than 14 000 deaths from smallpox; in the 1863-1865 epidemic the deaths had increased to 20 000 and in 1871-1872, (the number of deaths increased to) 44 800."

In 1907, England repealed its vaccination acts. By 1919, England and Wales, with a combined population of 37.8 million, were among the least vaccinated countries. Death from smallpox in 1919 totalled 28. In contrast, the Philippines, with a population



of only 10 million, the majority of which were triple-vaccinated, reported 47 368 deaths due to smallpox that year.

## 1928

In 1928, Dr. L. A. Perry had an article entitled “Challenges Raised and Unanswered” published in the *British Medical Journal*. His challenges were:

- ➔ Smallpox is five times as likely to be fatal in the vaccinated as in the unvaccinated;
- ➔ In highly vaccinated areas, e.g. Bombay and Calcutta, smallpox is rife, while in minimally vaccinated areas such as Leicester, it is almost unknown;
- ➔ 80% of the smallpox cases admitted into hospitals have been vaccinated, with 20% unvaccinated;
- ➔ Germany – the best-vaccinated country in the world – has more smallpox deaths proportional to the population than England. In 1919, there were 28 deaths in England compared with 707 in Germany.

Were results of vaccination campaigns in the United States any better? In 1936, Dr. William Howard May wrote:

*One of the most insane . . . things we have advocated in medicine . . . was to insist on the vaccination of children, or anybody else, for the prevention of smallpox. We (were) never able to prove that vaccination saved one man from smallpox.*

*I know of one epidemic of smallpox comprising (more than) 900 cases, in which 95% of the infected had been vaccinated and most of them recently. (In 30 years of practicing medicine) I have run across so many histories of children who had never seen a sick day until they were vaccinated and who have never seen a well day since.*



Smallpox epidemic

## 1966

### How Was Smallpox Eradicated?

In 1966, the World Health Organization launched a smallpox eradication campaign and later attributed the decline of the disease to vaccination. However, 38 countries had already become free of smallpox in the 16 years prior to the WHO’s campaign, with several more countries reporting close to no cases. It’s important to note that 90% of children in developing countries were never reached with the vaccine.

If vaccination did not eliminate smallpox, what did? Smallpox was eradicated by three synergistic mechanisms:



Isolation of those infected,



Attenuation of the virus associated with smallpox (that is, weakening of the virus),



Improved social determinants, particularly nutrition and sanitation.





Vaccine

The “pathogenicity” of a virus, its ability to cause severe illness, is primarily determined by the ability of the host to resist infection. Nutritional status is an obvious critical factor in strengthening natural immunity and resisting infections of all types.

Vaccination is based on the theory that the immune system can be “taught” to recognize and respond to intrusive pathogens. But the theory has not proven

to be accurate. The *Pasteur Institute* observed that “98% of immune responses triggered at the early stages of infection are non-specific.” It is the innate immune system that affords 98% of the early response, while the adaptive or memory-based response that vaccination seeks to stimulate represents only 2% of early response. Drugs and vaccines are like holding a candle to the sun in comparison to the body’s own immune response.

Ellen G. White, the most prolific non-fiction female American writer wrote:

*Let physicians teach the people that restorative power is not in drugs, but in nature. Disease is an effort of nature to free the system from conditions that result from a violation of the laws of health. In case of sickness, the cause should be ascertained. Unhealthful conditions should be changed, wrong habits corrected. Then nature is to be assisted in her effort to expel impurities and to re-establish right conditions in the system. (MH, 127)*

This is a distinctive understanding of disease processes from the medical establishment. Western medicine has the idea that what prevents disease is different from what cures disease. Reality is, whatever will most effectively prevent disease will also most effectively reverse disease.

## 1962

In 1962, Bernard Greenberg, chair of the *Committee on Evaluation and Standards of the American Public Health Association* provided evidence for US congressional hearings on polio vaccination. He disputed the widespread publicizing of the Salk vaccine’s effectiveness.

## 1955

In late 1955, major alterations to diagnostic criteria were established whereby all non-paralytic “polio” cases (many thousands) were re-diagnosed as Coxsackie virus infections and aseptic meningitis. This led to vastly exaggerated claims that the vaccine caused a “huge decline” in polio. Despite greatly increased vaccination rates, the number of paralytic cases increased by 50% in 1957-1958 and by 80% in 1958-1959.

### Tuberculosis in First Nations Populations

Between the years 1997 and 2000, rates for tuberculosis on First Nations reserves and among the Inuit was estimated to be 25 times higher than that of Canadian-born, non-Aboriginals. Since the BCG vaccine for tuberculosis (TB) was widely administered to Aboriginal peoples since the mid-20th century, why are TB infection rates still excessively high 50 years later? A recent study of First Nations people in western Canada shows that “Disseminated BCG infection increases mortality among children with immunodeficiency disorders.”<sup>1</sup> Disseminated BCG disease is a rare life-threatening



complication of BCG vaccination that can mimic TB. An increase in Aboriginal childhood deaths is occurring due to the BCG vaccine.

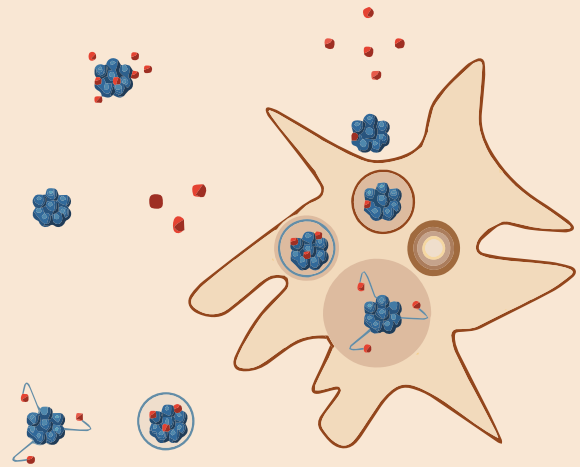
1996

In a Malawi study published in *Lancet* in 1996, researchers reported higher TB rates in those who'd received two vaccine doses compared to those who'd received a placebo.

### Vaccination Effects on the Brain

Recent studies reveal that vaccine antigens and adjuvants which cross the blood brain barrier cause secretion of cytokines. Cytokines are signalling proteins that help the immune system respond to diseases, and drugs but they can be "bad" when their expression causes inflammatory diseases. The release of cytokines following vaccination can cause: confusion, language difficulties, disorientation, seizures, memory problems, somnolence, irritability and combativeness, mood alterations, difficulty concentrating, and varied behavioural problems.

Following vaccination for the 2009 H1N1 outbreak, some children developed sleeping sickness<sup>2</sup>, triggered by adjuvants (aluminum, mercury, and other additives that increase the immune response to vaccines) getting into the brain. Previously healthy children were suddenly falling asleep without warning and sleeping 75% of the day. Some developed cataplexy, a kind of sudden-onset paralysis that could be triggered by laughing or strong emotion. A child with cataplexy will suddenly lose muscle control and drop.



*Different interactions between antigens and adjuvants.*

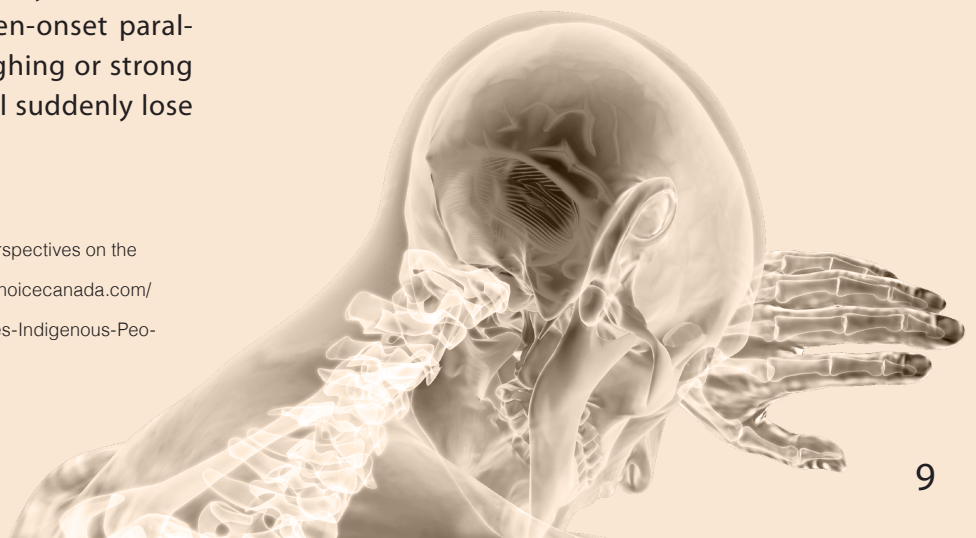
### Concerns Related to Administering Multiple Vaccines

Regarding the practice of administering numerous vaccines to infants and small children, Russell Blaylock, retired US neurosurgeon, warns that multiple "studies have shown conclusively that such a practice can lead to severe injury to the brain by numerous mechanisms . . . from the third trimester of pregnancy until age 2 years, (a child's) brain is at considerable risk from this . . . policy."

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Measles



Pertussis

## “Eradication” of Disease by Vaccination?

A large body of historical epidemiological data shows that major declines in virtually all of the major infectious diseases took place before the use of specific vaccines. Claims about the historical life-saving impact of artificial immunization programs are assumptive and not factual.

A review of data from 1850-1965 on measles mortality rates in children under 15 show that measles was 98% eradicated before vaccination began. Tuberculosis rates in Canada, the United States, and New Zealand show the same pattern of decline by 97 or 98% before TB vaccination programs were introduced. Similar patterns exist for pertussis, scarlet fever, and influenza. These diseases were all but eradicated before vaccinations were introduced. Interestingly, the rates of scurvy parallel the decline in infectious diseases, demonstrating that improved nutrition is to be credited for the decline—along with better health education and other societal factors—not vaccination.

## Influenza Vaccines

The *British Medical Journal*, October 28, 2006, reported, “There is a big gap between policies promoting annual influenza vaccinations for most children and adults and supporting scientific evidence . . . there is urgent need for re-evaluation of these strategies.” Similarly, the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*, Fall 2006 edition reported, “The yearly US mass influenza vaccination campaign has been ineffective in preventing influenza in vaccine recipients.”<sup>3</sup> Again, an Ontario study to determine the effectiveness of a \$200 million campaign to reduce influenza concluded, “Despite increased vaccine distribution and financial resources towards promotion, the incidence of influenza in Ontario has not decreased following the introduction of the UIIC (Universal Influenza Immunization Campaign).”<sup>4</sup>

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## Disease Outbreaks in Vaccinated Populations

If vaccination indeed establishes immunity and is responsible for elimination of infectious disease, how can outbreaks in vaccinated populations be explained? In 1985, there was a measles outbreak in a Texas school where more than 99% of students had been vaccinated.<sup>5</sup> In 1993, *The New England Journal of Medicine* reported on a pertussis outbreak of 6 335 cases among highly immunized children in Cincinnati.<sup>6</sup> "Since the majority of patients with pertussis were appropriately immunized for their age, especially those who were seven months to five years old, the pertussis epidemic cannot be explained by waning immunity among older children."<sup>7</sup> The journal *Pediatrics*, reported a chickenpox outbreak in 2001 "after public schools began phasing in a varicella vaccination requirement for enrollment."<sup>8</sup> Of the 422 students who contracted the disease, 97% had been vaccinated. In 2006, the US experienced a mumps outbreak.<sup>9</sup> Preliminary data showed that only 6% of the cases were in unvaccinated people.

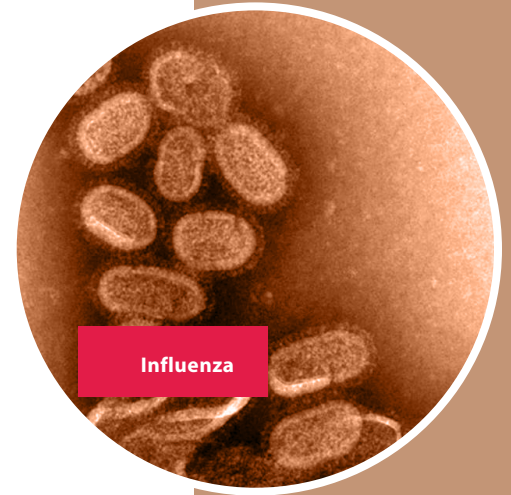
## Vaccination and Corollary Diseases

Vaccinations have been linked to the development of serious chronic illness. The *Lancet* reported an association between the measles vaccine and inflammatory bowel disease.<sup>10</sup> Diabetes has been linked to the BCG vaccine for TB.<sup>11</sup> In addition, overall health is affected by vaccination.

In December 2020, lawyers filed documents with the US Federal Court in support of their request for a court order exempting all persons from mandatory vaccination. Based on studies comparing unvaccinated to vaccinated people of all ages, they contend that "unvaccinated adults enjoy 1, 248% better health than vaccinated. And unvaccinated children enjoy 1, 099% better health than vaccinated."<sup>12</sup> They cite studies which show a high correlation between



Scarlet Fever



Influenza



Chicken Pox



the rising number of vaccines and increases in rates of: chronic disease, Autism Spectrum Disorder, children with special healthcare needs, diabetes, and mental health conditions such as major depression, anxiety or depression in children, and attempted suicide in young adults. Contrary to the prevalent notion that vaccination strengthens the immune system, evidence exists for a pattern of general impairment of the immune system as a result of vaccination.

### Gardasil and Sudden Death in Previously Healthy Women

Hundreds of Gardasil-linked deaths have been reported to the CDC's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Since VAERS is a voluntary reporting system, numbers of actual adverse events associated with vaccination is grossly underreported with estimates falling between less than 1% and 10% accuracy. As a result, the number of Gardasil deaths could be in the thousands. Deaths in healthy young women after receiving a Gardasil shot are thought to be the result of heart arrhythmia produced by an autoimmune response to the drug.

In a similar fashion to the way in which Covid-19 vaccines were hurried to market, Gardasil was approved by the FDA in 2006 just six months after its application for approval.

Side effects found in the trials but not disclosed on the package insert include: double the rate of miscarriage in women under 30, five babies born with congenital abnormalities compared with none in the control group, nine times the number of reproductive disorders within seven months of getting a Gardasil shot compared with the placebo group, and nearly twice the number of deaths as that of women in the general US population.<sup>13</sup>

### Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Shaken Baby Syndrome

At the Austin, Texas morgue, Dawn Richardson and Karin Schumacher examined autopsy reports of infants listed as SIDS and checked for a correlation between the timing of death with vaccination. They estimated that a highly disproportionate number of SIDS deaths clustered at two, four, and six months, the very times when infants are routinely vaccinated. If vaccines did not precipitate these deaths, then the infant mortality should have been randomly spread through the first six months of life. Medical examiners routinely missed asking about or even considering the observable relationship between deaths and timing of vaccinations.

Researcher Viera Scheibner offered vaccination as an alternative cause of death to Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). She said, "The vast majority (of deaths attributed to SBS) occur after the administration of childhood vaccines. . . . Evidence that vaccines cause brain and retinal haemorrhages and increased fragility of bones, has been published in refereed medical journals."<sup>14</sup>

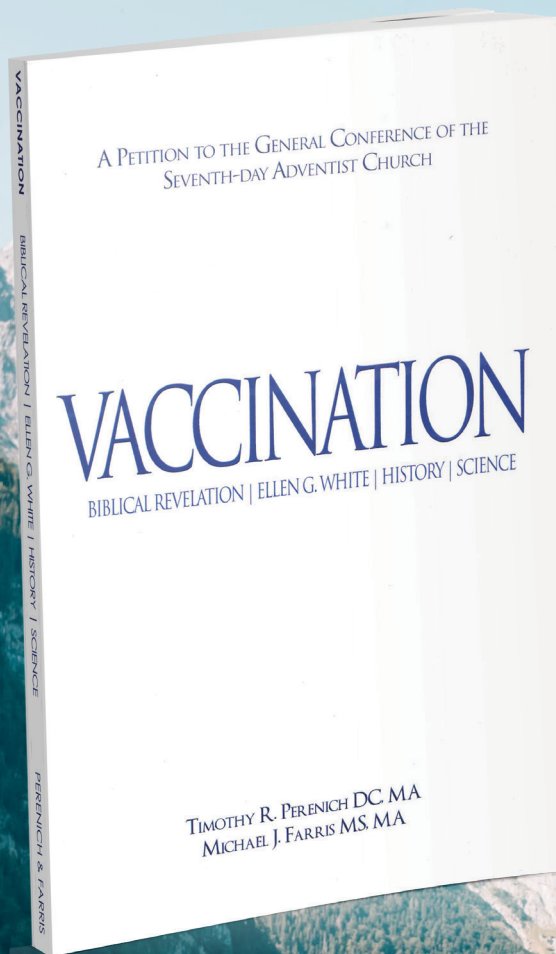
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## VACCINATION

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On March 2, 2015, the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church released an official statement declaring church members should “responsibly participate” in vaccination for the prevention of disease and promulgation of “herd immunity.” The official statement alleges vaccination is consistent with Adventism’s “strong emphasis on health and well-being.” This position is said to rest upon “biblical revelation, the inspired writing of Ellen G. White (co-founder of the Church), and on peer-reviewed scientific literature.” The statement also declares there

is “no religious or faith-based reason” for Seventh-day Adventists to avoid, delay, or refuse to participate in vaccination programs.

This book challenges these claims, offering up evidence from the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, history, and science. Additionally we answer the question as to whether or not faithful members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church can refuse or delay vaccination while being consistent with their faith.

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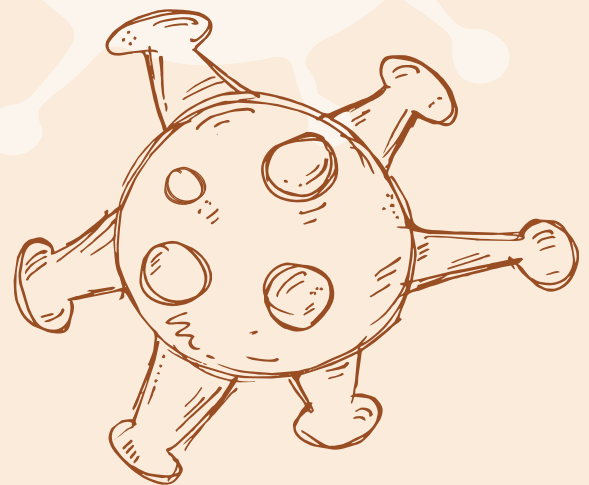
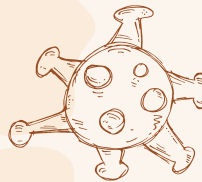
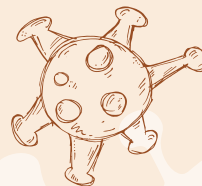
Russell Blaylock explains that the immune response triggered in the brain of elderly people who've received the flu shot can result in flu-like symptoms, and what he calls, "intense sickness behavior." In response to flu vaccination, he says, the "chronic overstimulation of the brain's immune system (which) is triggered, will not only increase their risk of developing one of the neurodegenerative diseases, but will also substantially increase their risk of developing major depression."<sup>15</sup>

## Conclusion

We need to go back to basics, to understand nature and work with nature, and not think we can engage in a war against nature and win. There's a fundamental flaw in the thinking of conventional medicine, thinking it can rise above the laws of life and of nature and create artificial immunity. The result of such thinking instead is havoc, death, and destruction on an unimaginable scale. **AD**

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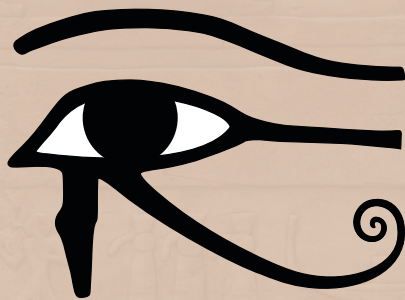
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## Origin of the prescription symbol

The prescription symbol is an ancient Egyptian symbol that comes from the eye of **Horus**. **Horus, the son of Osiris**, had his eye gouged out as he struggled for Osiris's throne after Osiris's death. When Horus's eye was magically restored by the gods, he offered it to his father in hopes of bringing Osiris back to life. As a result, the eye of Horus became a symbol of sacrifice, healing, and protection.



## Origin of "pharmacy"

In Revelation 18:23, John wrote that all nations were deceived by Babylon's sorceries. The word translated into "**sorceries**" is from the Greek root word **pharmakon**, a drug, that is, a spell-giving potion. Pharmacist, literally translated, means poisoner or magician/sorcerer.





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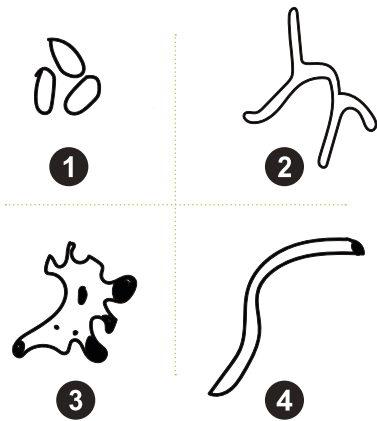
*by Tammie Burak*





Healthy soil is the foundation of food production. But healthy soil goes beyond choosing the right fertilizer. Soil is a complex system of interactions between its living and non-living components. The living part of soil is made up of invertebrates such as earthworms and insects, along with microscopic creatures like fungi and bacteria.

Similar to our gut biome, soil has a biome which breaks down nutrients and releases them in a form that's available to plants. It's how God has designed plants to be fed.



The major living components of soil are ① bacteria, ② fungi, ③ protozoa, and ④ nematodes. When in balance, these interact to produce abundant ecosystems underground, similar to a complex above-ground ecosystem such as a forest. A healthy underground ecosystem provides plants with all the nutrients they need, as well as protection against pests, diseases, drought, and flooding. It's an awesome operating system put in place by God to provide the earth with food.



THERE ARE MANY DEVICES  
IN A MAN'S HEART;  
NEVERTHELESS THE  
COUNSEL OF THE LORD,  
THAT SHALL STAND.  
PROVERBS 19:21



Unsustainable practices and disasters have interrupted the soil food web and made it unbalanced. Growers often turn to conventional solutions to address the problems of pests and weeds, lack of nutrients, disease, and erosion. Of course, chemicals used in food production have long-term, far-reaching consequences. Water bodies are polluted with agricultural run-off, impacting creatures that use the water, including insects that hatch in water. Additionally, pollinating in-

sects are more directly affected by spraying and the world's pollinators are in trouble. The UN reports that since 1989 insect populations have declined by 57%. Not only insects, but insect-eating bats and birds also face serious problems due to the use of agricultural chemicals. In parts of Europe, bird populations have declined by 30% in the last 15 years. In North America, the situation of farmland birds is even more dire. The North American Bird Conservation Initiative has called for urgent conservation action to protect grassland birds and aerial insectivores whose populations have plummeted by 57% and 59% respectively since 1990. These birds are particularly affected by pesticide spraying.

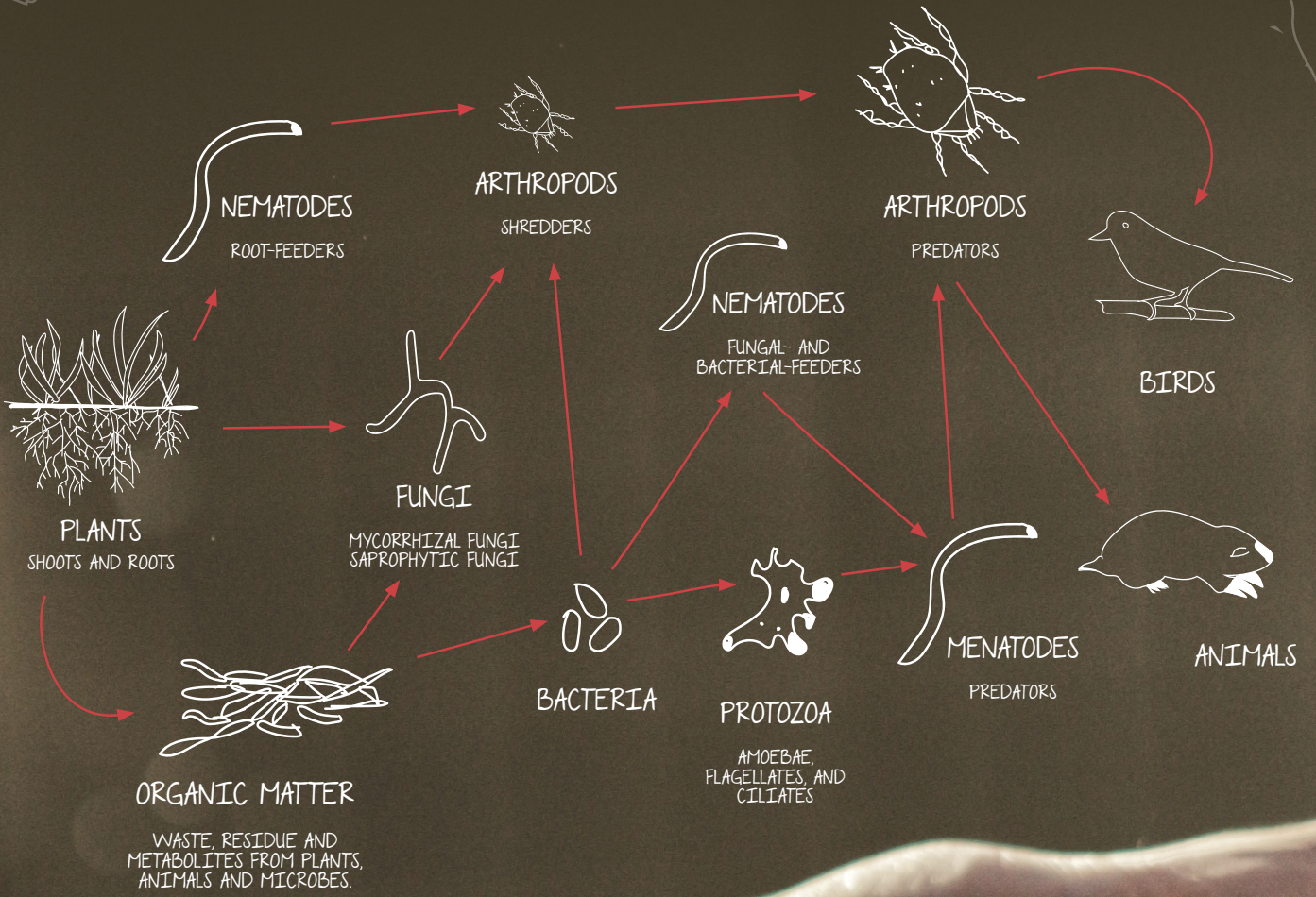
Despite the bad news, there is a cost-effective, attainable alternative. It begins in building healthy soil. Restoring a healthy balance in the soil is an essential part of reducing the use of agricultural chemicals, as well as ensuring greater yields of healthy food. And the turn around doesn't take years. Surprisingly, soil restoration can happen within just a few months, resulting in significantly improved yields and reduced pests, disease, and weed growth.



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# SOIL FOOD WEB





So how does soil restoration happen? The restoration of soil is based on re-populating the soil with healthy organisms through the addition of thermophilic compost. Aerobic microorganisms are the labor force behind the creation of healthy soils and just as any labor force requires adequate food, microorganisms also require an adequate supply of preferred foods. To better understand the factors involved in feeding aerobic microorganisms, let's look at nutrient cycling.



## NUTRIENT CYCLING



During photosynthesis plants combine carbon dioxide with sunlight energy to produce simple sugars and carbohydrates. Plants also need nutrients that they get from inorganic and organic matter in the soil. When dead plant material is decomposed by microorganisms, it releases nutrients into the soil that plants can use. In addition, microorganisms harvest mineral nutrients from inorganic material in the soil, such as rocks, pebbles, sand, silt, and clay.



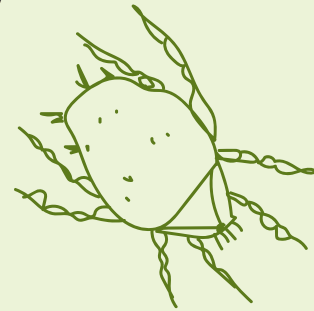
The breakdown of these inorganic particles provides plants with nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, boron, calcium, iron and other mineral-based nutrients.

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With a balanced soil food web in place, plants have access to all the nutrients they need, and in turn, supply the microorganisms with the food they need. Plants release carbohydrates and sugars into the soil through their roots to feed fungi and bacteria, increasing fungal and bacterial populations dramatically.

God's Plan for Israel's Land—Through disobedience to God Adam and Eve had lost Eden, and because of sin the whole earth was cursed. But if God's people followed His instruction, their land would be restored to fertility and beauty. God Himself gave them directions in regard to the culture of the soil, and they were to co-operate with Him in its restoration. Thus the whole land, under God's control, would become an object lesson of spiritual truth.

As in obedience to His natural laws the earth should produce its treasures, so in obedience to His moral law the hearts of the people were to reflect the attributes of His character.  
AH, 143.2



And when predatory microorganisms consume the bacteria and fungi, nutrient-rich wastes are left behind to feed the plants. In this way, plants exchange sugars and carbs for all the nutrients they need. Well-nourished plants are not only resilient against disease, insect pests, and even frost, they also produce nutrient-dense food for us. The bottom line is, healthy plants are more resistant and produce higher-quality foods and greater yields.

Compared with God's plan for nutrient cycling, man's plan is inferior. Only about 40% of the nitrogen-rich fertilizers farmers apply are actually absorbed.

The rest either pollutes the atmosphere or runs off into water bodies causing algae blooms and dead zones. Restoring the soil food web leads to nutrient rich foods for consumers and is better for farmers and the environment.

Another important element in a balanced soil food web is improved soil structure.



## SOIL STRUCTURE

Well structured soil allows water to pass through it. As water passes through, it produces a vacuum, pulling oxygen into the soil. While beneficial micro-organisms are aerobic and thrive in oxygen-rich soils, most disease-causing organisms are anaerobic and can't survive in oxygen-rich environments. Therefore, well oxygenated soils provide an environment in which beneficial microbes can thrive. On the other hand, well oxygenated soils are a hostile environment for anaerobic pests. Good soil also holds water more efficiently for longer periods of time and therefore, resists drought and allows plant roots to move through the soil easily, reaching water and nutrients deep in the soil.

Soils with poor structure which hasn't been improved by beneficial micro-organisms, have a tendency to form compaction layers. Compaction layers are easily formed by vehicles, and even by rain where the surface is bare. These hard-packed layers force plant roots to grow horizontally through the soil, limiting their access to nutrients and water. When plant roots do manage to break through compaction layers, they encounter anaerobic, low oxygen conditions, occupied by anaerobic microorganisms. Additionally, water flowing through soil is stopped by compaction layers, pooling around roots. Under heavy rainfall conditions, flooding, or landslides if the land is inclined, can result. The answer to these problems is building good soil structure.

There is nothing, save the selfish heart of man, that lives unto itself. No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves upon the ground, but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest, or lowly blade of grass, but has its ministry. Every tree and shrub and leaf pours forth that element of life without which neither man nor animal could live; and man and animal, in turn, minister to the life of tree and shrub and leaf. . . .

Looking unto Jesus we see that it is the glory of our God to give. "I do nothing of myself," said Christ; "the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father." "I seek not mine own glory," but the glory of Him that sent Me. In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.

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# SAND

Sand is made up of large mineral particles with large spaces between. Water moves quickly through it and not much is retained, especially if organic content is low. Organic matter can hold tremendous amounts of water, so adding it to sandy soil is crucial. Sandy soil is prone to wind erosion also, but this too can be mitigated by improving its organic content. Soil rich in organic material creates an environment in which beneficial microorganism can flourish. This is important because microorganisms help to build good soil structure.

Beneficial bacteria produce glues that help them stick to organic substances and sand particles. The particles then clump together forming microaggregates, creating spaces between one another. Fungi tie microaggregates together with rope-like structures to form macroaggregates, with even larger spaces between them. When invertebrates like earthworms, ants and beetles move through the improved soil, they create even larger spaces, aerating the soil. While this is happening, organic matter is increasing within the soil. Invertebrates help decompose the organic surface matter, transporting it deeper into the soil, creating many layers of dark brown soil where there was once only sand. The improved soil structure will hold water for several months, keeping it available for plants. It also allows plant roots to easily reach deeper into the soil, accessing more water and nutrients in deeper layers than they were able to before. This process is what turns subsoil into topsoil.

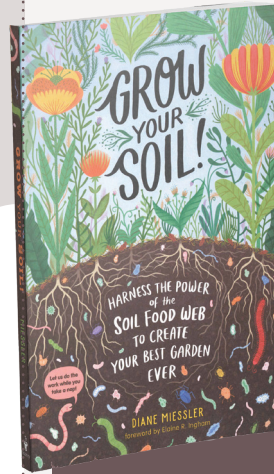


# CLAY

In clay soils, clay particles form plate-like structures that stack up, forming tightly compacted formations. This is why compaction layers form easily in clay soils. The solution is to find a way to get the platelets to stop stacking. The answer is flocculation, a process that deposits positively charged calcium ions on the surface of the platelets. The positively-charged platelets repel each other, just as positive poles on magnets would. The soil food web increases flocculation, resulting in well-structured soil which allows more water and nutrients to reach the plants. Well-structured soils increase yields, reduce the need for irrigation and plowing, and even purify water because contaminants are taken up by bacteria and fungi as nutrients.

Healthy, well-balanced soil has additional benefits in resisting weed growth and helping plants resist pests and disease.

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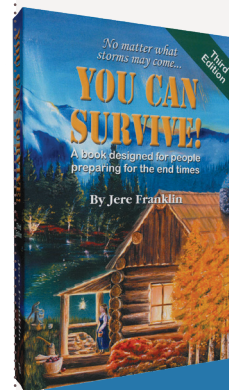
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## WEED SUPPRESSION

Since Adam and Eve's expulsion from Eden, weeds have flourished even in poor soils while most plants we use for food struggle and require lots of help from us. Why is that? Weeds grow quickly and produce seeds quickly. While all plants need nitrogen to grow, weeds thrive on a particular form of nitrogen called nitrates. Plants grown for food require a different form of nitrogen, ammonium. In soils where fertilizers haven't been applied, nitrogen is readily available as ammonium. Some is converted to nitrates by nitrifying bacteria which can only operate in soil with a pH of 7 or above. With a balanced soil food web in place, soil pH can be prevented from going to pH 7 or higher by beneficial fungi that produce acidic compounds. This prevents nitrifying bacteria from converting ammonium to nitrate. The result is that ammonium is the predominant form of nitrogen in the soil. This is great for the plants we grow for food but it's bad for the weeds. The weeds don't get their favorite form of nitrogen and cannot thrive. The result is far fewer weeds.



## PESTS AND DISEASES

How does the soil food web inhibit pests and diseases? Well structured soil is a hostile environment for most disease-causing microorganisms because they don't do well in oxygen-rich environments and are outcompeted by beneficial aerobic microorganisms that thrive in oxygen-rich environments. Also, access to food by anaerobic organisms is severely limited by beneficial aerobic microorganisms. Here's how. Sugars and carbohydrates are released into the soil by plant roots. Drawn to this food source, beneficial microorganisms cover the root surfaces, making it difficult for anaerobic organisms to access the food supply. Moreover, the microscopic infection sites that disease organisms look for can't be accessed because they're protected by the layer of beneficial microorganisms.

Above ground, the stems, leaves, and fruit also release sugars and carbohydrates, attracting beneficial microorganisms. The result is, the entire plant, from the growing aerial tip to the deepest underground rootlet, is covered with a protective layer of beneficial microorganisms which fend off disease-causing agents by preventing access to infection sites. Without access to food, the anaerobic, disease-causing organisms are severely weakened, their populations reduced. Many of them are also consumed by aerobic predators. An added benefit is that food grown in healthy soils is covered with these beneficial organisms, increasing our body's defense forces while adding to our gut biome.



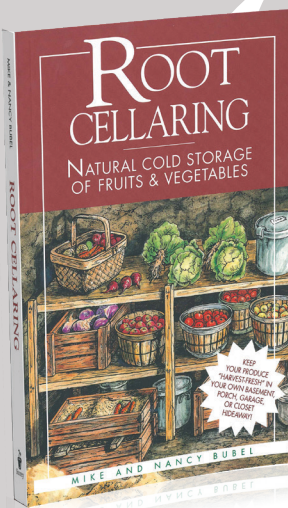


Even insect pests are much less of a problem when plants are grown in healthy soil since pests prefer sickly plants over healthy ones. Why? Because healthy plants produce chemicals that deter pests, while stressed plants are less able to do this.

God has provided the plant kingdom for the support of life on earth. He put systems in place to sustain plant production that naturally ensures healthy plants with fewer pests and problems. We can intelligently cooperate with His plans and reap the benefits in better health, and lower costs to ourselves and the environment.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

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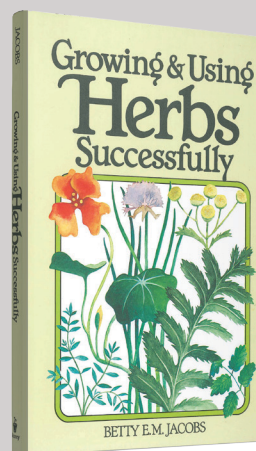
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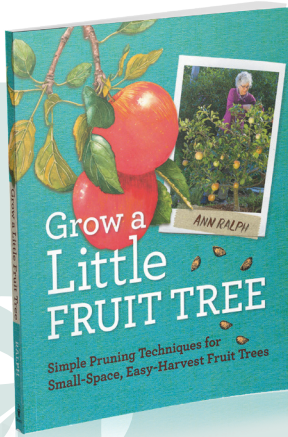
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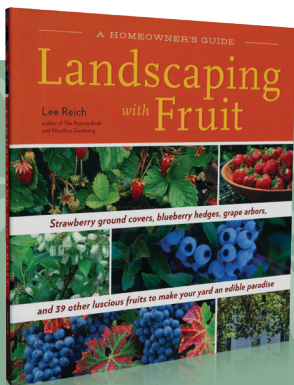
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*"This is the severest test that the virtuous and God-fearing are subjected to, that vice seems to prosper while virtue is trampled in the dust...." PP 657*

In Joseph's case, all this did not make him bitter.

*"Joseph's religion kept his temper sweet and his sympathy with humanity warm and strong, notwithstanding all his trials. ... No sooner does he enter upon prison life than he brings all the brightness of his Christian principles into active exercise: he begins to make himself useful to others. ... He is cheerful, for he is a Christian gentleman. God was preparing him under this discipline for a situation of great responsibility, honor and usefulness, and he was willing to learn; he took kindly to the lessons the Lord would teach him. PP 657, 658*

Have you had an opportunity to go against your natural inclination to be depressed or angry when under fiery trials, and instead to bring good to a terrible situation? If not, it may be that you will need more trials to learn the sweet character traits that God is trying to teach you.

Ellen White understood the benefits suffering can bring to one's character:

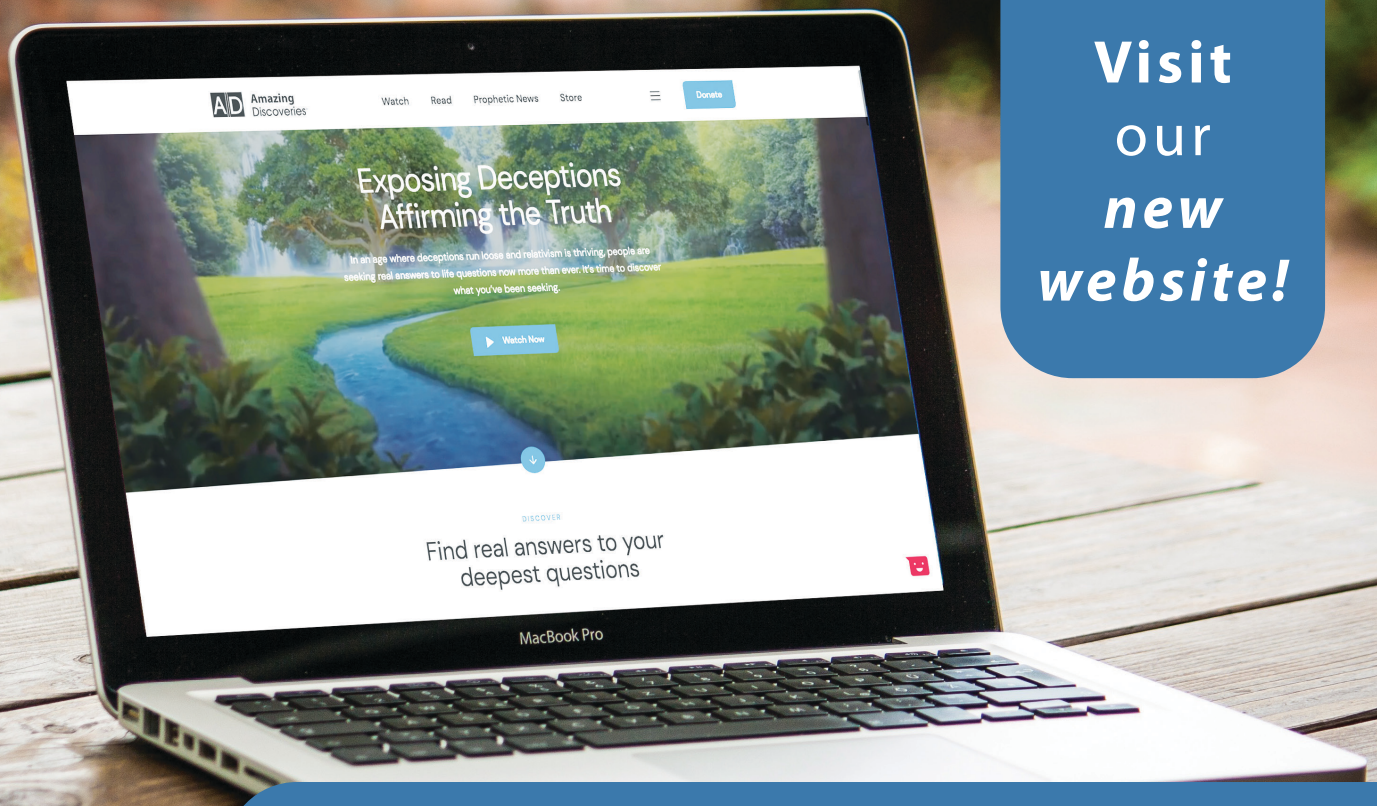
*"We will not complain of the roughness of the way, but will be meek followers of Jesus, treading in His footsteps. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He for our sakes became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich. We will rejoice in tribulation and keep in mind the recompense of the reward, the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."*

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We will not have a murmuring thought because we have trials. **God's dear children always had them**, and every trial well endured here, will only make us rich in glory. **I crave the suffering part. I would not go to heaven without suffering if I could**, and see Jesus who suffered so much for us to purchase for us so rich an inheritance; and to see the martyrs who laid down their lives for the truth, and the sake of Jesus. **No, no. Let me [be] perfected through sufferings. I long to be a partaker with Christ of His sufferings, for if I am, I know I shall be a partaker with Him of His glory.** Jesus is our pattern. Let us study to have our lives as near like Christ's as possible. RC 350 "We Rejoice in Tribulation, Letter 9, Dec 2 1851"

The world does not think like this. "I crave suffering" is not something the worldly-minded would say. But those that have already been through many trials understand that trials are God's golden opportunity to teach us, mold us, and to show us how He is with us through all our suffering.

Dear Reader, if you have had suffering or trials in your life, don't complain but let them sweeten you.



image:  
Joseph  
weeps

I think of my mother's dog. As a puppy, she was the most hyper uncontrollable dog that refused to listen and learn self-control. One day, she ran out into the road, right in front of a car, shattering her leg. The vet said she should be put down, but my mother determined to save her, and the animal hospital performed the needed operation. Thereafter came months of painful rehabilitation. Most dogs would bite their handlers during the therapy for all the pain they experienced. But not Kyla. She bore her suffering with patience, and today, her spirit is calm and self-possessed, and her character sweet and patient. So can we be, through our trials. Francois Duplessis always says, through trials we can choose to become bitter or better. Let us choose the better.

*"Joseph's real character shines out, even in the darkness of the dungeon. He held fast his faith and patience; his years of faithful service had been most cruelly repaid, yet this did not render him morose or distrustful. He had the peace that comes from conscious innocence, and he trusted his case with God. ... He found a work to do, even in the prison. God was preparing him in the school of affliction for greater usefulness, and he did not refuse the needful disci-*



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Joseph's  
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*pline. In the prison, witnessing the results of oppression and tyranny and the effects of crime, he learned lessons of justice, sympathy, and mercy that prepared him to exercise power with wisdom and compassion... It was the part he acted in the prison—the integrity of his daily life and his sympathy for those who were in trouble and distress—that opened the way for his future prosperity and honor." PP 658, 659*

Joseph is not the only Bible example of suffering. The Bible says:

*"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward." Hebrews 11:24-26*

Moses chose suffering with the people of God, over all the pomp and glory of the Egyptian court. He was in his prime—young, vigorous, overflowing with energy and manly strength, a military leader and philosopher with no superior. Loved by the Egyptian army, he was more than qualified for leadership. But the education in the school of Egypt was not enough.

*"He has yet to pass through the stern school of discipline before he is qualified for his sacred mission. Before he can successfully govern the hosts of Israel, he must learn to obey, he must learn self-control... he must learn entire submission to the will of God, before he can teach that will to a great people." Signs of the Times, Feb 19, 1880*

God put Moses through trials to develop his character. In the wilderness, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote the book of Genesis. There in the solitude of the mountains, he learned humility, habits of caretaking, of self-forgetfulness, compassion, and longsuffering.

*"No advantage that human training or culture could bestow, could be a substitute for this experience." PP 247*

When Moses finally is sent to Egypt to lead his people out into their own country, he meets opposition—not only from Pharaoh, but from his own people. Pharaoh immediately increases the burdens of the Egyptians by withholding straw from them, requiring the same amount of bricks to be produced. He even beats the overseers as an example. Under the heavy bondage of this new restriction, the Israelites chafe and murmur. Their sufferings are much increased.

*"All over the land a cry of despair went up from old and young, and all united in charging upon him [Moses] the disastrous change in their condition. In bitterness of soul he went before God..." PP 260*

What did the Israelites expect? They knew that their 400 years of sojourn in Egypt was nearing the end. They had known this when Moses was born. That's why his mother hid him in the reeds in a basket. For nearly 40 years, he was nurtured in Pharaoh's house to become a natural born leader, and then he killed a man and fled for his life. For all intents and purposes, his noble dream of freeing his people was over. Another 40 years pass, and Moses again is on the scene, and this time, he incites Pharaoh to make their suffering even worse. Why couldn't Moses get it right?



image:  
*The Finding of Moses,*  
 painting by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, 1904



He chose to suffer reproach with his people, but how hard that reproach must have been. But, listen to what Ellen White has to say:

***"The Hebrews expected to obtain their freedom without any special trial of their faith or any real suffering or hardship."***  
**PP 260**

Did you hear that? They expected to be freed without any suffering! They expected Moses to be the hero, to knock down Pharaoh and his army and to get them out in victory! They expected to walk straight from Egypt to Canaan—it was only going to take a couple weeks. They expected to fight the Edomites and not go around them. They expected water and food to be waiting for them everywhere they went. They expected the land that was promised to them to be easy—to just walk in and find no one there, to take over houses and cities already built for them. They expected alot, but they were not ready for that kind of reward. Their characters were not worthy of such ease. They were not yet prepared for deliverance. They had no faith, they were unwilling to patiently endure affliction, and that is what it takes to receive the reward. They had no trust in God.

I wonder if Moses sometimes regretted choosing the company of stiff-necked complainers as his reproach—stuck wandering around the desert for 40 more years because they had refused to trust in God who had shown Himself already so capable. It is said that Moses was the meekest man alive. And although he sinned by striking the rock a second time, his reward was to see the prosperity of Israel in vision, and to even be taken down through the ages to the end of time, and then to be raised personally by Jesus and taken to heaven, as an example of those who sleep in Jesus who will be raised.

Moses chose suffering because he saw the end from the beginning.

*"Moses had been instructed in regard to the final reward to be given to the humble and obedience servants of God, and worldly gain sank to its proper insignificance in comparison... He looked beyond the gorgeous palace, beyond a monarch's crown, to the high honors that will be bestowed on the saints of the Most High in a kingdom untainted by sin. He saw by faith an imperishable crown that the King of heaven would place on the brow of the overcomer. This faith led him to turn away from the lordly ones of earth and*



*join the humble, poor, despised nation that had chosen to obey God rather than to serve sin." PP 246*

Soon, Jesus will come and bring His reward with Him. He has already said what that reward will be—to sit on His throne even as He is sat down on His Father's throne. What joy and privilege we have to be offered to sit on His throne with Him. Surely it is nothing that we deserve. What kind of temperament, what kind of character is worthy to sit on His throne? Only one just like His. Only one of self-control, patience, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, faith, love, gentleness, joy, and peace—the fruits of the Spirit.

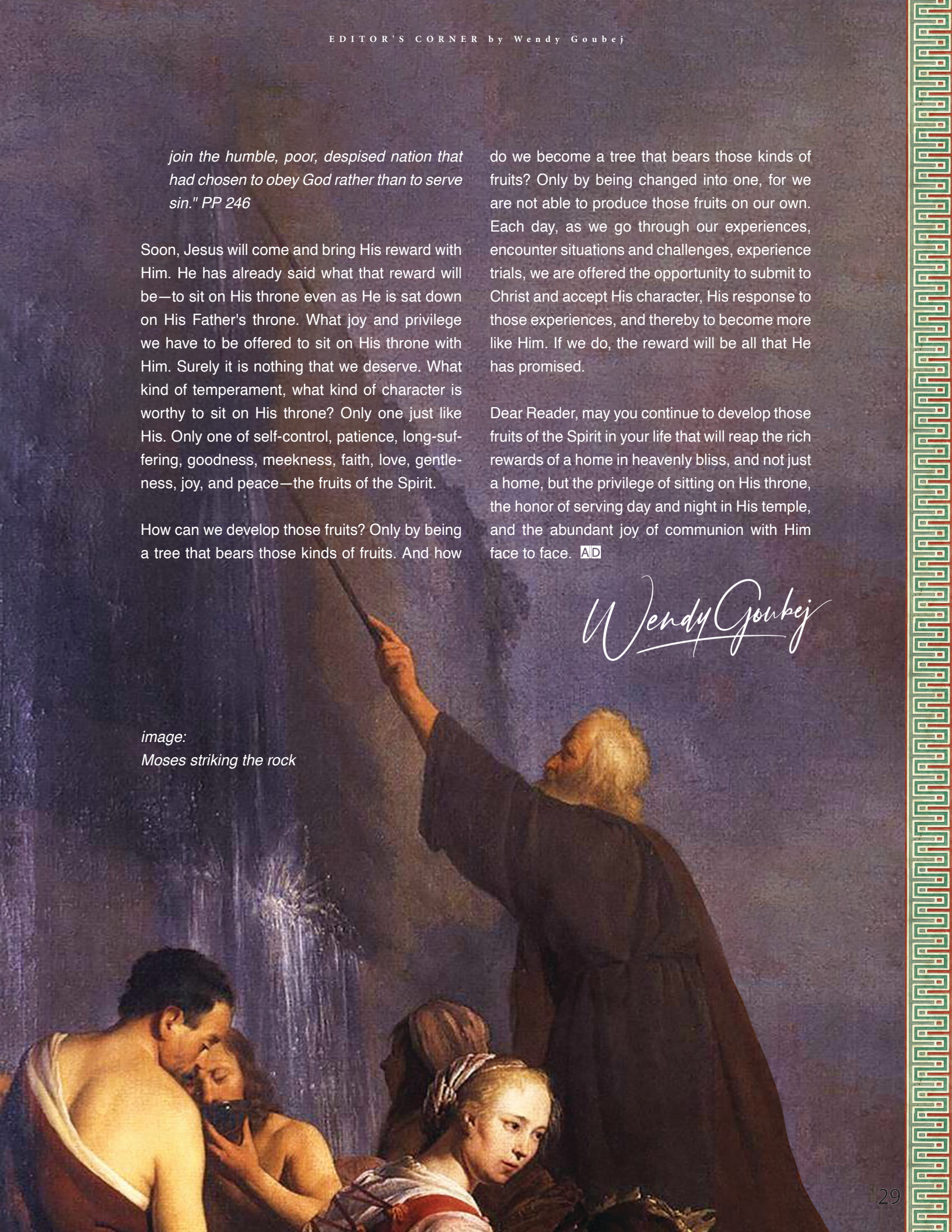
How can we develop those fruits? Only by being a tree that bears those kinds of fruits. And how

do we become a tree that bears those kinds of fruits? Only by being changed into one, for we are not able to produce those fruits on our own. Each day, as we go through our experiences, encounter situations and challenges, experience trials, we are offered the opportunity to submit to Christ and accept His character, His response to those experiences, and thereby to become more like Him. If we do, the reward will be all that He has promised.

Dear Reader, may you continue to develop those fruits of the Spirit in your life that will reap the rich rewards of a home in heavenly bliss, and not just a home, but the privilege of sitting on His throne, the honor of serving day and night in His temple, and the abundant joy of communion with Him face to face. **AD**

*Wendy Goubej*

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Moses striking the rock*





# God Has Promised

by Ellen G. White





## Have You Been Falsely Accused?

The Lord is able to render futile every agency that works for the defeat of His chosen ones.

*(PK, 487)*



Let not the unkind speeches of men hurt you. Did not men say unkind things about Jesus? You err, and may sometimes give occasion for unkind remarks; but Jesus never did. He was pure, spotless, undefiled. . . . It maybe that even the members of the church to which you belong will say and do that which will grieve you.

But move right on, calm and peaceful, ever trusting in Jesus, remembering that you are not your own, that you are Christ's property, the purchase of the blood of God's beloved Son, and that you are engaged in His work, seeking to bless humanity.

*(8T, 129)*

While slander may blacken the reputation, it cannot stain the character. That is in God's keeping. So long as we do not consent to sin, there is no power, whether human or satanic, that can bring a stain upon the soul.

A man whose heart is stayed upon God is just the same in the hour of his most afflicting trials and most discouraging surroundings as when he was in prosperity, when the light and favor of God seemed to be upon him.

*(MB, 32)*



Christ has given us His life as a pattern, and we dishonor Him when we become jealous of every slight, and are ready to resent every injury, supposed or real. It is not an evidence of a noble mind to be prepared to defend self, to preserve our own dignity.

We would better suffer wrongfully a hundred times than wound the soul by a spirit of retaliation, or by giving vent to wrath. There is strength to be obtained of God. He can help. He can give grace and heavenly wisdom. If you ask in faith, you will receive; but you must watch unto prayer.

*(2T, 426-427)*



If you are ill-treated or wrongfully accused, instead of returning an angry answer, repeat to yourself the precious promises.

*(MH, 486)*



It does not behoove those from whom Jesus has so much to bear, in their failings and perversity, to be ever mindful of slights and real or imaginary offense. And yet there are those who are ever suspecting the motives of others about them. They see offense and slights where no such thing was intended. All this is Satan's work.

*(Ms 24, 1887)*



We may expect that false reports will circulate about us; but if we follow a straight course, if we remain indifferent to these things, others will also be indifferent. Let us leave to God the care of our reputation. . . .

Slander can be lived down by our manner of living; it is not lived down by words of indignation. Let our great anxiety be to act in the fear of God, and show by our conduct that these reports are false. No one can injure our character as much as ourselves.

*(Ms 24, 1887)*

So long as we are in the world, we shall meet with adverse influences. There will be provocations to test the temper; and it is by meeting these in a right spirit that the Christian graces are developed. If Christ dwells in us, we shall be patient, kind, and forbearing, cheerful amid frets and irritations.

*(MH, 487)*



To be silent is the strongest rebuke that you can give to one who is speaking harsh, discourteous words to you. Keep perfectly silent. Often silence is eloquence.

*(CG, 551)*

## *If A Friend Fails You*

God will be nearer and dearer to you than any of your earthly relatives can be. He will be your friend and will never leave you. . . . His friendship will prove sweet peace to you.

*(2T, 314)*



Of all persecution the hardest to bear is variance in the home, the estrangement of dearest earthly friends. But Jesus declares, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

*(DA, 357)*



There are many living martyrs today who suffer in silence, who trust in God when they are abused with the tongue and who are tantalized, who are hurt and wounded by coarse, harsh denunciations, whose lot seems to be to live and to suffer, receiving comfort only from Jesus who is the Source of their strength. Such souls are missionaries.

They are Christ's noble ones, and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.  
(*Ms 9, 1868*)

In one moment, by the hasty, passionate, careless tongue, may be wrought evil that a whole life time's repentance cannot undo. Oh, the hearts that are broken, the friends estranged, the lives wrecked, by the harsh, hasty words of those who might have brought help and healing!  
(*Ed, 236-237*)

Until the judgment you will never know the influence of a kind, considerate course toward the inconsistent, the unreasonable, the unworthy. When we meet with ingratitude and betrayal of sacred trusts, we are roused to show our contempt or indignation.

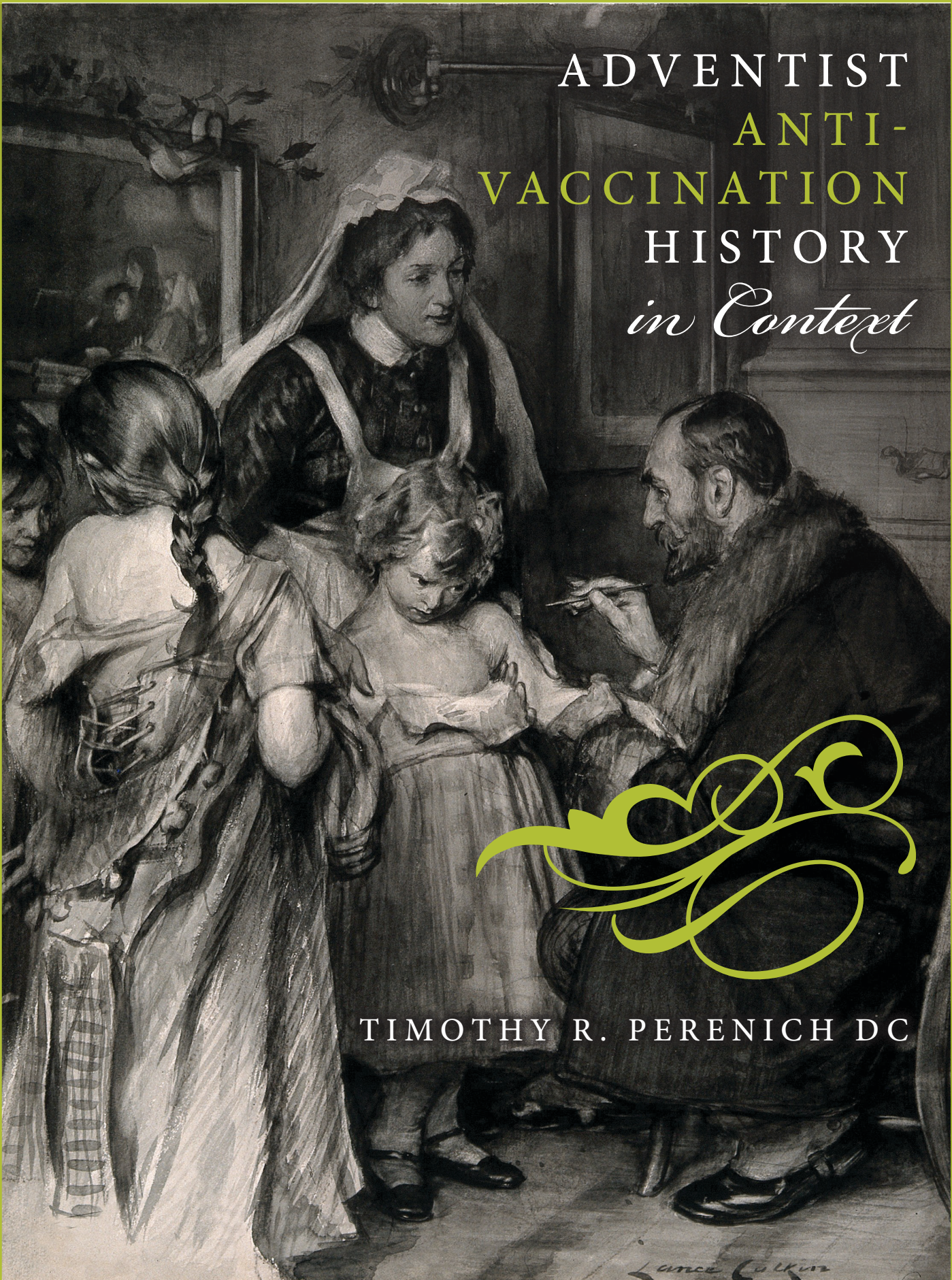
This the guilty expect; they are prepared for it. But kind forbearance takes them by surprise and often awakens their better impulses and arouses a longing for a nobler life.  
(*MH, 495*)

In His mercy and faithfulness God often permits those in whom we place confidence to fail us, in order that we may learn the folly of trusting in man. . . . Let us trust fully, humbly, unselfishly in God.  
(*MH, 486*)

Of all the gifts that heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honor.  
(*MH, 478*)

Remember, Jesus knows it all--every sorrow, every grief--He will not leave you to sink, for His arms are beneath you. You may be an enlightenment to a whole neighborhood if you are indeed patient, kind, forbearing.  
(*Ms 9, 1868*) **AD**



A black and white illustration depicting a medical scene. A doctor with a long beard and hair, wearing a dark coat, is kneeling on the right side, examining a young child. The child is being held by a woman in a dark dress and a white apron. Another woman in a light-colored dress with a long braid is standing to the left, looking towards the doctor. In the background, another child is visible. The scene is set in a room with a window and some furniture. The illustration is signed 'Lance Colkin' in the bottom right corner.

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*in Context*

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## 1915 vs 2015

The history of Adventists and vaccination is as fascinating as it is nuanced. It is true that many early Adventists opposed vaccination. It is also true that after 1915 the official voices of the church spoke almost uniformly in favor of vaccination. Since 2015 the world wide church has officially endorsed vaccination and in publications like the *Review* have strongly encouraged vaccination for the current pandemic. For some believers this is a welcomed trend in the evolution of the health message which went from hydrotherapy to heart transplants. For others this evolution is bewildering in light of key statements made by Adventist pioneers and testimony found in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. Considering the importance of this issue with looming vaccine passports and restrictions on civil and religious liberty, it may be informative, no matter what perspective one has, to examine the context surrounding Adventists in the early days of health reform. Perhaps by looking back we may be able to discern a path ahead.

1853

Prior to the rise of the *Seventh-day Adventist Health Message*, the United Kingdom in 1853 passed **compulsory laws** fining parents for refusing to vaccinate their infants within the first three months of life. By 1867 the law was strengthened include **mandatory vaccination** for children up to fourteen years old. Non-compliance meant fines and imprisonment.

1882

Headlines from the news at that time gives just a taste of the controversy. In 1882, an obituary appeared for a 9-month-old baby boy and a 5-year-old girl, whose deaths were caused by suspected **vaccination-poisoning**. In 1885, a news brief informs us that **riots broke out in Montreal**, Canada where a "*furios mob attacked public buildings including a police*

*station,*" expressing "*aversion to compulsory vaccination.*" These actions caused the military to be called in to stop the riots. During the same year, a "*city vaccinator at Montreal*" was sued for "*\$10,000 in damages for causing the death of two children by impure vaccine.*"

## MONTREAL

Compulsory vaccination received another black eye in 1901 from Camden, NJ with a report of eight "*lockjaw*" deaths "*due to vaccination.*" This caused an uproar and led to citizens "*openly defying the school authorities,*" who were attempting to vaccinate "*all school children.*"

In 1897, the *Atlanta Board of Health* contemplated **prohibiting African American employment without vaccination**, in order to coerce poverty-stricken blacks into compliance. Apparently, thinking black people did not trust the government or organized medicine.

In 1901, blacks were seized in Charleston, South Carolina and **forcibly vaccinated** against their will. Medical students tasked by the board of health were to vaccinate as many blacks as they could for a bounty of six cents per vaccination. Enthusiastic for the bounty, students reportedly captured and vaccinated blacks while sending refusers to jail. A few of these aggressive students pounced on a black woman and tore part of her dress open so they could get access to her arm for the procedure. Though such actions would not happen today, the zeal which caused them to take place still remains.

Seeing these measures it is not hard to imagine that conscientious believers in Christ would regard compulsory vaccination with alarm and

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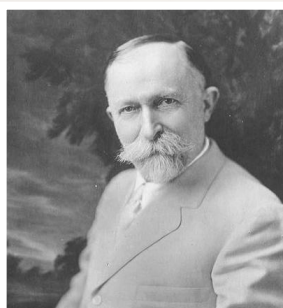
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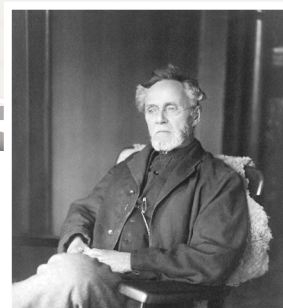




*J.N. Loughborough*



*John Harvey Kellogg*



*A.T. Still*

skepticism. For example, **J.N. Loughborough** was so disturbed at seeing forced injections upon the poor ship passengers that he recounted his experience in a letter to an anti-vaccinationist publication stating:

*Loughborough ...*

*"I turned from the scene of indiscriminate diseasing to scatter more of your anti-vaccination literature amongst the passengers on board, and resolved to do all I could to expose this mischievous delusion."*

**John Harvey Kellogg**, who generally believed in the theory behind vaccination, responded to an anti-vaccinationist tract written by Mr. E. Summers, stating:

*Kellogg ...*

*"Mr. Summers is very strongly opposed to vaccination, and especially to compulsory vaccination. We agree with him that the State has no right to compel people to poison themselves."*

Though many agreed that forced immunization was bad, this was only one distasteful aspect of vaccination in the 19th century. In some cases smallpox vaccines not only proved to be ineffective **but also harmful**.

For instance, **smallpox vaccination** was a known vector of diseases like **syphilis, tuber-**

**culosis, and tetanus**. A medical report issued in 1867, noted the transmission of syphilis along with others diseases through vaccination among the confederate soldiers in the *United States Civil War*. A.T. Still founder of Osteopathy who served in this conflict remarked:

*Still ...*

*"I have often been asked, what are my ideas of vaccination. I have no use for it at all nor any faith in it since witnessing its slaughterous [sic] work. It slew our armies in the sixties [1860s during the U.S. Civil War] and is still torturing our old soldiers, not to say anything of its more recent victims whose number will run up into tens upon tens of thousands. I believe that instead of passing laws for compulsory vaccination, a law prohibiting the practice and providing heavy penalties for violations would prove a wholesome experiment. Take the fifty cents out of the "dirty" practice and it will die out spontaneously with all doctors of average knowledge of the harm done by it."*

In Italy, during 1893, smallpox vaccination caused one of the largest outbreaks of syphilis since 1494. Sadly, in 1871, a *British Parliamentary Select Committee* had solid evidence that the practice of arm-to-arm vaccination did spread syphilis, yet instead of correcting this practice it continued unchanged for decades. Possibly, they reasoned the risks of not vaccinating were too high to stop.

1893





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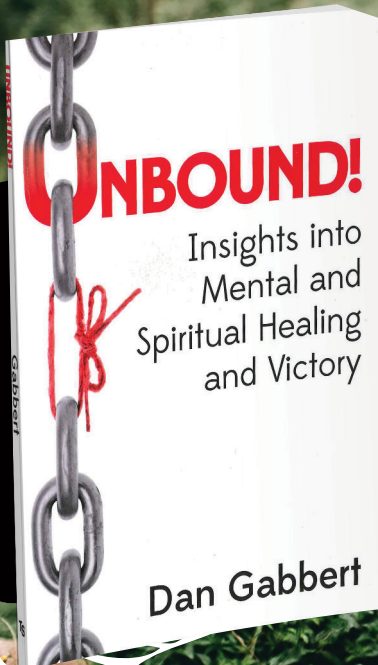
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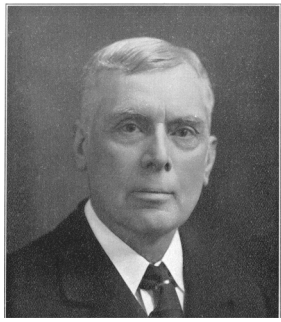
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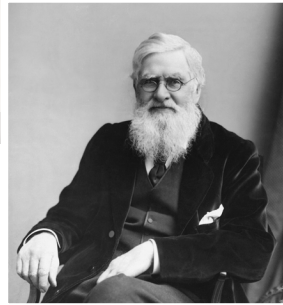


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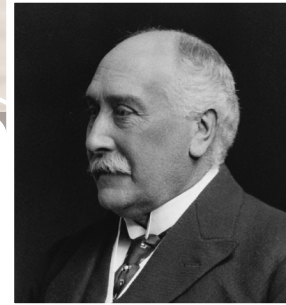




*Charles Creighton*



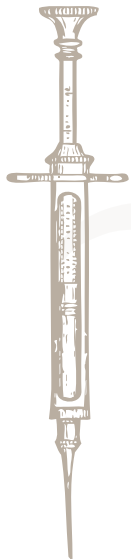
*Alfred Wallace*



*Edgar Crookshank*

Educated men too were disturbed by the negative health outcomes pertaining to immunization and made their voices heard. Men like **Charles Creighton** a pathologist and scholar, **Alfred Wallace** a scientist and **Edgar Crookshank**, professor of Bacteriology at *King's College*, London all rejected vaccination. Of Creighton and Crookshank a medical doctor who opposed their views wrote:

*medical doctor ...*

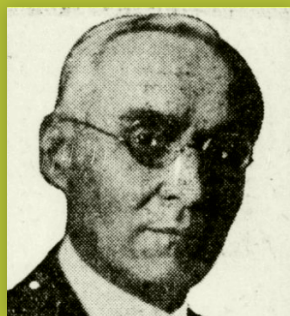
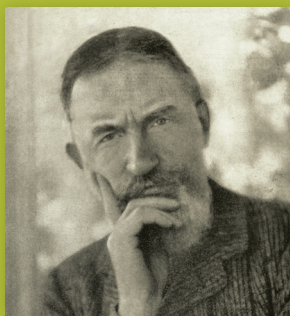


*"For a time [the anti-vaccinationists] had no strong medical support, but the various writings of so noted a pathologist and authority as Prof. C. Creighton, of Cambridge, (see his treatise on "Cowpox and Vaccinal Syphilis" and on "Jenner and Vaccination," and especially his article on "Vaccination" in the new Encyclopaedia Britannica,) has contributed much to the apparent argument against vaccination. Still more serious became the scientific position when the learned bacteriologist, Prof. Edgar M. Crookshank, M.B., of University College, London, published 1889-90, two volumes on "The History and Pathology of Vaccination." His work is a sample of great research, is executed with accuracy and is learned and ingenious in its facts and arguments."*

Wallace in his book *Vaccination a Delusion* highlighted the biased use of statistics in favor of vaccination and the seemingly paradoxical declining rates of smallpox in populations which were largely unvaccinated. Additionally, Wallace pointed out smallpox like other infectious diseases did not effect the population equally. Those living in filthy unsanitary conditions being malnourished were far more likely to succumb and die of smallpox than those who did not live in such a manner.

Examples of cities like Leicester served as a palpable experiment to highlight the inconsistencies of pro-vaccine claims. Leicester with vaccination rate of 5% (from 1891 - 1905) and sizable population, experienced—in spite of the dire predictions—very low rates of smallpox deaths. The leaders of the city choose to use their resources for sanitation versus vaccination and the result was sharply decreasing rates of smallpox infection. Interestingly, a study comparing vaccination rates and policies between nations found that in England, where vaccination rates nation wide plummeted, experienced a similar decline deaths and infections from smallpox as other nations which had high compliance rates. This is perhaps why the famous author George Bernard Shaw quipped:

1891



*Shaw ...*

*"There is nothing eccentric in my objection to the dangerous and grossly unscientific operation called vaccination. Within my long lifetime its ruthless enforcement throughout Europe ended in two of the worst epidemics of smallpox on record, our formerly more dreaded cholera and typhus epidemics having meanwhile been ended by sanitation. After that failure the credit of vaccination was saved for awhile by the introduction of isolation which at once produced improved figures. At present, intelligent and instructed people do not have their children vaccinated, nor does the law now compel them to. The result is not, as the Jennerians prophesied the extermination of the human race by smallpox: on the contrary, more people are now killed by vaccination than by smallpox."*

In the United States **Martin Friedrich, MD**, the Public Health officer of Cleveland in 1901, abandoned the use of vaccination, though he believed in it, to save the city from smallpox. Early in his career, he witnessed the inability of vaccines to "protect from small-pox," and the "ugly suppurating wounds" caused in its wake. Additionally, he observed "four fatal cases of tetanus infection develop [sic] after vaccination."

Therefore to protect Cleveland, he began a campaign to improve sewage and sanitation in amidst one of its largest smallpox outbreaks. He was so successful that pro-vaccine Ameri-

can Monthly Microscopical Journal (1902), said of him: "[Friedrich's] name ought to go down to posterity with Jenner."

In those days giving some one a shot was not the clean and neat procedure as it is today. Smallpox vaccination was administered by abrading or puncturing the arm with an ivory or metal needle, then applying powdered pustule crust from a vaccinated cow, horse, or human into the wound, and finally covering it with a sterile dressing. The vaccine matter could also be collected from fresh pustules or lymphatic fluid from bovine recently infected with smallpox crust. After harvesting the vaccine matter, it was applied to a needle for insertion. Alternatively, arm-to-arm vaccination allowed matter to be collected from a freshly grown pustule on the arm of a human after "successful" vaccination.

According to one author the methods in those days "were extremely primitive because of an almost total lack of knowledge in the field of microbiology and immunology." What is worse is that physicians and scientist had no way of knowing if the smallpox virus was even contained in the vaccine nor could they screen out other harmful viruses, bacteria, or putrid material. It was not until smallpox was in serious decline in the mid 20th century that scientists could actually isolate and identify the virus to formulate a vaccine: which begs the question, what did they actually inject into the arms of the population all those years?





### *Kellogg ...*

Perhaps in the messy progress of science, one may forgive doctors who rudely smeared their victims with disease-producing crust in hopes of protecting them from the dreaded smallpox. However, what is censurable are the compulsory laws which forced men, women, and children to take the putrid material into their arms, risking disease and death—when science had no idea what it was doing! This violence was compounded with the hubris of the medical establishment to enforce and zealously protect this medical sacrament, while denying the harms caused thereby.

The solution for some Adventists was to emphasize God's methods of healing in contrast to a system which was attempting to poison a man to prevent disease. Dr. Daniel H. Kress who when asked about vaccination in 1904 wrote:

### *Kress ...*

*"Personally I have never been able to see any physiological reason why it should be necessary to inject a deadly poison to protect from that disease (smallpox). Even if it should protect from that disease, it would prove injury to the system and invite other diseases. There are other means of protection which are equally effective and less harmful than the vaccine. The principal means of protection is a healthy body. Germs are unable to injure a healthy man. So to build up the general health is the natural means of protection against smallpox."*

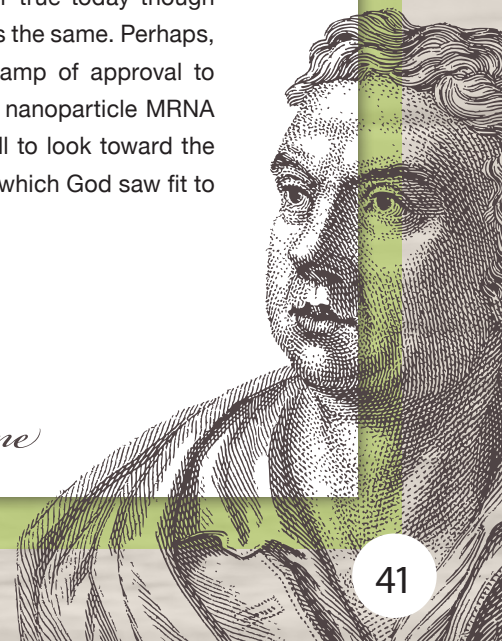
In the same vein, John Harvey Kellogg, MD before the General Conference in 1899 stated:

*"This method of fighting disease with disease is the human way of meeting disease, just as we fight fire with fire. But God has given us a truth that has in its power to lift a man above the power of disease. He has given us principles which, if we obey and follow, will change our bodies so that we shall not have to be vaccinated; that will lift the body above the power of disease, and above the power of sin; for sin and disease go along together. Disease is the consequence of sin, and sin induces a moral disease."*

These men were not alone in their opinion. Neither were they promoting wild conspiracy theories. They believed in science, treated patients, and experienced some of the worst diseases to afflict mankind. Yet, they believed the in the simple wisdom from heaven was of a greater value than man's attempt to fight disease with disease.

Examining the context in which anti-vaccination sentiment existed among some early Seventh-day Adventists we can understand why they were skeptical of vaccination and regarded compulsory measures with distrust. Additionally, they believed in the efficacy of the health message to prevent infectious disease like smallpox. This is no longer true today though the health message remains the same. Perhaps, instead giving a rubber stamp of approval to cutting edge drugs or lipid nanoparticle mRNA injections we would do well to look toward the past and the simple things which God saw fit to instruct His people. [AID](#)

*Jenner, pioneer of the concept of vaccine*



# Natural Ways to **BOOST** YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

*We want to share some tips for boosting the immune system. You can use the following recipes for preventative measures or for sickness. We hope this is a blessing to you. Don't forget the most important ingredient is to pray for God's blessing upon all his natural ways.*

## »»»» HOT AND COLD SHOWER

Another method for boosting the immune system is the hot and cold shower. This boosts your white blood cells (fighter cells) immensely. The reaction time of rest is very important to get the full effect.

Warm the body in the shower then turn the shower to hot for 3 minutes as hot as you can take and then turn the shower to cold as cool or cold as you can take for 30 seconds. Repeat this process 3 times ending with cold. Dry off and stay covered and protect your feet from cold. Go straight to bed for ½ an hour to 1 hour or reaction time. This will boost your immune system. You can do this shower as often as needed.



## »»»» WASH YOUR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly. You can clean your fruit and vegetables in vinegar.

To clean most fruits and veggies:

1. Mix a solution of 1 cup vinegar to 4 cups water then add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Shake well to combine. Place inside a spray bottle,
2. Spray your fruit and veg and let sit for 2-5 minutes.
3. Rinse with fresh cool water and use a veg scrub brush on thicker-skinned produce.
4. Pat dry with paper towel or clean cloth.

To clean leafy greens

1. Place your greens into a clean glass or metal bowl. Fill the bowl with a solution of 1 cup vinegar to 4 parts water, then add a tablespoon of salt
2. Let the greens sit in the solution for two to five minutes.
3. Rinse thoroughly with cold water either in a colander or the basket of a salad spinner.
4. Dry the greens with paper towels or give them in a run through a salad spinner. It is best to do this right before you eat the greens, as excess moisture can lead to decay.

If all fruit is organic you can go ahead and just chop them up peel and all. The grapefruit especially has healing and immune boosting properties in white, just under the rind so if you must peel leave the thick white part.



## NATURAL ANTIBIOTICS



### ▶▶▶▶ NATURAL PENICILLIN

- 1 whole grapefruit peel and all
- 3 lemons
- 2 garlic bulbs
- 1 med onion
- 6 cups of water

Cut all fruit garlic and onions, put in a pot with 6 cups of water. Bring to a slow boil for 5-10 minutes. Strain and drink 3/4 cup every 1/2 hour throughout the day. Make more as needed.

### ▶▶▶▶ NATURAL FLU SHOT

- 3 lemons
- 1 orange,
- 4 cups pineapple juice  
or 1/2 a pineapple
- 1 inch of ginger
- 1 bulb of garlic
- 1/8 tsp 90,000 heat units of cayenne

Drink 1 cup before bed for preventative

Drink 3/4 cup at least 3 times  
throughout the day for symptoms.



# SUGGESTIONS FOR IMMUNE BOOST AND LUNGS



## Drink Plenty of water!

- ~ ½ their weight in ounces
- ~ Person's weight 120 lb = 60 oz
- ~ Divide by 8 gives you how many cups = 7.5 cups a day minimum
- ~ Take about ½ as lemon water
- ~ Take some grey salt crystals under the tongue when drinking water
- ~ Stay hydrated as a prevention for clots, weakness, and congestion

## Take Alimax!

- ~ Take Alimax 3 times a day for 5 days then cut back



## Use a Diffuser!

- ~ Put pine 4 drops and eucalyptus 4 drops into a diffuser use distilled water (this is to help the lungs and purify the air)
- ~ If you have a nebulizer add 2 drops of eucalyptus oil to distilled water

## Take Vitamins & Inflammation Killers!

- ~ 50,000 IU Vitamin D 3x a day
- ~ 3,000 mg Turmeric 3x a day = 1 tsp or 3 caps
- ~ Vitamin C to bowel tolerance due to diarrhea try 1000 mg every hour
- ~ Zinc 100 mg a day



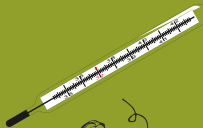
## Take Mullein Tea!

- ~ Mullein Tea for lung congestion
- ~ 1-2 tsp mullein leaves to 1 cup boiling water
- ~ Steep 10-15 minutes then strain
- ~ Drink 3-4 cups a day



## Take Natural Penicillin!

- ~ Make Natural Penicillin and Flu Shot
- ~ Add 4 drops of peppermint and 2 drops of eucalyptus to Natural Penicillin after drained
- ~ Give 4x a day alternating



- ~ Keep Fever under 104°F which is 40°C. Fever is a Friend when controlled.



- ~ Drink grape juice with ½ tsp cumin and ½ tsp fennel to help bring fever down (also for nutrients and hydration)



- ~ Alternating drinking teas etc. (10 min between teas ½ hour between juices)

- ~ If they are not eating make sure they are juicing for nutrition



- ~ Fomentations to chest 2x a day morning and evening



- ~ Hot 3 minutes cold friction then repeat 3 to 6x, always end in cold and then they must rest in bed for 1 hour after for reaction time (max benefits: raise white cell count)



- ~ Hot and cold shower 3 minutes hot 30 seconds cold, repeat 3x, end in cold, put on slippers and wrap with a robe or sheet and go straight to bed.



Watch instructions for fomentations at [ADTV.watch](http://ADTV.watch)





### Should We Keep the Ceremonial Feasts? What does Ellen White Say?

Men and women may study the will of God with profit. Let young men and young women, while the dew of youth is upon them, begin to study the word of God, which expresses his will. The steps of Christ are certainly marked out in the word. Go where they can be found today. Do not seek to go back to the land where Christ's feet trod ages ago. Christ says: "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." We can know far more of Christ by following Him step by step in the work of redemption, seeking the lost and the perishing, than by journeying to old Jerusalem. Christ has taken his people into His church. **He has swept away every ceremony of the ancient type. He has given**

**no liberty to restore these rites, or to substitute anything that will recall the old literal sacrifices.** The Lord requires of his people spiritual sacrifices alone. Everything pertaining to his worship is placed under the superintendence of his Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His name to teach His disciples all things, and to bring all things unto their remembrance that he had said unto them. The curse rests upon Jerusalem. The Lord has obliterated those things which men would worship in and about Jerusalem, yet many hold in reverence literal objects in Palestine, while they neglect to behold Jesus as their advocate in the heaven of heavens.

Ellen G. White, "Higher Education," The Review and Herald, February 25, 1896, emphasis added.





# *My Escape*

*from the Auto de Fé at Valladolid*

*Chapters 17 - 18*







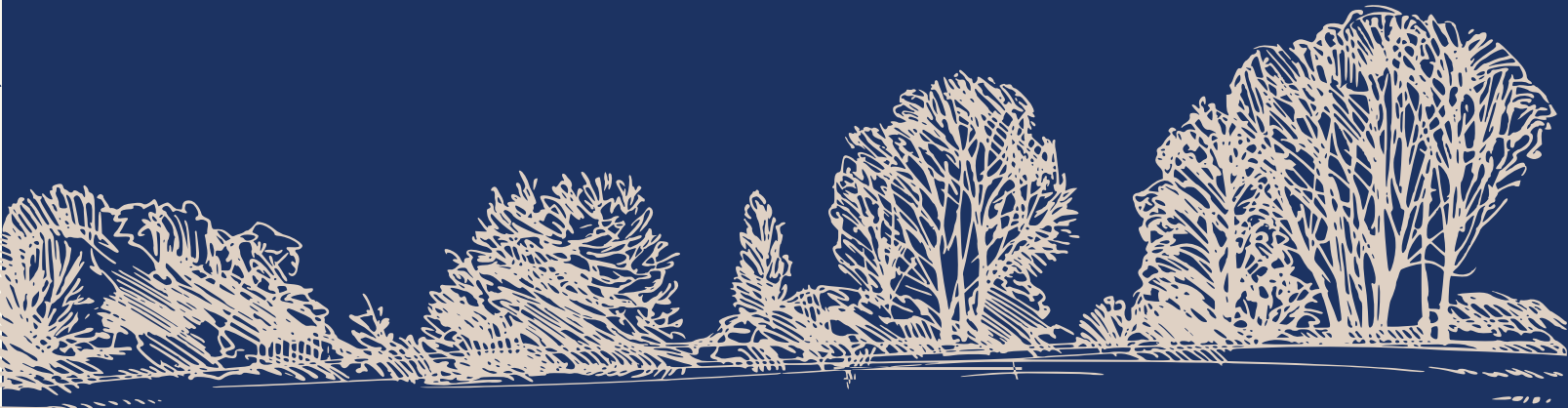
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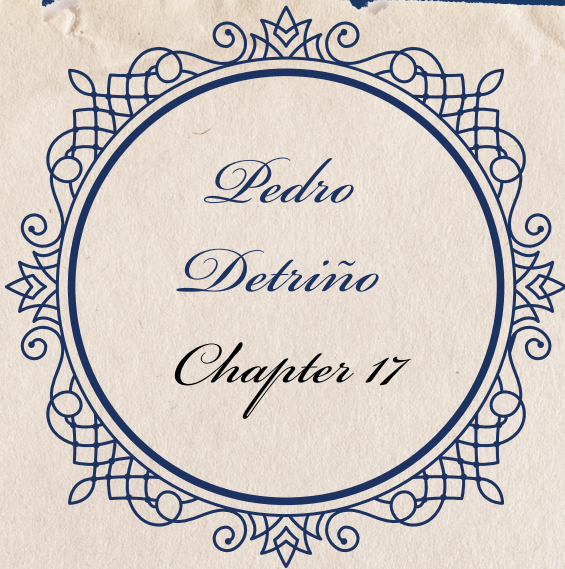
*Don Fernando de la Mina, a nobleman of Spain, is arrested for his sympathy with the Protestant faith. Sentenced to death, he miraculously escapes during a thunderstorm, and disguises himself as a poor peddler, narrowly escaping his pursuers. Under his new disguise, Fernando makes his way back to the city to find his beloved, the Dona Rosa de Riello so he can assure he is not dead, and to facilitate her escape as well. Discovering a plot to*

*betray and arrest her, Don Fernando manages to be hired by his beloved as a guide to help her escape the city of Valladolid and head to Navarre (a territory of France under the control of a Protestant queen). On the way, they are pursued by the Captain of the Guard. Don Fernando, his beloved Dona Rosa de Riello, and her faithful servant Ana, take up a new disguise - as a French lady, her maid, and her courtier, all returning to Paris. They*

*take shelter in a northern town for several days, but they soon learn that a spy from the Captain has come to their Inn looking for them. Don Fernando tricks him and locks him in an empty room in the Inn, and the 3 travelers escape that evening and travel through the night. They find themselves in a farm district by morning and watch the labourers about their duties.*







We sat down by the roadside to watch this busy scene while we ate our morning meal. Presently I called one of the workers toward us and asked her to tell me the farmer's name.

"Señor Detriño, if it please your Excellency," said the woman.

"Well, that is fortunate," I replied, "for we have traveled all the way from Burgos during the night in order to transact business with Señor Detriño. Will you please conduct us to the casa?"

The woman laid her empty basket down and led the way through a couple of fields and then directed us to a rough track-road that led to Señor Detriño's home.

The farmer's house—like its owner—was small, solid, and comfortable, and with a pervading air of success and generosity. At Detriño's invitation we all entered his business room and there I introduced myself to him as Pablo Acedo, an oil merchant trading at Tolosa. Then, half in jest, and wholly in anticipation, I looked affectionately into the face of my beloved and fondly informed the genial farmer that the Doña Rosa was my wife—the Señora Pablo Acedo—and Ana was her maid!

Quietly enjoying my beloved's suppressed embarrassment and quite heedless of the telltale dimple that always fell into my cheeks upon the

slightest provocation, I proceeded to inform the oil-grower that, having heard his name mentioned in the Burgos market yesterday, I had journeyed hither in order to acquaint myself with the quality of his productions. Then I told him that if he would be willing to supply me with one jar each of the three qualities of his oil, I would purchase them and make him a cash payment at once provided he would help me to transport the three tinajas—three big earthenware jars—of oil to Burgos that day.

"Certainly," he replied. "Fortunately, I am well able to meet your requirements for it so happens that I am sending three jars of my second crushing to Burgos this evening, and I will send yours at the same time."

So I paid Detriño for the oil and in exchange I received from him a useful—a very useful—trade receipt—a trade receipt made out to "Senor Pablo Acedo" and signed in a good legible hand by "Pedro Clemente Detriño, y Sanata, y Meria," a pretentious signature that was really nothing but a grandiloquent string of old family names that betokened nothing of aristocracy but only a great deal of pride! How often such silly vanity as this betrays itself in men whose only claim to distinction lies in their commercial success! However, be that as it may, it was that receipt with "Detriño," etc.'s well-known signature upon it that was destined to serve my beloved and Ana and me as a letter of safe conduct into and out from the ancient, well-guarded city of Burgos.

Before we bade adios to Detriño, I arranged with him that his men should meet us with the oil that evening at the place where the side road from his farm joins the main road to Burgos. Then, having thus far successfully concluded our business, we bade the genial oil-grower adios and departed toward our agreed rendezvous.



*The Captain  
Confronts  
Me Again  
Chapter 18*

Arriving at our rendezvous about midday we carefully selected a sequestered spot some little distance from the busy highway, and there we rested, and ate our meals, and chatted cheerily as the sunlit hours crept lazily by.

Gradually the daylight faded and the evening closed in upon us while we sat there waiting and listening for the approach of Detriño's cavalcade.

Intense darkness had already gathered over the countryside before we heard the welcome rumble of the approaching oil trollies.

On they came, jolting along over the ruts and rubbish of the rough country road, the cattle's head-bells jingling and the drivers' whips cracking in chorus. On they came, six oxen-drawn cradles, each one carrying a huge earthenware tinaja of oil slung low between the solid wooden wheels.

The foreman, as soon as he arrived, came up to me and asked for my instructions. My instructions, happily for all of us, were equally pleasant to him and to me, for as I was now particularly desirous of being left alone with my oil for a few moments, I gave the foreman a silver piece and told him to take his five men to the little wayside vino across the road and there drink a draught of wine to our health and prosperity.



Immediately after the men had gone I bade Ana go and strip my mule and bring all the cash and valuables to me. Then I removed the large cork bungs from my three oil jars and dropped the Doña Rosa's three hundred gold pieces into one jar and her jewels equally into the other two.





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the roof over  
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No sooner had I completed this device than three horsemen came galloping along the road from the direction of Burgos. One of them drew near to our cavalcade and lustily inquired for the leader of the party.

"O'ho! there, O'ho! there," he shouted as he drew near to the light of my lantern. "Who leads this company?"

Quietly I bade the women slip away up the side road. Then, drawing my hat well over my eyes, I ran forward to accept the challenge. "Here am I, Señor. It is I who leads this company," I shouted. "I, Pablo Acedo, oil merchant of Tolosa, at your service."

The man who had called me drew his rein and, as he passed between me and the dim light of the vino, I discerned the burly form and fearless face of the Captain of the Inquisition Guard, and my judgment was confirmed by the bandages he wore over the head wounds that I had given him during our recent fight on the road to Cabezón. The Captain had evidently missed us at Dueñaseros, whence we had escaped several hours before he arrived, and he was now hunting for us along the Burgos road.

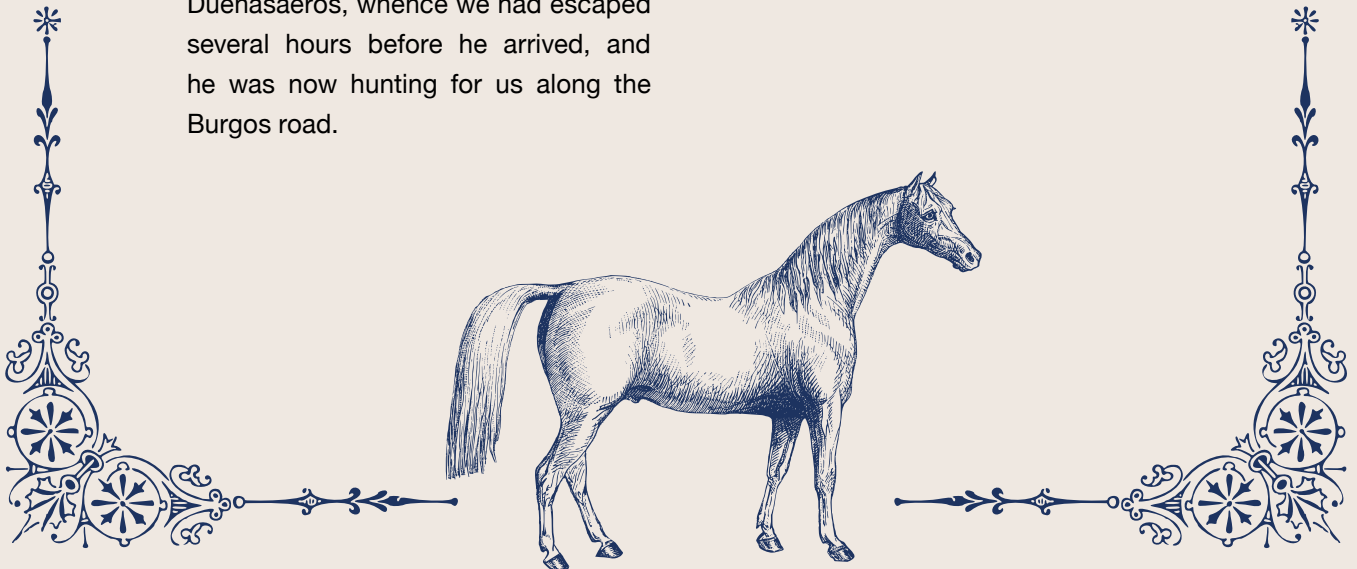
He looked searchingly at me and asked whence I had come and where I was going.

In reply I raised my lantern and, keeping it well behind my face, I showed him my receipted account for the oil. I told him that my men were refreshing themselves in the wine shop yonder and that they would soon be joining me and we should then start away and travel through the night to Burgos. Thereupon he demanded sharply: "Did you pass two women as you came along the Villavieja road? They were on horseback and were carrying a great deal of luggage."

To this I tersely replied, "No, we did not encounter any strangers this afternoon."

My answer seemed to perplex him, but, being satisfied with my sincerity and my credentials, he hurried away with his companions to continue his futile search for us along the main road back again toward Dueñaseros! **AID**

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