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Prince meets Adventist aviator

Hamilton, New Zealand

The Duke of Cambridge, Prince William, visited the Pacific Aerospace Limited (PAL) aircraft factory on April 12 as part of the royal tour of New Zealand.

Pastor Roger Millist, former CEO of Adventist Aviation Services (AAS), was invited by PAL to be present for the tour. PAL manufactures the P750XL aircraft that make up the AAS fleet in Goroka, Papua New Guinea.

"The Duke spent time with me watching an AAS promotional video, looking at a photographic display of the AAS operation and asking technical questions about the aircraft and the work that AAS does," Pastor Millist said.

"William kept referring back to the work that our aircraft do in places like Papua New Guinea and he was quite taken by Roger's explanation about the humanitarian work that Adventist Aviation does," said Damian Camp, CEO of PAL.

Mr Millist later presented the Duke with a copy of

50 Years Adventist Aviation 1694-2014, a pictorial representation of the mission and operation of AAS.

"His private secretary later told me that the book would be placed in the Royal Library," Pastor Millist said.

"AAS is touching people who would likely otherwise have no contact with our Church." —Vania Chew



Roger Millist with the book he presented HRH.

Children helping children SHINE

Nunawading, Victoria

Nunawading and Lilydale Adventurers worked together

to pack 30 "Worship in a Box" kits to be sent to Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific Islands.

Filled with Bible stories, crafts, music CDs, study guides and children's Bibles, the aim of the kits is to encourage

children to be involved in regular family worship.

"Research tells us that children who are involved in regular family worship are more likely to develop a faith that lasts a lifetime," said Julie Weslake, director of Children's Ministries for the South Pacific Division (SPD).

Involving children in service from an early age also plays a role in developing their faith.

The initiative was part of the SPD Children's Ministries' SHINE project, which encourages children and their families to "Serve Him IN Everything". —Katherine Darroch/Julie Weslake



Children preparing worship kits.

Adventist mission pilot dies in plane crash

Sentani, Papua

An Adventist Aviation-Indonesia (AAI) mission plane crashed upon takeoff on April 9 at the AAI headquarters in Papua, claiming the life of veteran pilot Bob Roberts and several passengers.

Witnesses said the plane, a Quest Kodiak, appeared to have trouble lifting off just before it slammed into a bridge at the end of the runway. An official cause has yet to be determined by crash site investigators. There were five survivors.

Mr Roberts' work included delivering food, medicine and urgently needed supplies as well as transporting sick and needy passengers to and from the many isolated mountain villages of Papua. He was well known throughout the islands and had flown more than 1000 relief flights.

Mr Roberts and his wife Jan, originally from the United States, had served AAI for more than 20 years in Papua. Prior to that they were missionaries in the African countries of Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zaire (now Congo) from 1976 to

1992. They have three adult children.

"He died doing what he loved best," Mrs Roberts said.

In an Adventist Mission video report last year, Mr Roberts said: "If they're really sick, we fly them for free. Those are the kind of things that make you glad you're a mission pilot. Helping people who would not have hope otherwise. That's why we're here."

To see the feature video of Mr Roberts' mission work in Papua, visit <www.record.net.au> and follow the links. —Gay Deles/Kevin Costello/Teresa Costello/Adventist News



Mission pilot Bob Roberts.



Real mums

James Standish

*Mother, you had me / But I never had you
I, I wanted you / But you didn't want me*

So sang John Lennon on a bare stage in Madison Square Garden. Suddenly, a man who had helped turn the world upside down—so controversial the Nixon administration tried to deport him, a man full of cheeky bravado, revolutionary anger, a man who had the gall to say the Beatles were bigger than Jesus Himself, was just a little lost boy crying out to his mummy—the mummy who had handed him to her sister to raise.

While Lennon's ballad of childhood loss is heartbreakingly poignant, Roger Waters' take on motherhood is brutally dark. In the Pink Floyd song "Mother", he sings:

*Mama's going to put all of her fears into you
Mama's going to make all of your nightmares come true*

These aren't generally the sentiments you'll find in the Mother's Day cards that seem to magically appear everywhere you look at this time of year. Instead you'll find cards praising perfect mothers who have had nothing but the most tender moments with their offspring. But this idealised vision of motherhood may ultimately prove even more destructive than the cynical.

I've been talking to modern mums in the past few days and the pressure to reach society's ideal can be crushing.

"When I stayed at home with my child, people used to ask me, 'When are you going back to work?'," recalls a mum. "It seems like you aren't respected unless you're working outside of the home. But the minute I went back to work, I felt judged for not being able to do all the things I could when I was a stay-at-home mum. It's a no win!"

"I end up feeling guilty a lot of the time," a mum confided. "I feel like I can never give anything the level of attention it requires. I can hardly keep up at work. The house is untidy. In my very few quiet moments I criticise myself for being so distracted by all the things I have to do to keep life going, that I'm missing out on my kids' childhood."

"Body image is a really big problem," another mum told me. "You see pictures of Hollywood stars who seem to snap back into perfect shape the moment they've delivered a child, like they're made out of some kind of magic elastic.

I know the photos are airbrushed, and I know they have personal trainers and dietitians, but it's still hard to look at myself in the mirror and not feel inadequate."

"When kids do well, you hear how wonderful *they* are. When things go badly, people ask, 'Well what did the *mum* do wrong?'," observes a mum.

It turns out that being a modern mum is a complicated business. And as for meeting all the mutually exclusive expectations, it's simply impossible.

But that's precisely why we love, honour and respect mums. Not because they are perfect superwomen with washboard abs, monumental careers and not a speck of dust in the home. Not because their kids are always clever, clean, courteous and content. Exactly the opposite. They are amazing because they are real people, struggling with the stresses and strains of complicated, modern lives. Dealing with complexity. Often feeling overwhelmed.

Yes, sometimes they do get angry. Sometimes they eat too much chocolate. Sometimes the house is a mess. Sometimes kids are just kids—not perfectly passive little robots. But through all of this, they love their children with all their hearts. And it's that love in the whirlwind of modern life that makes mums so irreplaceable in our hearts. Even, as it turns out, for jaded rock stars.

It was Julia, John Lennon's mum, after all, who bought him his first guitar. It was Julia who taught him how to play it. And it was Julia who was arguably his most powerful muse. It turns out real mums dealing with really complex circumstances can still inspire greatness in their children.

And Roger Waters' mum? After her husband was killed in World War II, Mary raised her two boys alone. Roger may not have found time to remember what she'd done for him in lyrics, but just a year before she died at the age of 96, he had this to say: "If there is any humanity and empathy in my work, which I think there is, I would rather owe it to her."

Many of us could, rather, say exactly the same of our "real" mums.

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For Grandmothers

Jarrod Stackelroth

Anne Agnes Ferguson (1920–2010)

The years have come
And the years have gone.
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Each a signature
Each a sign
A tale of hope or joy

Smiles and laughter
Sobbing and tears
Have all left their own small mark
And still life's joys are written there
Though the journey's long ago embarked.

How many hours all through the night
Did she sit by her children's beds?
Through sickness and health
Through struggle and wealth
Unselfishly giving herself.

She's older now and tired somehow
But the selfless streak's still there.
The smiles she gives to every and all
Are anything but rare.

A veteran of life's many wars
Like a soldier she bore it all
Fighting always for her family
Like a soldier strong and tall.

Her greatest love was music
Behind her family of course
It gave release and pleasure
It gave her quiet soul a voice.

She never has been famous or rich
Known only by a few
But through troubled times she's come
Her eyes say: "Could we tell a tale or two!"

Jarrod Stackelroth is associate editor of *Record*.

True engagement

As I browsed the *Sydney Morning Herald's* web page a feature article took my eye: *Masses Find Spirituality Beyond the Church Pews*. It was written by a well-known Australian celebrity who addressed her remarks primarily to women. Her article began like this:

One bright and brilliant Sunday morning, I stood in a tent on the banks of the Brisbane River in front of a 300-strong throng who'd come to see, touch and hear Aussie favourite William McInnes speak about his latest book. Looking at the sensible, middle-class women and the few men who had gathered, the thought came to me, why aren't you lot in church . . . Traditionally, church homilies addressed some of the moral issues women faced—mostly dilemmas of faith and family—but they didn't meet the desire for a true engagement in the wider world beyond hearth and home. The notions of "what if" and "why not" were never on the agenda. Although "because I say so" was a well-worn theme.

There is a strong indictment here. It is directed at us. Are we really listening to the voices of people like this all around us? Are we so sure we know what they want that we are not stopping to consider how they want to hear what we have to say. Articles like this must give us pause as we realise that for vast numbers of people what we offer is not meeting the spiritual quest of their hearts "to meet the desire for a true engagement in the wider world". When was the last time your church board seriously considered the impact of your church on your community—both negatively and positively? Would the community notice if you just disappeared tomorrow? Really?



Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Symbols of suffering

A Uniting Church at St Kilda, in Melbourne's south, has raised three crucifixes on its front lawn, each carrying barbed wire sculptures representing a refugee father, mother and child. The church says there's a parallel between Australia's asylum seeker policies and the violent deterrent methods of ancient Rome. —*Herald Sun*



Revival

North Africa, a strongly Muslim region once hostile to Christian missionaries, is now seeing a surprising new enthusiasm for the gospel and spectacular church growth. The exact numbers of Christians across the region are hazy, but are believed to be in the tens of thousands. One Algerian congregation boasts 1200 attenders. —*Assist News Service*



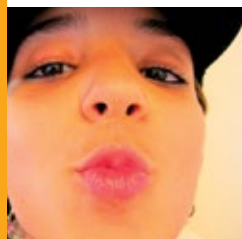
Vocal campaign

She's only 14, but New Zealander Nakita Turner is determined to use her talents to help others. Concerned about the bullying that she and others have suffered, Nakita brought together other musicians and school students to record a song, *One Voice*, about the need to stand up for justice. —*Parachute Music*



Greater love . . .

An elderly Dutch Catholic priest has paid the ultimate price for his convictions—shot by armed men in Homs, Syria. Frans van der Lugt refused to leave during the evacuation of foreign nationals earlier this year, saying he wanted to stay with the 28 Christians who were unable to leave. —*Christian Solidarity Worldwide*



Alcohol free

Research has revealed a surprising statistic: more than half of Australian teenagers do not drink, and their numbers are rising. In 2001 only a third of 14 to 17 year olds didn't drink. A decade later that proportion was more than 50 per cent. The trend is apparent across social groups. —*ABC*



Shelved

World leaders of the Adventist Church have announced that the release of the much-anticipated video series, "The Record Keeper", has been suspended. The science fiction aesthetic of the series was a radically new direction for Church media, but it was the number of theological errors in the series that torpedoed the project. —*Adventist Review*

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School handed to Adventists to operate

Utukwaf, Papua New Guinea

A government primary school at Utukwaf, Papua New Guinea, has been handed over to the Seventh-day Adventist Church to run, with community leaders expressing their hope that the quality of education provided will improve.

The agreement to change the school's status was made at a meeting in March at the remote village, a four-hour boat trip from Oro Bay, about 100 kilometres south-east of Popondetta. In attendance were community leaders, representatives of the Oro provincial government and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Anglicans dominate at Utukwaf and more than 90 per cent of the school's 217 students are non-Adventist. Nevertheless, the village chief, a devout Anglican himself, said in his speech: "Because our children continue to suffer in the hands of teachers sent here by the government over the years, I as chief of this land give this school for the

Adventist Church to run, so our children can get the education that they have been missing out on for so long."

"As soon as things are formalised, Utukwaf will be rightfully referred to as Utukwaf Adventist Primary School," said Jacob Bari-bari, Education secretary for the Adventist Church in the North East Papua Mission. "This is a victory for Adventist education, the Church and the big God we serve. After only a month of operation the students are conducting themselves every school day as normal Adventist students do. What an opportunity to evangelise through education in this tranquil community." —*Kent Kingston/Eastern Wind*



Some of the students of Utukwaf.

Art series paints spiritual themes

Wahroonga, New South Wales

Why did Rembrandt paint himself as the Prodigal Son? Why did Van Gogh paint his ginger beard on Lazarus? Why did Caravaggio paint his own head in the place of Goliath's head?

All of these questions and more will be answered in Hope Channel's new documentary series *Masterstroke*. The series examines some of the most famous religious paintings in history and investigates the artists' motivations behind creating them.

"Much of this art was created in a period where many were illiterate. It was used as a primary medium to convey understanding about God," said Neale Schofield, CEO of Adventist Media Network and host of *Masterstroke*.

"In this series, we use art as a springboard to delve into spiritual themes. How to accept Christ, how to build faith, how to ask for forgiveness, but most importantly, showing that God is love. That's the big picture."

Six episodes have already been produced, with another six due to be filmed at the end of 2014. —*Vania Chew*



Neale Schofield on set.

Fire destroys house at PAU

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

A fire has destroyed a student village house at Pacific Adventist University (PAU).

Pastor Rex Koi's house caught fire just after 4pm on Thursday, April 3. The cause of the blaze is currently unknown.

Pastor Koi returned from meetings at the Central Papuan Conference headquarters to find his house engulfed in flames. Members of his extended family—as well as his infant daughter—were in the house at the time, but all were safely evacuated.

Pastor Koi's wife, a final-year Business student, was in class when the incident occurred.

Students and staff members tried unsuccessfully to put out the fire. However, they did manage to save a nearby duplex from serious damage.

The PAU community is very grateful to God that nobody was hurt, and has asked for prayers for the family.

Dr Barry Oliver, the university's chancellor and chairperson of the PAU Council, said he was thankful to God that nobody was harmed and expressed his sadness for the loss of personal property.

A fund will be set up to assist the Koi family as they look to rebuild. —*Glenns Anis*



The student house.

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Avondale students make a difference

Cooranbong, New South Wales

Mayors of two districts in Brazil have offered to financially support the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) after Avondale students worked in the South American country to build toilets in remote villages.

The project has improved health and sanitation in some of the most remote villages in northern Brazil, where water-borne diseases are a major cause of illness and death. Teams from the Avondale College of Higher Education student club One Mission have worked with ADRA over the past three years to build 49 toilets, a classroom and a health clinic. Villages in surrounding districts have appealed to ADRA to do the same for them.

The 27 students on this year's team raised \$A35,000 for building supplies as well as \$A5000 each for airfares and other expenses. They were away from home for seven weeks. Preceding their work on the health and sanitation project, the students visited Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Peru. From Peru they travelled for several days down almost the full length of the Amazon River, first in a small boat, then in a larger boat they shared with 500 passengers, sleeping each night in hammocks on the open decks. At a port on the lower Amazon, they met ADRA staff members, then boarded a mission boat for a seven-hour trip back up the river to the area where they were to work for the next three weeks.

During their stay in Brazil, the students also visited the Adventist University of Sao Paulo and shared their experiences with Adventist churches in Rio de Janeiro.

Mission trips such as these have real challenges. The Amazon is infested with alligators and piranha. There are dangers from snakes, ants and malaria-bearing mosquitoes. There are the challenges of living in primitive conditions, coping with an unfamiliar diet and managing tiredness. And there are dangers to the students from the tools they use, including chainsaws and machetes. But no student has suffered a serious illness or injury during any of the three One Mission trips.

Team leader Odailson (Dada) Fialho describes the trips as bringing positive changes to the lives of many of the students. "The trips also motivate significant numbers of students for future leadership roles," he said. Three students from the Brazil team have already volunteered to lead future mission trips. —John Cox



One Mission Brazil leader Odailson Fialho and his team have built 49 toilets in remote Amazon villages over the past three years.

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Adventists affected by Honiara floods

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has been distributing emergency relief in the wake of destructive floods that have killed at least 28 and left 49,000 homeless in the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara.

Entire riverside communities and bridges have been washed away after the Matanikau River broke its banks.

The *Solomon Star* newspaper is calling the floods “the worst disaster the nation has seen”.

“Honiara is essentially split in two,” said ADRA Australia Humanitarian Program officer Beryl Hartmann. “Thousands of people are stuck in emergency shelters, unable to return to their homes and unsure if they even remain standing.”

“People have lost everything. Without safe access to food, along with clothing and bedding there is a significant health risk to those affected.”

With support financial support from ADRA Australia and other ADRA offices around the globe, ADRA staff on the

ground have begun distrib-

uting emergency packs containing cooking and eating utensils, blankets and other essential items to 1500 people.

“In co-ordination with the Government and other agencies on the ground, the need these items was identified,” said Ms Hartmann. “These items will ensure people can utilise the food being provided safely.”

In addition, ADRA has been able to support the

response of the Government and other agencies by making the three-tonne truck available for relief deliveries.

ADRA Australia is calling for donations to ADRA’s Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund in order to support this and other ongoing relief efforts.

At the height of the flooding the Lungga River came to the top of its banks and was threatening Betikama Adventist boarding school. The boy’s dormitories were saved when the banks on the opposite side suddenly broke and the river flooded the county’s international airport, closing

the airstrip for more than four days. The Solomon Island Mission offices, on high ground, along with the Betikama were cut off by the flooding of Burns Creek, and the Burns Creek Adventist school was also damaged.

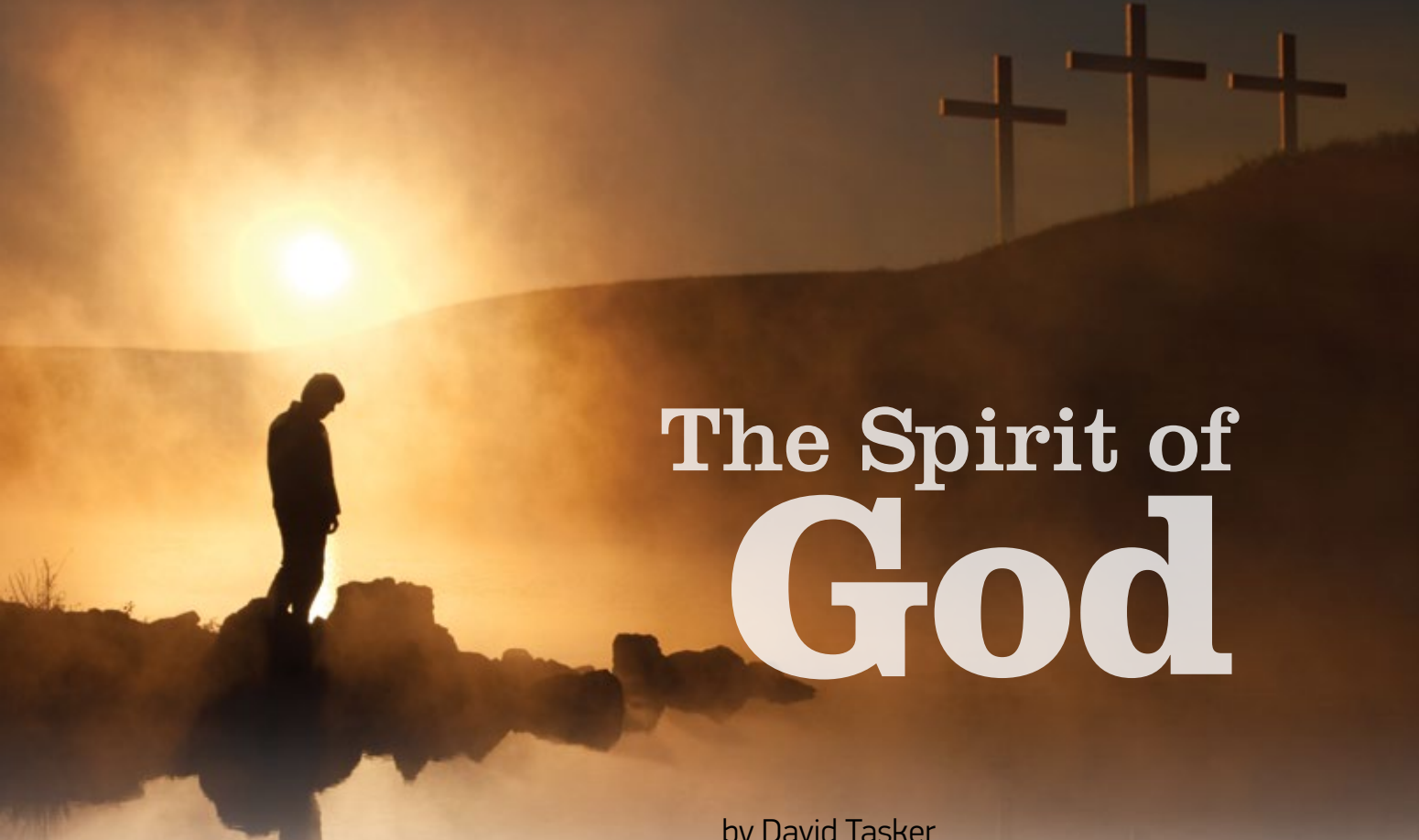
A team lead by the South Pacific Division health department’s Pastor Kevin Price and Dr Chester Kuma arrived in Honiara to conduct a major ‘Health Promoting Churches’ training event just before the major flooding and resulting devastation. “We had debated whether to run the program with the devasta-

tion in Honiara, but 100 people had already arrived from the western Solomons before the rains and we had speakers on the ground. Dr Handysides, the former GC health Director arrived on the last flight in before the airport was closed.” The program started Monday morning with about 150 registered. By Sabbath, between 700 and 800 attended the morning meetings. “Our Solomon Island members are very committed,” continues Pastor Price. “Surely, in answer to our prayers, the rain eased just before our meetings commenced and amazingly no rain fell on the roof during the meetings.”

The rain also shut down Honiara airport for a few days. An Open Heart International team from Sydney, Australia was due to land in Solomon Islands on Thursday afternoon, but the flight was diverted back to Brisbane. —*Record staff/ADRA Australia/Kevin Price*

“People have lost everything. Without safe access to food, along with clothing and bedding there is a significant health risk to those affected.”





The Spirit of God

by David Tasker

AS WE LEARNED IN THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THIS two-part series, the Holy Spirit is referred to more than 100 times in the Old Testament in a number of ways: the Spirit of God (*Elohim*); the Spirit of the Lord (*YHWH*); and simply, the Spirit.³ In my first piece, we focused on instances where simply the Spirit is mentioned. In this piece we'll focus on the 44 instances that mention the Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Lord. By studying the Old Testament record, we can get a clearer and deeper understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what He does.

The Spirit of God Associated with Creation

We first encounter the Hebrew word for Spirit, *Ruach*, in the phrase "the Spirit of God" in the second verse of Genesis. Here the Spirit of God "hovers" or "flutters" (*rakhaf*) over the surface of the waters in the process of creation. This is significant as it links the Holy Spirit with Creation—the one event that separates God from all other gods worshipped in the ancient (or modern) world.

In addition, the action of the Spirit of God "hovering" over the waters places the Holy Spirit not only in the context of creation, but of salvation also. The verb *rakhaf* is expressed here in an intensive form and the only other time in Scripture the verb is used this way is as a metaphor of God redeeming His people from Egypt in the form of an eagle stirring up its nest and hovering (*rakhaf*) over its young (Deuteronomy 32:11). This picture of nurture—and ultimately of salvation in the Exodus story—introduces the

Holy Spirit in the context of two main functions of divinity—creation and salvation.

Empowering Leaders

Other uses of the expression "Spirit of God" (*Elohim*) are in the context of empowering leaders, the most common of whom (in eight references) is Saul, the first Israelite king. The next highest occurrence focuses on Bezaleel (twice), the artisan chosen to craft the sacred objects of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Five other characters endowed by the Holy Spirit are Joseph, Balaam, Azariah, Ezekiel and Zechariah.

Saul's connection with the Holy Spirit is quite interesting, maybe even bizarre. Soon after Samuel the prophet anoints Saul as Israel's first king (1 Samuel 10:1), he meets up with a group of prophets and starts prophesying with them (v 10), just as Samuel had predicted (v 6). This experience at the beginning of Saul's reign is paralleled to another near its end. After David's wife (and Saul's daughter), Michal, helps David escape Saul's murderous plot (1 Samuel 19:11–17), Saul sends out a group of soldiers to arrest David, but they meet a group of prophets who are prophesying, and the Spirit of God "came upon" the soldiers and they start prophesying too (v 20). This prophetic activity stops their assassination attempt, and on hearing this, Saul sends another group to capture David—with the same outcome (v 21). After a third attempt (with the same results—v 21), Saul goes himself (v 22) but he too is overpowered by the Spirit of God and instead of murdering his young rival, ends up prophesying (v 23).

However, Saul does not stop at mere prophecy. He

strips naked, continues prophesying in Samuel's presence, and ends up laying prostrate on the ground for the rest of that day and all night too (v 24). Again, a murderous plot is neutralised by the Holy Spirit, overwhelming a man with a dramatic religious experience. This seems in character with Saul. He swings from an insane desire to murder David to fervent devotion of God in harmony with his unbalanced character. The remaining references to the Spirit of God in association with Saul describe a "distressing spirit"—literally a "bad spirit of God" (1 Samuel 16:15, 16, 23; and 18:10).

Bezaleel is twice described as "filled" with the Spirit of God (Exodus 31:3; 35:31), and in both occasions it describes his "wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship" as he crafted the intricacies of the wilderness sanctuary. It is also in meticulous attention to detail that Pharaoh praises Joseph and subsequently chooses him to be his prime minister (Genesis 41:38). Being filled with the Spirit in these instances provided for Bezaleel superior skills that left the legacy of a beautifully furnished and equipped sanctuary, and for Joseph an inspired leadership that not only ensured the survival of his family, but also ensured the coming of the future Messiah.

Other uses of the phrase "Spirit of God" apply to various prophets who were "moved" by God. Ezekiel describes the way that the Spirit of God picks him up and takes him in vision to Chaldea to see the captives there (Ezekiel 11:24). Balaam, the reluctant non-Israelite prophet, feels compelled to go against the wishes of the king who bribes him to prophesy against the Exodus wanderers, and instead blesses them when the Spirit of God "came upon him" (Numbers 24:2). Azariah speaks words of hope to the discouraged King Asa, urging him to be strong and rid the land of idolatry (2 Chronicles 15:1). Zechariah (the son of Jehoiada the priest, not the author of the book of the Bible) also speaks bravely to the people when the Spirit of God comes upon him (2 Chronicles 24:20) during a dark part of their history.

The Spirit of the Lord (YHWH) Empowering Leaders

Another expression used, the Spirit of the Lord (YHWH), is more common. It's first used to describe the empowerment given by God to the "judges" in order to deliver God's people. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon them, Othniel prevails against the Mesopotamian King Cushan-rishah-thaim (Judges 3:10); Gideon, son of an apostate people (6:27–30), summons a large army from among them (v 34), but uses only 300 to crush the Midianites; Jephthah defeats the Ammonites convincingly (11:29); and Samson is given great strength to overcome the Philistines (13:25; 14:6,19; and 15:14).

The prophets also speak of the Spirit of the Lord empowering people. Examples include the "Rod from the stem of Jesse" (the Messianic "Servant of the Lord") with the seven-fold spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, the fear of the Lord and of righteous judgement (Isaiah 11:2–5). Micah parallels this when he asserts that he is empowered by the Spirit of the Lord with "justice and might to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin" (Micah 3:8). The whole point of the action of the Spirit of the Lord in these contexts is to assure the people of deliverance (Isaiah 59:19), and of rest and security in the face of what threatens them (Isaiah 63:14).

We also observe that the Spirit of the Lord moves upon people, giving them a prophetic voice (eg Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Chronicles 20:14). And after the insignificant shepherd boy David is anointed to be king, the Spirit of the Lord comes upon him from that moment forward (1 Samuel 16:13), and for the rest of his life David recognises that the Spirit of the Lord speaks through him (2 Samuel 23:2).

Conclusion

The description of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament is indeed very rich. He is active in creation and

redemption. He is foremost in teaching, warning, pleading and striving in order to prevent the dire consequences of human rebellion. The Holy Spirit limits the effects of divine judgement "raining" upon dry ground to bring nourishment and restoration to the land and to the soul of the people.

Finally the Spirit is heavily involved in empowering people to do the impossible—shy people are enabled to be fearless leaders (eg Moses, Joshua, Saul and David) and artisans are inspired to build and design exceptional beauty (eg the sanctuary). In addition, when times become tough and political or religious leaders do not give clear enough leadership, God empowers both men and women to become His mouthpiece to warn an otherwise bewitched people (eg the 70 elders, Elisha, Ezekiel and Isaiah) and to woo disenchanting people back to the only One who can save them—Jesus. ➤

1. Genesis 1:2; 41:38; Exodus 31:3; 35:31; Numbers 24:2; 1 Samuel 10:10; 11:6; 16:15, 16, 23; 18:10; 19:20, 23; Job 33:4; Ezekiel 11:24; 2 Chronicles 15:1; and 24:20.

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Dr David Tasker heads up the South Pacific Division's Biblical Research Committee.



Seeing double

Trans-Pacific Union Mission presidents and office staff have set themselves a vision to double the church in the Pacific by 2020. "By God's grace we see by 2020: 200,000 Adventist disciples; 20,000 groups; 2000 churches; 200 schools; 20 leaders; and 20 wellness centres," they said. —*TPUM newsletter*

Quilts for a cause

Having been donated various types and sizes of coloured cloth, Dora Creek church's craft group recently set about making quilts to give to clients of the South Lakes Women's Refuge (NSW). Quilts were made in both adult and children's sizes to accommodate for the mothers with children staying at the refuge. —*George Drinkall*

Big camp at Tui Ridge

North New Zealand's week-long Big Camp attracted around 1000 participants at Tui Ridge, Rotorua. Sanitarium donated 1000 registration bags filled with its products. Camp director Bob Larsen said, "It was amazing how people responded at registration when they realised they got a gift from Sanitarium. It gave them an immediate boost and appreciation for Sanitarium." —*Sanco*



The Promise impresses jazz pioneer

Australian jazz legend Don Burrows (centre) was in the audience at the Sydney launch of The Promise and Avondale Jazz Ensemble's new album *Jesus: HIStory?* The music, written by jazz ensemble director David Pudney to reimagine the timeless stories of the Gospels, moved the multiple Hall of Fame inductee and National Living Treasure to tears. "I didn't know what I was in for tonight, but if I had known, I would've come halfway across the country," Mr Burrows told one of the students. —*Brenton Stacey/Caroline Laredo*

Mebzar begins new chapter in ministry

Pastor Mebzar Quinto and his wife, Carolyn, were ordained at the Filipino-Australian Adventist church in Dandenong (Vic) on March 1. After spending some time working as a teacher and selling life insurance policies in the Philippines, Pastor Quinto felt a strong call to ministry. He joined the 1000 Missionary Movement and was sent to East Timor to assist the Adventist Church in Dili. Pastor Quinto came to Australia a year later, serving firstly at Nunawading and then in Warburton. His passion is growing healthy spiritual families. He and wife Carolyn—a registered nurse—have three young children (Von Razzi, Nyll Xabi and Zara Yohanna). —*IntraVic*



High note for kids' group

Lakeside church's new children's music group made its debut during a Saturday night concert at the church (Bonnells Bay, NSW) on March 29. WAMM (We All Make Music) is made up of approximately 15 primary-aged children with a keen interest in music. "We really believe in the benefits of playing together," said Kylie Stacey, one of the group's leaders. "Not only is it a lot of fun, but it is a great way children can be involved in church."

Healthy families, healthy church!

Vanuatu Mission has run a Family Ministries certificate program in Santos, Vanuatu. Pastor Mike Sikuri (Family Ministries, TPUM) shared the teaching with Pastor Trafford Fischer (Family Ministries, South Pacific Division) but also spoke at a family-based evangelistic series. "Mike is a quiet-spoken, gentle person, but behind a microphone he really comes alive!" Pastor Fischer said. —*TPUM newsletter*

Parachute Festival 2014

Thousands of teens descended on Hamilton (NZ) for the Parachute Music Festival. The three-day camping event was host to a number of artists including Stan Walker, Dave Dobbyn, Ruby Frost and Titanium. Sanitarium faced the big task of supplying more than 2600 breakfasts and taste testings to festival-goers on the Sunday morning. —*Sanco News*

Photo: Shane Winfield



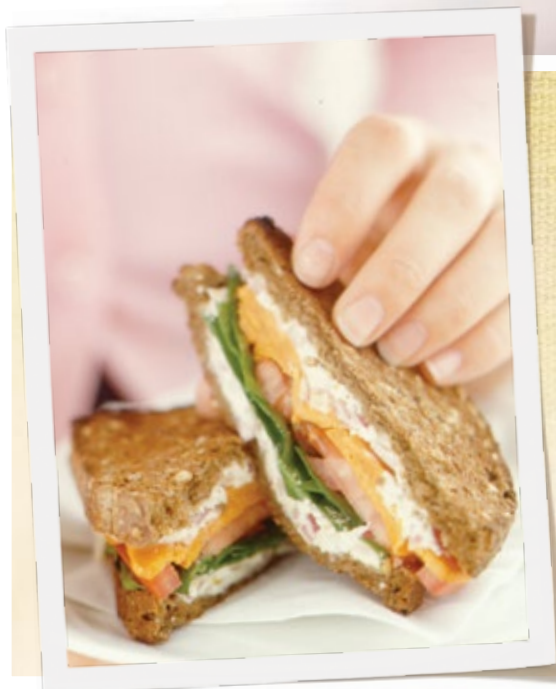
Invest wisely in health

Have you ever fallen for a dietary get rich quick scheme? In a recent article, Dr David Katz of Yale University muses on society's attitudes to health and wealth and touches on some interesting ideas. He says we live in a culture where people who take care of their money are viewed as responsible. Putting money in savings, trying to anticipate your children's financial needs and your own in retirement are considered responsible behaviours, ones to strive for.

Many people work to pass their wealth onto their children and many young people see wealth as something to aspire to. Get rich quick schemes are generally scoffed at; most of us accept that financial stability is something that comes from sustained effort and responsible choices.

But Dr Katz laments that society doesn't have the same attitudes to health. He wants us to imagine what society would be like if health was something people aspired to build from a young age. Something we looked to build gradually, over the long haul, with responsible choices. Imagine if health, rather than wealth, was viewed by society at large as a status symbol. Imagine if people spent a lifetime trying to build health, so that they could pass it onto their children.

In Dr Katz's analogy, lose weight quick or get healthy quick schemes are the get rich quick schemes many of us fall for when trying to build health. There's nothing wrong with taking an interest in the latest information that comes out, seemingly daily, on diet and lifestyle, but we should always think carefully before deciding whether or not to invest.



Rye, sweet potato and ricotta toasted sandwiches

Preparation time: 5 minutes **Cooking time:** 10 minutes **Serves:** 4

- 1 small sweet potato, washed and sliced**
- 200g low-fat ricotta cheese**
- 1 small Spanish onion, finely diced**
- 8 slices rye bread**
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves**
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced**

1. Steam sliced sweet potato in the microwave on HIGH for 5 minutes or until tender.
2. In a small bowl, combine ricotta cheese and Spanish onion. Spread the ricotta mixture over four slices of bread.
3. Top with baby spinach leaves, warm sweet potato and tomato. Place another slice of bread on top.
4. Toast sandwich in a sandwich press for 5 minutes or until golden and warmed through.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVE: 1380kJ (330cal). Protein 14g. Fat 7g. Carbohydrate 48g. Sodium 790mg. Potassium 440mg. Calcium 205mg. Iron 3mg. Fibre 8g.

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We can do better for our kids

by Julie Weslake

DO YOU DREAM OF ACHIEVING MORE FOR OUR present generation of children and teens? We can. But in order to do things better we must do them differently. How? Read on . . .

Current statistics report that young people are walking away from church in huge numbers and that many children who remain are possibly only there because their parents insist they attend or their social life is linked to the church¹. Jason Gardner comments that this may be because we are leaving the issues of discipleship too late. "Is that spiritual education we provide for our young people neither consistent enough, or rigorous enough, to provide them with the means to have a strong, stable faith in a time when there are many challenges to the authenticity and relevance of our beliefs?"² Kara Powell and Chap Clark wonder if our programs are short on listening and thoughtful engagement³.

What is Faith Shaper?

Faith Shaper is an initiative based on Scripture and incorporates some of the recent recommendations of literature and research on faith development. We have organised these as seven essential experiences under the acronym of SHAPING: Service and Mission; Homes Empowered; Authentic Relationships; Participation; Inter-generational Connections; Noteworthy Memory events and God Encounters.

When children and teens receive these seven experiences they are more likely to develop a faith that helps them stay—a faith that's deep enough, active, personal and relationally connected enough to keep growing for the rest of their lives.

Service and mission

"Each one of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

Children and teens need to be involved in serving and in responding with compassion to those less fortunate. Diana Garland in her research tells us: "As families serve together, they grip a deeper understanding of one another and God. They find their faith more resilient and meaningful. Their children develop a faith that helps them stick to the church and to their beliefs into young adulthood."⁴

Homes empowered

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your heads and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Homes are the most significant places for shaping faith. Families need to be equipped and empowered to disciple their young people from birth. Vern L Bengtson found in his research that "the single most important social influence on the religious lives of adolescents is their parents".⁵ Michelle Anthony comments that "churches are beginning to refocus their attention on the importance of spiritual formation in the home, recognising that faith is fostered and modelled".⁶

Authentic relationships

"Encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Children and teens need role models, mentors and positive peer communities. This needs to happen in the home (parents), at church (leaders and members) and at school (teachers). Children experience the world through relationships and the more positive and supportive these relationships are, the more likely it is that spiritual development will occur.

Kara Powell and Chap Clark write that parents need to ensure that their children include a 5:1 plan of having five significant adults for each child. "Through these empowering relationships your kids are able to spend time with adults who are further along in their spiritual journey."

Participation

"When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple, 'Hosanna to David's Son!' they were up in arms and took him to task. 'Do you hear what these children are saying?' Jesus said, 'Yes, I hear them. And haven't you read in God's word, 'From the mouths of children and babes I'll furnish a place of praise'" (Matthew 21:15,16).

Children need to participate in the life of the church and feel that they belong. Ivy Beckwith and David Csinos write: "To participate in the life of a faith community, children need to be a part of this community. And to be a part of this community they need to be present for its central practices and seen as active and valuable members."⁷

Intergenerational connections

"All of you are standing today in the presence of the Lord your God—your leaders and chief men, your elders and officials, and all the other men of Israel together with your children and your wives" (Deuteronomy 29:10,11).

When Moses gave his farewell address all generations were present. Scriptures assume that children are participating both in the *Baheth* or household of faith and also in the *Misbahor* or community of faith. For long lasting faith to develop they need shared experiences with all generations. God never intended that children always be segregated from the total faith community. Ivy Beckwith states that children need to rub shoulders with and learn from people with more mature faith. "Children are spiritually formed when they observe their parents and other members of the faith community, practising the worship of God."⁸

Noteworthy memory events

"In the days to come, when your children ask their fathers, 'What are these stones doing here?' tell your children this: Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry ground" (Joshua 4:21,22). The Bible shows us the importance of creating memory events. Children and teens need faith markers in their lives that powerfully reinforce the good-

ness and greatness of God. Wayne French writes that a memory event is a big enough activity so that young people "are so fully immersed . . . they will never forget it or its message".⁹ Homes and churches provide memory events when they celebrate the faith milestones and make Sabbath the best day of the week.

God encounters

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalms 119:105). "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. The sheep follow him because they know his voice (John 10:3-5).

To enable children to know God's voice and follow Him for themselves is our goal. Children encounter God through many experiences and by engaging in a variety of senses. We need to provide an environment that's rich in these experiences. Not only do they need a knowledge of God,

but to have a faith that sticks they need to build their own personal relationship with Him. They need to see their place in the big picture of the Bible and the great controversy. God's story needs to connect with their life story or it can become just another fable or exciting adventure story.

Let's make it happen!

Faith Shaper is not a program and it doesn't sit with just one

department. It's a set of experiences that should determine how all departments at every level of the Church do ministry. Dr Barry Gane in *Valuegenesis 2* found that "there is an increasing probability that young people will develop high Christian commitment, and high loyalty to the Church, if they have the benefits of effective homes, effective churches and effective Adventist schools".¹⁰ We are asking that everyone—church, home and school—study and discuss how they can implement these experiences. ↩

For more information visit <children.adventist.org.au/faith-shaper>

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A person wearing a dark blue t-shirt is holding a long, white, textured sign horizontally in front of their chest. The sign has the text "No apology for apologetics" written in a bold, teal-colored serif font. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

No apology for apologetics

by Matthew Williams

I T WAS 2007 AND EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE WAS GOING well—dream job writing for a car magazine, dream lifestyle and good friends. God decided this was the perfect time to make His presence known. And He did so in such a compelling way—through the authoritative voice of the Holy Spirit—that I had to take notice.

I told my father that I would like to come to church—a huge shock for him but a positive one. In a matter of weeks I was attending prophecy seminars and was fascinated by what I learned. I still had many questions, especially about the evolution-creation debate. However, after listening to countless videos and presentations from both sides of the argument, and through the leading of the Holy Spirit, the evidence for God made sense. I developed a trust in the Bible and accepted Jesus into my life.

But what I've found difficult to understand in the Christian world is the disregard of apologetics as an area of theology and witnessing. Many Christians appear sceptical or unsure of its usefulness. Others ask, "Do I need to prove my faith for it to be justified?" I think a large part of it comes from a misconception about the word and its meaning.

What it means

Apologetics suggests apologising for something and we normally associate an apology with something we've done wrong. And so we may well ask, "Why should I be apologising for my relationship with Jesus?" But apologetics is not about apologising; rather it's a transliteration of the Greek word *apologia* (ap-ol-og-ee-ah), meaning defence.

It's a biblical teaching that's frequently expressed in the life of Paul, who says: "The latter are motivated by love,

because they know that I have been appointed to defend the gospel" (Philippians 1:16).

In Paul's day apologetics was defined as giving defence to the accusations thrown at Christianity. Paul was no stranger to defending his faith before the philosophers and thinkers of his time. In Acts 17 we find him defending Christianity to the Athenian philosophers who raised doubts about the resurrection of Jesus.

Was apologetics a useful method of witnessing? The Bible says: "Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some [began] to sneer, but others said, 'We shall hear you again concerning this'. So Paul went out of their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them" (Acts 17:32-34).

Two thousand years later and we have a similar scenario—almost all western universities have leading educators whose philosophy and world views place incredulity upon the Bible and through these means some seek to nullify the faith of many young believers.

Ellen White states: "Because the Creator and His works are so far beyond their comprehension that they are unable to explain them by natural laws, they regard Bible history as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testaments will be led to go a step further and doubt the existence of God; and then, having lost their anchor, they are left to beat about upon the rocks of infidelity" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p 62).

Just as Paul defended the Christian faith, we too have our Pauls of today—leading defenders of Christianity within the academic world. People like Oxford mathematician

John Lennox, philosopher William Lane Craig, historian Gary Habermas and Australian Adventist academic Grenville Kent. And who can forget the writings of the great C S Lewis, who was an atheist but through the leading of the Holy Spirit gave his life to Christ and became one of the most influential Christian writers of his time.

So although the greater Christian church has distanced itself from apologetics and an intellectual or thinking faith, we clearly still have some defenders of Christianity within the public square. Is it possible that the broader Christian church, while seeking to feed primarily our emotions, has neglected the minds of many and in doing so painted a misconstrued picture to the world of what Christianity is and so, too, what faith is?

I believe one of the biggest misconceptions of Christians and Christianity today is the concept of "blind faith". When a young person starts high school or university they often come across the belief that Christians are irrational, blind and misguided, and at the heart of this belief is the misunderstanding of faith—often dubbed "blind faith". They make the mistake of not taking God's revelation seriously.

God's revelation

My mother makes the most delicious chocolate pudding. Scientific analysis can never tell you why my mum made the pudding—you would never find out unless she's prepared to reveal it to you, but if she reveals it to you that doesn't mean that you shut off your reason. In fact, you'll have to use your reason to understand the content of her revelation. Then, using your reason you will be able to determine whether or not what she revealed to you makes sense.

This is also true about God. John 20:31 states: "These things are written so that you might believe; far from being non evidence, these things were written down solely for the purpose of providing reason for people to believe that Jesus is the son of God." And Romans 10:17 says: "Faith comes by the word of God, not by blind belief."

The Bible qualifies why the Word of God is the source of faith: "In the beginning was the Word." (John 1:1) Jesus says if you've seen Me you've seen the Father. The Word is God's revelation to the world through the Person Jesus Christ, who is Himself God.

And so the Bible's claim is very interesting. We are persons made in God's image and so God has given us His revelation on a level that we can understand and that is Jesus Christ—He is a Person; we are persons.

We find in Scripture that the world around us is also part of the revelation of God: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans

1:20). And Psalm 19:1 states: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

So God has provided ample evidence in both His creation and revelation that He exists and loves us.

Defenders of the faith


Just as Paul defended Christianity in his day it's becoming more and more important for Christian young people to defend against the accusations thrown at them, while building confidence in witnessing their faith in a very hostile environment.

And just as Paul was able to influence men who "joined him and believed", we too can have a powerful influence on others through the workings of the Holy Spirit. Take, for example, the story of Dr Francis Collins, former director of the National Human Genome Research Institute:¹

"... this wonderful minister gave me his own copy of *Mere Christianity*, Lewis's slim tome that outlines the arguments leading to his conclusion that God is not only a possibility, but a plausibility. That the rational man would be more likely, upon studying the facts, to conclude that choosing to believe is the appropriate choice, as opposed to choosing not to believe.

That was a concept I was really unprepared to hear. Until then, I don't think anyone had ever suggested to me that faith was a conclusion that one could arrive at on the basis of rational thought. I, and I suspect many other scientists who've never really looked at the evidence, had kind of assumed that faith was something that you arrived at, either because it was drummed into your head when you were a little kid or by some emotional experience, or some sort of cultural pressure . . .

Finally, after about a year, I was on a trip to the northwest, and on a beautiful afternoon hiking in the Cascade Mountains, where the remarkable beauty of the creation around me was so overwhelming, I felt, 'I cannot resist this another moment. This is something I have really longed for all my life without realising it, and now I've got the chance to say yes'. So I said yes. I was 27. I've never turned back. That was the most significant moment in my life."

And so I challenge us all to be aware of what we believe and know why we believe it. Be ready to give a defence, find out what questions are asked within your own circle of peers and seek out the answers with prayer, reading and revelation from God, and watch the blessings it brings to your own faith and to those around you. 

1. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/questionofgod/voices/collins.html>

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LETTERS

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CLEAN RECORD

A E Hobbs, via website

Thank you for a thought-provoking article, "The greatest tragedy" (Feature, April 19). It brings to mind the Bible verse: "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Aside from the universal close of probation, we each will experience our own personal close of probation. For the majority of us it will come suddenly, unexpectedly; but we can have a clean record in heaven today and know that God accepts us.

MOVIE VIOLENCE

Mitchell Strahan, via website

Awesome article ("A violent culture: movies and the Bible", Opinion, April 19), and I'm glad someone wrote it.

It's the message behind the inclusion of violence—where in movies violence is glorified for its own sake and those who use it are portrayed as successful, the Bible shows that violence undoes those who employ it. The kingdom of God is one built on peace, as Paul writes, "The last enemy that shall be abolished is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26).

HEALTH PRINCIPLES

Ellen Farmer, WA

The letter "Safe Lunches" (March 1) raises some questions of concern.

Can we be really sure that "churches have absolutely no idea that they are so dangerous in feeding the morbidly obese people", while examples found in Scripture and various divinely inspired writings of Sister White regarding principles of health are

readily available?

Could it be that as a Church on the whole, we have become so accustomed to and sadly even comfortable with the ways of this world that we don't even bat an eyelid when purchasing or preparing food for Sabbath lunches?

Are we so blinded by our own appetites, passions and worldly desires that we cannot see what we are doing nor recognise the "dangerous" direction in which we are heading? Will we not be held responsible for further injuries we cause to those whom we should be leading?

Here I include myself. Praise God! He didn't give up on me. I finally saw the light. I sought His forgiveness and with His help and through following His leading, changed my lifestyle and thinking completely.

Shouldn't we (me also), who profess to know God, who purchase and prepare the food for the already sickly and the obese to choose from, take full responsibility for our actions? We may find that God requires from us an answer, rather than from our obese, free-loading friends who don't know Him.

If such "foods" were not present on our tables, how long do you think they would hang around? Could it be that we are the real problem?

CHRISTIAN AND LAW
L Hiscox, Qld

In the context of the current Sabbath School lessons it needs to be understood that a Christian chooses to observe civil laws, moral laws or any other laws as he responds to the dictates of the Spirit, and as he feels convinced that that is what Jesus would do. A Christian knows that his feeble obedience to law counts for nothing when it comes to gaining salvation.

The New Testament teaches

that salvation is a faith thing, and it is all about the work of Jesus, not about an individual's performance. Countless NT passages clearly teach that obedience to any law—civil, ceremonial, rabbinic or moral—is not what saves a person. It is faith alone in Jesus' atonement that saves anyone.

The early Christian church came into being as people embraced this truth. These brand new converts, from either a Jewish or Gentile background, entered into the new covenant experience. And those Jews who refused to accept the new way of faith made it as difficult as they could for Paul and those who taught with him.

For us today, the only safe way to develop a correct theology on law is to use the Scriptures. This quarter, as we study the lessons that again give attention to law(s), the Scriptures will prove to be the safest resource. Today there are many reliable, contemporary translations that will help the diligent student gain a correct perspective on law and begin to appreciate the freedom (from the old way) enjoyed by those early Christians.

SEARCH SCRIPTURE

Rosa, via website

In response to "Google Generation" (Editorial, March 15): Parallel to regurgitation of Google digested information is the similar misuse of Christian TV. This can be even more insidious perhaps because of a (sometimes misguided) trust of the well-known speakers.










The Bereans showed the way—in testing even Christian speakers and teachings by personal Scripture searching. Now that IS an advantage of technology—searching Scripture is faster and easier than ever. Now that IS a sensible use of Google.

Kids' Space



Three times a day Daniel kneels by an open window and prays to God. Some of Daniel's co-workers are jealous of Daniel so they try to find ways to get rid of Daniel. They convince the King to make a law that everyone must worship only the king. Daniel decides to put God first and continues to pray to God only.

MATCH THE PICTURES AND MATCH THE WORDS
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"Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God" Daniel 6:10

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Drinkall. George Drinkall and Linda Oakes were married

30.12.1963 by Pastor A S Jorgensen in Wahroonga church, NSW. Both San graduates, they have ministered in four Australian states and in North New Zealand. They celebrated their 50th anniversary quietly at home in Cooranbong.

WEDDINGS

Clark–Southern. Lewis Clark, son of Noel and Jill Clark (Hobart, Tas), and Lauren Southern, daughter of Daniel and May Southern (Bonnells Bay, NSW),

were married 12.1.14 at Inglewood Estate, Kangaroo Ground, Vic. Lewis and Lauren met at Avondale College where they were both studying to be teachers. As their friendship grew they realised that they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. Having both recently graduated from Avondale they have felt God's calling on their lives and have taken teaching positions at Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre, WA. Family and friends wish them God's blessing.

Ray Eaton, Rick Hergenhan



Laborc–Watson. Gabor Laborc, son of Gabor Laborc and

Izabella Kormendi (Tata, Hungary), and Alicia Watson, daughter of James and Ethel Watson (St Peters, Adelaide, SA), were married 9.3.14 in Trinity Gardens church. Alicia and Gabor met at a friend's home in Adelaide. Both will continue to live and work in Adelaide; Gabor as a technical assistant and Alicia as a registered nurse. May God bless you both.

Glynn Slade



Stevenson–Laughlin. Alistair Thomas Stevenson and

Priscilla Emerald Braide Laughlin were married 17.11.13 in Albury church, NSW.

Lawrence Landers

Davey, Rosemary Eveline, born 8.10.1934 in Ayr, Qld; died 2.3.14 in Victoria Point. She is survived by her brother, John Davey (Victoria Point). Rosemary was greatly loved at the Adventist Retirement Village and now sleeps awaiting the call of Jesus on the resurrection day.

Neil Tyler

Hoare, Ian Alexander, born 7.1.1960 in Emerald, Qld; died 6.2.13 in a tragic car accident in the Stanthorpe region. He is survived by his loving wife Majka (Mayka); mother-in-law, Maria; siblings, Wally, Sue, Greg, Caroline, Carleen and their families. Ian was baptised in Moree. He was a faithful servant of God and cherished member of his local church family at Stanthorpe and surrounding community. Ian wove his faith into every aspect of his life and those who were privileged to know him encountered a kind, gentle, Christ-centred man. Ian's mild, calm and gentle manner will be greatly missed in the wider community.

Trevor Mawer



Hayward, Audrey Alexia (nee Maunder), born 27.7.1921 in the family home, Te Mati, Bay of Plenty, NZ; died 4.2.14 in Sydney, NSW. Audrey's parents, Charles and Bertha, were devout

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OBITUARIES

Adams, Frieda (nee Bozger), born 28.5.1928 in Vienna, Austria; died 6.10.13 in Nelson, NZ. On 9.11.1957, she married Harry Adams who predeceased her. She is survived by their daughters, Jane, Ruth and Anne (Nelson). Frieda worked as a literature evangelist. She passed away peacefully at the Stillwater Gardens Rest Home. She loved God and anticipated Jesus' return.

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VOLUNTEER

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Adventists. In 1943, Audrey married Athol Hayward in the Tauranga church (NZ). He predeceased her in 2009. She is survived by her children and their families, Aureen, (Sydney, NSW), Elton (Port Augusta, SA), Merrill (Gold Coast, Qld), Milson (Alice Springs, NT) Derwin (Sydney, NSW); Peter and his wife, Lieda (Sydney); her grandchildren, Bianca and Yuri Dillon, Taylor, Ella and Kye Hayward; her sister, Olwyn Garne and brother, Calvin Maunder (both of Tauranga, NZ). Audrey leaves a legacy of practical Christianity expressed in her skills as a seamstress, a health presenter and as one who cared for her family and needy people, who all remember her fondly.

Alex Currie, John Pyle

Webster, Gordon Wallace, born 14.10.1922 in Dubbo, NSW; died 20.2.14 in Dubbo. On 21.7.1947, he married Margaret. He is survived by Neville and Carol Webster; Melva and Darrell Dennis, and Glenys and Calvin Reid (all of Dubbo); grandchildren, Nathan, Jordan, James, Clayton, David, Maclaren and Rowena; and great-grandchildren, Riley, Avanna,

Cooper, Jayla, Logan, Percy, Billy, Lockie, Sonny and Ailie. Gordon served his country in World War II in Papua New Guinea and Bougainville. After the war he served the Dubbo church where he held several leadership positions through the decades. He had confidence and assurance in meeting Jesus. Gordon is greatly missed by his family.

Bogdan Petrovic

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CORRECTION

Record regrets that in the Weslake–Unicomb wedding announcement (April 5) incorrect information was supplied and an “e” was inadvertently added to Unicomb.

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Serving suggestion for Nutolene

What you need:

- 1 Tbsp sunflower oil
- 3 cloves garlic – finely chopped
- 3 tsp fresh ginger – peeled and grated
- 1 Tbsp Red Thai curry paste
- 1 x 415g can Vegie Delights NUTOLENE – roughly mashed with a fork
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 packet of rice paper roll wrappers or wrap alternative.
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp desiccated coconut
- ¼ cup fresh coriander – roughly chopped
- ¼ cup fresh mint leaves – roughly chopped
- 2 spring onions – finely sliced
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 packet of rice paper roll wrappers
- 1 carrot – peeled and finely julienne sliced
- 2 cups finely shredded lettuce

1. Add oil to a large sauté pan, heat and fry garlic and ginger until fragrant and starting to colour. Add curry paste, fry for 1-2 minutes stirring continuously. Then add and sauté mashed NUTOLENE for 5 minutes till crisp and brown. Add the turmeric, brown sugar, soy sauce and coconut and heat. Pour into a large bowl and leave to cool. Once cool stir in coriander, mint, spring onion and lime juice.

2. To assemble, soak rice paper in warm water until it starts to soften. Layout on a flat surface and place a large spoonful of the spicy mix 1/3 of the way into the circle of paper. Top with shredded lettuce and carrot. Fold bottom edge of rice paper tightly over the mix. Fold left and right sides of rice paper over to make an envelope then roll into a cigar shape. Serve with sweet lime dipping sauce.

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