

NAD 2006 Teachers' Meeting

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My friends, it is time that we wake up to what is happening in our church! Liberals and non-Adventists are taking control of indoctrinating our denominational schoolteachers on all levels (church schools, academies, colleges, and universities) in academic content (what they are to teach) and methodology (how they are to teach it).

The following notes were taken by one who was in attendance at various seminar courses taught at the North American Division Teachers' Meetings in Nashville, TN in 2006.

Twenty-four seminars were held at this nationwide gathering; and teachers would rotate between seminars, so they could hear and absorb it all.

If this does not get you aroused to demand our church leaders to return to our Bible/Spirit of Prophecy-based curriculum of yesteryear, I do not know what will.

Surely, we are on the verge of the Final Crisis. God will not permit this to continue into another generation of Adventists! —vf

(1) *Getting Kids to Use Their Imagination*: Talk by a man (Dr. Cowan) who won the Disney Award. He said that the central way of thought for this New Era will be Imagination. [Think of how to do everything differently than earlier.] It will be the active, creative agent of culture, transforming brute materials to a higher, more knowable state.

(2) *Prepare Students for the Future*: Globalization, changing values. Children must learn to submit to state-defined values and loyalties, instead of traditional ones.

(3) *Brain Function*: Content is more important than facts. [Carefully select what you will teach them, weeding out facts which get in the way.]

(4) *Stages of Grief*: Kiebler Ross presented psychology. [These seminars were apparently riddled with modernist, ungodly psychiatric concepts.]

(5) *Soul Shapers*: Psychiatrist William Glasser, said that Ellen White taught his theories. (But this is blasphemy.)

(6) *Powerful Ways to Cool Off Stress*: Eight ways discussed (including self-hypnosis).

(7) *Cognitive-Genesis*: The importance of “coming together.” (The word, Genesis, has become a Jesuit code word; it means coming together in a Cos-

mic Oneness.)

(8) *Skills for a Diverse Environment*: The need to teach far different skills than we have in the past.

(9) *Democratic Classrooms*: Teachers are the “Now Facilitators.” (This is another Glasser inspired concept.)

(10) *The Heart-Brain Learning*: (More psychology.)

(11) *Social Studies and Values*: Teaching values through Social Studies. [“Values education” means adapting to what others believe; that is, relative values and morals.]

(12) *No Child Left Behind*: The current political push in America.

(13) *To Convert an Adventist School to One that is “Educational”*: (Is there anything left of Adventist education after they get through this one?)

(14) *Birth Order*: (This was more on psychology.)

(15) *Brain Friendly Power Points*: Fifteen things that will enhance memory when doing presentations. (Need to bypass the conscious mind.)

(16) *Effective School Ingredients*: (Do away with the old, and bring in more Glasser.)

(17) *Quality Schools*: Kelly Bock. (Based on the book in which moral absolutes are done away with.)

(18) *Drama in the Classroom*: Jesus used drama, so we should use theatricals also.

(19) *Seven Spiritual Lessons from the Game of Solitaire*: Card games can help teach the children important lessons, and improve memory.

(20) *Cellular Memory*: (This one was about strengthening memory at the subconscious level.)

(21) *Graying the Child Away with Absolutes*: Presentation by Dr. Glasser. (His point was that if you teach absolute values and principles, you prematurely make old people out of children.)

(22) *The Old Order Changeth*: What would God do in various situations? (How would they know! The new world order is coming in.)

(23) *Anchor Points*: (“Anchoring” is a type of hypnosis.)

(24) *Ellen White User Friendly*: How to “simplify” what she says. (The new teachers are becoming change agents and facilitators, rather than teaching facts and plain old-fashioned learning. Brainwashing has entered Adventist schools. Where will it take us?)

Islamic Redeemer Soon to Return

According to Islamic legend, the 24th Inman (the “hidden Inman”) disappeared centuries ago.

Here is the superstition, as believed by millions of Shi'a Muslims, and taught by their religious leaders:

This Inman mysteriously disappeared, because Allah took him and has hidden him ever since. This Inman is now waiting on a cloud, and will return. But, just before he does, Allah will send Jesus to mediate on behalf of the hidden Inman. He will tell the world they need to accept this Inman when he comes. Then the Inman will return to earth and help teach his people more light.

The Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, believes that this 24th Inman is going to return very soon. In order to prepare for it, he has rebuilt a temple in Iran for him to return to.

Does this superstition have any significance for us? It surely does!

We know that, during the Final Crisis, Satan will appear as Christ and will perform seeming miracles. He will announce to the world that He did indeed change the Bible Sabbath to Sunday; that all peoples everywhere should observe it; and that increasing disasters in the world are sent by God, who is offended that the small group of Sabbathkeepers refuse to keep the Sunday sacred by worshipping God on that day.

This “hidden Inman” theory was probably devised by Satan centuries ago; so that, at the end-time, he could use it to his advantage in bringing the entire Muslim world into Sundaykeeping.

Various Protestant groups are also expecting the return of Christ very soon. They will not be surprised when he lands on earth, and then assures them that Sunday truly is the Sabbath.

Here are several statements about this appearance of Satan:

“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour’s advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld.”—*Great Controversy*, 624.

“Satan came as an angel of light in the wilderness of temptation to deceive Christ; and he does not come to man in a hideous form, as he is sometimes represented, but as an angel of light. He will come personating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles; and men will fall down

and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify as Christ. What shall we do?—Tell them that Christ has warned us against just such a foe, who is man’s worst enemy, yet who claims to be God; and that, when Christ shall make His appearance, it will be with power and great glory, accompanied by ten thousand times ten thousand angels and thousands of thousands; and that when He shall come, we shall know His voice.”—*Review*, December 18, 1888; *6 Bible Commentary*, 1105-1106.

“His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion.”—*Great Controversy*, 624.

“You know that Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, pretending to be the great medical missionary. He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God. We must stand barricaded by the truths of the Bible. The canopy of truth is the only canopy under which we can stand safely.”—*Medical Ministry*, 87-88; *Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 6, page 33*.

“But the people of God will not be misled. The teachings of this false christ are not in accordance with the Scriptures. His blessing is pronounced upon the worshipers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the Bible declares that God’s unmingled wrath shall be poured out.”—*Great Controversy*, 625.

“A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama—Satan coming as Christ, and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect.

“Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.”—*8 Testimonies*, 28.

Children in Homosexual Homes

Nine states allow openly gay and lesbian couples to adopt: California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin. Homosexual singles can adopt children in Mississippi.

In addition, in divorce cases the courts frequently award custody of one or more of the children to the homosexual parent.

Gay rights activists claim that children raised in homosexual homes are just as happy and do just as well as in heterosexual homes.

But research findings tell a far different story:

THE PARENTS IN SUCH HOMES

Homosexuals are more apt to be sexually involved with children. The only random-sample survey addressing parent-child molestations found adults reported sex with homosexual parents many times more frequently (*Homosexual Parents, Adolescence 1996; 31:757-776*).

In 1997-2002 in Illinois, 34% of officially recorded molestations by foster parents were committed by homosexuals (*Child Molestations by Homosexual Foster Parent:1997-2002, Psychological Reports 2005; 96:227-230*).

Such parents more frequently test as mentally disturbed; and they are more inclined to change jobs, residents, and partners (*Homosexual Sex as Harmful as Drug Abuse, Prostitution or Smoking, Psychological Reports 2005; 96-915-961*).

Because of their greatly shortened life spans, they often orphan their young (*The Longevity of Homosexuals: Before and After the AIDS Epidemic, Omega, 1994; 29:249-272*).

Their many diseases risk the health of children in the household, especially to maladies like hepatitis A and B that can be transmitted casually.

They encourage their children to engaged in homosexuality—with a high rate of success (*Children of Homosexuals and Transsexuals More Apt to Be Homosexual, Journal of Biosocial Science 2006; 38:413-418*).

The other homosexuals they associate with add additional exposure to a dangerous lifestyle, as well as a sexual threat to the children in the home.

THE CHILDREN IN SUCH HOMES

Children in homosexual homes are acutely aware of the many problems they encounter in that environment. Two lesbian researchers interviewed

children from 52 gay families. These children, selected by their gay parents, knew that what they said would be known to their parent. Yet even with this biased sample, under circumstances impelling them to give rosy accounts, children mentioned one or more problems in 92% of the families (*Children of Homosexual Parents Report Childhood Difficulties, Psychological Reports 2002; 90:71-82*).

Parental homosexuality was implicated in 94% of the 213 recorded problems, including violence in the household, sexual molestation, and difficulties with parental partner-changing.

Children raised in homosexual homes are less apt to do well in school or to be well-adjusted (*Numbers of Homosexual Parents Living with Their Children, Psychological Reports, 2004; 94:179-188*).

Such children are more apt to engage in homosexual activity (*Children of Homosexuals and Transsexuals More Apt to Be Homosexual, Journal of Biosocial Science 2006; 38:413-418*).

Those children are less apt to marry and have children of their own (*The Children of Homosexual and Heterosexual Single Mothers, Child Psychiatry & Human Development 1993; 23:235-248*).

SOME FIRSTS TO CONSIDER

The first child to be placed with a pair of openly homosexual foster parents in Washington, D.C., committed suicide at the age of 30 (*Washington Blade, October 28, 1988*).

The first homosexual couple in New Jersey to become adoptive parents (of a 3-year-old boy) died before the child turned six (*Washington Blade, September 16, 1992*).

In California, the first person with AIDS to be granted full custody of a child died 7 months after the court decision (*Washington Blade, February 10, 1989*).

The first gay permitted to adopt in California, was later charged with molesting a foster son in 1984 (*Associated Press, September 28, 1984*).

Carolyn Conrad and Kathleen Peterson, who entered into the nation's first same-sex civil union on July 1, 2000, officially split up. Conrad, 35, filed to end the union in October 2006 and later obtained a restraining order against her partner, saying Peterson punched a hole in the wall during an argument and threatened to harm a friend (*New York Times, October 23, 2006*).

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CHURCH FUNDING KEEPS DROPPING

The new theology invaded our denomination over 25 years ago, as liberal pastors and future church executives graduated from our colleges and from Andrews, where they had been taught the various errors their professors were trained into during their doctoral programs at secular, Protestant, and Catholic universities.

The basic new theology teaching is that it is all right to sin and be saved. Along with this comes the notion that it is also all right to have variant beliefs and lowered personal standards. Lacking submission and obedience to God, such church members lack assurance of His presence; and so they gradually fall further and further into worldliness.

Among other things, this crisis has led to a reduction in the giving of tithes and offerings for several reasons: *First*, when the faithful believers who determined to remain with our historic beliefs and standards protested, they were gradually shoved out by their liberal pastors. As they went, they took their donations with them.

Second, many of those who remained so thoroughly enjoyed this new sense of “freedom” to be able to enjoy more of the pleasures of the world while remaining on the church books. They recognized that sinning was all right—because the fact that their names were on the church rolls ensured that they would be saved.

Third, it was discouraging when the faithful realized that sizeable amounts of tithe money were being used to salary new theology ministers, and fund trademark lawsuits against faithful believers.

It is an intriguing fact that the new theology has not yet penetrated South Korea; and it, alone, among the advanced nations, pays a large (70%) tithe!

Here are selected quotations from official October 2003 sources which you will find of interest:

“Since the 1970s, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has seen its tithe drop 75%, per capita, adjusted for inflation, says Benjamin C. Maxson, stewardship director for the Seventh-day Adventist world church. **About 30% of Adventist Church members worldwide give tithe.**

“Tithing is related to spirituality, says Maxson. ‘All our studies show that a majority don’t have an assurance of salvation and do not have a walk with God—no daily devotions,’ he says, citing the Value Genesis study conducted in the late 1980s, in 1993, and again in 2002.

“In the 1970s, 70% to 80% of members attended church regularly and 65% tithed. Now 45% to 50% of members regularly attend church and 30% tithe,

according to Maxson.

“Roy Ryan, an associate treasurer for the Adventist world church, points out **the spiritually dedicated Adventists in Korea.** As a church employee there in the mid-1990s, **he says the tithing rate was about 70%. ‘It’s always been one of the most faithful areas of the church.** It’s a praying church.’

“Annually, the tithe brings the Adventist Church US\$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion, says Maxson.”—*Adventist News Network, Silver Spring, Maryland, October 28, 2003.*

“As General Conference treasurer Robert Lemon presented his annual report to the GC Executive Committee, **he projected that the GC would be operating at a projected \$3 million loss in 2004** and further losses of \$5 million for 2006.

“Lemon said that these projections were compounded by 9-11, escalating insurance costs, **and a decline in world mission offerings, which fell from \$46.4 to \$45 million in the past year.**

“Of the decline in world mission giving, Lemon observed, ‘I believe we have failed to properly communicate the needs and the tremendous importance of the mission offerings.’

“Lemon ended his presentation with a challenge to all: **‘The Lord’s work is going to be finished. The questions are these: Are we going to be a part of it? Are we going to do our part?’**

“Undertreasurer Steven G. Rose later presented more specific numbers, including a review of financial trends, the September 30, 2003 financial statement, and the the proposed world budget for 2004.

“Rose noted that **this year’s actual expenses will exceed the GC’s 2003 world budget by \$3.1 million.**

“The Annual Council voted the church’s first deficit budget in recent years. The 2004 world budget listed expenses at \$118,222,507 with income of \$115,083,730.

“Lemon said, **‘If we don’t turn things around in a year or two, we may have to look at major restructuring.’**

“Former GC treasurer, Robert Rawson, expressed concerns over accounts receivable from the institutions, which he categorized as a ‘precipitous increase’ [of non-payments]. **‘It is increasingly more difficult to collect accounts receivable from other church entities,’** he said, adding that **‘there is a growing tendency to put the church last.’**”—*Jonathan Gallagher, United Nations GC Liaison Director, Report from Annual Council, Adventist Review, October 31, 2003.* —*vf*