



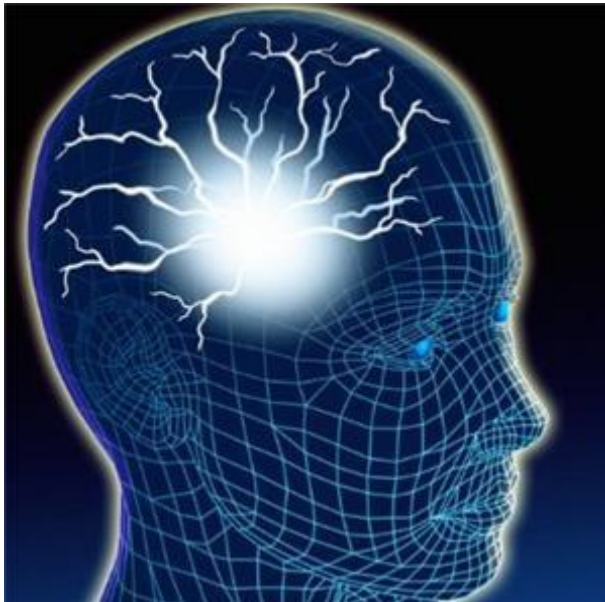
The Brain Nerves: The Best Electrical Communication System

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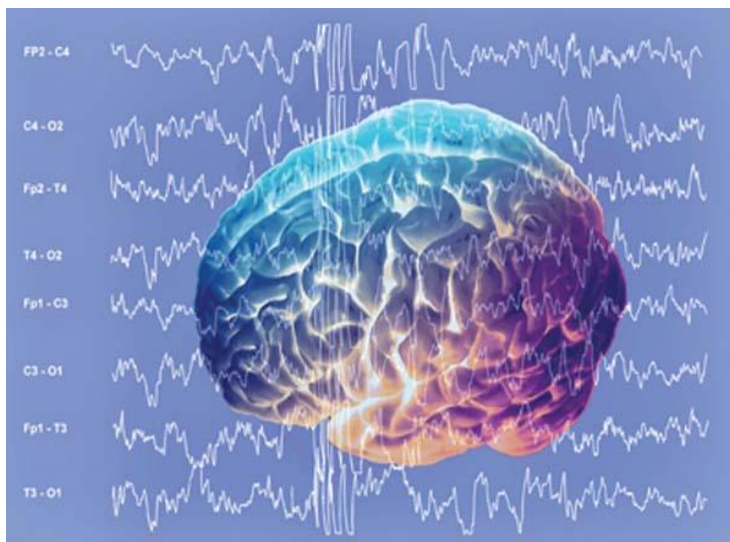
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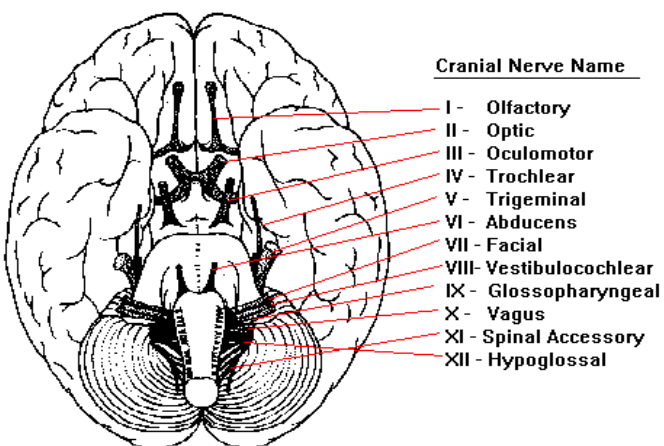
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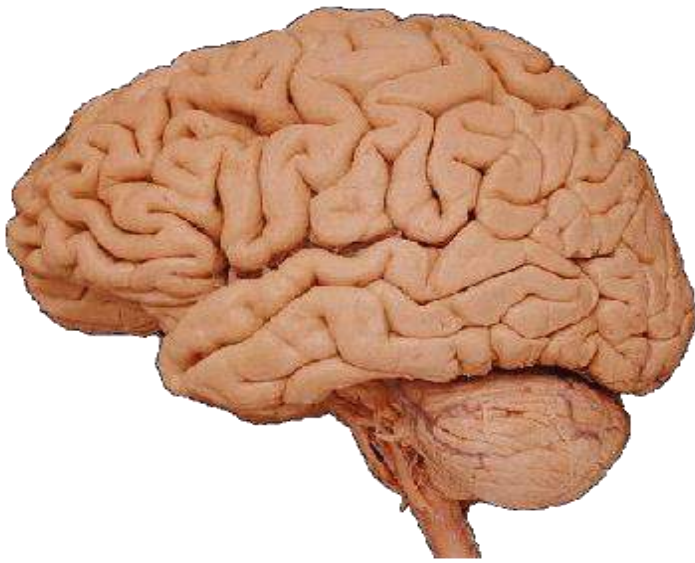
Electrical Current through the Brain Nerves



Alpha Waves



12 Pairs of Brain Nerves



The Human Brain

The living human brain is a soft, shiny, grayish white, mushroom-shaped structure. Encased within the skull, it is a 3-pound (1.4-kilogram) mass of nerve tissue that keeps us alive and functioning. On average, the brain weighs 13.7 ounces (390 grams) at birth, and by age 15 grows to approximately 46 ounces (1,300 grams). The human brain is composed of 12 pairs of cranial brain nerves and up to one trillion nerve cells. One hundred billion of these are neurons, and the remainder are supporting (glial) cells.

The Brain Nerves: The Best Electrical Communication System

"Do you know you are the temple of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit wants to dwell in you." 1 Corinthians 3:16

"God requires the body to be rendered a living sacrifice to Him, not a dead or dying sacrifice. The offering of the ancient Hebrews were to be without blemish, and will it be pleasing to God to accept human offering that is filled with disease and corruption? He tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost; and He requires us to take care of this temple, that it may be a fit habitation for His Spirit." Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 20, 21.

Purpose of this Study

- To prove that the brain nerves are under attack, doomed to destruction.
- To establish the important role of the brain nerves and the only sure way to restore and protect them.

Introduction

"The brain nerves which communicate with the entire system are the only medium through which heaven was to communicate with man and affect his inmost life."

Education p. 209

The Designer of the human brain and its twenty-four nerves (12 pairs) had a special way of communicating with man at his creation but when man chose to serve another master, this communication system was sabotaged by the enemy. But the Chemist of the mind offers a plan to restore the communication through the brain nerves and still fulfill His glorious purpose in the education of the human race.

In order to establish this important plan, 3 major aspects must be considered:

- A. Why was man created and how was His Maker communicating with him?
- B. What were the consequences of his separation from His Maker?
- C. What is His plan of restoration?

"In order to understand what is comprehended in the work of education, we need to consider both the nature of man and the purpose of God in creating him. We need to consider also the change in man's condition through the coming in of a knowledge of evil, and God's plan for still fulfilling His glorious purpose in the education of the human race." Education, p. 14

1. Why was man created and how was his Maker communicating with him.
2. Consequences of man separation from His Maker.
3. Solutions to renew the connection
4. When are we fully like Jesus?

Part I. Brain Nerves: The Best Electrical Communication System

Why man was created?

1. Man was to resemble God in character
2. Man was to be sovereign of the earth
3. Man's character was to be developed through the exercise of choice
4. Man's will was to govern his body through the brain nerves
5. Man's mind was designed with two distinct centers
6. Man was to communicate with God through the higher center of the mind
7. Man was to be a living temple

1. Man was to resemble God in character

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Genesis 1:26

THE CROWNING ACT OF GOD

"Man was the crowning act of the creation of God, made in the image of God and designed to be a counterpart of God." Review and Herald June 18, 1899

2. Man was to be sovereign of the earth

"And God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1:28

GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE

"He was placed as God's representative, over the lower orders of being. They cannot understand or acknowledge the sovereignty of God, yet they were made capable of loving and serving man. The psalmist says, "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands, thou hast put all things under his feet,... the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air,... and whatsoever passeth through the seas... Unlimited control was given them over every living thing." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 45, 50

3. Man's character was to be developed through the exercise of choice

"And the Lord God commanded the man saying, of every tree of the garden you may freely eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you shall eat thereof you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16, 17

POWER OF CHOICE

"God might have created them without the power to transgress His requirements; but in that case there could have been no development of character; their servitude would have been forced. Therefore He gave them the power of choice--- the power to yield or to withhold obedience." Education, p. 23

4. Man's will was to govern his body through the brain nerves

"Know you not that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the price? So run that you may obtain. And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things... I therefore so run, not as uncertainty; so fight I, not as one that beat the air: but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection..." 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

ALL THE PHYSICAL ORGANS ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE MIND

"All the physical organs are the servants of the mind, and the nerves are the messengers that transmit its orders to every part of the body, guiding the motions of the living machinery." Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 426

5. Man's mind was designed with two distinct centers

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5

MAN WAS IN HARMONY WITH THE WILL OF GOD

"Man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his appetites and passions were under the control of reason." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 45

HIGHER CENTRE TO RULE OVER THE LOWER CENTRE

"The body is to be brought into subjection. The higher powers of the being are to rule. The passions are to be controlled by the will, which is itself to be under the control of God. The kingly power of reason, sanctified by divine grace, is to bear sway in our lives." Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 73, 74

6. Man was to communicate with God through the higher center of the mind

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4: 23

THE MIND CONTROLS THE MAN

"We are God's workmanship, and His word declares that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." He has prepared this living habitation for the mind; it is "curiously wrought," a temple which the Lord himself has fitted up for the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. The mind controls the whole man. All our actions, good or bad, have their source in the mind. It is the mind that worships God, and allies us to heavenly beings." Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 425

THE PHYSICAL ORGANS ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE MIND

"All the physical organs are the servants of the mind and the nerves are the messengers that transmit its orders to every part of the body, guiding the motions of the living machinery... The harmonious action of all the parts, - brain, bone and muscle, - is necessary to the full and healthful development of the entire human organism." Fundamental of Christian Education, p. 426

GOD COMMUNICATES WITH MAN THROUGH THE BRAIN NERVES

"The brain nerves that connect with the whole system are the only medium through which heaven communicates with man and affects the inmost life." Education p. 209

7. Man was to be a living temple

"Do you know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17

GOD WANTS TO DWELL IN HUMANITY

"From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple. God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul.

But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin, - from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul." Desire of Ages, p. 161

Conclusion Part I

"If Adam, at his creation, had not be endowed with twenty times as much vital force as men now have, the race, with their present habits of living in violation of nature law, would have become extinct." Man was created with a perfect body, mind, and character.

Man's mind was created with a lower and a higher center, functionally interrelated. The lower center near the base of the skull, the cerebellum area, was to be the seat of passion, appetite and desire and was closely related to the glandular functions of the body. The higher center of the forebrain was identified with the more sensitive mental activities such as reason, conscience and intellect. It is where the moral and spiritual qualities of the character are believed to originate.

The higher center of the mind was not only the control center for man's entire being, but it was also to serve as the center through which God communicated with man. This was accomplished through the 24 brain nerves (12 pairs): "The brain nerves that connect with the whole system are the only medium through which heaven communicates with man and affects the inmost life." Education p. 209

Heaven's communication with man took place through the higher centers of the mind and activated the will. The will then, transmitted the heavenly messages through the nerve channels to all parts of man's being and brought the physical organs and passions into harmony with God's will and to all the faculties.

God directed man in such way that the Holy Spirit's control of his being did not in any way detract from the freedom of his will. Man was created with a dependent nature and continual communication was essential to the integrated function of his being and the development of his character which was subject to infinite expansion. Although entirely free to choose whether or not he would continue to be a temple through which God could reveal Himself, when man chose to separate himself from God, he lost this freedom of self-direction."

Explanation

- **12 Pairs of Brain Nerves**

"The brain nerves that connect with the whole system are the only medium through which heaven communicates with man and affects his inmost life." Education p. 209

The 12 pairs of Brain Nerves are connected to the 5 Senses:

1. **Hearing:** VIII
2. **Smell:** I
3. **Touch:** V
4. **Sight:** II, III, IV, VI
5. **Taste:** V, VII, IX, X, XI, XII

- **31 Pairs of Body Nerves: Connected to the 11 Systems of the body**

"The will is the governing power in the nature of man bringing all other faculties under his sway. It is through the nerves that the orders of the will are to communicate with the various parts of the body and there are arbitrarily carried out... **Whatever hinders** the circulation of the **electric current in the nervous system** thus weakening the vital powers and lessening mental susceptibility makes it more difficult to arouse the moral nature." Education, p. 209, 289

The 31 pairs of Spinal Body Nerves take their origins from the Spinal Cord and are named according to the Vertebrae: 8 cervical, 12 thoracic, 5 lumbar, 5 sacral and 1 coccygeal. Almost all humans are born with 33 separate vertebrae. By adulthood, most have only 24. This is due to the fusion of the vertebrae in certain parts of the spine during normal development. Different textbooks give different answers to this question. The confusion comes from the fact that the two lowest vertebrae -- the sacrum and the coccyx -- are each one bone, but they are made up from smaller bones fused together.

There are 24 separate vertebrae; then there is the sacrum, which is formed from 5 fused vertebrae; and finally the coccyx, which is formed from between 3-5 fused vertebrae. Therefore, if the coccyx and sacrum are each classed as one vertebra, then there are 26 vertebrae. If the fused vertebrae are all counted separately, then there are **32-34 vertebrae**.

- **11 Systems are made up of Organs: (See File 10 www.numbers1317.org)**

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nervous | 7. Digestive |
| 2. Integumentary | 8. Urinary |
| 3. Muscular | 9. Reproduction |
| 4. Skeletal | 10. Endocrine |
| 5. Respiratory | 11. Lymphatic |
| 6. Cardio-Vascular | |

8 Laws of Health

TEST TO WARN THE PEOPLE

Trust in God



Exercise



Sunshine



Temperance



Water



Air



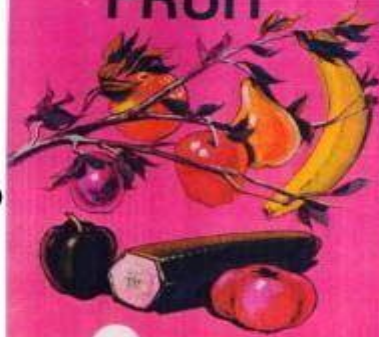
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Nutrition FRUIT NUTS VEG. GRAIN

4 Food Groups

FRUIT



Vitamins
~
Carbohydrates
(Monosaccharides)

NUTS



Proteins
(Amino Acids)
~
Lipids
(Fatty Acids)



Minerals
~
Carbohydrates

VEGETABLE

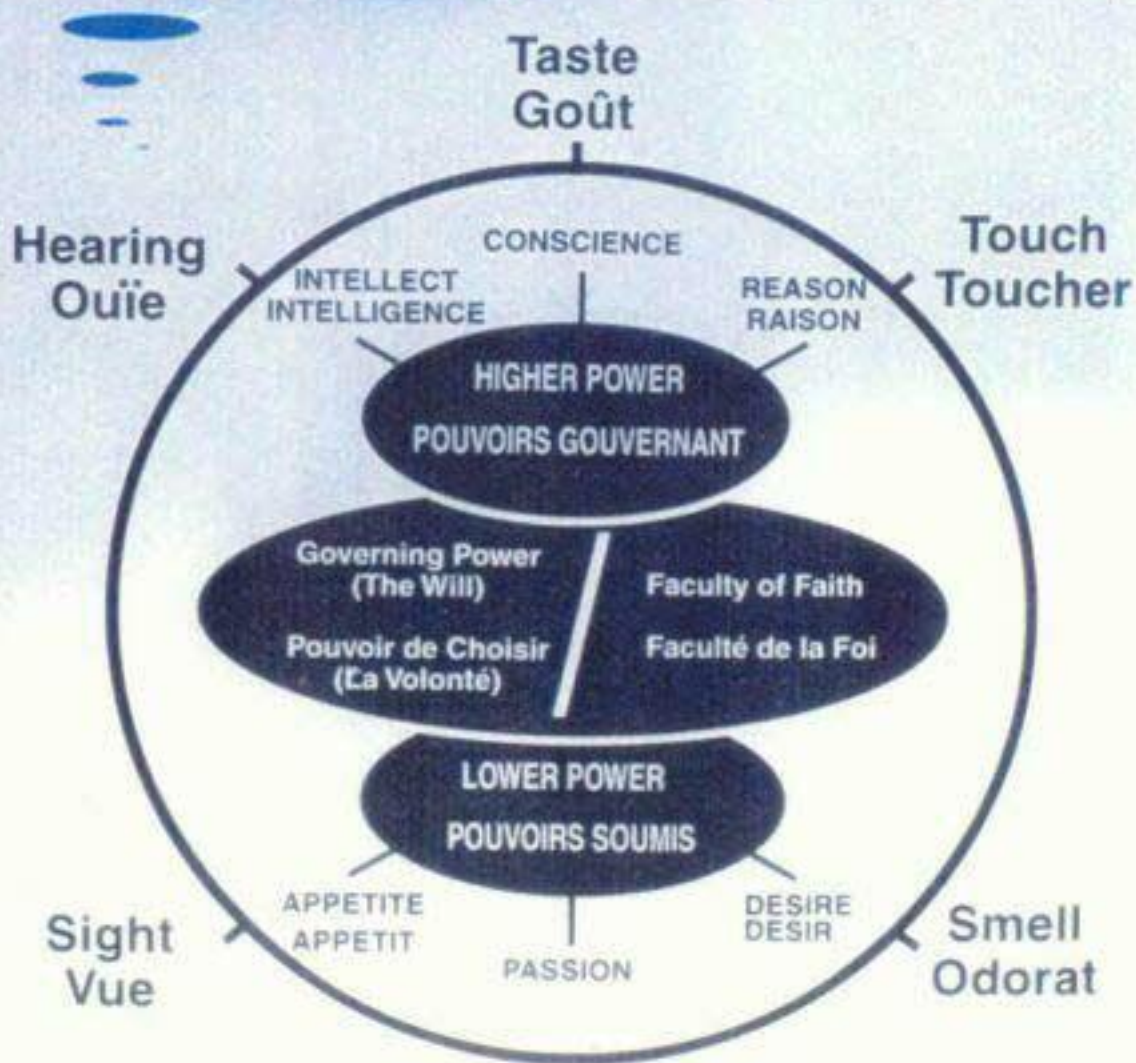


Carbohydrates
~
Vitamins

GRAINS

Man's 2 natures · outward & inward
2 natures de l'homme · extérieure & intérieure

Perfect Mind
Pensée Parfaite



Before Adam sinned, his higher power controlled his lower power.

Part II. Brain Nerves Under Attack

After the fall "the nerves became the channels for Satan's electric currents by which he cast his spell over the bodies and souls of men." Evangelism, p. 609

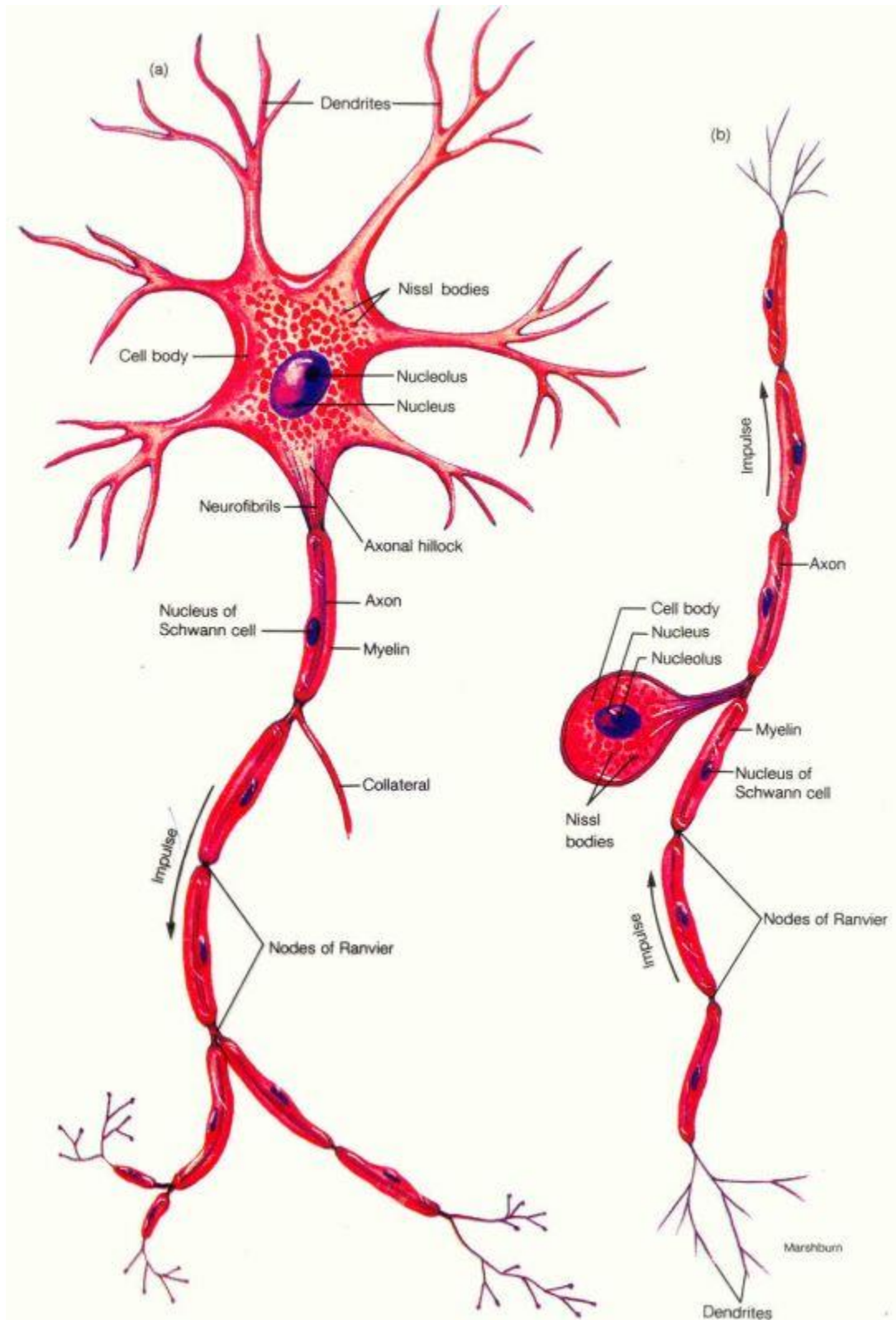
Nerves Communication with Body Organs

"The violation of physical law and the consequence, human suffering, have so long prevailed that men and women look upon the present state of sickness, suffering, debility, and premature death as the appointed lot of humanity...The vital forces have been greatly weakened by the indulgence of appetite and lustful passion." Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 23

Nerve Pathway Complex

"From all parts of the body, messages are sent to the brain along a series of nerve cells. Recently it has been discovered that a small growth appears on the end of the sending fibre of the nerve cell each time a thought action is repeated. Thus it enlarges so that it becomes easier to repeat that same thought or action. The sobering thought, then, is that every thought, feeling, or act repeated is producing physical and chemical changes in our nerve pathways, either to bless or curse us when these changes have been strongly established. It seems that habits form in the brain a permanent pathway that probably can never be erased. Habits can be changed, but only by developing other habits that are stronger than those a person wishes to overcome." Dr. Chalmers, Insight Magazine

Nerve Cell



Electrical Measurement of the Membranes (Tissue of Muscles or Nerves)

"God endowed man with so great vital force that he has withstood the accumulation of disease brought upon the race in consequence of perverted habits, and has continued for six thousand years. This fact of itself is enough to evidence to us the strength and electrical energy that God gave to man at his creation. It took more than two thousand years of crime and indulgence of base passions to bring bodily disease upon the race to any great extent. If Adam, at his creation, had not be endowed with twenty times as much vital force as men now have, the race, with their present habits of living in violation of nature law, would have become extinct." Testimonies Vol. 3, p. 138, 139

"Electrical measurements indicate that the inside of the membrane (of muscle or nerve) becomes +30 mV with respect to the outside. Thus, the potential inside the membrane changes from -70mV to 0 mV to +30 mV."

God endowed man at creation with 20 times as much vital force as man now has:
 $20 \times 30 \text{ mV} = 600 \text{ mV}$ of vital force at creation.

Drugs of any kind hinder the circulation of the electric current in the nervous system.



Part II. Consequences of Man Separation From God

1. Man became the habitation of demons
2. Man's faculties were perverted
3. Man's lower nature rules the higher
4. Man's sinful mind is characterized by selfishness
5. Man inherits a sinful nature

1. Man became the habitation of demons

"And all the devils besought Him, saying, "Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them." And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place and into the sea (they were about two thousand), and were choked in the sea." Mark 5: 2, 6-13

SATAN TOOK POSSESSION OF MAN

"Satanic agencies took possession of men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, became the habitation of demons. **The senses, the nerves, the organs of men were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust.** The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which men were possessed." Ministry of Healing, p. 142

NERVES UNDER THE CONTROL OF DEMONS

"Imagination and **nerves** have been under the control of demons" Testimonies Vol. 3, p. 417

SATAN INFLUENCES THE MIND

"Satan is continually seeking to influence human minds by his subtle arts. His is a mastermind, given of God, but **prostituted** with all its noble capabilities to oppose and to make of no effect the counsels of the Most High." Mind, Character and Personality, Vol. 1, p. 18

2. Man's faculties were perverted

"And Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him." Genesis 4:5-8

"It was through disobedience to God's requirements that these powers were perverted; the affections were misplaced, and turned from the high and holy purpose to a lower aim and to meet a lower standard... Originally man's affections were in perfect obedience to God's will; but they have been perverted, misused, and degenerated by disobedience...The faculties... have been warped in a wrong direction" Review and Herald, March 1, 1887, p. 129

3. Man's lower nature rules the higher

"For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do, I approve not. For what I would do, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do.... For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Romans 7: 14-23

THROUGH INTEMPERANCE MAN BECOMES PLAYTHINGS FOR THE ENEMY

"Man, through yielding to Satan's temptations to indulge intemperance, brings the higher faculties in subjection to the animal appetites and passions, and when these gain the ascendancy, man, who was created a little lower than the angels, with faculties susceptible of the highest cultivation, surrenders to the control of Satan. And he gains easy access to those who are in bondage to appetite. Through intemperance, some sacrifice one half, and others two thirds, of their physical, mental, and moral powers, and become playthings for the enemy." Temperance, p. 146

SINCE THE FALL MAN'S WILL IS IN BONDAGE TO SATAN

"You must remember that your will is the spring of all your actions. This will, that forms so important a factor in the character of man, was at the Fall given into the control of Satan; and he has ever since been working in man to will and to do of his own pleasure, but to the utter ruin and misery of man." Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 515

4. Man's sinful mind is characterized by selfishness

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, but have not charity, I am nothing. Charity.... And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SELFISHNESS TOOK THE PLACE OF LOVE

"The transgression of God's law brought woe and death in its train. Through disobedience man's powers were perverted, and selfishness took the place of love. His nature became so weakened that it was impossible for him to resist the power of evil; and the tempter saw being fulfilled his purpose to thwart the divine plan of man's creation and fill the earth with misery and desolation. Men had chosen a ruler who chained them to his car as captives." Counsels to Teachers, p. 33

5. Man inherits a sinful nature

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.... Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.... Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Psalm 51: 1 - 13

MAN'S NATURE HAS A BENT TO EVIL HE CANNOT RESIST ALONE

"Not only intellectual but spiritual power, a perception of right, a desire for goodness, exists in every heart. But against these principles there is struggling an antagonistic power. The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent to evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist. To withstand this force, to attain that ideal which in his inmost soul he accepts as alone worthy, he can find help in but one power. That power is Christ. Cooperation with that power is man's greatest need." Education, p. 29

UNNATURAL CRAVINGS, SENSUAL IMPULSES, INHERITANCE BY BIRTH

"You must hold fast to those whom you are trying to help, else victory will never be yours. They will be continually tempted to evil. Again and again they will be almost overcome by the craving for strong drink; again and again they may fall; but do not, because of this, cease your efforts. They have decided to make an effort to live for Christ; but their will power is weakened, and they must be carefully guarded by those who watch for souls as they that must give an account. They have lost their manhood, and this they must win back. Many have to battle against strong hereditary tendencies to evil. Unnatural cravings, sensual impulses, were their inheritance from birth. These must be carefully guarded against. Within and without, good and evil are striving for the mastery. Those who have never passed through such experiences cannot know the almost overmastering power of appetite or the fierceness of the conflict between habits of self-indulgence and the determination to be temperate in all things. Over and over again the battle must be fought." Ministry of Healing, p. 173

CONCLUSION PART II

After his separation from his Maker, man did not cease to be a temple but instead, as he chose to become independent from the Holy Spirit, he became a habitation of demons. By submitting his will to Satan and following his direction, man's character of love was replaced by a self-centered character like the character of his new master.

Satan who understood the laws governing the operation of man's mind, immediately took possession of the very channel God had designed to use for communicating with man for the complete, connected and harmonious development of his faculties. Consequently, after man submitted his will to him "the brain nerves fell under the control of demons and became the channel for Satan's electric currents by which he casts his spells over the body and souls of men."

"Refusing to follow in the path of obedience, they transferred their allegiance to Satan. The enemy rejoiced in his success in effacing the divine image from the minds of the people that God has chosen as His representatives." Fundamentals of Christian Education, p, 499. Thus Satan took over the brain nerves and brought disharmony, perversion and destruction. Man became affected and infected by sin: this was his new carnal nature! The lower powers were now governing the higher powers.

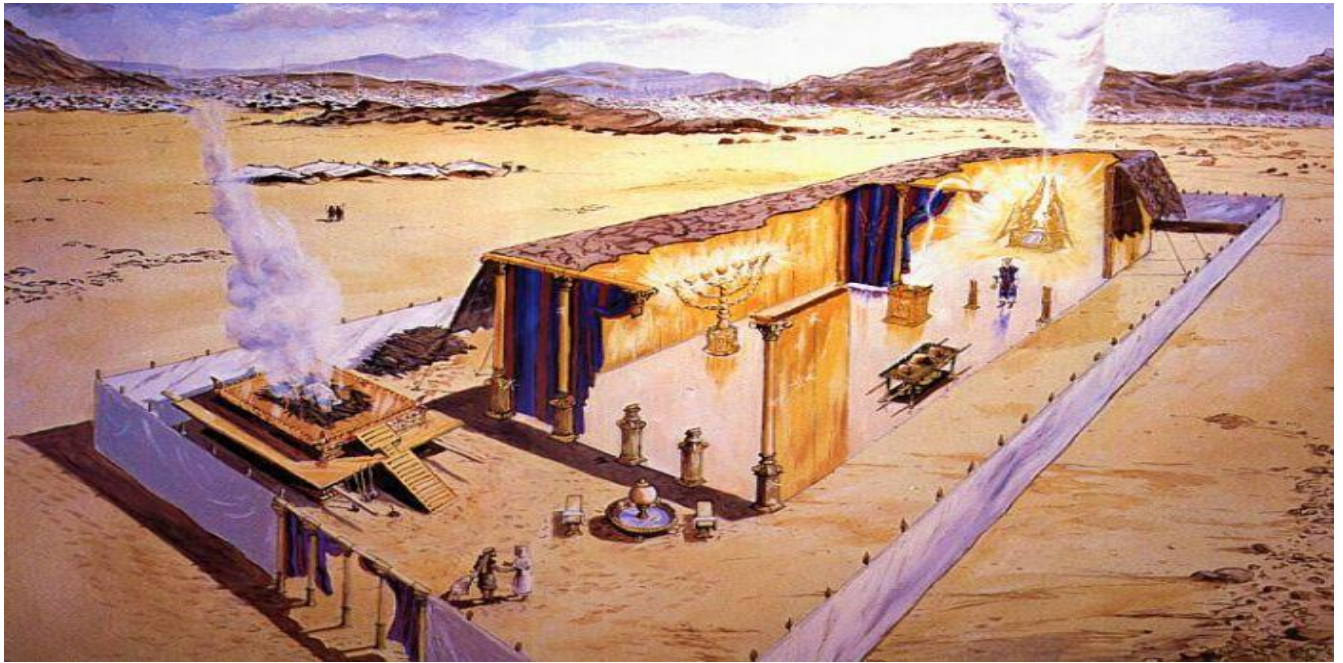
Man's nature and faculties were so completely perverted by this new unholy connection resulting from his own choice, that his offspring inherited a perverted, sinful nature. Adam's first son Cain, killed his brother Abel: first generation of dysfunctional family. It was natural for Cain to follow his depraved inclinations and passions in subjecting the higher center of his mind to the lower. **Sin had brought a change of relationship which caused a perversion of faculties, rather than a transaction in which certain holy faculties were exchanged for unholy faculties.**



Because of sin, man's lower power now controls his higher power.

Part III. Brain Nerves Under Repair

"The mighty energies of the Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, and transforming power, may fall like an electric shock on the palsy-stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness." Testimonies, Vol. 5 p. 267



SOLUTIONS TO RENEW THE CONNECTION WITH HIS DESIGNER:

1. Our Advocate chose to accept a fallen human nature but not its perversion of
2. character: He was affected by sin but never was He infected by it
3. Our Savior overcame by uniting His will with His Heavenly Father's will
4. Man may overcome by uniting his will with His Heavenly Father's will
5. Man's lower nature is to be in subjection to the new higher nature
6. Revival and Reformation means temperance: the only way to real victory
7. Sanctification is a process of a lifetime: the work of the Early Rain
8. Supreme Love is the great binder

1. Our Advocate chose to accept a fallen human nature but not its perversion of character:
He was affected by sin but never was He infected by it

"Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." Hebrews 2: 14-18

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1: 4, 5

DEFINITION OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL

"Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil." Education, p. 26

SIN DIMS THE SPIRITUAL VISION

"Every impure thought defiles the soul, impairs the moral sense, and tends to obliterate the impressions of the Holy Spirit. It dims the spiritual vision, so that men cannot behold God. The Lord may and does forgive the repenting sinner; but though forgiven, the soul is marred. All impurity of speech or of thought must be shunned by him who would have clear discernment of spiritual truth." Desire of Ages, p. 302

SIN DERANGES THE WHOLE HUMAN ORGANISM AND PERVERTS THE MIND

"The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. Through sin the whole human organism is deranged, the mind is perverted, the imagination corrupted. Sin has degraded the faculties of the soul. Temptations from without find an answering chord within the heart, and the feet turn imperceptibly toward evil." Ministry of Healing, p. 451

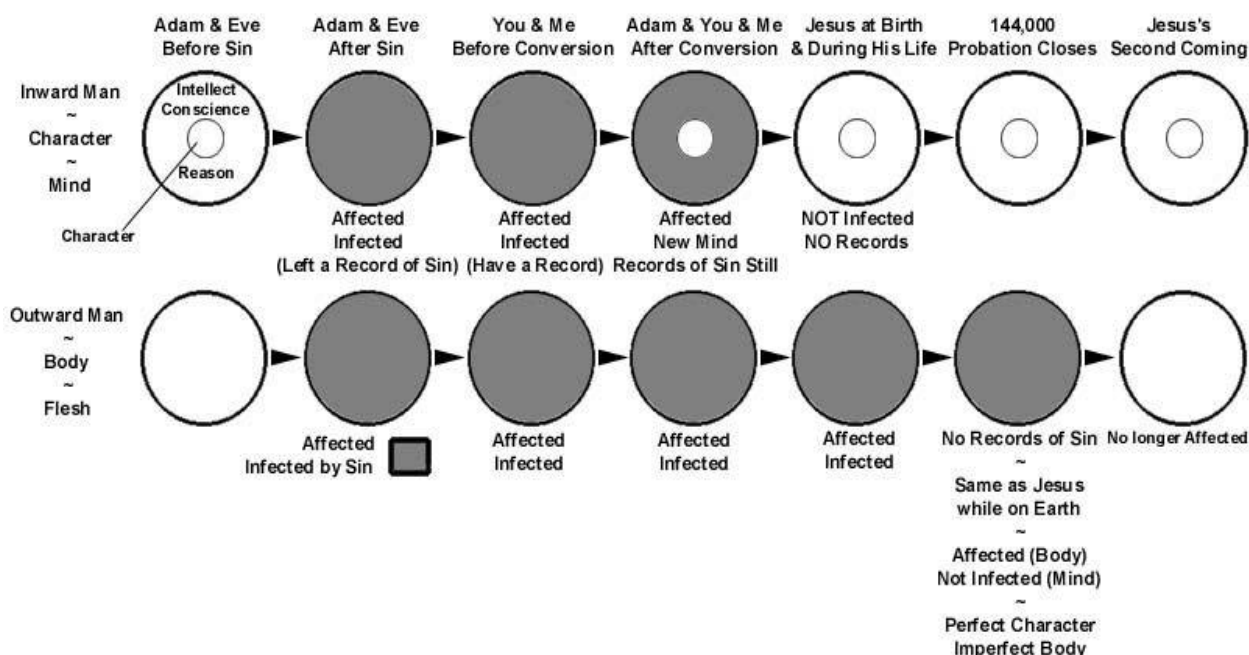
IN MAN'S NATURE IS A BENT TO EVIL, A FORCE HE CANNOT RESIST ALONE

"The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent to evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist. To withstand this force, to attain that ideal which in his inmost soul he accepts as alone worthy, he can find help in but one power. That power is Christ. Co-operation with that power is man's greatest need." Education p. 29

PERFECT INWARD SPIRITUAL NATURE: SINLESS MIND	OUTWARD NATURE: PASSION, APPETITE, DESIRE (SINFUL FLESH)
1. His spiritual nature was free from every taint of sin. ST Dec. 9, 1897	1. Took fallen, suffering human nature, degraded and defiled by sin. 4BC 1147
2. We should have no misgivings in regard to the perfect sinlessness of the human nature of Christ. 1SM 256	2. Took upon Him our sinful nature. RH Dec. 15, 1896
3. Not possessing the passions of our human, fallen nature. 2T 508	3. Though He had all the strength of passion of humanity, never did He yield. IHP 155
	He realized the strength of indulged appetite and of unholy passion. 1SM 271

This apparent contradiction is easily explained through the 2 Natures of Man which Christ partook of when He became the Son of Man.

**Christ was AFFECTED by sin but was not INFECTED by it.
The 144000 will be like Christ once transformed by the Holy Spirit.**



Note: For further study, see: www.numbers1317.org file 15, Brain Nerves Under Repair, Court Experience.

CHRIST WAS NOT LIKE ALL CHILDREN

"It is not correct to say, as many writers have said, that Christ was like all children. He was not like all children... No one, looking upon the childlike countenance, shining with animation, could say that Christ was just like other children. He was God in human flesh. When urged by His companions to do wrong, divinity flashed through humanity, and He refused decidedly. In a moment He distinguished between right and wrong, and placed sin in the light of God's commands, holding up the law as a mirror which reflected light upon wrong. It was this keen discrimination between right and wrong that often provoked Christ's brothers to anger."

Bible Commentaries, Vol. 5, 1116, 1117

2. Our Savior overcame by uniting His will with His Heavenly Father's will

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35

CHRIST HOLY NATURE (MIND/CHARACTER) EXISTED FROM CONCEPTION

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35

"These words do not refer to any human being, except to the Son of the infinite God. Avoid every question in relation to the humanity of Christ which is liable to be misunderstood. Truth lies close to the track of presumption. In treating upon the humanity of Christ, you need to guard strenuously every assertion, lest your words be taken to mean more than they imply, and thus you lose or dim the clear perceptions of His humanity as combined with divinity. His birth was a miracle of God. . . . Never, in any way, leave the slightest impression upon human minds that a taint of, or inclination to, corruption rested upon Christ, or that He in any way yielded to corruption. He was tempted in all points like as man is tempted, yet He is called "that holy thing." It is a mystery that is left unexplained to mortals that Christ could be tempted in all points like as we are, and yet be without sin. The incarnation of Christ has ever been, and will ever remain, a mystery. That which is revealed, is for us and for our children, but let every human being be warned from the ground of making Christ altogether human, such an one as ourselves; for it cannot be." SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5, pp. 1128, 1129

CHRIST EXISTED FROM ETERNITY AND WAS ONE WITH HIS FATHER

"His name shall be called Immanuel, . . . God with us." "The light of the knowledge of the glory of God" is seen "in the face of Jesus Christ." From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father; He was "the image of God," the image of His greatness and majesty, "the

outshining of His glory." It was to manifest this glory that He came to our world. To this sin-darkened earth He came to reveal the light of God's love,--to be "God with us." Therefore it was prophesied of Him, "His name shall be called Immanuel." ... By coming to dwell with us, Jesus was to reveal God both to men and to angels. He was the Word of God,--God's thought made audible." Desire of Ages, p. 19

CHRIST CHOSE TO BE CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, YIELD HIS POWER AND AUTHORITY AND BECOME SUBJECT TO HIS FATHER'S DIRECTION

"From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple." Desire of Ages, p. 161

3. Man may overcome by uniting his will with His Heavenly Father's will

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4: 7, 8

THEY DID NOT YIELD AS HOLY TEMPLES FOR THE DIVINE SPIRIT

"God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be a continual witness to the high destiny open to every soul. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit. The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers, Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,--from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul.

"The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver." Mal. 3:1-3." Desire of Ages, p. 161

CHRIST SUPPLIES THE LIFELOOD OF THE HEART AND WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, GIVES NERVE POWER

"Christ must abide in the heart by faith. His word is the bread of life and the water of salvation. Trust in its fullness comes to us through constant communion with God. By eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Christ we gain spiritual strength. **Christ supplies the lifeblood of the heart, and Christ and the Holy Spirit give nerve power.** Begotten again unto a lively hope, imbued with the quickening power of a new nature, the soul is enabled to rise higher and still higher." Counsels on Health, p. 593

CHRIST CAME TO EXPEL THE DEMONS THAT HAD CONTROLLED THE WILL

"Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to restore in man the image of his Maker. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. **He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will.** He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory." Desire of Ages, p. 37

THE EXPULSION OF SIN IN THE ACT OF THE SOUL ITSELF: NO COMPULSION

"In the work of redemption there is no compulsion. No external force is employed. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, man is left free to choose whom he will serve. In the change that takes place when the soul surrenders to Christ, there is the highest sense of freedom. The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself. True, we have no power to free ourselves from Satan's control; but when we desire to be set free from sin, and in our great need cry out for a power out of and above ourselves, the powers of the soul are imbued with the divine energy of the Holy Spirit, and they obey the dictates of the will in fulfilling the will of God." Desire of Ages, p. 466

WILL OF MAN TOGETHER WITH THE WILL OF GOD BECOMES OMNIPOTENT

"As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enabling." Christ Object Lessons, p. 333

Note: For further study on the Steps to Christ, see www.numbers1317.org file 4, Animated Sanctuary.

4. Man's lower nature is to be in subjection to the new higher nature

"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of

Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."
Ephesians 3:16-19.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

CONVERSION: A PATIENT, PROTRACTED PROCESS

"The wind is heard among the branches of the trees, rustling the leaves and flowers; yet it is invisible, and no man knows whence it comes or whither it goes. So with the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. It can no more be explained than can the movements of the wind. A person may not be able to tell the exact time or place, or to trace all the circumstances in the process of conversion; but this does not prove him to be unconverted. By an agency as unseen as the wind, Christ is constantly working upon the heart. Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ. These may be received through meditating upon Him, through reading the Scriptures, or through hearing the word from the living preacher. Suddenly, as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God,--a patient, protracted process." *Desire of Ages*, p. 172

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION, OF RESTORATION IS A MYSTERY

"While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt. So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God.

It is impossible for finite minds to comprehend the work of redemption. Its mystery exceeds human knowledge; yet he who passes from death to life realizes that it is a divine reality. The beginning of redemption we may know here through a personal experience. Its results reach through the eternal ages." *Desire of Ages*, p. 173

GOD STANDS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CORRECTION OF CULTIVATED AND HEREDITARY TENDANCIES

"It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all

hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church." Desire of Ages, p. 671

PERFECTION OF THE MIND: MIND COMPLETELY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT RATHER THAN A TRANSFORMATION OF THE BRAIN STRUCTURES WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE ITS DEFECTS

HOLY FLESH ON THIS EARTH: AN IMPOSSIBILITY

"The teaching given in regard to what is termed "holy flesh" is an error. All may now obtain holy hearts, but it is not correct to claim in this life to have holy flesh. The apostle Paul declares, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18). To those who have tried so hard to obtain by faith so-called holy flesh, I would say, You cannot obtain it. Not a soul of you has holy flesh now. No human being on the earth has holy flesh. It is an impossibility." Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 32

WE MAY HAVE CHRISTIAN PERFECTION OF THE SOUL (MIND/CHARACTER)

"The Scriptures teach us to seek for the sanctification to God of body, soul, and spirit. In this work we are to be labourers together with God. Much may be done to restore the moral image of God in man, to improve the physical, mental, and moral capabilities. Great changes can be made in the physical system by obeying the laws of God and bringing into the body nothing that defiles. And while we cannot claim perfection of the flesh, we may have Christian perfection of the soul.

Through the sacrifice made in our behalf, sins may be perfectly forgiven. Our dependence is not in what man can do; it is in what God can do for man through Christ. When we surrender ourselves wholly to God, and fully believe, the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. The conscience can be freed from condemnation. Through faith in His blood, all may be made perfect in Christ Jesus. Thank God that we are not dealing with impossibilities. We may claim sanctification. We may enjoy the favor of God. We are not to be anxious about what Christ and God think of us, but about what God thinks of Christ, our Substitute. Ye are accepted in the Beloved. The Lord shows, to the repenting, believing one, that Christ accepts the surrender of the soul, to be molded and fashioned after His own likeness." Selected Messages Vol. 2 p. 32, 33

FROM A VILE BODY TO A GLORIOUS BODY

"When human beings receive holy flesh, they will not remain on the earth, but will be taken to heaven. While sin is forgiven in this life, its results are not now wholly removed. It is at His coming that Christ is to "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" Phil. 3:21." Selected Message, Vol. 2 p. 33

CHARACTER OF CHRIST TO BE PERFECTLY REPRODUCED IN HIS PEOPLE

"When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." Christ Object Lessons, p. 69

5. Revival and Reformation means temperance: the only way to real victory

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
Romans 12:1, 2.

IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SANCTIFIED WHEN A MAN IS CONTROLLED BY APPETITE

"It is impossible for the spirit and power of the truth to sanctify a man, soul, body, and spirit, when he is controlled by appetite and passion." Testimonies Vol. 3 p. 570

WATCH THE FIVE SENSES: THE AVENUES TO THE SOUL

"How important it is to keep the mind from wandering to forbidden themes or from spending its energies on trifling subjects. Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of souls may suggest." Mind, Character and Personality, Vol. 2 p. 732

SENSUAL INDULGENCE BLOCKS THE CHANNELS USED FOR SALVATION

"Sensual indulgence weakens the mind and debases the soul. The moral and intellectual powers are benumbed and paralyzed by the gratification of the animal propensities; and it is impossible for the slave of passion to realize the sacred obligation of the law of God, to appreciate the atonement, or to place a right value upon the soul. Goodness, purity, and truth, reverence for God, and love for sacred things--all those holy affections and noble desires that link men with the heavenly world--are consumed in the fires of lust. The soul becomes a blackened and desolate waste, the habitation of the evil spirits, and the "cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Beings formed in the image of God are dragged down to a level with the brutes." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 458

THE CONTROLLING POWER OF APPETITE TO BE THE RUIN OF THOUSANDS

"As our first parents lost Eden through the indulgence of appetite, our only hope of regaining Eden is through the firm denial of appetite and passion. **Abstemiousness in diet and control of all the passions will preserve the intellect and give mental and moral vigor**, enabling

men to bring all their propensities under the control of the higher powers and to discern between right and wrong, the sacred and the common"

The **controlling power of appetite** will prove the ruin of thousands, when, if they had conquered on this point, they would have had moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation of Satan. But those who are slaves to appetite will fail in perfecting Christian character. The continual transgression of man for six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruits. And as we near the close of time, Satan's temptation to indulge appetite will be more powerful and more difficult to overcome." Testimonies Vol. 3 p. 491, 492

WE BELONG TO GOD BY CREATION AND BY REDEMPTION

"The living organism is God's property. It belongs to Him by creation and by redemption; and by a misuse of any of our powers we rob God of the honor due to Him." Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 16

BREAKING THE LAWS OF HEALTH: A TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW OF GOD

"It is as truly a sin to violate the **laws of our being** as it is to break the ten commandments. To do either is to break God's laws. Those who transgress the law of God in their physical organism, will be inclined to violate the law of God spoken from Sinai" Counsels on Diet and Foods, p.17

THE BRAIN NERVES ARE BENUMBED BY ANIMAL APPETITE

"The **sensitive nerves of the brain have been benumbed, and the animal appetite strengthened at the expense of the moral and intellectual faculties.** These higher powers, which should control, have been growing weaker, so that eternal things have not been discerned. Paralysis has benumbed the spiritual and devotional. Satan has triumphed to see how easily he can come in through the appetite and control men and women of intelligence, calculated by the Creator to do a good and great work." Counsels and Diet and Foods, p. 48

STRENGTH OF MUSCLE BUT FEEBLE INTELLECT

"The minds of thinking men labor too hard. They frequently use their mental powers prodigally, while there is another class whose highest aim in life is physical labor. The latter class do not exercise the mind. Their muscles are exercised while their brains are robbed of intellectual strength, just as the minds of thinking men are worked while their bodies are robbed of strength and vigor by their neglect to exercise the muscles. Those who are content to devote their lives to physical labor and leave others to do the thinking for them, while they simply carry out what other brains have planned, will have strength of muscle but feeble intellects. Their influence for good is small in comparison to what it might be if they would

use their brains as well as their muscles. This class fall more readily if attacked by disease; the system is vitalized by the electrical force of the brain to resist disease."

Testimonies Vol. 3, p. 157

6. Sanctification is a process of a lifetime: the work of the Early Rain

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

THE RESTORATION OF MAN'S CHARACTER IS NOT INSTANTANEOUS

"God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer. If the professed people of God find their hearts opposed to this straight work, it should convince them that they have a work to do to overcome, if they would not be spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. Said the angel: "God will bring His work closer and closer to test and prove every one of His people."

Some are willing to receive one point; but when God brings them to another testing point, they shrink from it and stand back, because they find that it strikes directly at some cherished idol. Here they have opportunity to see what is in their hearts that shuts out Jesus... if any will not be purified through obeying the truth, and overcome their selfishness, their pride, and evil passions, the angels of God have the charge: "They are joined to their idols, let them alone," and they pass on to their work, leaving these with their sinful traits unsubdued, to the control of evil angels. **Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.**" Testimonies Vol. 1 p. 187

TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT UNTIL THE END

"There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God. There is not a blessing which God bestows upon man, nor a trial which He permits to befall him, but Satan both can and will seize upon it to tempt, to harass and destroy the soul, if we give him the least advantage. Therefore however great one's spiritual light, however much he may enjoy of the divine favor and blessing, he should ever walk humbly before the Lord, pleading in faith that God will direct every thought and control every impulse." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 421

INSPIRED DEFINITION OF SANCTIFICATION

"True sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to the will of God." Our High Calling, p. 87

7. Supreme Love is the great binder

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2: 3 - 6

*"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."
1 John 3: 1*

THE HUMAN MIND ADAPTS TO WHAT IT BEHOLDS

"It is a law both of the intellectual and the spiritual nature, that by beholding, we become changed. The mind gradually adapts itself to the subjects upon which it is allowed to dwell. It becomes assimilated to that which it is accustomed to love and reverence. Man will never rise higher than his standard of purity or goodness or truth. If self is his loftiest ideal, he will never attain to anything more exalted. Rather, he will constantly sink lower and lower. The grace of God alone has power to exalt man. Left to himself, his course must inevitably be downward."
The Great Controversy, p. 555

IF ALL WERE WILLING ALL WOULD BECOME FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

"In the great and measureless gift of the Holy Spirit are contained all of heaven's resources. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If all were willing to receive, all would become filled with His Spirit." Christ Object Lessons, p. 419

CONCLUSION PART III

Our Great Designer, through the Savior, provided a way to re-establish the original communication system between Himself and man: "The brain nerves that connect with the whole system are the only medium through which heaven communicates with man and affects the inmost life." Education p. 209

Upon the consent of man, the Holy Spirit, working through man's will, revitalizes his whole being and through the 24 brain nerves initiates a process which gradually brings about the restoration of all man's faculties to functional harmony: "the mighty energies of the Holy Spirit, with all their quickening, recuperative, and transforming power, may fall like an electric shock on the palsy-stricken soul, causing every nerve to thrill with new life, restoring the whole man from his dead, earthly, sensual state to spiritual soundness." Testimonies, Vol.5, p. 267

The faculties of the mind themselves (intellect, conscience, reason) are not supernaturally restored to sinless perfection, but rather are, through the channels of man's own will, so completely subjected to the Holy Spirit, that they no longer function as before under their own perverted inclinations.

This transformation literally brings a change of focus in man's ways of thinking and consequent decisions. He no longer acts centering on himself but with reference to His Creator. When the AGAPE LOVE becomes the motivating power of man's life, the beautiful character of the Heavenly Father is being restored in him.

The process of this complete new way of thinking and acting takes time. Throughout man's entire life, he has to choose to remain totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit which supplies him with the motivation and the power necessary to bring the lower power of his nature, (passion, appetite, desire), into subjection to the Spirit-directed higher power (intellect, conscience, reason).

This revival must be followed by a daily reformation: by submitting to the Holy Spirit through prayer, study and meditation on the Word of God, faithfully obeying the 8 Laws of Health, and using natural remedies to help cleanse the body and the brain.

The life of our Savior is a proof that such transformation is possible. Christ took our sinful nature in its fallen condition (affected by sin), meeting and overcoming temptation through the power of the Holy Spirit (not infected by sin), just as man must. The Savior's experience is an example of the manner in which God intends to bring about the transformation of man's life.

AN APPEAL

Before the Savior came to this earth, He submitted His will to the Holy Spirit who protected His brain nerves (24 brain nerves) and kept His body (through the 62 body nerves connected with all the body parts) in perfect health through obedience to the 8 Laws of Health. At no time, during His pilgrimage on the earth, did He ever separate Himself from the Holy Spirit. Although He had the same fallen nature as we have (same passion, appetite, desire, through which the enemy tempts us), yet He never once yielded to temptation.

This perfect communication was kept through claiming the many promises of His Father. His brain nerves were then able to communicate with His body nerves and keep His body in perfect harmony with His mind, never affecting or infecting His perfect character.

This marvelous power of the Holy Spirit and gift of a perfect character are available through the new birth experience and may be preserved until Our Savior returns and changes our sinful body.

Simply ask and you shall receive:

"Dear Holy Spirit, I admit that I am powerless to restore my brain nerves and my whole being. I believe only you, can accomplish this tremendous reconnection with my Heavenly Father. I submit my will right now entirely to you and I ask, believe and claim all this in the name of my Savior and my King, and through His precious blood.

Thank you Heavenly Father for the gift of the new birth I am now receiving by faith.

Thank you for forgiving me of all my sins and sanctifying me through thy Word. Thank you for all your promises in the Bible that have all their Ye and Amen, in My Savior's name. Amen

Part IV. Brain Nerves Restored

"Man may grow up into Christ, his living head. It is not the work of a moment, but that of a lifetime. By growing daily in the divine life, he will not attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ until his probation ceases." Testimonies Vol. 4, p. 367

"Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" Daniel 8:14 (October 22, 1844)

"Many shall be purified, and made white." Daniel 12:10

WHEN ARE WE FULLY LIKE OUR SAVIOR?

- Question 1. When we are born again?
- Question 2. After a continuous life of sanctification? Continual Atonement-Perpetual Intercession: Court and Holy Place?
- Question 3. At his Second Coming?
- Answer: We are fully like our Savior when probation ceases

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15

"But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:16-21.

"Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" Proverbs 20:9.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. . . . And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." "He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Revelation 19:6-9; 17:14

- QUESTION 1. WHEN ARE WE FULLY LIKE OUR SAVIOR? WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN?

"When we lay hold of Christ by faith, **our work has just begun**. Every man has corrupt and sinful habits that must be overcome by vigorous warfare, Every soul is required to fight the fight of faith." Our High Calling, p. 121

TOTALLY TRUSTING IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST

"None of the apostles or prophets ever claimed to be without sin. Men who have lived nearest to God, men who would sacrifice life itself rather than knowingly commit a wrong act, men whom God had honored with divine light and power, have confessed the sinfulness of their own nature. They have put no confidence in the flesh, have claimed no righteousness of their own, but have trusted wholly in the righteousness of Christ. So will it be with all who behold Christ." Christ Object Lessons, p. 160

THE EFFECT OF TRANSGRESSION NOT OBLITERATED WHEN SINNER REPENTS AND IS PARDONED

"He may be converted; he may see the wickedness of his injustice to his fellow-men, and as far as possible, make restitution; but **the scars of a wounded conscience will ever remain**." Bible Commentary, Vol. 3, p. 1158

"The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. **By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven**. We must by faith enter within the veil, "with the forerunner is for us entered." Hebrews 6: 20." The Great Controversy, p. 489

- QUESTION 2. WHEN ARE WE FULLY LIKE OUR SAVIOR? AFTER A CONTINUOUS LIFE OF SANCTIFICATION?

"Let those who feel inclined to make a high profession of holiness look into the mirror of God's law. As they see its far-reaching claims, and understand its work as a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, they will not boast of sinlessness. "If we," says John, not separating himself from his brethren, "say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8, 10, 9." Acts of the Apostles, p. 562

SINS ALTHOUGH FORGIVEN AND FORSAKEN LEAVE SCARS IN THE MIND

"The thoughts, allowed to run in a low channel, soon pervert all the powers of the being...The greatest evil of it all is **the permanent effect that these things have upon the character**...They wound their own souls, and through their lifetime will carry the scars. The evildoer may see his sins and repent; God may pardon the transgressor; but the powers of discernment, which ought ever to be kept keen and sensitive to distinguish between the sacred and the common, are in a great measure destroyed." Testimonies Vol. 8, p.66

THE SINS CONFESSED STAND ON RECORD IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

"**The blood of Christ**, while it was to **release the repentant sinner** from the condemnation of the law, **was not to cancel the sin**; it would **stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement**; so in the type the blood of the sin offering removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 357

- QUESTION 3. WHEN ARE WE FULLY LIKE OUR SAVIOR? AT HIS SECOND COMING?

"The mass of people think that if a person is prepared to die, he is prepared for the coming of the Lord. But they do not consider **the difference between dying and standing alive to meet the Lord at His appearing**. It is one thing to die in the Lord, to yield our spirits to Him while He is pleading for us before the Father's throne, and quite a different thing to stand in the time of trouble after Jesus has ceased to plead in man's behalf, after His priesthood is closed, and He is preparing to come to redeem His own, and take vengeance of His foes. **They who realize these things will bless heaven that means have been devised in the mercy of God for the perfection of the saints.**" Life Sketches of James and Ellen White, p. 431

ANSWER: WE ARE FULLY LIKE OUR SAVIOR WHEN PROBATION CEASES

"Man may grow up into Christ, his living head. It is not the work of a moment, but that of a lifetime. By growing daily in the divine life, he will not attain to the full stature of a perfect man in Christ until his probation ceases." Testimonies Vol. 4, p. 367

CONVERSION NOT COMPLETED UNTIL HE ATTAINS TO PERFECTION OF CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER

"Every living Christian will advance daily in the divine life. As he advances toward perfection, he experiences a conversion to God every day; and this conversion is not completed until he attains to perfection of Christian character, a full preparation for the finishing touch of immortality." Testimonies Vol. 2, 505

THE LATTER RAIN RIPENS THE GRAIN AND PREPARES IT FOR THE SICKLE

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." "He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." In the East the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ." Testimonies to Ministers, p. 506

THE SANCTIFIED BELIEVER IS STILL ENCUMBERED WITH THE CORRUPT CHANNEL - THE KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL IS NOT REMOVED BY THE WORK IN THE COURT OR IN THE HOLY PLACE

"The religious services, the prayers, the praise, the penitent confession of sin ascend from true believers as incense to the heavenly sanctuary, but passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, they are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God. They ascend not in spotless purity, and unless the Intercessor, who is at God's right hand, presents and purifies all by His righteousness, it is not acceptable to God. All incense from earthly tabernacles must be moist with the cleansing drops of the blood of Christ. He holds before the Father the censer of His own merits, in which there is no taint of earthly corruption. He gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable. Then gracious answers are returned." Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 344

KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL REMOVED: FINAL ATONEMENT- FINAL INTERCESSION FOR THE DEAD AND THE LIVING IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE

"As the ministration of Jesus closed in the holy place, and He passed into the holiest, and stood before the ark containing the law of God, He sent another mighty angel with a third message to the world. A parchment was placed in the angel's hand, and as he descended to the earth in power and majesty, he proclaimed a fearful warning, with the most terrible threatening ever borne to man. This message was designed to put the children of God upon their guard, by showing them the hour of temptation and anguish that was before them. Said the angel, "They will be brought into close combat with the beast and his image. Their only hope of eternal life is to remain steadfast. Although their lives are at stake, they must hold fast the truth."

The third angel closes his message thus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As he repeated these words, he pointed to the heavenly sanctuary. The minds of all who embrace this message are directed to the most holy place, where Jesus stands before the ark, making His final intercession for all those for whom mercy still lingers and for those who have ignorantly broken the law of God. This atonement is made for the righteous dead as well as for the righteous living. It includes all who died trusting in Christ, but who, not having received the light upon God's commandments, had sinned ignorantly in transgressing its precepts." Early Writings, p. 254

FINISHING OF THE ATONEMENT: PREPARATION TO ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING

"Instead of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 referring to the purifying of the earth, it was now plain that it pointed to the closing work of our High Priest in heaven, the finishing of the atonement, and the preparing of the people to abide the day of His coming." Testimonies Vol. 1, p. 58

THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR DOES NOT CHANGE OUR CHARACTERS

"It is a solemn thing to die, but a far more solemn thing to live. Every thought and word and deed of our lives will meet us again. What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the

character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them forever beyond all change." Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 466

THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT SHOWS THE CHARACTER AS IT REALLY IS

"Each one in the day of investigative Judgment will stand in character as he really is; he will render an individual account to God. Every word uttered, every departure from integrity, every action that sullies the soul, will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. Memory will be true and vivid in condemnation of the guilty one, who in that day is found wanting. The mind will recall all the thoughts and acts of the past; the whole life will come in review like the scenes in a panorama. Thus everyone will be condemned or acquitted out of his own mouth, and the righteousness of God will be vindicated." Review and Herald, Nov. 4, 1884

RECORD OF SINS SYNONYMS:

EXPERIENCE IN SIN; FILTHY GARMENT; SINFUL NATURE; CORRUPT CHANNEL; KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL; BLOTS; SCARS; STAINS; BENT TO EVIL; FORCE UNAIDED; DESIRE TO SIN; LOVE FOR EVIL; EVIL PROPENSITIES; PERVERTED BY SIN; DEPRAVED.

THE LINK BETWEEN THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING AND THE SUNDAY LAW

"...The image of the beast will be formed before probation closes, for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided." Selected Message Vol. 2 p. 81 (1890)

WHEN DOES PROBATION CLOSE?

"When the work of the investigative Judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12." The Great Controversy, p. 490, 491

WHO LEADS THE SCAPE GOAT AWAY ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS 16:21?

"Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. Then, while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head." Spaulding and Magan's collection, p. 2

THE 144000 ARE THE JUSTS LIVING DURING THE TIME OF TROUBLE AFTER PROBATION IS CLOSED

These are they which came out of great tribulation;" Rev. 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17, they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God's judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." "In their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault" before God. "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." Rev. 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17. They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But "they shall hunger no more; neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 14:1-5; 15:3; 7:14-17." The Great Controversy, p. 648, 649

144, 000 LITERAL OR PROPHETIC?

"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Revelation 7:4

"Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spoke the time, He poured upon us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God, as Moses' did when he came down from Mount Sinai." Early Writings, p. 15

Note: In the Word of God, the only prophetic numbers found are related to time: 1 day for 1 year. There are no precedent from Genesis to Revelation of numbers found related to people: 1 person for multiple people as it is for time. Therefore we must conclude that the number 144000 as pertaining to people is a literal number according to the hermeneutic principle of interpretation of the Bible based on Isaiah 28:10:

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little."

CONCLUSION

"The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative Judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise, it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Every individual has a soul to save or to lose. Each has a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the Judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when, with Daniel, every individual must stand in his lot, at the end of the days...

All who have received the light upon these subjects are to bear testimony of the great truths which God has committed to them. The sanctuary in Heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects, and be able to give an answer to every one that asketh them a reason of the hope that is in them.

The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was his death upon the cross. By his death he began that work which after his resurrection he ascended to complete in Heaven. We must by faith enter within the veil, "whither the forerunner is for us entered." Heb. 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to Heaven; the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne, and through his mediation the sincere desire of all who come to him in faith may be presented before God." *The Great Controversy*, p. 488, 489

"But the plan of redemption had a yet broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man. It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to vindicate the character of God before the universe. To this result of His great sacrifice--its influence upon the intelligences of other worlds, as well as upon man--the Saviour looked forward when just before His crucifixion He said: "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me." John 12:31, 32. The act of Christ in dying for the salvation of man would not only make heaven accessible to men, but before all the universe it would justify God and His Son in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan. It would establish the perpetuity of the law of God and would reveal the nature and the results of sin." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 68

"The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith." *Evangelism*, p. 221

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE 144000 WILL PARALLEL THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST IN HIS HUMANITY

1. Both have the fallen nature of sinful humanity.
2. Both have no stains or scars of sin upon the soul.
3. Both stand before God without a mediator.
4. Both have received the Spirit without measure. John 3: 34.
5. Both have perfection of the soul without perfection of the flesh.
6. Both have demonstrated that fallen humanity can keep the law of God perfectly through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand. And let us do all that we can to help others to gain heaven. We are to have an intense interest in Christ Jesus; for he is our Saviour. He came to this world to be tempted in all points as we are, to prove to the universe that in this world of sin human beings can live lives that God will approve." Review & Herald, March 9 1905

THE WORK OF GLORIFICATION

"Behold, I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law." 2 Corinthians 15: 51-58.

"From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things animated and inanimated in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy declare that God is love." The Great Controversy, p. 678

"To the Law and to the Testimony" Isaiah 8:20

