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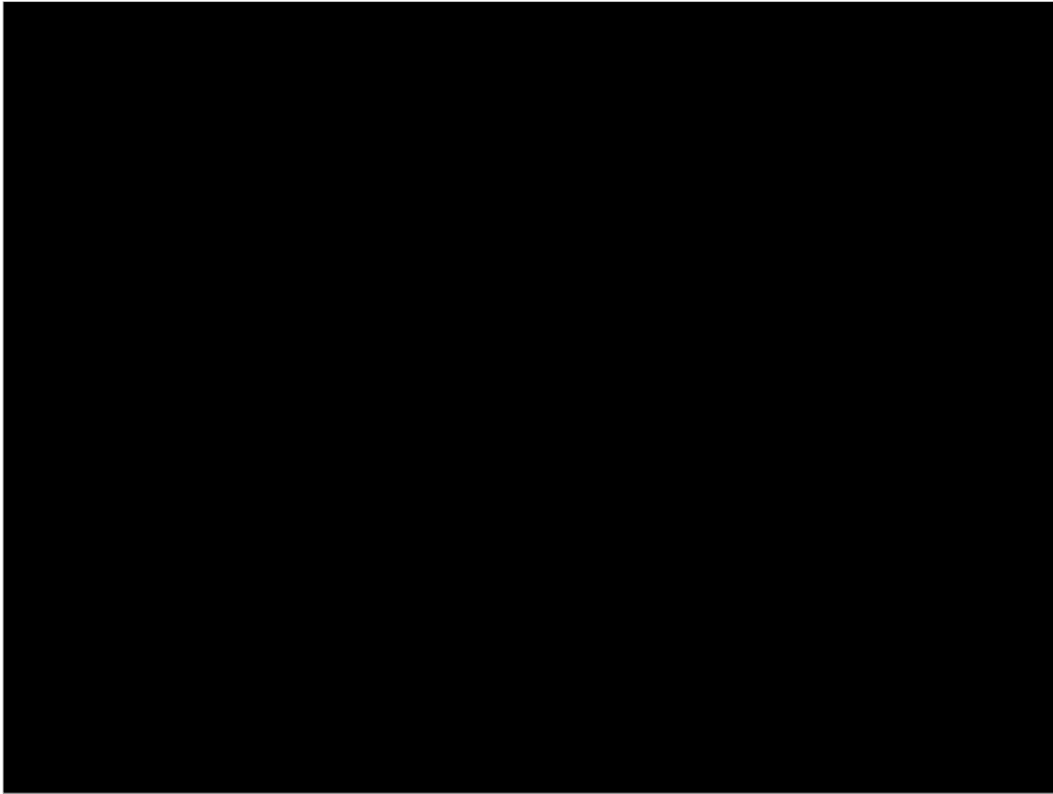
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Now, I would never say that the gospel ministers and the health care workers I've had the privilege of knowing were completely separated, but neither do I believe we've managed to blend these elements the way God wants us to.

As a result, over the last century we have largely developed along two lines: preaching, and state-of-the-art technical medicine. We've already looked at the Lord's call for an evangelistic focus on simple methods and common ailments as evangelistic tools, but what about our preaching?

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So what's wrong with preaching?

Nothing... if it's part of the whole package of preaching, and teaching, and healing.

But by itself...?

Maybe not so good. After all, Jesus spent more time healing than He did preaching. But does that make it the “worst evil.” How? Why?

Could the problem be that it looks so much like we're doing something that will result in finishing God's work... when, in fact, that approach will never provide the full demonstration of God's love that is needed?

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What do we call *this* word?

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[desired audience response is “the definite article.”]

Right. It’s the definite article, as opposed to the other two articles--”a” and “an.”

“The union of Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the sou”l is not “a” “true interpretation of the gospel.”

It’s not one of many. It’s **the** true interpretation.

What’s more, this united work is a *necessity*.



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In 1893 Dr. Kellogg was on track, and being opposed and “made war upon” (Ellen White’s words) because of it. He spoke at the Ministerial Institute that preceeded the General Conference session in February of that year.

Now it should be remembered that it was only a couple months before this, November 22, 1892, that Ellen White’s comment that the “Loud Cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ” had appeared in the *Review*.

It was a pretty exciting time!

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But Dr. Kellogg had reservations...

In his talks he pointed out dozens of Bible verses and Spirit of Prophecy quotations that said that God's people needed to be examples of divine love; that they needed to let their light shine in good works of mercy and benevolence to all around them.

He talked about Isaiah 58, which ends with the promises that God's last day people, those who turned their feet from the Sabbath, those who were called the repairers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in, and who would ride on the high places of the earth and be fed with the heritage of Jacob...

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This group—whom everyone in the meetings agreed was a symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist church—this group was only promised these things if they learned to observe the true fast...

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The “If-Then” nature of the promise was unmistakable. ***If*** you keep the fast...

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The implication was obvious: there was work to do before the Loud Cry and Latter Rain could be expected.

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Kellogg was talking about the Haskell Home for Orphan Children. The General Conference had voted in January 1891 to start an orphanage, but a year later they hadn't received enough money from church members to even begin construction,

Then Mrs. Caroline Haskell, a Presbyterian, donated \$30,000 in memory of her Presbyterian husband. By the time Kellogg was talking in February 1893, this little building was nearing completion—paid for entirely by Mrs. Haskell's donation.

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You may or may not be familiar with all the history of Robert Wieland and Donald Short...

You may or may not have read *1888 Re-examined*...

But let me summarize 60 years of debate that has rattled the Adventist church: The Spirit of Prophecy said that the Loud Cry had begun by late 1892. Now, it is either continuing on somewhat softly, or it has gone away. For years, there have been those who have claimed it was going on nicely, thank you; and those who disagreed.

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Among those who believed the Loud Cry had been withdrawn, the big questions have been, “Why?” and “How can we get it back?”

For 60 years we have searched for a theological answer to those questions. The doctrine of righteousness by faith has been tweaked and twisted, re-phrased and maybe even re-invented. But nothing has re-ignited the Loud Cry in any obvious manner. So what’s wrong?

Occam’s Razor—If you have multiple possible answers to a problem, the simplest one is probably the right one.

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I will speak only for myself here—

I think Kellogg was right. And I think the only way that the Loud Cry will be re-ignited is when God's people take up the work of helping other people, even if it be to the total neglect of themselves.

That sounds crazy, doesn't it? But how much of a retirement fund did Jesus have? For that matter, what did He do for a house?

I am NOT saying that everyone needs to go out right now and "sell all that you have and give alms to the poor," but that day is getting very close, and some people will be called upon before others.

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Time to finish up now. But we have one last very important thing to look at: the future of Gospel Medical Missionary Evangelism.

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Why would an angel envy you the job you've been given? Seems a little strange, doesn't it?

Here's a thought—I believe that any angel in heaven would trade places with any one of us in a heartbeat.

Why? Because this one warped little planet is the only place in all the universe where it's possible to save souls. OK, continuing with the quotation... **CLICK**

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And that, clearly, will not finish the Lord’s work.

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So what does all this mean?

I almost hesitate to put my conclusions on the screen. But after running the risk of alienating the whole health care profession in my earlier meetings, I guess it's time to see if I can make myself totally unpopular with *everyone* I want to work with.

So here goes...

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