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Re: The Calendar in the Sanctuary

“Thy way, O God is in the sanctuary.” Ps. 77:13

“We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man . . . the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.” Hebrews 8:1-2, 5

“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with the better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” Hebrews 9:23, 24

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

“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 to every one that asketh them a reason for the hope that is in them.” (GC 488)

After sending you a part of the Grace Amadon Collection in December, 2007, my sisters in Christ and I have received and reviewed all six parts of the Final Report of the Research Committee on the 1844 computation, the A.D. 31 crucifixion, and the ancient Jewish calendation which we enclose now for your perusal.

We often forget that the central theme of the great controversy with its sin problem originated in heaven with Lucifer and not just with Adam and Eve on earth. Therefore, it is the sanctuary in heaven that needs cleansing (as disclosed in Hebrews 9:23-14.) Every article of furniture in all its particulars and the apartments in the sanctuary with their perfect order reveals the calendar of the Creator in His universe. This calendar was to set in motion the perfect reproduction of the Heavenly sanctuary on this earth with His appointed times in all of its bearings. This was to explain the plan of redemption to the universe and reveal the perfect character of its Maker.

I have enjoyed the opportunity with some of you to converse through phone calls and email since your receipt of this initial part of the Grace Amadon Collection. It is interesting to compare the different reactions created by the possibility of a luni-solar barley harvest calendar explained in the order of the sanctuary to include a seventh day Sabbath based on the same calendation, especially since it has been expressed by some that the order of sanctuary services was post fall of Eden for sinful man. May we remember that the plan of redemption as expressed through the sanctuary services was in the mind of God, “before the foundation of the world” 1 Peter 1:20.

We need to ask: “Is it correct to assume that a pagan/Roman, papal/Gregorian calendar was used to reveal our Creator’s perfect character for the sanctuary services in the plan of redemption for the universe since we know that these calendars came into existence hundreds of years after the fall of Lucifer, after the fall of man, and after the Exodus?”

In Exodus 12 and 16, Leviticus 23, and Numbers 28 particularly but not exclusively, we find the calendar of the sanctuary. It is based on a luni-solar system of calendation which was rediscovered by the Millerite Pioneers during the 1800-era in the study of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14. The fact cannot be denied that the date of October 22, 1844, for the great Day of Atonement is biblically, astronomically, chronologically and historically correct.

The 2300-year span is the longest of all the allotted time periods of inspired prophecy. It is the most complex of all, in its involvements, because it comprehends a series of subdivisions marked off by events whose synchronizing relationships cannot be disturbed without disrupting the whole divine scheme. The boundaries and divisions of this mighty period are timed by God’s great celestial clock of the spheres which swing inerrantly through space, telling off the years, months, days, hours, and minutes with the undeviating precision of Infinity.

. . . The expanding advent movement staked everything upon the historical, chronological, and astronomical accuracy of the dates marking off this prophetic span, and the momentous events for which they stood – dates recorded historically by man, but created and governed by the movements of sun and moon which no man can advance or retard. These are kept under the control of the Omnipotent One Himself, in whose hands time and destiny lie, and Who governs the very basis of man’s time records by those fixed laws of the heavens ordained when our solar system came into being.

The highly perfected science of time, together with the modern increase of scientific and mechanical knowledge, has enabled astronomical experts, with their

mastery of planetary motion, to mark off all past time. Full and complete tables are now available for checking the events called for by this 2300-year prophecy, with the historical records and visual observations of the receding centuries.

The conclusions reached relative to the 2300-year prophecy in the great “7th month” phase of the advent movement, from August to October, 1844, are a matter of transcendent importance to us as Seventh-day Adventists, which we may, with every propriety, restudy at this time – *for it is the exposition and application of this prophetic-historical truth that constitutes the one supremely distinctive and distinguishing contribution that Seventh-day Adventists make to the full-rounded system of Bible truth held by the Christian church of the centuries. In the ultimate, it is this prophetic truth that constitutes the authorizing warrant for our historical existence, and our special witness as a separate ecclesiastical body.* (Report of Committee on Historical Basis, Involvements, and Validity of the October 22, 1844, Position, Part I, pp. 1 & 2, emphasis supplied.)

While well-meaning Seventh-day Adventists maintain the position that the seventh-day Sabbath is the central foundation of our faith, it must be remembered that while the seventh day Sabbath is part of the seven pillars of our faith – along with the state of the dead, the spirit of prophecy, the soul temple, the Savior, the second coming, and the sanctuary – “the ministration of our Great High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary *is the foundation* of our faith.” (Evangelism 321, emphasis supplied.)

We appeal to you to please take time to read this important report of which we have been impressed to make numerous copies available. This is in accordance with the Research Committee’s desire and is expressed by the chairman, L. E. Froom saying, “[The] Report was designed for ultimate distribution.” He further expresses in the letter of conveyance to the General Conference, “[The] Committee feels that a threefold cord of evidence has been woven by these historical and scientific studies that is far stronger and may prove of more vital import to this movement in stressful days to come than anyone perhaps realizes at the moment.”

In conclusion, we read in Daniel 7:25 that the little horn “shall think to change times and laws.” This prophecy not only encompasses all aspects relating to the universal law of God and the specific Fourth Commandment, but also as to the time to worship Him as defined in the Creator’s governing calendar for the whole universe. “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD” (Is. 66:22-23.)

Soon it will be revealed in the climactic movement of the Sunday Law as spoken of in the *Great Controversy* who and when we shall serve. The cry, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen” is the mystery of iniquity being revealed in the counterfeit pagan calendar. With awful grandeur the challenge is being made to us as on Mt. Carmel, “How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him . . .” 1 Kings 18:21. The Three Angels’ messages with trumpeting herald which began in 1844 are to be repeated as spoken of in the spirit of prophecy just before the close of probation. With our reason for the foundation of our faith in

the ministration of our Great High Priest, and our great commission of giving the Three Angels' messages, we must unite in one voice to declare to the world:

Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgement is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters . . . Babylon is fallen is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication . . . If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation (Revelation 14:7-10.)

Respectfully,

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