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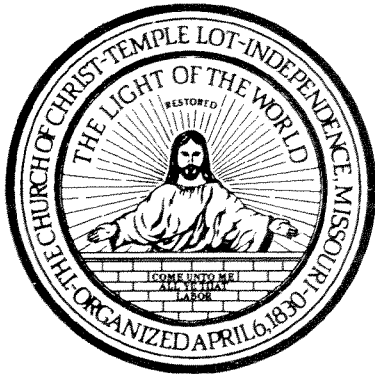
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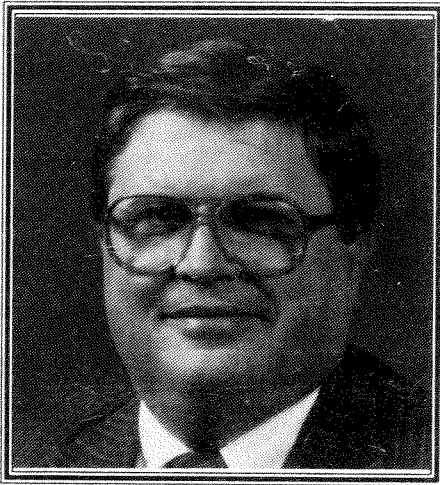
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Editorial



**Apostle
Smith Brickhouse**

As we start this new year of 1995 and look forward with hope and joy in the promises of God perhaps we should also reflect on our responsibilities as the Church of Christ. Recently while reading church history I came upon this article which appeared in the first issue of the "Evening and Morning Star" dated June 1832.

**TO THE CHURCH OF
CHRIST ABROAD IN
THE EARTH.**

"It is the duty of the

Church of Christ, to Zion, to stand as an ensign to all nations, that the Lord has set His hand the second time to restore the house of Israel to the lands of their inheritance; and it behooves the members of this Church to manifest before the world by a godly walk, by a noble example, as well as by sterling precept, by prudence in living, by plainness in dress, by industry, by economy, by faith and works, and, above all, by solemnity, humility and patience, that this is a day of warning and not a day of many words.

This being the order in Zion, how much more necessary is it, that the churches of Christ, which have not yet come up to this land should show the world, by well ordered conduct in all things, that they are the children of the living God! It is all-important, and the salvation of many souls depends upon their faultless example. They will, therefore, knowing that the

Lord will suddenly come to His temple, do their part in preparing the way, by observing the Sabbath day, and keeping it holy; by teaching their children the Gospel, and teaching them to pray, by avoiding extremes in all matters, by shunning every appearance of evil; by studying to be approved, and doing unto others as they would have others do unto them; by bearing trouble and persecution patiently, without a murmur, knowing that Michael, the Archangel, when contending with the devil—he disputed about the body of Moses—durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. They will not only set an example worthy of imitation, but they will let their light so shine that others, seeing their good works, may go and do likewise.

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The End Of The Sixth Day

(or the last seven days thereof)

By Harvey E. Seibel

“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day...And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day...” (Genesis 1:5, 8).

This creation process continued with the creation of land, seas, and plants, on the third day, the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day, animal life on day five, and finally man on day six. Then on day seven God rested from all His works. Then after the sabbath was past the Lord formed man, plants, animals and lastly woman of the dust of the ground. This was day eight, the first day of the six thousand years of history to come.

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Pe-

ter 3:8).

“For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past” (Psalm 90:4).

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...they shall reign with him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6).

There has been much speculation concerning the length of the creation week. Some say that each day of that week represents some great expanse of time. Others favor thousand year days. Evolutionists like to think of the earth and universe as being billions of years old. However recent scientific evidence points to a young earth measured, not in the billions or millions of years, but rather in the thousand of years. This evidence suggest a maximum age of 10,000 years. However, as for the length of the days of the creation week, similar evidence points to actual 24 hour days. This is indicated by the scriptural statement of “...the

evening and morning...” for each of these days.

“THE FIRST ANCHOR DATE: THE FOURTH DAY OF CREATION.”

Prior to the cosmic drama of the fourth day of creation the earth spun through some far reach of space, away from the giant suns, in lifeless cold, the air and waters frozen, no wind to stir the solitude of that dark sphere, lost in the immensity of space. But then came that momentous day when the great God of heaven tore the earth and the other planets from their ancient paths and placed them in orbit around our sun. No child's play this: but an event so vast as to leave a permanent record in the heavens, a record that will stand as long as the earth itself: , “for, The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork” (Ps. 19:1).

True it is that the heavens

show forth the handiwork of God, even to the dating of His fourth day of creation.

“There was an astronomer at Greenwich Observatory in England. He was predicting future eclipses from the occurrences of those in the past. To facilitate his work he incorporated the planetary trajectories into the symbols of mathematics as dependent variables on the independent variable time. Activating his equations: in symbolism, revolving the planets in their elliptical orbits around the sun, and stopping the system when the heavenly orbs were lined up in a row, he discovered that all eight planets and the moon and sun were in a straight line at one time in the history of the universe. Next, he projected his investigations into the remote past, but could discover no time when this strange phenomena had ever before happened. In like manner the foreseeable future gave no promise of like linearity of the solar system. Deciding to date this event he found that it occurred in the year 3999 B.C., strangely close to Bishop

Ussher's figure of 4004 B.C....”

“What has this to do with the 4th day of creation? Just this. It was the day that God took these heavenly bodies and organized them into the great cosmic clock that we see today. It seems only logical to believe that when God did this work that He organized the solar system in the simplest of all geometric configurations, a straight line, and started them on their eternal paths. Such close agreement of this singular event with the Bible date is so unusual as to defy all explanations of coincidence. It borders on certainty that the two events are one and the same: the fourth day of creation and the linear configuration of the solar system. The final proof is, of course, the fact that it works within the accuracy of a single year, not one year more nor one year less, as we shall see” (Chronology Of The Bible Augmented With Time Prophecies by Elder M. Harvey Seibel).

“THE SECOND ANCHOR DATE:

JOSHUA'S LONG DAY”

The year when the sun stood still has ever been a point of confusion. After it is established it becomes a FIRST-ORDER-CONTROL-POINT, an ANCHOR DATE.

“The day when the sun stood still”, which we will date by the cosmic clock, is of utmost importance to tying down the chronology. For years the atheist and the skeptic have cast ridicule upon this story. Long have the faithful accepted the miraculously lengthened day with an eye of faith, but some have been sorely troubled how this could take place: such an extraordinary event. Would not, they ask, the oceans overflow the continents and wash them clean of all life if the earth would suddenly stop its spinning? Would the cessation of the rotation of the earth of a 1000 miles per hour be less than catastrophic? So, the skeptic scoffs at the faithful who swallow such tales.

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” (Ps.

14:1)

Such a man once walked the campus of Harvard University: an erudite man in the wisdom of the world, a professor of astronomy. Strange it is that a man can gaze for hours on end at the wonders of the heavens and not find God in His marvelous creation. This man also had the problem of predicting eclipses.

One day this wise professor met his friend, Professor Totten, on the campus. He told Professor Totten that he had discovered a strange thing, a whole day had been lost from the history of the earth. He had been checking the occurrences of eclipses as recorded by the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, and other ancient peoples. He knew that eclipses occurred in series, at definite intervals. But a strange thing had happened: at one point in time the series of eclipses had shifted one day, each preceding eclipse offset one day in the same direction. He could not understand what had happened to shift the whole series. A single, misplaced eclipse could be accounted for as an

error in recording, but not the whole series. Where was the missing day? Professor Totten told him "You do not believe the Bible to be the word of God. Now is the time to test it. Start reading in Genesis and tell when you find the missing day."

So the astronomer began to read, and read until he came to Joshua 10:12-13, "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of the heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

"...The relative positions of the sun and moon were such that the very day and year can be established by astronomers..."

Some days later the two friends met on the campus and

professor Totten asked the astronomer what he had learned. He said he had absolute proof that the Bible was not the word of God: that Joshua had said a whole day was lost, but the eclipses showed that in the days of Joshua only twenty-three hours and twenty minutes were missing, and that if the Bible made a mistake of forty minutes it could not be the word of an infinite God. Professor Totten told him his reasoning was good but suggested that they reread the passage; and they read, "about a whole day." The astronomer admitted that this reopened the question, but stated that there was still forty minutes not accounted for. Professor Totten suggested that he continue his reading and see if he could find the lost forty minutes.

The astronomer continued until he came to Isaiah and read that Hezekiah, king of Judah, was sick unto death. And Hezekiah prayed to God. The Lord told Isaiah to tell King Hezekiah that he would live fifteen years longer, and spoke further, "This shall be a

sign unto thee from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken; behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backwards. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down” (Isaiah 38:7-8).

And ten degrees on the sun dial is exactly forty minutes on the clock. When the astronomer saw this he bowed his head and said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ (Chronology of the Bible Augmented with Time Prophecies by Elder M. Harvey Seibel).

The Standard History of the World by Israel Smith Clare, published in 1928, records that the King of Babylon also witnessed the backward movement of the sun on his sundial and sent an emissary to King Hezekiah to enquire of him concerning this matter.

The Bible that is accurate in such great detail and is so testified by the heavenly bodies is beyond compare in any secular literature known to man.

“The second ANCHOR

DATE is shown by the cosmic clock to fall in the year 1444 B.C., just 2555 years from the fourth day of creation in 3999 B.C., which 2555 years becomes our FIRST-ORDER-MAJOR-EVENT-SPAN of high certainty” (Chronology of the Bible Augmented with Time Prophecies by Elder M. Harvey Seibel).

According to Biblical chronology a period of 2555 years elapsed from the creation of Adam from the dust of the ground to Joshua’s long day. Astronomy affords a like amount of time from the alignment of planets around the sun to the same celestial event in the days of Joshua. This alignment could not have occurred prior to the fourth day of creation for it was on that day that the Lord set the sun and moon in the firmament of heaven to give light unto the earth. Yet Adam was not created of the dust of the ground until the eighth day of creation, or the day after God had rested from all His work which He had done. Thus whether one measures from the 4th or 8th day the time remains the same as

to the number of years down to Joshua’s long day. This fact argues strongly in favor of 24 hour creation days and not thousand year ones. If not so then the 4th day would measure 6555 years instead of 2555 years to Joshua’s long day.

My postulation for some time has been that the creation week is really a type and shadow of the history of man on the earth following. Since a day with the Lord is a thousand years and a thousand years a day, then man is to continue until 6 ‘one thousand year’ days have expired. Then would come the sabbath day of rest in which the saints shall live and reign with Christ for a thousand years. This is the time when the saints shall enter into His rest. With this thought in mind consider the following:

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some

is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING” (Hebrews 10:23-25).

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that THAT DAY should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6).

While it is true we cannot know the day nor the hour, yet we are told we may know when it is near, even at the doors. (See Matthew 24:33.) The two great signs we all know. Luke tells us that in the generation that Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles all things will be fulfilled. Luke also tells us that when conditions become as Sodom and Gomorrah (the days of Lot), Christ will come. Likewise as it was in the days of Noah, not only marrying, giving in marriage, and eating and drinking but that the earth in his days was also filled with violence. And so it is today.

It was the understanding of many in the past that 6000 years would wind up the world scene. The Jews taught it in the Talmud. Likewise Barnabas taught it in his epistle as did Irenaeus, one of the early christian writers, about a century later. Martin Luther wrote that since a day with the Lord equals a thousand years as indicated in Psalm 94 and creation took 6 days, then the world should last 6000 years. Then the 7th day would come somewhere around 2000 A. D. Consider the following curious scriptures:

“AND AFTER SIX DAYS Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light” (Matthew 17:1-2).

Perhaps it is no accident that the scripture tells us that ‘after six days’ Jesus was transfigured before them. Could this have been a type and a shadow of things to come, namely, the coming of Christ in His glory in the end

of the world? Again:

“Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind up. AFTER TWO DAYS WILL HE REVIVE US: IN THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP, AND WE SHALL LIVE IN HIS SIGHT” (Hosea 6:1-2).

After two days (the two millennia following Christ) the gospel is restored ushering in the times of refreshing from the Lord. But on the third day we shall be raised up (the resurrection and the millennium). Perhaps this is why the marriage at Cana (see below) is said to take place on the third day. Perhaps this was another type and shadow of greater things to come.

“AND THE THIRD DAY THERE WAS A MARRIAGE in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage” (John 2:1-2).

Whether the above are types and shadows or not, consider the following writings of antiquity:

“For in as many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded. And for this reason the Scripture says: ‘Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their adornment. And God brought to a conclusion upon the sixth day the works that He had made; and God rested upon the seventh day from all His works.’ This is an account of the things formerly created, as also it is a prophecy of what is to come. For the day of the Lord is as a thousand years; and in six days created things were completed: it is evident, therefore, that they will come to an end at the sixth thousand year” (Irenaeus Against Heresies, The Ante-Nicene Fathers, vol. 1, p. 557).

“Further, also, it is written concerning the Sabbath in the Decalogue which (the Lord) spoke, face to face, to Moses on Mount Sinai, ‘And sanctify ye the Sabbath of the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart.’ And He says in another place, ‘If my sons keep the Sabbath, then will I cause my mercy to rest upon

them.’ The Sabbath is mentioned at the beginning of the creation (thus): ‘And God made in six days the works of His hands, and made an end on the seventh day, and rested on it, and sanctified it.’ Attend, my children, to the meaning of this expression. ‘He finished in six days.’ This implieth that the Lord will finish all things in six thousand years, for a day is with Him a thousand years. And He Himself testifieth, saying, ‘Behold, today will be as a thousand years.’ Therefore, my children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, all things will be finished. ‘And He rested on the seventh day.’ This meaneth: when His Son, coming (again), shall destroy the time of the wicked man, and judge the ungodly, and change the sun, and the moon, and the stars, then shall He truly rest on the seventh day. Moreover, He says, ‘Thou shalt sanctify it with pure hands and a pure heart.’ If, therefore, any one can now sanctify the day which God hath sanctified, except he is pure in heart in all things, we

are deceived. Behold, therefore: certainly then one properly resting sanctifies it, when we ourselves, having received the promise, wickedness no longer existing, and all things having been made new by the Lord, shall be able to work righteousness. Then we shall be able to sanctify it, having been first sanctified ourselves. Further, He says to them, ‘Your new moons and your Sabbaths I cannot endure.’ Ye perceive how He speaks: Your present Sabbaths are not acceptable to Me, but that is which I have made, (namely this,) when, giving rest to all things, I shall make a beginning of the eighth day, that is, a beginning of another world. Wherefore, also, we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead. And when He had manifested Himself, He ascended into the heavens” (The Epistle of Barnabas, chap. xv., The Ante-Nicene Fathers, vol. 1., pp. 146-147)

Consider upon these things: If the beginning of creation was in the year 3999

B.C. as indicated both by Biblical chronology and astronomical calculations, there being no year zero as confirmed by the Hebrew calendar, then the final year of the sixth day would be the year 2001 A.D. But we are also told that no man knows the day nor the hour of His coming, however, as we learned from the above we would know when it was near, that it would be in a time when homosexuality ran rampant, with violence filling the earth, and that it would occur in the generation in which Jerusalem was no longer under Gentile dominion. We are further told that when Jerusalem was no longer trodden down of the Gentiles that it would mark the fulfillment or end of Gentile times. We are also told that when the DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR it shall be the time of the heathen (see Ezekiel 30).

Twin events occurred at the beginning of our century to bring about the fulfillment of both these prophecies. Both of these events occurred in the same year - 1917. For it was in that year that General Allenby

freed Palestine from the rule of the Turks opening the way for the establishment of a Jewish homeland and ultimately the Jewish nation of Israel in 1948. That same year also saw the rise to power of atheistic communism in Russia. The religion of humanism has since swept the world and today permeates nearly every aspect of life.

Though the end of 2001 A.D. must in all certainty mark the end of the sixth day and the commencement of the seventh day we are further admonished that except those days (our time) be shortened no flesh would be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Thus we cannot pinpoint the exact year in which Christ shall come, only that it is near. However, it is plausible, that in order to complete the sixth day, that the amount of time shortened on this side of the millennium could be the length of time for the little season on the other side of the millennium.

In conclusion it is evident that there is little time remaining. In this brief interval Zion

must be established, a place in which the saints shall find deliverance from the wrath to come. This gospel of the kingdom must also be preached in all the world and will likely be accomplished when the 'few servants' shall go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, along with one referred to as the 'marred servant'. On the other hand we must witness the fulfillment of the mark of the beast, the coming of Gog to battle, and the conclusion of the time of Jacob's trouble, the time referred to as the great tribulation.

From another perspective we are presently living in the latter end of the fifth seal, a prophetic period of time commencing, I believe, in 1830. This is the seal in which John "saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it

was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled” (Revelation 6:9-11). This is the great tribulation seal. The tribulation of the saints was particularly severe in the early days of the restoration, however the tribulation commenced in earnest with the rise to power of the heathen in 1917. It is estimated that the Papal power put to death between 50 and 100 million christians during the 800 years following the tenth century. Upwards of 200 million have been destroyed just since 1917 by the communist conspiracy, with an estimated 50 to 100 million Chinese alone perishing just since 1948, making this century the worst century in history for the tribulation and slaughter of christians and others. This tribulation was to end with the opening of the sixth seal, a period in prophecy of the heavenly signs in the sun, moon, and stars and the appearance of the Son of God in the heavens, a time

when all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, a time when they shall call for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them, “For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand” (Revelation 6:17). See also Matthew 24. This wrath is embodied in the seventh seal and is referred to in many other scriptures as being the Day of the Lord, a dark and cloudy day, a day of thick clouds, etc. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. The seven angels with the seven trumpets of this seventh seal shall pour out the wrath of God upon the wicked inhabitants of the earth and in the process cleanse and make ready the earth for the habitation of Christ and His saints, at which point the nations of this earth shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ. During this time of punishment the saints of God shall find deliverance in both Zion and Jerusalem and in the remnant whom he shall call. (See Joel 2.) In this latter reference we are told that those same heavenly signs which would terminate the great

tribulation in Matthew 24 and would usher in the great day of his wrath in Revelation 6 are the same signs which would precede the great and terrible day of the Lord.

It is my premise that since God works in sevens, and since the sounding of those seven angel trumpets measure over 5 years in accomplishment for those for which the time is given, then it is likely that the remaining trumpets will complete the seven years. There is a prophecy in Daniel that states, “Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days” (Daniel 12:12). My father in his *Chronology of the Bible* has determined this date to end in the year 2005 A.D. Based on this figure and based on the possible length of the day of wrath described above, it is possible that Christ appearance could take place in 1997 or 1998. Because of a dream had by one, of a destruction to take place in 1996, that date could mark the conclusion of the power of Babylon over the nations of the earth. The coming

of Gog, fulfilling the vision of Washington, will purge this land after which Christ will come, ushering in the day of judgment and wrath upon the residue of the wicked. During that time Zion will be established providing deliverance

to the saints of God. "And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, which were scattered upon all the

face of the earth; And they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory" (1 Nephi 3:230).

Song Written on 02-07-93 By Stephen Gould

The time has come, oh ye my children,
To receive the way of choice.
Come, choose the way of your redeemer,
In His pathway to rejoice.

Come ye now, who do ye linger
As the hour grows more late?
For my path was made to walk in
Not to merely contemplate.

My laws, my statutes, and my judgments,
All of these be given you.
You will find they are sufficient
If you believe that they are true.

Zion waits, my heart is breaking
At this moment for all men;
For those who were to be their saviors
Haven't cared enough for them.

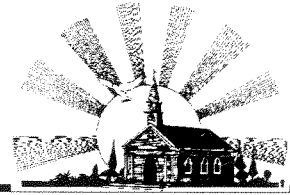
All the yearning, all the pleading,
Has it truly been in vain?
No! for I am God and I am Holy
And my gospel will proclaim.

For I am pouring out my spirit
And great faith am giving free
To all who humbly seek my kingdom
And my glory yearn to see.

Won't you give all of earth's treasures
Give them and my kingdom build?
First, give your heart, your soul, your service
All to Jesus truly yield.

Thus will Zion's towers yet glitter
Brighter than the noonday sun.
When my kingdom's come from heaven
My reign of Peace shall have begun.

Path Lights



MY BOOK OF MORMON TESTIMONY

In my childhood, Mother quoted many Scripture verses. She spoke of a Book of Mormon but didn't quote from it. Until I saw a copy, many years later, I was not impressed. I was six, when the first Bible came into our home—a King James Bible. We didn't have a Book of Mormon.

My father was an itinerant farmer. Because of frequent moves, there was no opportunity to establish church attendance anywhere, until I was seventeen. Then, I became a Sunday school teacher in a Methodist Church, where Vance Harris was Sunday school superintendent. Neither of us had joined a religion.

I had never met my maternal grandmother. She was alone and decided to visit her scattered children. She came to our house in Nebraska, late in my seventeenth summer.

She had a Book of Mormon. My memory went back to when Mother mentioned the book, so I examined it. I read excerpts. Over the two months Grandmother was with us, I was so fascinated with her book that it was all I could do to lay it aside, when the occasion demanded.

I learned from the book that, to go to Heaven, one must be baptized. I learned that Christ's Church must be called by Christ's name, the Church of Christ. I kept learning from this very fascinating book or record. Grandmother left her Book of Mormon at our house, when she returned to her home in Oklahoma, many miles distant.

The Church of Christ, described by the Book of Mormon, did not exist in our community nor in any surrounding communities. I was determined to find it sometime,

somewhere; and, when found, I would be baptized.

I was engaged to Vance Harris six months, when he asked my preference in an authority to perform our marriage ceremony. I suddenly realized, although we worked together in the Methodist Church, both in Sunday school and the young peoples' organization, he really knew nothing of my religious convictions. To answer his question, I informed him we needed to discuss something.

Apprehension of the result of my revelation to Vance filled my soul; however, he listened quietly, as I told him, whoever married us must be a Church of Christ minister. I told him my intention to be baptized, as the Book of Mormon teaches and become a member of the Church of Christ. I wouldn't let him or anything interfere. I didn't

want to think that what I revealed to him would make a difference in our relationship.

Apprehension left me, when Vance softly answered that he had no intention of interfering in my decisions. I could not have asked for more, when he inquired about the book I mentioned. I gave him Grandmother's Book of Mormon to read.

Grandmother visited us again the fall of my eighteenth year. She wanted very much to attend a Church of Christ conference in Independence, Missouri, on her way home to Oklahoma. It was the special 1929 October conference. I hesitated about going, not thinking of the advantage to me, only of the time away

from home and Vance, two weekends.

God's ways were not to be thwarted. Vance had been reading the Book of Mormon and asking questions. I related Grandmother's wishes to him. His eyes twinkled, as he gave me a plan. He traveled all of Nebraska, in his work. He suggested I comply with Grandmother's wishes. He would plan his travels to end his week in extreme southeastern Nebraska. He would join us on the weekend in Independence. Going with Grandmother could accomplish my acquaintance with the Church of Christ; and, when he joined me, my baptism and our marriage. My family approved and we car-

ried out our marriage plans October 13, 1929. I was baptized October 14.

After Vance came into the Church of Christ, he was asked by two of the ministry, which of the two was most influential in bringing him into the Gospel? He replied, "No man brought me into the Gospel. I was converted by Christ's words in the Book of Mormon." As Paul said to the Galatians, 1:12, "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." That is also my testimony.

Lois Harris, Georgeville,
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Editorial (continued)

Example is the great thing that defies the world with all its vain glory; by letting their moderation be known unto all men, both in dress and in living; in words and in deeds; in watching and in praying; in love and in labor, and in works as well as in faith, they (the Saints) preach

the world a lecture, they set the inquirer an example, and teach all Christendom a lesson, that studied preaching and pulpit eloquence have failed to accomplish."

These words state the responsibility that we of the Church have to pronounce to

the world the fullness of the Gospel that was restored upon the earth in 1830. To be that "sterling example" to the world. Let us all pray that the Lord might guide and direct and strengthen us as we endeavor to serve him this coming year.

N E W S

Greetings from the Ravenna Local, Michigan.

By the time this is in the next Advocate the holidays will be over. I hope that everyone enjoyed getting together with their family and friends, and that everyone had a joyful Christmas.

A few weeks ago we had a visit from Jim and Emily Horn. We were glad to see them once again. Thanksgiving weekend we also had a visit with Elder Charles Brantner and his wife Jean. They also came down to

spend Thanksgiving with their family.

This Sunday the fourth of December was our Sacrament and it was a very foggy day so we were very happy to have Brother Ken and Sister June Haines made it to our meeting. They have a long way to travel and it must have been hard driving in the fog. But I know that God was with them all the way.

In one of Sister Marie Piatt's testimonies she said something that I thought about alot. She said "I don't know

what I would do if someone said to me, you either give up your faith in the Lord, or your life." I just know what her answer would be! I'm sure she would say, "Take my life because without the Lord I would have no life." We should all feel this way if we believe Heaven is a much better place. Even the humblest work for the Lord is a high calling.

Reporter:
Norma Heith

THIS I KNOW

I do not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way.
I do not know tomorrow's road
Nor see beyond today.
BUT THIS I KNOW- My Savior knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His hand
To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain.
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure or of pain.
BUT THIS I KNOW- My Savior knows
And whatso'er it be
Still I can trust His love to give

What will be best for me.
I do not know what still awaits
Or what the morrow brings,
but with the glad salute of faith
I hail its opening wings!
FOR THIS I KNOW- that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met,
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.

"The Lord knoweth them that are His"
2 Timothy 2:19.

Submitted by:
Sister Vida Filley

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