

# **Rebellion and Redemption 1Q 2016 Lesson 12** The Church Militant

I received the following email a couple of weeks ago (edited for length):

Just wanted to share with you a short Letter to the Editor which I wrote that was just published on Thursday, 2/25/16.

A gentleman had written into our local Harrisonburg, VA paper, the Daily News-Record, to point out a number of questions that were not answered by the Bible plus some others that were, but seemed to go against science. He was implying that the Bible was of little value to a thinking person. This really bothered me! :) I prayed about how to reply to his letter. I once was equally as confused, and I truly empathized with him and with so many others who believe the Bible is full of contradictions and misinformation. I was limited to no more than 150 words, so I just pointed him - and others who think the Bible makes no sense to a rational person - to your ministry.

I wish now that I had been able to state what you recently said in a [Bible Study Class], that the Bible is not actually an "authority" on everything in this world. It is an account of how God has been managing the fallout for mankind from The Great Controversy. While we can learn much from it and from reading between the lines, it does not hold all the answers - such as how dinosaurs fit into Creation? (That was one of his questions.) However, I did at least get across the message that God EXPECTS us to use our brains to understand Him, ourselves, and this world by quoting Isaiah 1:18.

I also mentioned you and the Integrated, Evidence-based Approach you developed and Come and Reason Ministry as being a source for solid answers to the questions this man had presented.

You and your ministry have been tremendously helpful to me and my husband. I always thought of myself as having a very strong faith, but it is so much stronger now that I am learning to apply your Integrative, Evidence-based Approach to what the Bible tells us about God's true character of Love and Mercy. My cognitive dissonance has been resolved, finally, and I did not have to wait until I reached Heaven!

It used to be so hard to believe in the inspiration of all Scripture and also believe that God IS Love. For 20 of my younger years, I actually could not rationalize it. I actually HATED God when I first started to read the Old Testament for myself at Age 15 and wanted to run as far from Him as I could. It's a miracle I survived those years, but He protected me in my ignorance and folly. He drew me closer, little by little, with amazing personal miracles that built up my belief and love for Him. I eventually gave in and rationalized that His ways were beyond my



understanding, loftier than my thoughts and ways. It worked for me, but it left me uncomfortable when witnessing to my agnostic, science-minded friends.

No one else was willing to give God the benefit of any doubt as I was. Your ministry has changed that! Now, the Bible makes sense to me, and I am able to intelligently discuss Jesus and The Great Controversy with everyone and anyone, confident that I won't be thought a fool for believing the God of the Old Testament is Love, just as Jesus is Love.

Before, it seemed I didn't have "two legs to stand on," but now, I can actually say I have THREE! God's Word, Nature/science, and direct evidence from personal experience all come together for me now in a meaningful way. It all makes perfect sense now. Finally, I am totally secure in knowing God is and always was CONSISTENTLY loving toward all, including Satan. What a cosmic relief!

Thank you for so effectively sharing your open-minded, rational approach to knowing our God. No one else that I know is so capably merging science with God's word. It's just such a blessing to us believers with scientific training, especially ones like me who consider Ellen White a modern day prophet. I also want to say that your analysis of Evolution vs Creationism in your blog is so "elegant" in its simplicity. Brilliant! I have shared it with many, who all agree.

Be blessed many times over for all you do for the Lord and others!

## SABBATH

#### The Church Militant

What do you think of the title? What is the church? Who makes up the church?

My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 1Cor 1:12, 13

What is Paul saying? If he was speaking today what might he say, "One of you says 'I follow Calvin,' another 'Wesley,' another 'Ellen White,' still another 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided..."?

What is the church? Is it a denomination? Do we show we are growing up into maturity by divisions? Listen to Paul in Chapter 3 of 1Cor:

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You



are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

<sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 1Cor 3:1-9

Heb 5-6 says those who are on milk "are not acquainted with righteousness" – in other words they are not righteous. Those described as being on milk are still worldly – and what is his description of this? Divisions within the church arguing over who follows who, would this include denominational divisions?

Any thoughts on how we should view denominations?

John Wesley's Dream:

John Wesley had a dream which affected his life's work tremendously. He dreamed that he died and came to the gate of heaven. He was anxious to know who had been admitted, so he questioned the keeper:

"Are there any Presbyterians here?" "None", replied the keeper of the gate.

Wesley was surprised. "Have you any Anglicans?" he asked. "No one!" was the reply

"Surely, there must be many Baptists in Heaven?" "No, none", replied the keeper.

Wesley grew pale. He was afraid to ask his next question: "How many Methodists are there in heaven?" "Not one," answered the keeper quickly.

Wesley's heart was filled with wonder. The angel at the gate then told Wesley that there were no earthly distinctions in heaven. "All of us here in heaven are one in Christ. We are just an assembly who love the Lord".

Wesley was then taken downward, downward to the entrance of Hell. He met the keeper of the



gate there.

"Have you any Presbyterians here?" asked Wesley. "Oh, yes, many," answered the keeper.

Wesley stood still, "Have you any Anglicans?" he asked. "Yes, yes, many", answered the keeper.

"Are there Baptists in there"? Wesley continued to ask. "Of course, many," replied the keeper.

"Wesley was afraid to ask the next question. "Are there any Methodists in Hell?" The keeper of the gate grinned. "Oh Yes, there are many Methodists here."

Wesley could hardly speak. "Tell me, have you any there who love the Lord?" "No, no, not one, not one" he answered. "No one in Hell loves the Lord"!

What about SDAs, will there be SDAs in heaven? What about in hell?

What do you take as the truth of this dream? It affected Wesley profoundly and his theology was shaped by it.

John Wesley's words:

"What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?" I answer: A Methodist is one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;" one who "loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever!"

If any man say, "Why, these are only the common fundamental principles of Christianity!" thou hast said; so I mean; this is the very truth; I know they are no other; and I would to God both thou and all men knew, that I, and all who follow my judgment, do vehemently refuse to be distinguished from other men, by any but the common principles of Christianity, -- the plain, old Christianity that I teach, renouncing and detesting all other marks of distinction. And whosoever is what I preach, (let him be called what he will, for names change not the nature of things,) he is a Christian, not in name only, but in heart and in life. He is inwardly and outwardly conformed to the will of God, as revealed in the written word. He thinks, speaks, and lives, according to the method laid down in the revelation of Jesus Christ. His soul is renewed after the image of God, in righteousness and in



all true holiness. And having the mind that was in Christ, he so walks as Christ also walked.

Did Wesley leave out anything essential from this statement? How many groups does the Bible describe when Christ returns? Two:

- Sheep and goats
- Virtuous woman and harlot
- Fruitful vine and withered vine
- Wheat and tares
- Saved and lost

So, when we think of the Church Militant, what do we think? Do we think of an organized denomination, or all of those who are like Christ in character and accurately reveal God and His will on earth?

This is what one of the founders of the SDA church said:

There is a strife between the forces of good and evil, between the loyal and the disloyal angels. Christ and Satan are not at an agreement, and they never will be. **In every age the true church of God has engaged in decided warfare against satanic agencies**. Until the controversy is ended, the struggle will go on between wicked angels and wicked people on the one side, and holy angels and true believers on the other. {Christ Triumphant 28.2}

#### And,

Satan is trying to lead men and women away from right principles. The enemy of all good, he desires to see human beings so trained that they will exert their influence on the side of error, instead of using their talents to bless their fellow men. And multitudes who profess to belong to God's true church are falling under his deceptions. They are being led to turn away from their allegiance to the King of heaven. {Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students 494.1}

Paul writing to the Corinthians said they were being worldly, would that be the same as being led away from God's true principles? What might it look like to be led away from God's true principles? What is a principle? A design protocol – and how do people get led away from principles? By replacing them with imposed rules, arbitrary commands—this is being worldly and this is how Rome infected the church with the idea that God's law is a list of imposed rules.

Thus the church, rather than being a organization of love and truth, becomes authoritarian, imposes rules, enforces rules, polices, criticizes etc. Just look at history:

• Dark Ages



• Today—look at how Christians are acting regarding marriage, abortion etc. They are too often trying to use authority, state authority to enforce their beliefs, rather than promoting their views with love and freedom

What do you think of this quote?

The life of Christ was a life charged with a divine message of the love of God, and he longed intensely to impart this love to others in rich measure. Compassion beamed from his countenance, and his conduct was characterized by grace, humility, truth, and love. Every member of his church militant must manifest the same qualities, if he would join the church triumphant. The love of Christ is so broad, so full of glory, that in comparison to it, everything that men esteem as great, dwindles into insignificance. When we obtain a view of it, we exclaim, O the depth of the riches of the love that God bestowed upon men in the gift of his only begotten Son! {Christian Education 76.3}

Was Christ as war when He lived on earth as a human being 2000 years ago?

And what kind of war did He wage? What about the church today? What kind of war are we to wage?

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2Cor 10:3-5

What kind of war is this? Where is it fought? What weapons do we use?

What is God, through Christ, fighting to achieve?

He is fighting to save the lives of His children—from what? Sin—which is what? Deviation from God's design for how life is constructed, thus God is fighting to restore in human beings His law of love—His character of love, which is the protocol upon which life is based.

So—God wants our love and trust—and if we trust Him, He will pour out the Holy Spirit to transform us through love and truth!

Some like to focus on the fact that God will destroy sin—yes God destroys sin. The question is how? How do God's weapons work (this is just a partial list)?

- truth destroys lies and wins to trust
- compassion disarms guardedness
- grace overcomes prejudice
- humility defeats pride and arrogance



- gentleness vanquishes cruelty
- peace triumphs over uncertainty
- forgiveness eradicates resentment and bitterness
- freedom destroys coercion and promotes love
- life destroys death
- love destroys selfishness and fear and transforms the soul

Why don't we get more victories in the church? Because we too often substitute Satan's weapons for God's—and *we cannot win God's cause with Satan's methods*!

- truth destroys lies and wins to trust—Satan's method is to use lies:
  - Have you ever seen deception used by church leaders?
  - Those religious leaders who crucified Christ, look at the testimony of those who spoke against Christ at His trial
  - What about those who
- compassion disarms guardedness—Satan's method is to justified guardedness:
  - Have you seen actions taken by church leaders against an individual because the leaders were afraid of what would happen if they didn't?
- grace overcomes prejudice—Satan's method is to promote prejudice:
  - Consider the KKK and supposedly they use the Bible
  - Or all types of prejudice—religious prejudice, Protestant against Catholic or vice versa...
- humility defeats pride and arrogance—Satan's method is to justify pride and arrogance: How is this seen in the church?
  - We are the remnant?
  - We are the chosen?
  - We have the truth?
  - We are rich and in need of nothing?
  - We are theology professors, pastors, priests....
- gentleness vanquishes cruelty—Satan's method is to justify cruelty but call it justice:
  - God is required to punish wickedness
  - God will torture each person for unrepentant sin
- peace triumphs over uncertainty—Satan promotes uncertainty:
  - How can you know what God's will is?
  - Do you really believe God wants you do to that?
- forgiveness eradicates resentment and bitterness—Satan promotes accountability, record keeping, legal pardon, i.e. don't forgive until the person repents, thus we must punish the unrepentant
- freedom destroys coercion and promotes love—Satan's method to coerce:
  - Dissenters should be burned at the stake
  - Crusades
  - Let's get control of our governments and pass laws requiring people to live in accordance with our beliefs



- life destroys death—Satan's method states that death destroys death and thus Christianity is infected with the idea that God is the source of inflicted pain, suffering, torture and death
- love destroys selfishness and fear and transforms the soul—Satan's method is to replace love with fear and selfishness and thereby destroy the soul:
  - $\circ~$  God's law is no different than ours and God therefore must punish lawbreakers—therefore we must fear God
  - We can claim legal pardon for our sins, but we experience no transformation as we continue to live in fear of facing God in the judgment and pray Jesus will be there to protect us and plead our case

Here is a fascinating quote from *The Faith I Live By:* 

Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. [meaning what? the church is at war, and the war is for the hearts and minds of people, a war over two methods, principles of living, a war over love versus selfishness] We are sorry that there are defective members... While the Lord brings into the church those who are truly converted, Satan at the same time brings persons who are not converted into its fellowship. While Christ is sowing the good seed, Satan is sowing the tares. There are two opposing influences continually exerted on the members of the church. One influence is working for the purification of the church, and the other for the corrupting of the people of God.... {FLB 305.2} [do you believe this? there are influences WITHIN the church that are working for the corruption of God's people? What would those influences look like? Would it not be those influences that are antagonistic to the truth about God? Those influences which represent God as severe, arbitrary, imposing laws, punishing, the source of inflicted torment and death?]

Then I found this perspective very interesting:

The church militant is not in this world the church triumphant. From generation to generation, the enemy has been marshaling his forces against God. His enmity against the law of God has increased as time has passed. And his followers are at enmity with any one who has moral courage to depart from evil, and bear witness to the truth. They pay no respect to the divine law, but they are strict in enforcing human laws. [How do you hear that statement? Do you hear it as, "They pay no respect to the design protocols of love upon which God constructed life to operate, but they strictly enforce imposed rules..."? And could those human rules be constituted around the commandments?] They are not in harmony with God. They are not attracted by his righteousness. In their human judgment they will condemn men who conscientiously keep the commandments of God. But God's children will not be



frightened from their purpose by the proud, presumptuous opposition of evildoers. By faith they see a crown of life awaiting those who are victorious, and they press forward toward the mark for the prize of their high calling in Christ Jesus. {RH, July 26, 1898 par. 8}

### SUNDAY

The lesson begins a review of the seven churches listed in Revelation to draw lessons from what was written to them. How do you understand those churches, who do they represent, who is the message for? Does it have any application in our day?

Read first paragraph, "In Revelation 2:1..." What part is symbol or metaphor, and what part is literal?

Was Jesus holding seven suns in His hand or are the stars symbolic? Then what about the lampstands—are they literal or also symbolic? If symbolic are there actual lampstands in heaven?

So, if we consider what the lesson is saying, that the seven lampstands represent seven churches—is there some place where such symbols originate?

What about in the OT sanctuary service, which itself was a pattern of something seen in heaven. What is it all trying to reveal?

What is the key? -To understand the truth about God in the setting of the Great Controversy.

## MONDAY

The lesson focuses on the messages to Smyrna and Pergamum. Revelation 2:9, part of the message to Smyrna: "I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."

What is the synagogue of Satan? What is the temple of the Holy Spirit?

What then would be the synagogue of Satan? Would it be human beings who have solidified their characters to represent Satan and his methods?

Here is a quote from one of the founders of the SDA church:

The great controversy between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness has not abated one jot or tittle of its fierceness as time has gone on. The stern conflict between **light and** 



darkness, between error and truth, is deepening in its intensity. The synagogue of Satan is intensely active, and in this age the deceiving power of the enemy is working in the most subtle way. Every human mind that is not surrendered to God, and is not under the control of the Spirit of God, will be perverted through satanic agencies. {CTr 249.2}

The enemy is working continually to supplant Jesus Christ in the human heart, and to place his attributes in the human character in the place of the attributes of God. He brings his strong delusions to bear upon the human mind in order that he may have a controlling power. He seeks to obliterate the truth and abolish the true pattern of goodness and righteousness, in order that the professed Christian world shall be swept to perdition through separation from God. He is working in order that selfishness shall become worldwide, and thus make of no effect the mission and work of Christ. {CTr 249.3}

Christ came to the world to bring back the character of God to humankind, and to retrace on the human soul the divine image. Through His entire life Christ sought by continuous, laborious efforts to call the world's attention to God and to His holy requirements in order that people might be imbued with the Spirit of God, might be actuated by love, and might reveal in life and character the divine attributes. ... {CTr 249.4}

Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. The members of Satan's church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law, and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven. {CET 207.1}

What do you think is the root of this synagogue? It is the false belief that God's law is like human law, and that God is like Satan in character a being who must inflict pain, suffering, torture and death to punish lawbreakers. People who hold to this type of false god are those who compromise the synagogue of Satan.

## TUESDAY

The lesson focuses on the message to Thyatira and Sardis, lets read Revelation 2:18-29 first (from *The Remedy*)

<sup>Rev 2:18</sup> "To the messenger to my recovering children in the church in Thyatira, write: This message is from Jesus—the Son of God—whose eyes shine brightly like a fire, and whose feet glow like metal in a furnace: <sup>19</sup> I know the choices you have made, your love and devotion,



your service and dedication, and how your healing progresses as you are achieving more now than when you first took the Remedy.

<sup>*Rev* 2:20</sup> Yet I have diagnosed this problem: You have accepted the teachings of Jezebel, which make me look like Baal—a being who imposes law, inflicts torture, and must be appeased. Her teachings mislead people into internalizing pagan ideas about God—including God being like Baal and requiring bloody payments—and thus committing spiritual adultery by giving their hearts to a false god. <sup>21</sup> I have given her time to turn away from the lies about God, but she refuses; <sup>22</sup> so I will let her reap the suffering that comes from operating outside my design for life. And all those who accept her view of God commit adultery with her and will suffer terribly unless they reject the lies and return to the truth about God and his methods of love. <sup>23</sup> I will destroy her offshoots—then all my children will know that I diagnose perfectly the condition of hearts and minds—and I will provide to each person what is in accord with their own choice. <sup>24</sup> Now for the rest of you in Thyatira: Those who have rejected the lies about me and refused to believe that I am like Satan alleges—no other burden will come upon you; <sup>25</sup> just hold true to what you currently know until I return.

*Rev 2:26* Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, I will free from the power and authority of the nations.

*Rev* 2:27 '*He will intervene with an unbreakable shepherd's rod; he will destroy the nation's ability to coerce and deceive, like iron crushing pottery.'* 

*I will give them the same power to break free as I received from my Father.* <sup>28</sup>*I will give them the morning star—I will give them all of myself.* 

*Rev 2:29* Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.

Read Revelation 3:1-6 (from *The Remedy*):

*Revelation 3:1* "To the messenger to my children in the church in Sardis, write:

This message is from Jesus, who directs the seven intelligent beings standing before the throne of God, and the seven messengers who are—like bright stars—shining forth the truth: I know your choices. You appear to be alive—living in harmony with the law of love—but you are dead in fear and self-centeredness. <sup>2</sup> Wake up before it is too late! Heal what remains viable but is about to die if you don't take action soon, for despite all your rituals and religious acts, you are devoid of love in the sight of my Father. <sup>3</sup> Remember the Remedy you have received: accept it, apply it to your lives, and turn away from the ways of the world. But if you refuse to



wake up to your condition and embrace the truth, you will be unaware of what is happening, and my coming will be like a thief's—you will not know the time I will come to you.

<sup>*Rev 3:4</sup>* Yet you still have a few faithful people in Sardis whose characters have not been stained with selfishness. They will walk by my side, dressed in the perfection of my character of love pure and white—for they are healed. <sup>5</sup> Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end will also have character perfect and pure. I will never remove them from the book of life, but proclaim to my Father and his angels that they have been completely healed. <sup>6</sup> Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches.</sup>

#### WEDNESDAY

The first sentence states, "The church is commended for keeping Christ's word and for not denying His name, even though their strength appears to be quite weak."

What does it mean to deny the name of Jesus?

What is the name? It is the character of Jesus—so what would it mean to deny the character of Jesus? –It would be to call yourself a Christian but to misrepresent Christ. How does this happen?

Is it referring to those who, after accepting Christ, stumble and fall and commit sin? –No—absolutely not! It is speaking of people who say they are Christian but live and teach the very opposite of God's character of love:

Last paragraph states, "The promises to the overcomer from this church include being made a pillar in God's temple..." What does this mean?

Does it mean they are turned to granite, or stone, or silver and become a load-bearing column in a building in heaven?

Is this literal or symbolic? Then what about the temple in heaven? Is the temple in heaven real? – Absolutely—the question that is most significant, and for which many have failed to answer is—from what is the temple in heaven constructed?

This passage informs us the building blocks of God's heavenly sanctuary are the saved—living beings who have been rescued and healed from sin! Consider what Peter wrote, we are living stones built together into a house for the Lord.

#### THURSDAY

The lesson focuses on Laodicea, read Revelation 3:14-22 (from *The Remedy*):



*Rev 3:14* "To the messenger to my children in the church in Laodicea, write:

This message is from Jesus—the consistent, reliable, faithful and true Witness—who is the origin of God's creation: <sup>15</sup> I know your choices. I know that you are neither on fire with love, nor do you appear cold with selfishness. I wish you were either on fire for my kingdom, or clearly opposed to it! <sup>16</sup> But because you are a lukewarm mix of cold hearts practicing selfish methods while appearing to be on fire for my kingdom, you misrepresent me and make me sick to my stomach. I am about to vomit you out. <sup>17</sup> You claim to be spiritually rich and full of heavenly treasure, thinking you have the truth and are in need of nothing, but you are so self-deceived that you don't realize you are devoid of my character of love. You are decrepit, pathetic, bereft of true godliness, with minds so closed that you can't even comprehend truth. You stand naked and exposed. <sup>18</sup> My prescription for you is to exchange your corrupt motives for the gold of godly love purified through fiery trials, so that you can be rich in what heaven values. Exchange your filthy, selfish characters for the perfect character of Christ—pure and white—so that you can cover the shame of your imperfection. And apply the salve of the Holy Spirit to your minds, so that you can see and understand the reality of your own condition, and that of God's kingdom of love.

<sup>*Rev 3:19</sup>* It is those whom I love that I diagnose and provide these therapeutic interventions, so take ownership of yourselves: turn away from destruction and apply the Remedy. <sup>20</sup> I am here now! I am standing at the door to your hearts, knocking with truth and love. If any hear my voice and open their hearts, I will come in and commune with them, and they with me.</sup>

*Rev 3:21* Everyone who prevails by completing the treatment, and lives in harmony with my methods of love until the end, will sit enthroned with me—just as I overcame, and sit enthroned with my Father. <sup>22</sup> Those whose minds are open to truth will understand what the Spirit reveals to the churches."

## FRIDAY

Read the quote-what does it mean? Are you thinking through imposed law or design law?

Here is a key:

- divine law—God's character of love and the protocols upon which all creation is constructed to operate
- atonement—oneness, unity, fixing what was broken, restoring creation back into God's original design. Only the One who is the source of perfect truth and love could restore it into humanity.
- Only Jesus could fix what Adam did to humanity and restore the species to unity with God because the curse of breaking God's design for life is death—Jesus destroyed death by perfectly living out the law of love, the law of life



• Jesus was treated despicably and had the guilt and shame of such treatment poured upon Him

When you read the author's thoughts on the quote, what level of moral development are they explaining things through?



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Jennings has been named a *Champion of Health* by True Health Broadcasting Network in association with Health Institute for Preventive Care, Access, Research and Education (HIPCARE) and True Health TV and will be presented with the *"Legacy Champion of Health"* award at a Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Atlanta, Georgia.

This award is being presented to Dr. Jennings, as it states in the award letter, "because of your unselfish commitment to community health exemplified by your leadership in the community and as author of "*The God-shaped Brain*" and "*Could it be this Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*".

*The God-Shaped Brain* is now available in Korean and is available at this website: <u>http://book.naver.com/bookdb/book\_detail.nhn?bid=9519886</u>

The Remedy – Dr. Jennings' New Testament Paraphrase–FREE for ios and android systems.

The Journal of the Watcher is now available as a HARD COVER book at Amazon as well as a movie in itunes for everyone without ios or android, you can now get it in itunes. It is also available as an APP for Apple and Android devices.

March 11-12, 2016: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Village Church, College Place, WA.

April 1-2, 2016: Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Spring Branch Hispanic SDA church, Houston, TX.

**May 18-20:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at *The Struggle Is Real* Conference at Seacoast Church in Charleston SC, for more info and to register click this link <u>http://www.2016summit.net</u>