



2022 2Q Genesis—Lesson 1 The Creation

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INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY GUIDE

In the third paragraph the lesson reads:

“The English word *Genesis* is derived from the Greek *genesis*, which means “beginning,” which itself is derived from the Hebrew... “in the beginning”—the first word of the book (hence, the first word of the entire Bible!). *Genesis* gives us the foundation, base, upon which all the following Scriptures rest. Because it is first, and so foundational to all that comes after, *Genesis* is probably the most quoted or referred to book in the rest of Scripture.”

Many of the reasons they cited is here are the reasons I went ahead and paraphrased *Genesis* along with the New Testament and Psalms. This book is foundational to understanding reality in so many ways.

However, there is one idea here that isn't quite as tightly connected and thus I want to explore it.

What are your thoughts about *genesis* being the first word of the entire Bible and *because* it is first it is foundational?

The way our Bibles are arranged *Genesis* is certainly the first book and the Hebrew “in the beginning” is the first word, but does that mean that *genesis* is the first word of Scripture that was written?

Most scholars believe *Genesis* is the second book of the Bible written, the first being *Job*.

Now consider, if *Job* were placed before *Genesis* and it set the stage for reading the rest of Scripture, would there be a different lens, a change in landscape or emphasis for which we understand the Creation account?

What is the opening scene in *Job*? A conflict in heaven—does it make a difference if we understand the Bible through the lens of the Great Controversy? And what was the controversy over? In *Job* 42:7, God clarifies, that what *Job* has said about God what is right. The issue in the war is what is revealed throughout all of Scripture the goodness, righteousness, and trustworthiness of God which was brought into question by Satan the liar.

Ellen White got this right. The first words in the Conflict of the Ages series, in the book *Patriarchs*



and *Prophets* are:

“God is love.” 1 John 4:16. **His nature, His law, is love.** It ever has been; it ever will be. “The high and lofty One that inhabits eternity,” whose “ways are everlasting,” changes not. With Him “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” Isaiah 57:15; Habakkuk 3:6; James 1:17.

Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings...

The history of the great conflict between good and evil, from the time it first began in heaven to the final overthrow of rebellion and the total eradication of sin, is also a demonstration of God's unchanging love.

The Sovereign of the universe was not alone in His work of beneficence. He had an associate—a co-worker who could appreciate His purposes, and could share His joy in giving happiness to created beings. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1, 2... (Patriarchs and Prophets 33-34).

This setting of the Great Controversy over God’s character, law, methods is the lens one must have to discern rightly the rest of Scripture and this is the setting we get when we remember that Job is the first words of Scripture written.

Yes, it is true that Job as a human being lived after the Creation account in Genesis, but the book of Job was written before the Genesis account. This is because the Great Controversy over God’s character, methods, law and government began before the Creation account of Genesis and is the central issue in the war.

Let’s jump to **WEDNESDAY**

With the Great Controversy over God’s character and law in mind, let’s consider the creation of humankind: was there some purpose beyond simply creating more living beings?

Did God have a purpose for humans in the middle of this heavenly war over God’s trustworthiness?

If we had Job in mind before reading creation account, we would be aware of the conflict in heaven over God’s character and law, and this might give us insight into the purpose of this unique creation.

Let’s consider some insight from EGW the first is from *Review and Herald* April 14, 1896:

The agencies of Satan are at work to keep the minds of men engrossed with the things of this life, in order that he may work counter to the mission and work of Christ. **[Is that just entertainment and routines responsibilities like work, or is it also politics, social justice through government, and wars?]** Of Satan, Christ declares he “abode not in the truth.” **Once Satan was**



in co-partnership with God, Jesus Christ, and the holy angels. [What is co-partnership? Agreement, cooperation, harmony, like-minded, working upon the same principles and toward the same goals.] He was highly exalted in heaven, and was radiant in light and glory that came to him from the Father and the Son; but he became disloyal, and lost his high and holy position as covering cherub. He became the antagonist of God, an apostate, and was excluded from heaven. **He established his empire, and planted the standard of rebellion against the law of Jehovah.** [How? By claiming that God's law is imposed and that angels were so holy they had no need for law and that if one breaks the law, God really doesn't give freedom, He kills, He punishes, He inflicts death.] He invited all the powers of evil to rally about his standard, in order to form a desperate companionship of evil to league against the God of heaven. He worked perseveringly and determinedly to perpetuate his rebellion, and to cause men to turn from Bible truth, and to stand under his banner. **As soon as the Lord through Jesus Christ created our world, and placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, Satan announced his purpose to conform to his own nature the father and mother of all humanity, and to unite them with his own ranks of rebellion.** [What is Satan's purpose? To take human beings, created in the image of God to be temples where God dwells, living beings who operate upon the living law of love and replace God's methods, principles, character and law with his own evil methods, principles and character and the law of sin and death. Satan wants to dwell where God is supposed to dwell.] **He was determined to efface the image of God from the human posterity, and to trace his own image upon the soul in place of the divine image. He adopted methods of deception by which to accomplish his purpose.** [He deceives people into believing what they are doing is right when they are doing wrong. He does this in a variety of ways, one is to get people to pursue justice by practicing his methods, another is twisting reality so that people believe good is evil and evil is good—such as it is good or acceptable to flaunt perverse sexual views in the workplace but it is abusive and evil to share your faith with people in the workplace. He is able to do this because he has replaced design law with imposed law, and made up rules are arbitrary and often contradict reality—God's design laws, leaving people without any reliable standards upon which they can determine right from wrong. Only those who know God, His character and His design laws can truly discern right from wrong.] He is called the father of lies, an accuser of God and of those who maintain their allegiance to God, a murderer from the beginning. He put forth every power at his command to win man to co-operate with him in apostasy, and succeeded in bringing rebellion into our world. Review and Herald April 14, 1896, par. 4

The life of Christ is to be revealed in humanity. **Man was the crowning act of the creation of God, made in the image of God, and designed to be a counterpart of God; but Satan has labored to obliterate the image of God in man, and to imprint upon him his own image.** Review and Herald June 18, 1895, par. 2 [“Man” means humankind not male, Adam and Eve together are the crowning act of creation.]

What does it mean to be a counterpart of God? Counterpart means: “a person or thing closely resembling another, especially in function.”



Humankind was created for a purpose—to be a counterpart of God, to be in the image of God—to reveal God in character, but also in method and function—to procreate and govern. God designed Adam and Eve, two separate individuals to come into the unity of love and create beings in their image, with their likeness. This is how God the Father, Son and HS function, in some aspect of shared unity in which they give of themselves in love and create. Adam and Eve were to govern the planet as God governs the universe and the entire universe would have learned lessons about God's character, methods, and law.

If Adam and Eve would have stayed loyal and rejected the lies of Satan and fulfilled God's purpose in their creation and had children in a sinless world—how would they have governed the planet? What kind of law would the entire world and all relationships have operated upon?

And, if, in that sinless world, one of Adam's descendants would have rebelled and sinned, what would Adam have done? Would Adam have set up a court room, held a trial, then built gallows and executed his child? Or would the rebellious child have run away and hid in fear, guilt, shame, unable to tolerate the glory of God still blazing from the righteous, like the children of Israel could not tolerate the fading glory from Moses' face? Would Adam have put on a veil, like Moses did, and sought out his child seeking to restore him, just like Jesus veiled His glory and became human to seek us out in order to restore us?

Satan hates everything that exposes him as a liar. Satan hates humanity and does not want us to fulfill the purpose that God created us to fulfill—to live in in harmony with God's design law of love, in truth, in freedom, in peace with God and each other. Satan wants to either destroy us or corrupt us to be the exact opposite of God's design.

Satan's goal has been to take living temples, human beings, and establish himself as the one enthroned in our hearts and minds as the one we love, admire, worship, cherish and behave like. He does this by getting us to believe lies about God and then to embrace his methods of fear and selfishness, coercion and force to advance our way upon others. In so doing he takes away our liberty; he wants to make us satanic in character, to make us pawns and puppets. He has used multiple strategies throughout history and God has been acting throughout history to oppose him and keep open the avenue for the plan of salvation.

Prior to the flood Satan not only worked to corrupt human character, such that humans became violent and hate filled, but Satan also worked to corrupt the species through genetic and hybridized manipulation of the physiology—designed to change our physical natures sufficiently that we would be cut off from God and no longer be image bearers of our Creator but animalistic.

Consider these historic quotes—do you agree?

But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of man and beast which defaced the image of God, and caused confusion everywhere. 3Spiritual Gifts 64.1



Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, which were the result of amalgamation, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, and in certain races of men. 3Spiritual Gifts 75.2

Human beings, prior to the flood, closer to the tree of life, had a greater vitality and could tolerate physiological amalgamations, but these were designed to make humans more debased, more animalistic, less and less like our loving Creator. God not only put all those people into the first death of sleep, but He also changed the nature of the planet, shortening the human life span and making us physiologically weaker so that Satan could not as easily manipulate the human physiology through hybridization or other genetic manipulation to create amalgamations.

God also confused the languages and instituted racial differences to put obstacles in the way of humanity uniting again in total planetary rebellion against God in order to give time for the plan of salvation to be achieved—for Jesus to come.

But Satan has been working through history to achieve his goal of destroying the image of God in humanity and putting his own where God's should be. He continues to do this through all forms of false worship, through disease, through violations of God's laws for physical health, spiritual health, mental health and relationship health.

We cannot have health while violating the laws of health. Thus, every violation of God's design laws injures us. The more we live in violation of God's laws the more injuries we suffer.

Polygamy and male domination over their wives are violations of God's design and injures both husbands and wives. Just as it is when wives exert authority and domination over their husbands. God's design is co-partnership, equality of moral worth and value in which each person loves the other and seeks the best for the other and both parties are mature and trustworthy.

But Satan's multiple forms of exploitation leads to greater injury, more fear, more selfishness and more of his methods being utilized in an effort to try and resolve our fears and insecurities.

Satan continues to work to destroy the image of God in us by all these long-standing methods. But today he is also advancing his plan to destroy the image of God in us through technology. Genetic and cybernetic hybridization is actively being pursued in which human beings will merge themselves with both animals and machines. Researchers are exploring ways to take various animal genes and use them in humans and vice versa, as well as augmenting the human brain with computer chips and other enhancements, such as enhanced visual range seeing into the infrared spectrum, or giving your brain immediate access to the internet over wi-fi, or augmented memory etc. This so-called transhumanism movement is part of Satan's end-time attack on humanity to destroy the image of God in humankind.

I wrote a blog about this entitled [Human 2.0 the Rise of the Cyborg](#) where you can find more information, but this research is actively ongoing with the goal to transcend death. The real vision is to



be able upload our individuality, consciousness, into an artificial platform (cyborg body) to experience eternal life.

As people have computer chips inserted into their brains to augment memory, access to data, communication or other abilities, what is the likely outcome?

Can sinful and selfish people create sinless loving beings? No, we can only create things that are like us. Additionally, it is my belief, that this is designed to cut people off from the Holy Spirit, to fully solidify people into the image of Satan. Our brains create quantum energy fields that resonate on various frequencies. The Holy Spirit communicates to us through these energy connections, anything that interferes with the natural operations of our brains changes this quantum output and cuts us off from the Holy Spirit, such as intoxication with alcohol and drugs, persistence in evil such that we sear the conscience (which results from real damage to certain brain regions causing change in the normal function of the brain) and I believe genetic hybrids and computer chips in the brain will also result in interfering with the ability of the person to communicate with God, to hear the still small voice of the Spirit.

It is one way that the world before Christ returns will be similar to the world before Noah—the image of God being erased in humankind.

SABBATH

Read last paragraph, “The most important lesson of...” What do you think of this idea that the most important lesson of beginnings, of creation, is grace?

What do you understand grace to be?

This seems to suggest a design law view rather than the penal legal view. For instance, grace in design law view is always an expression of God’s graciousness, an outworking of His character of love, a dispersal of His energies, actions, abilities, presence, person, power for the good of His creation. Thus, creating life in sinless perfection to live in holiness with freedom to think and to do would be an act of grace.

But the penal/legal view often defines grace as unmerited favor, doing something good for us when we actually deserve punishment. The unmerited favor idea of grace is a false idea based on the false law concept that has infected Christianity.

Thus the lesson pointing out that God creating life in perfection is an act of grace supports our view of God’s character and government.



TUESDAY

Read first paragraph, “It is precisely because...” Was there a Sabbath before the events in Genesis chapter one? Was the Sabbath made? Does the Sabbath have a beginning? Then if the Sabbath has a beginning does it mean the Sabbath is a rule and those who teach an imposed law view are correct?

It depends on why one believes the Sabbath was made, its purpose, and that depends on how one understands God’s law. If one presumes God’s law is imposed rules then the Sabbath is viewed as a rule, a test of obedience, something that is made up by God and enforced by external power.

Jesus’ clarification that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath refutes the imposed rule view—it isn’t a rule made up and imposed upon us, but a gift that is somehow for our benefit.

So if one has the design law view then one understands that the Sabbath was created with a purpose to fulfill a need that didn’t exist prior to when it was created and thus is an expression of God’s eternal design laws of truth, love, freedom.

Consider the Sabbath having a beginning like the rainbow—according to the Bible the rainbow also had a beginning. And did the rainbow also have a purpose? Is the rainbow an imposed a sign, an evidence of something? And is the rainbow an evidence of imposed rules or an expression and outworking of design law? So too is the Sabbath, it was created with a purpose, but is not an imposed rule but the outworking of design law—truth, presented in love, leaving free.

The Sabbath was created by God at the end of creation week in the context of Satan’s rebellion against Him and that the Sabbath stands as a memorial of God’s kingdom and methods of love. We are to remember that in six days, God created the earth and its solar system, and rather than using His power to force Satan into line, God rested on the seventh day. God blessed the Sabbath day by investing it with His methods of governing—the truth (His creatorship revealed), love (a planet whose ecosystem operates upon the design law of love, with sentient beings designed to govern in love and capable of pro-creating beings in their image), and freedom (God rested and left His children free rather than compel them with power to obey).

In creating the Sabbath, God memorialized religious liberty, truth, presented in love, while leaving His intelligent creatures free to decide for themselves. Thus, true Sabbath keepers are people who have God’s law, methods, character reproduced in them so that they live out His law and methods in how they treat others; they present the truth, in love, and leave others free, just like God has done.

So, what is the purpose of the Sabbath—it was made for whom? For humankind, why?

Did God know that humans would fall into sin? Then, would God have made a provision that would be beneficial to humans in a world of sin? Is the Sabbath such a resource, such an aide, such a blessing? How?

Again, what was the purpose of the Sabbath?



I gave them my Sabbaths as a **sign** between us, **so they would know that I the LORD made them holy** (Ezekiel 20:12 NIV84).

A sign is a mark, which is an object that conveys meaning, something that symbolizes a message. The Sabbath is a sign, mark, object from God to humanity that He has given for a purpose—to convey a message to us. And in this way, the Sabbath is like a flag. Let's consider object lesson similarities between a national flag and the Sabbath.

- A nation's flag is made for its citizens; the citizens are not made for the flag, just like "the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27 NIV84).
- A flag is created to inspire the people with patriotic love and loyalty to their country. The Sabbath was created to inspire humans with love and loyalty to God.
- A flag reminds people of the history, values, and principles of a nation. When people see the old Soviet flag, they are reminded of different values than those conveyed by the British, Canadian, or American flag. The Sabbath is given to remind us of God's government, methods, and principles—the kingdom of truth, love, and liberty.
- When people are taken captive in war and they see their national flag, it inspires them with the hope that their countrymen will come and rescue them. We are captives in a world of sin, and **the Sabbath is to remind us that God sent Jesus to deliver us from sin, to make us holy, to rescue us.**

Have you ever been proud to wave your national flag? Why?

We should be proud to wave the Sabbath—to celebrate the Sabbath, it is a sign that GOD MAKES US HOLY—He will deliver us from the captivity of sin. He has not abandoned us and He foreknew our need and posted this sign into time itself. Evil people may take away our Bibles but they cannot take away the Sabbath—it still flies, week after week the Sabbath still flies to remind us that God will make all who trust Him holy.

But, I know someone is going to ask, what about Sabbath keeping, what rules are we to keep on Sabbath—and as soon as that question is asked, what happens? The mind is infected with imposed law and the Sabbath slowly becomes a burden and a prison of fear and selfishness.

The Sabbath is a sign that God makes us holy. We to present ourselves as living sacrifices holy and acceptable to the Lord. Can we keep ourself holy only one day a week? Or, to be holy must we be holy every day of the week?

But in order to keep the Sabbath holy, men must themselves be holy. Through faith they must become partakers of the righteousness of Christ. DA 283

Is the Sabbath still binding? I would ask, binding what? Rightly understood, the Sabbath is a gift that helps God bind truth and love into our hearts. How? What truth does the Sabbath reveal?



- God is Creator
- God's law is Design Law
- God's methods are Truth presented in Love leaving us Free
- The Sabbath reveals God does not impose rules and threaten us with imposed punishments. That God presents evidence in love, and leaves us free and this wins us to loyalty to Him.

Read the first paragraph, "It is precisely..." How is the Sabbath an expression of our faith—isn't it an evidence of God's character, methods and law of love? Did they mean to say our valuing and honoring the Sabbath is an expression of our faith?

MONDAY

Read fourth paragraph, "The description of the Creation radically..." Which is more reasonable the Genesis account of creation or godless evolution?

Which view is more consistent with testable evidence?

Let's examine the premises each theory is built upon and find out:

Evolution

Something came from nothing
Life came from non-living matter
Complexity comes from chaos
with no intelligent input
Genetic mutation adds vitality
and genetic fitness
DNA coding can write itself

Creation

Something came from something (Creation)
Life came from living matter
Complexity comes from chaos
with intelligent input
Genetic mutation reduces vitality
and genetic fitness
DNA coding requires an intelligence

On every point the creationist view is more scientific, more evidence-based, and more consistent with reality.

Then why do so many people reject the creationist view and prefer the godless view?

Because the historic view of God that most people are familiar with and which the vast majority of Christianity continues to promote has been that of an imperial dictator who makes up rules and eternally tortures rule-breakers who won't submit to His rule.

If God were truly like this, then the universe would be better off without such a god.



But this perverse view of God is Satan's view of God, it is the type of god one gets when they accept the lie that God's law functions like human law. And this perverse view of God, based on believing God's law functions like human law, is the wine of Babylon that intoxicates the entire world. All the world believes this monstrosity is the God of the Bible—all but the very elect, the true remnant. And all the world has their minds damaged by this intoxicating brew of lies about God and His law. Even those who reject God, they do so because they still believe the lie that the Bible teaches this perverse view of God and therefore they reject it, even though the science demonstrates their godless view is unscientific.

The last paragraph tells us that God judged everything He created as “very good.”

What type of judgment is this? Is this a judicial process, or a diagnostic one? Again, the lesson rightly teaches design law understanding of reality.

THURSDAY

What is the first and greatest duty of every human being?

To love the Lord with all our entire heart, soul, mind and strength, and the second is to love others as ourselves.

In the world today, what does it mean to honor God?

Do we still have the responsibility to God to be good stewards of the planet?

And does Satan twist these responsibilities to God and the planet in various ways to get people to think they are fulfilling their responsibilities when they are not?

How?

What if people prioritize the health of the planet over the health of people? What if people advance policies with the intention of protecting the planet but those policies actually injure people?

What if they not just injure them physically but harm their minds and souls by getting them to embrace beliefs that are godless, that are based on fear, that inflame selfishness, that increase intolerance, that causes division, that see others who don't practice what they believe as evil and in need of being punished?

Do the people who honor God exploit the planet? Do people who practice God's methods refuse to set boundaries with those who are destructive to both the environment and to others?

What is the balance?



What is our duty to honor God in the choice of the foods we eat?

- Do we honor God with our bodies by how we treat them?
- Do food choices make a difference?
- Should godly people make intelligent choices about what foods they take into their bodies, and will those choices include what maintains their greatest health and therefore usefulness in God's cause?
- Will such choices be based on rules or the laws of health?
- Should people be left free to decide for themselves what choices are best for them—for instance might some people need to avoid eating peanut butter while others will benefit from eating it? Should we make rules that force people to eat peanut butter because of its nutritional value or prohibit people from eating it because others might be allergic?
- Would this principle of being intelligent and personally responsible for what one puts in their body include what medicines people take? Or should society force people to take medicines they don't believe will benefit them and won't honor God?
- What about food choices impacting the environment? Do we have any responsibility there to consider our choice?
- Interestingly, the WEF and leftists want to force people away from eating meat, particularly beef, because of their concerns about global warming and other harms to the environment from cattle while many Christians take the approach that God has given us all the animals to eat and it is godly to kill and eat the animals. What are your thoughts about this?
- This is a great example of Satan twisting things to cause conflict and confusion. Is there a difference between what God has permitted because of sin in this world and what God created and designed to happen?

One of the texts used by Christians to support that idea that it is God intention for us to eat anything we want is 1 Timothy 4:1–5:

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them **to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving**, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. (1 Timothy 4:1–5 NIV84).

But the Christians who use this for authorization to eat everything miss an important point in the text—there is a key phrase that is critical to getting the correct meaning and that is: “which God created to be received with thanksgiving.” God did NOT create everything to be eaten. Go back to Eden and God specifically lists the foods He created to be eaten, and animals are not included. But this can be pointed out very quickly, just ask them if everything is created by God to be eaten as long as we give thanks, if that is really true—then let's give thanks for a poison ivy salad and eat it. Immediately, they will say, well, that isn't intended for food. Exactly, and God didn't create animals to be eaten for food. It wasn't until after the flood that animals started to be eaten for food and God did



authorize animals to be eaten, but then gave a list of what animals were on the authorized list and what animals were not. And this list was based on the laws of health. All the authorized animals are the lowest on the food chain, meaning they are not carnivores or scavengers and thus will be the healthiest to eat.

I think there are some people who have the best health possible by eating various animal products—because of where they are in the world, the food choices available to them, their underlying physiology and other factors. So I would not make a rule on this on either side. The food choices are about living out God’s principles of health for our bodies, minds, souls, and community.

SUNDAY

What do we learn about God from the Creation account?

The lesson points out that the words used for God, *Elohim* and *YHWH* indicate power and closeness. That God is both powerful, but personal, intimate, and closely concerned and connected to us.

The lesson points out that because we are created beings we are dependent upon God—thoughts about this?

This is profound, one of Satan’s lies is to suggest that this dependence is a form of slavery, that we are not really free as long as we are dependent upon God, that real freedom means throwing off obedience to God’s law and thus finding freedom. Why is this a lie?

What law lens do we understand it through?

If we understand law like human law then Satan’s point is well made. To believe that there is no inherent damage, injury, problem from sin, that it is only sin because God made a rule to outlaw the action, and God uses power to police behavior and punish rule-breaking makes us slaves and destroys love. This corrupt view of God and His government is the root of Satan’s rebellion in heaven and sustains it on earth.

But, the message for the people at this time in history is to worship the Creator whose laws are design laws, the laws life is built to operate upon. As such harmony with God and His laws is the very basis of life and every deviation injures those who break God’s law.

Freedom is found in health not in sickness and health is found only in harmony with the laws of health. It is a grand deception to teach young people they can have more freedom if they smoke and do drugs, that any parent to puts rules on their children to restrict them from smoking or getting high is trying to enslave their children. No, people who violate the laws of health enslave themselves with all kinds of chains, physical limitations, pain, addictions of various kinds and become less free.

This is also true of the soul that sins. Those who sin become less free, they become enslaved to fear,



shame, guilt, selfishness and their actions become various human defenses to avoid these enslaving shackles.

True freedom is found only in Christ, in harmony with God's living law of love. Thus God's creation in Genesis was a world of freedom a world in which Adam and Eve were given dominion to govern, to rule in love, and they were free to rebel, to violate God's laws, but in so doing they only enslaved themselves with chains of fear, guilt, selfishness and shame that they could not break. Only Jesus could break those chains and that is why He came.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 6-7, 2022:

Dr. Jennings will be speaking at Lakewood Seventh-Day Adventist Church 1382 Arthur Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107.

- Friday evening: Healing the Mind
- Sabbath SS time: The God Shaped Brain
- Sabbath Church: Growing up in Christ—the 7 levels of moral decision making
- Sabbath afternoon: The Developing Brain followed by Q&A

Materials in Australia:

Simon and Maani Harrison have a Facebook group in Australia and have the following Come and Reason resources available in Australia:

- The Remedy New Testament
- The Remedy Psalms
- *Could It Be This Simple?*
- The Heavenly Sanctuary and Investigative Judgment for the Modern World
- First set of tracts

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