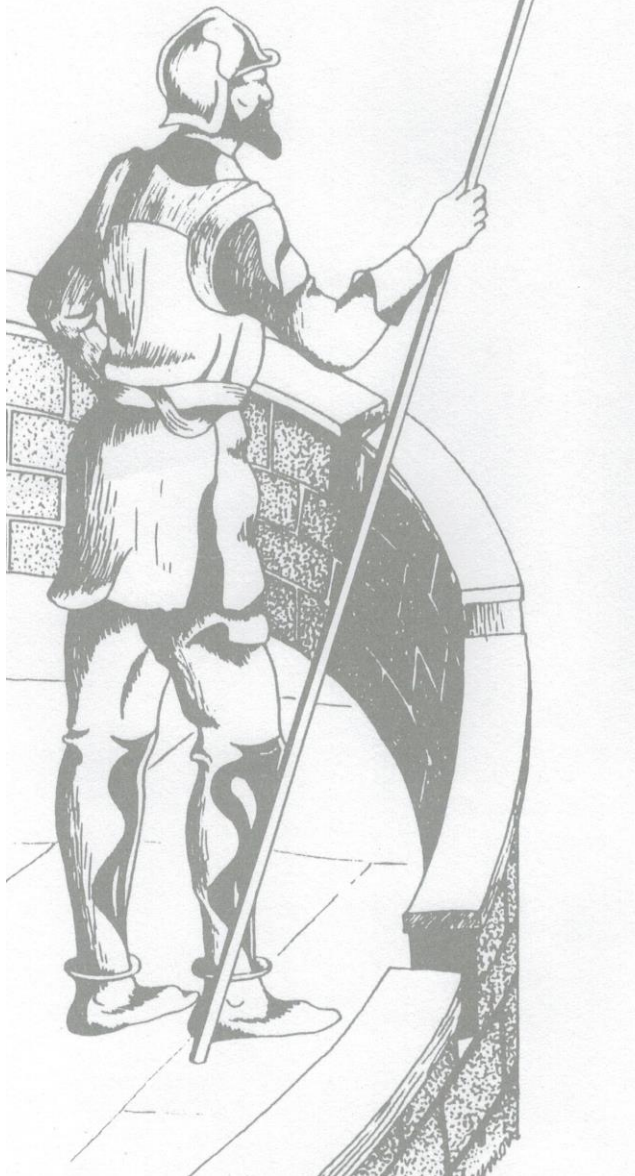


"Watchman, what of the night?"

"The hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you,
the hour and the end!"

Eze. 7:6 (Moffatt)



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Editor's Preface

The Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi Australia now in its 22nd year of continued work in the cause of present truth is now commencing the publication of an Australian edition of "Watchman, what of the night?." The Australian Foundation worked closely for many years with Elder Wm. Grotheer, (the Foundations Chief editor) until Elder Grotheer became ill and passed away on May 2, 2009. Since this time the Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi Australia has helped to re-establish the Arkansas/Mississippi Foundation to Iowa to continue the work in the U.S. and commence the Australian thought paper.

With world events transpiring at a rapid pace, with religious confusion abounding, and with coming events casting their shadows before, and the closeness to the end of time, we are now publishing upon the legacy of the work of Elder Grotheer.

With this issue and for numerous ones to follow we will be focusing on an inexhaustible theme which Paul said was "**necessary**" and of "**necessity**"; the Sanctuary Doctrine. You will discover neglected prophetic aspects; as we will be introducing the Man in Linen in conjunction with the Three Angels Messages in its direct relationship with the

Everlasting Gospel, including Jesus' own prophecy that Luke alone recorded in chapter 21. {Cont'd}

The reasonable **"necessity"** for this emphasis now, is because we believe this field of study is divinely mandated, a Divine **"necessity,"** and therefore inexhaustible, the reason for this is because it reveals how God resolves the sin problem in sinful flesh, which produces a people **"arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."** (Revelation 19:8 emphasis added)

In considering the truth concerning our Great High Priest (Hebrews 3:1) of our profession who ministers for us **"clothed in linen"** before the Most High that inhabits eternity, which is still sadly unknown to a great many in Adventism; this is a part of the Sanctuary Doctrine. It is our goal to acquaint you with, and introduce to you the revealing truth concerning the Man in linen. This comprises the advancing light of pure and unadulterated truth.

Therefore in the publishing of this thought paper we are going to resume a much needed review. The following principle is from WVN XXXIII – 1(00)

"During this past year we graciously received from a reader of WVN two cassette tapes which recorded Alma E. Mckibbin's recall of her memories of Ellen G. White. In the course of the interview, this pioneer Adventist educator and textbook writer, made an observation stating, "There was a famous normal school in the State of Kansas that had inscribed on the front of the building - "Review, and then Review again, and Review all that you've Reviewed." Her comment to this was - "It is a law of the human mind that we need review. We need drill; we need truth to be repeated."

This principle resurfaced and was brought out fifteen years ago by Elder Grotheer in "Watchman, what of the night," and it still holds true for us today. The thought papers then contained advancing understandings of the wilderness

Sanctuary, the Final Atonement and Jesus' own prophecy in Luke 21, and yet the Holy Spirit has further things to **"shew"** unto us. (See John 16:13-14).

It is our hope that with this and future editions of the WVN thought paper we can resume with you the principle of **"Review"** of what has been reviewed, as well as investigate and provoke meaningful thought in the neglected areas of study that are critical now to our salvation, because Paul in speaking to the Hebrews wrote extensively on the Sanctuary Doctrine as a Divine **"necessity"** and **"necessary"** (8:3, 9:23) for the times in which we are now living for **"all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."** (Hebrews 4:13-14)

It was Elder Grotheer's mentor and friend Elder M.L. Andreasen whom he often described as a peerless theologian, who stated:

"The book of Hebrews appeared at a critical time in the history of the early church." [The Book of Hebrews p.7]

Would it not be as critically important for the last generation? Elder Andreasen continues:

"The Book of Hebrews holds an important and unique place in the canon of the New Testament, as it deals chiefly with the ascended Christ and His session at the right hand of God. Were it not for this book, we would know but little of Christ's work in Heaven and His present position; ... His mediatorial work would be almost completely obscured." [ibid p.15]

And further:

"On Calvary, Christ died and shed His blood for us. This was in fulfillment of the sanctuary type in which a lamb was slain to provide atonement. But the slaying of the lamb did not in and of itself effect atonement. 'It is the blood that maketh

atonement,' not the death of the sacrifice. Leviticus 17:11, R.V. The blood of the Passover lamb had to be put on the lintel and doorposts before it avail for atonement. Must a like ministration of the blood of Christ, the true Lamb of God, also be observed? Hebrews answers this in the affirmative, and presents Christ as high priest of the heavenly sanctuary, who ministers His own blood, thereby obtaining eternal redemption for us. 'Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained [or "thereby obtaining,"] eternal redemption for us.' Hebrews 9:12." [ibid p.17]

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The Australian Foundations Editor

My name is Travis Rohrich, and I am from New Mexico, in the United States. I had the privilege of first meeting Elder Wm. Grotheer in the summer of 1997 when He was on his way back from speaking engagements on the West coast and visited my families place in New Mexico. Later that summer we attended the 1997 annual fellowship in Ozone, Arkansas.

It was from this time that Elder Grotheer the Foundations principle Chief Editor, Theologian, and Executive Secretary of publications and research took me under his special tutelage with my formal theological training as a full time campus student, and self supporting Bible worker and later Evangelist representing the Foundation.

Elder Grotheer was a close friend, and in many ways he treated me more like, (as he said) "the son I never had." In November 2006 I graduated from the Foundation campus as a recognized and qualified Minister for the furtherance of the Everlasting Gospel. This encompassed seven years of formal pastoral and evangelist training and field work, focusing on Laodiceanism and its schisms in light of present duty with corporate accountability. My experience included seminar speaking on Bible prophecy, theological research and exegesis, with

its focus to support the laity in the home church movement.

Elder Grotheer has left a legacy of Biblical exegesis that has advanced present truth especially in regard to several important Biblical themes viz., the Sanctuary Doctrine, the Godhead, the Incarnation, and Jesus' own prophecy in Luke 21:24. One thing that has stood with me in my discussions with Elder Grotheer is his continued emphasis that Truth is progressive, and that the latter rain is fundamentally a settling into truth. [See Audio sermon "The Latter Rain Now - what is the Latter Rain"]

For it is written in Proverbs 4:18:

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

And R&H, September 21, 1897:

"Upon every individual who has had the light of present truth devolves the duty of developing that truth on a higher scale than it has hitherto been developed."

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The...

"Review, and then Review again, and Review all that you've Reviewed"... begins-

"a certain man clothed in linen"

Bible prophecy states: **"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."** (Psalms 110:4)

I have read this expression **"Man in Linen"** in the book of Daniel and Ezekiel perhaps many times, and failed to catch the significance of the connection to the Book of Hebrews and the plan of salvation and its juxtaposition with the Everlasting Gospel.

In many discussions with the laity in the home church movement in the U.S. and here in Australia the Man in Linen was, and is never mentioned let alone discussed when speaking about the Sanctuary Doctrine. At a recent Bible study I attended here in Australia this oversight, and neglect of what has been ignored by many about the Man in Linen and His role in the Everlasting Gospel was made clear to me for the first time particularly in light of the events transpiring in the Middle East from the Book of Daniel.

What became clearer to me, and this included the brethren in attendance was that **“the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.”** (Matthew 13:52 emphasis added). I marveled as to who the Man in Linen was and this ancient mystery.

What was noticeable as I sat and listened was that the brethren were unfamiliar with the Man in Linen when discussing the antitypical ministration of Christ from Hebrews chapter 8. The words of Paul **“necessity”** and **“necessary”** jumped off the page. There was no question a Scriptural review was in order as to the righteousness of Christ and its bearing to the **“fine linen, clean and white”** of saints (Revelation 19:8 cf. Daniel 12:9-10) in piecing together the key concepts regarding Christ our High Priest clothed in linen and His ministration on our behalf.

This expression **“a certain man clothed in linen”** is found in both the books of Ezekiel and Daniel and therefore it must be asked; who is this **“certain man clothed in linen”**?

The Book of Revelation assists us, for John describes that he saw **“one like unto the Son of man clothed with a garment down to the foot.”** (Revelation 1:13) There is no question this is the same Individual of Daniel 10:5; 12:6-7 & Ezekiel 9:2-3, 10:2, 6-7. We have no reason to believe He is not.

The expression **“a certain man”** indicates that this is speaking about one certain unique Identity, for the prophets and their visions all focus in on Him.

So who is this certain man? Why is he clothed in linen? What did he say to Daniel that is so important for us to understand? And most importantly, his answers to certain questioners, do they actually constitute a Divine salvational viewpoint, and therefore **“necessary”** for our salvation? Do we have some relearning to do?

While Daniel after having mourned and fasted three whole weeks, and while he was by the great river Tigris, he lifted up his eyes and beheld:

“a certain man clothed in linen whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.” (Daniel 10:5-6 emphasis added)

Let us now compare Daniels vision with what was shown to John in Revelation 1:13-18:

“...in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore...”

This Man in linen is none other than Jesus Christ, whom John described in his Gospel as the eternal Logos; The Word. (John 1:1-3, 14).

How does this appellation **"Man in Linen"** relate to the **"necessity"** of things that are **"necessary"** in Bible prophecy? The Man in Linen is undeniably involved with, and interpolated in prophetic time, and spoke to Daniel, Ezekiel, and John concerning prophetic time, and end time events.

For example, it was clear to me in this Bible study that the very import of the words for the hour in which we live of this ancient mystery would be made known at the time of the end and why Daniel said that it will be the **"wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."** (12:4 cf. 12:6-7)

Paul introduces Christ as the Great High Priest, (who in type was clothed in linen) and asks us to consider Him as He is after the order of Melchizedek, and not the Aaronic which could not take away sin or **"make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience"** (Hebrews 9:9)

It is our Savior who ministers for us the very essence of the Everlasting Gospel as part of the Three Angels Messages **"to put away sin"** (Hebrews 9:26) and is explained and revealed through the Sanctuary services in the type.

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer." (Hebrews 8:1-3 emphasis added)

As Elder Grotheer has masterfully pointed out in numerous WWN's {XXVII 5(94) XXXV 1(02)} the type of the Day of Atonement featured a high priest in linen. (cf. Leviticus 16:4) Paul when comparing the type of Leviticus and the ministering priest on the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16 they-

"...serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." (Hebrews 8:5-6)

Here is why an understanding of the type is so **"necessary"** for us now! The earthly priests **"serve"** (d) unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." And this is because His more excellent ministry in the heavenly features a final cleansing. Notice how Paul shares these facts:

"For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore *necessary* that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these." (Hebrews 9:19-23 emphasis added) The atonement was not limited to the cross else wise it would not have been **"necessary"** for the patterns to be purified.

Is it therefore **"necessary"** that we (Like Moses) should take special care and remove our shoes as we approach holy ground in our study of these issues so as not to trample upon the truth regarding the Man in Linen? It requires humility and a willingness to learn, and also to unlearn long held opinions. We have only begun to dig in the mine of truth regarding the man in linen in prophetic time.

When the Lord gave directions to Moses concerning the wilderness Sanctuary specifically in regard to the priestly garments they were to be made of fine linen. When the day of atonement came, the command was that **“He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments;”** (Leviticus 16:4) This speaks nothing about wearing the ephod or the ephods blue robe, therefore it is evident that the High Priest wore only linen clean and white on the typical day of atonement. So Christ also is clothed with linen in the antitypical Day of Atonement.

In a future thought paper we will be analyzing the questions posed to Him by the other **“saint”** in Daniel 8:13 and the **“one”** in 12:6 **“How long...?”**

In the third to the last verse in the Old Testament there is a unique statement made by the lord to Malachi; He says **“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.”** When the Lord says **“Remember”** we dare not forget, but forget what? What law is implied here? This we will discuss in a future issue of "Watchman, what of the night?" {To be continued}.

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Think it over

Even in Christ's death, there is a solemn picture of the linen from the Gospel of Luke, **“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”** **“And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:”** **“This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.”** (23:46, 50, 52-53)

Was Jesus the Son of God in a literal sense, or was it by a **“necessary”** Divine **“decree”**? You be the judge. The following is from "Watchman, what of the night?" 3 (01)

“A ‘Decree’ Illustrated

{This being written January 28th 2001}

Yesterday, we had a very interesting Sabbath School program, made so by the personal experience of the one conducting the program. Perhaps I should explain that each Sabbath we meet in the morning for two hours in the Chapel. The first hour begins with a song service followed by a program consisting of thoughts from the Word, a lesson from nature, and sometimes a Bible Quiz. The second hour is devoted to the study of the Bible, chapter by chapter. This Sabbath we completed the book of Hebrews. The program is rotated among the staff, and those attending regularly.

Yesterday, the young man in charge of the program, in beginning his **“Thoughts from the Word,”** asked that we read 2 Samuel 7:12-14.

There Nathan delivered God's message to David:

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

He pointed out that Solomon was by actual generation the Son of David, but by a special act of God, he became His son, and He became to him his Father. This verse was followed by the application made of it in Hebrews 1:5 to Christ. Since Paul combined two verses in his application to Christ, we turned to Psalm 2:7, and noted that it was by decree. Christ became God's Son, even as Solomon became a son of God by a Divine decision.

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I had noticed that on the desk, [REDACTED], the young Man in charge, had placed some papers which I had not seen before. After reading some more verses, the content of the papers was revealed. [REDACTED] was born, [REDACTED], but now he was [REDACTED]. How was this done? One of the papers was an Order from the 4th Judicial District Court, County of Mora, State of New Mexico, which read:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED That [REDACTED] be, and he hereby is, known as [REDACTED] from this date on.

As I sat there contemplating this young man's experience, and the prophetic revelation of the Scriptures, I thought how apropos the comparison. He who was the Eternal Word, both by decree and through the flesh became a Son of God (Hebrews 1:2). By Him God has spoken unto us. The command is, "Hear ye Him" (Matthew 17:5). I, too, by hearing Him may become a son of God (John 1:12). And in the final decree of the judgment, I will be given a new name (Revelation 2:17). It will be so 'ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.'" Reprint from "Watchman, what of the night?" 3(01) Ozone, Arkansas. USA

Post Script:

I remember the circumstances behind my first contact with the quote below. It was during one day when [REDACTED] and I were working in the West room on publication orders and he asked me to find it. I have never forgotten it, and when at times because there is a loneliness of truth, i.e. there have not been many to fellowship with, that I can rest assured that His presence is with the two or three, or even one that are gathered in His name.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

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