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JUNE 16, 2018

GONE TO THE BIRDS

Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist—3



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WELCOME

to Pioneer

Welcome to worship at Pioneer! Since it is summer break, many of our dorm students have left the campus for home, jobs, vacations, mission trips, etc. And so we have fewer young adults in the congregation. However, during the summer, we also have the special privilege of welcoming more guests who may be on vacation and have stopped by to tour the Andrews University campus and visit the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Whether you have traveled thousands of miles or just walked across the street, please know that we are pleased to welcome YOU to this House of Prayer for All People. And with the awareness that we are sons and daughters of God, we join with you in the worship of our Almighty and Eternal Father in Heaven.

–Sharon Terrell

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PYONGYANG AND THE THREE ANGELS



BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

You got to love it—here I am with my son Kirk Monday evening waiting and watching for the historic moment when the President of the United States and the President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea meet and shake hands—when without warning my screen goes into freeze mode. Can you believe it! All I wanted to do was witness that history-making handshake, and my screen freezes. Freezes, actually, with their two right hands reaching to clasp each other. No words, no movement, no nothing except

two hands—frozen.

Presumably, the rest of the world was able to watch that much ballyhooed and eagerly anticipated handshake with the brief words and muted smiles that followed—but no matter where you live or what ideology you subscribe to, the truth is it was a meeting fraught with global consequence and significance.

And, I might add, particularly for the Kingdom of God. As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian—whose mother 89+ years ago was born in Pyongyang (when Korea was an undivided nation) and who

himself was born in Tokyo and attended high school in Singapore—I certainly was drawn to this dramatic diplomatic feat (playing out on live television) for reasons beyond the geopolitics of the event.

Along with thousands of Christians, perhaps many of you, I've found myself praying earnestly these last few days for the diplomatic success of this meeting. For one simple reason. Over the last three decades, we have witnessed the "opening" of Russia, China, and Cuba to God's endgame appeal **"to every nation, tribe, language and people"** (Revelation 14:6-12). While all three of those countries remain solidly communist in their political governance, the fact is that Christianity along with our own faith community has experienced unprecedented growth there over the last thirty years. I have preached evangelistic series in two of those countries. But the political tolerance that has fostered such growth is already being tempered and in some cases withdrawn.

So a divine door of opportunity opening eventually in North Korea, the last communist nation to remain closed to Christianity, would present a powerful breakthrough for the "everlasting gospel" and our mission to reach that people group.

Could it be the promises we claim for Japan are appropriate as well for North Korea? **"I am the LORD, and there is no other. . . . From the rising of the sun [far east] to the place of its setting [far west] people may know that there is none besides Me. . . . Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other"** (Isaiah 45:5-6,

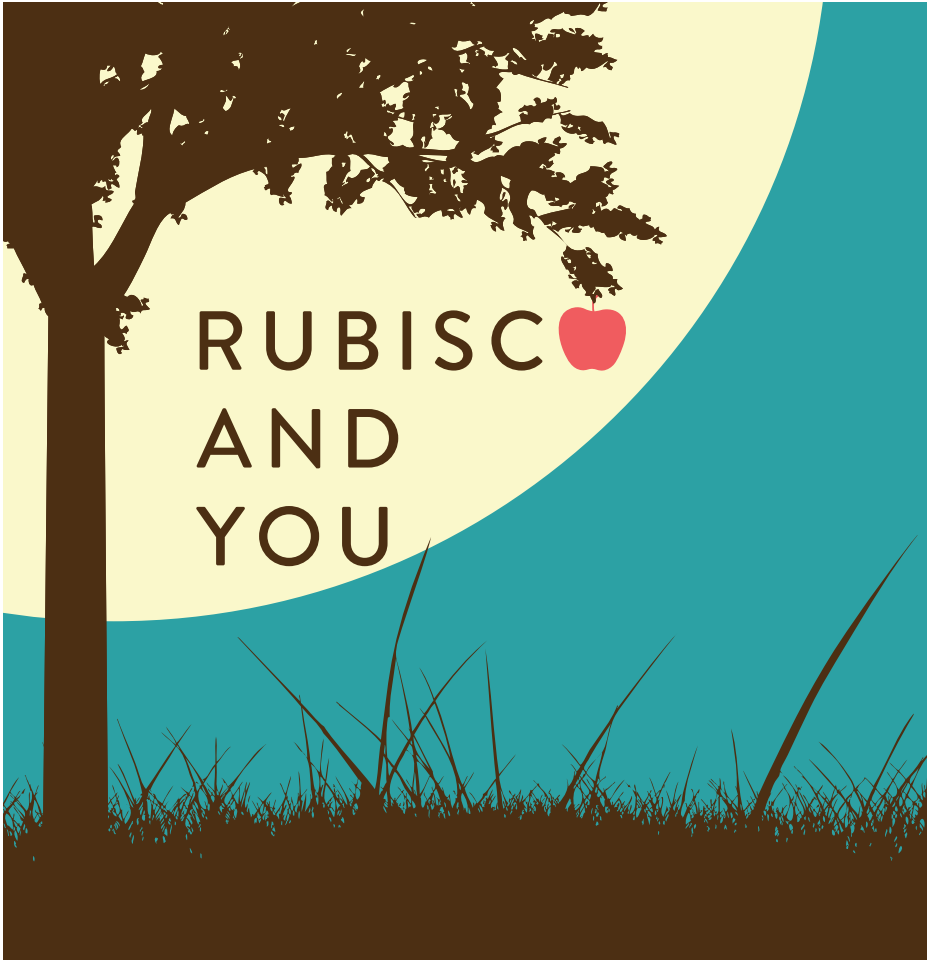
22). One by one the nations of this third millennial world are being drawn into the circle of God's passionate endgame appeal. Country by country the Three Angels' Messages are penetrating. But never forget that the Apocalypse promises even more, **"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory"** (Revelation 18:1 emphasis supplied). The entire earth surely includes North Korea—and even our own nation here at home!

So we must (1) keep interceding before God for the fulfillment of both His Three Angels and Fourth Angel breakthrough promises. It is high time God's people were on our knees daily supplicating His throne of grace and mercy on behalf of the unsaved billions in the Far East, the Middle East, the West, the North and the South. And we must (2) help answer our own prayers by volunteering our financial resources, and even our own availability and willingness, perhaps, to enter one of these opening doors to answer God's call to "Go!"

Mother is buried beside Dad in Loma Linda, far away from the land of her birth. But the dedicated missionary lives that were spent penetrating a world closed much more tightly than now were not in vain. Rather it is the legacy of this generation to finish the mission task of that generation and reach this civilization one last time for Jesus before He returns. All of that I pondered in a frozen handshake a few nights ago. It really is time to "Go!"—isn't it?



THE FOURTH WATCH BLOGS ARE FOUND ONLINE
AT WWW.PMCHURCH.ORG/BLOG



BY DAVID NOWACK

"You are what you eat." Well, that's not exactly true. "You are what you absorb" is more accurate. It's true for every living thing. So, then, what is a tree? What does it absorb? An apple tree, for example.

An apple tree is absorbed carbon dioxide, water, and minerals including some nitrogen. That's it. All plants are just like that. They use the energy of sunlight absorbed by the leaves of the

plant to transform those few absorbed materials into a living plant or apple tree and its delicious apples.

How an apple tree does that transformation can rightfully be called a miracle. Yet, God has given us the intelligence and curiosity to explore how that miracle happens. Will humans ever know exactly how all of it happens? Maybe, and we have discovered important clues!

One big and important clue is the dis-

covery and understanding of enzymes. Enzymes are proteins. Proteins are long chains of amino acids connected together and then folded to make enzymes.

Enzymes speed up chemical reactions without being used up themselves. It's enzymes that allow the apple tree leaf to absorb the carbon dioxide and transform it into a simple sugar called GAP.

Billions upon billions of GAP molecules are made every second by a tree and its leaves during sunlight hours. Those GAPs get made into glucose and sucrose and cellulose and everything the tree needs.

There is one, and only one, enzyme that absorbs the carbon dioxide out of the air and converts it to GAP. Its nickname is Rubisco. Its full name is ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxidase.

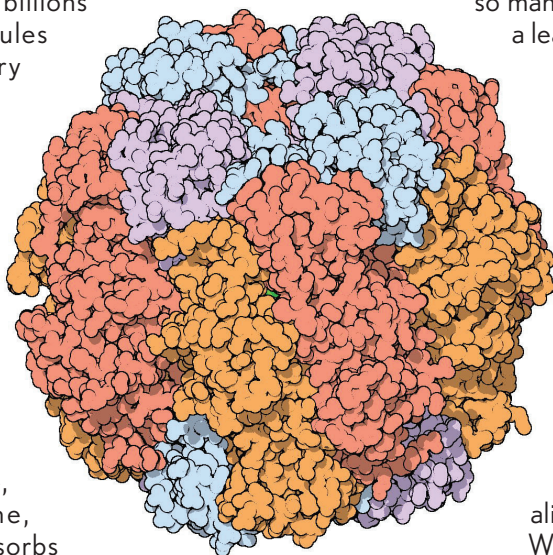
Every leaf of every plant on every continent of this magnificent planet contains vast numbers of this enzyme. Up to 50% of all proteins in some leaves are copies of Rubisco. By mass, it is the most common enzyme on this planet. By need, it is the most important enzyme on this planet.

It is the most important enzyme because it is the bridge between lifeless carbon dioxide and the life-giving

sugar, GAP. There is no other enzyme like it. Should it fail to do its work, all life on this planet, plant and animal, would perish.

Yet for all its importance, it is slow. Rubisco transforms only about 3 carbon dioxide molecules into GAP per second. Many enzymes do their transformations thousands of times faster. But not Rubisco. It's slow. Which

is one reason why there are so many copies of it in a leaf.



There is a diagram of Rubisco on this page.

It's not a picture because Rubisco is too small to photograph. But it's there, in the leaf. Keeping us all alive.

We have another bridge from lifeless to life. It too is invisible. It too is everywhere you are. And without it, we would perish. The Holy Spirit.

"Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who comes from God and dwells inside of you?" 1 Cor 6:19

Rejoice for life and for the Holy Spirit! For only a loving God can take physical and spiritual lifelessness and create life and love.

David Nowack is Professor of Biochemistry at Andrews University and the chair of the Nominating Committee here at PMC.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Johann Walther

Introit

God Will Take Care of You • Stillman Martin

Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth shall change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**The Lord is exalted among the nations, the Lord is exalted in
the earth! Come, let us sing praise to the name of the Lord.**

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father's World • 92

Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell
Spirit of the Living God • 672

Worship in Music

Children of the Heavenly Father • Ovid Young

Children's Story

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Aaron Miller / John Ferguson / Kenneth Logan*

Scripture

Psalm 91 NIV • Asta LaBianca and Judy Nay

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my
God, in whom I trust."**

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you
will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

continued . . .

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Hymn of Preparation

Praise to the Lord • 1

Sermon

"Gone to the Birds: Lessons from the Divine Ornithologist—3"
Dwight K. Nelson

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Hymn of Commitment

Under His Wings • 529

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Max Reger

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
MUSICAL SELECTIONS: Julie Reid, mezzo-soprano; Charles Reid, tenor

MUSIC ALIVE

"HOW WOULD YOU RELATE?"

What if... what if the following were in your history? You became paralyzed at age 12 and were declared incurable. When you were 26, your father drowned in a boating incident. Two years later, your mother died. How would you relate to these early-life trials? These were realities for Carolina Vilhelmina Sandell Berg, born in Sweden. One commentary states, "It is a tribute to

her faith that many of her hymns express an unquestioning confidence in God and His love in spite of all the sorrow she endured." Her hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" (hymn no. 101) makes a beautiful reference to the heavenly Father safely gathering His children to His bosom, exceeding the nestling bird's refuge (st. 1, line 3). ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Lois Nicholas
Opening Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> • 478
Scripture & Prayer	Matthew 17:21 • Mordekai Ongo
Welcome	Mordekai Ongo
Mission Feature	"Gears of Prayer" • Pr. Zuzai Hizoke
Offertory	<i>Agnus Dei</i> • Georges Bizet
Lesson Study	Classes • "God's Seal or the Beast's Mark?"
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson
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Benediction	Lois Nicholas
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Fabio Siniscarchio, tenor

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Johann Walther

Praise

*To You We Sing • How Marvelous
This Is My Father's World • Still*

Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Children's Story

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Sermon

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As We Depart

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Max Reger

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
PRAISE LEADER: Michael Gibson; VOCALS: Bethany Folkenberg, Rob Folkenberg
CAJON: Marielle Kahler; PIANO: Chris Whittaker; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Julie Reid, mezzo-soprano; Charles Reid, tenor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

A few weeks ago many families in our church celebrated the important milestone of graduation with their children. The caps and gowns and open-house invitations are reminders that these children are a part of our community and as such we need to support them as much as possible. Some of the ways we can support the children within our church is by becoming involved in Sabbath School classes, Pathfinders and Adventurers, and by giving to PMC operating expenses that fund the activities that children are involved in within our church.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening we will continue the video series by Scott Ritsema on Adventist Education.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given by Norman and Beverly Pottle in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 15.

Profession of Faith— Second Reading

Zionna "TSION" Getahun is to be accepted for membership in the Pioneer Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, based on Profession of Faith.

Summer Exercise Classes

NOW THROUGH JULY 1

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Monday & Wednesday • 7:30-8:15 AM
Beaty Pool

ToBoFit

Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:00-5:50 PM
Lamson Hall Health Club

These FREE classes are co-ed and part of the PMC Health Ministries. They are open to anyone 18 years and older. Check out www.HealthTent.org for updated schedule postings.

Pioneer Memorial Church Board/Business Meeting

JUNE 25, 2018 • 7:00 PM
PIONEER COMMONS

The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming board/business meeting. Many important issues will be discussed at this time. See you there!

Volunteers Needed!

AUGUST 19 • 7:00 AM-5:00 PM
BENTON HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL,
BENTON HARBOR, MI

You are invited to participate in a free health care event. All volunteers are needed! Dentists, hygienists, eye doctors, and dental assistants are vital. To register as a volunteer for this rewarding event, please go to: www.harborofhealth.org. For general questions please contact Cathy Coleman at cathycole@gmail.com. For all other inquiries please contact Randy Griffin at randy.griffin@lakeunion.org. Hope to see you there!

Toys for Foster and Adopted Kids

God's Hands 4 Kids ministers to foster and adopted kids and their families working closely with Berrien County Courts and Foster Care, filling needs they present and providing support to workers and families. We are currently doing a toy drive to gather toys to be given to each kiddo present at two upcoming events this summer and fall. Toy suggestions and drop-off locations in addition to PMC can be found at www.gh4k.org. God bless as we all strive to live James 1:27.

Note from Pastor Rodlie

Dear Pioneer Church Family:
As some of you may know, I've been working on a Doctor of Ministry degree for several years, and I'm now in the very final stage of the thesis portion. As such, I've applied and was granted a sabbatical to finish. The family and I will be heading down to Florida next week for part of the ten weeks to rest and write. I'll be back in the church office on Monday, August 20. Until then, thank you for your continued prayers and support. They mean so much to me.
—Pastor Rodlie Ortiz.

We Mourn

We are saddened to learn of the death of George Bikichky, the brother of Pioneer member Nick Bikichky, who passed away on Thursday, May 24. With hope we look to Jesus' triumphant return.

AMEN Conference

OCTOBER 25—OCTOBER 28, 2018
INDIAN WELLS, CA

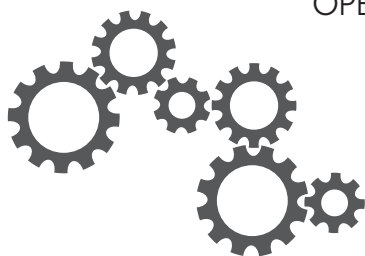
All physicians, dentists, healthcare professionals, and pastors are encouraged to attend. The AMEN conference will call each of us to a deeper level of service that goes beyond our comfort zone, and instilling a desire to share Christ on a daily basis. Speakers include: Pastor John Bradshaw, and Pastor Wes Peppers; Dentist Stephen Wright; Physician Brian Schwartz, and many others. This year a special symposium for young professionals (especially residents & fellows) will be held Friday and Sabbath afternoons called: God's Call, My Work. More info go to www.amensda.org/conferences.

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