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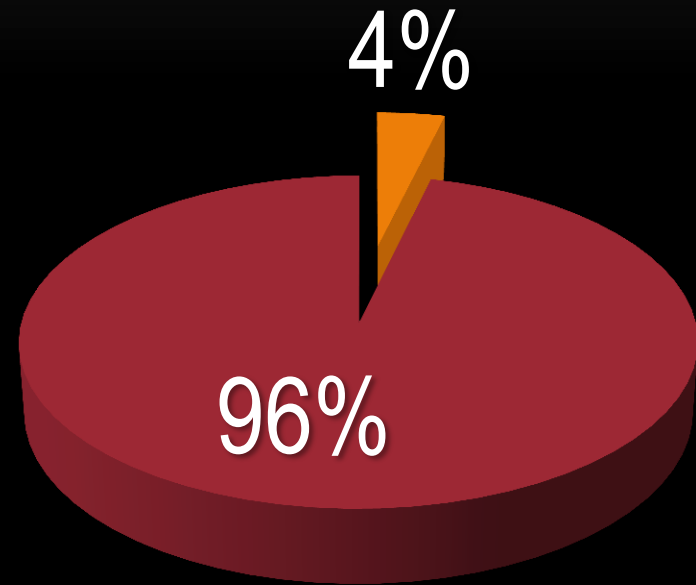
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*16-31 years old

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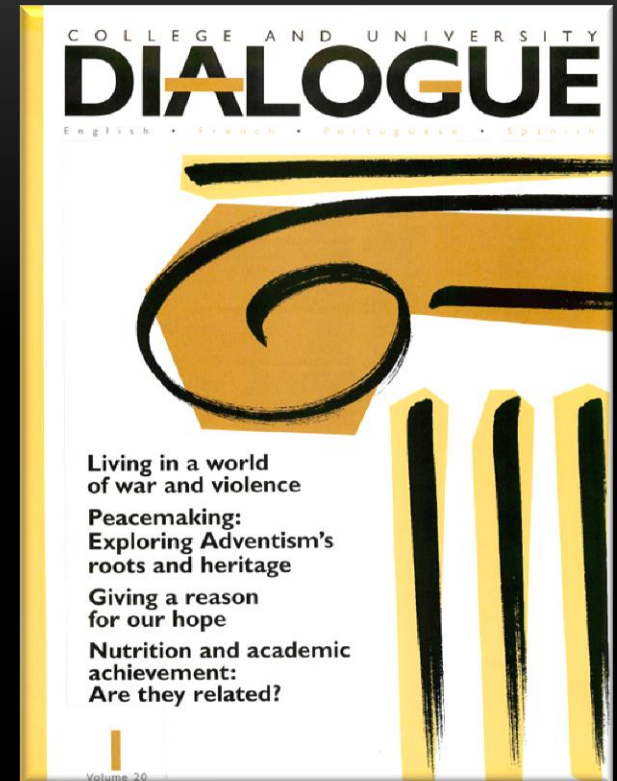
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1. To nurture an intelligent, living faith
2. To deepen commitment to Christ, the Bible, and Adventist global mission
3. To articulate a biblical approach to contemporary issues
4. To offer ideas and models of Christian service and outreach



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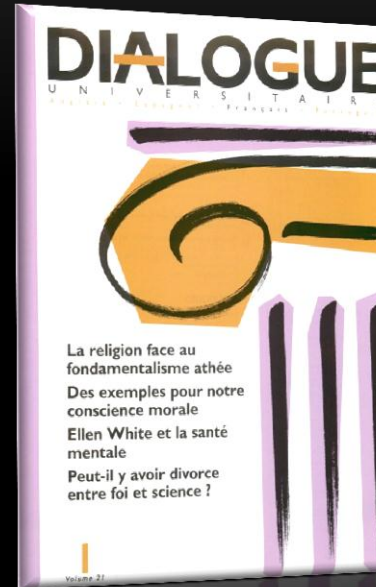
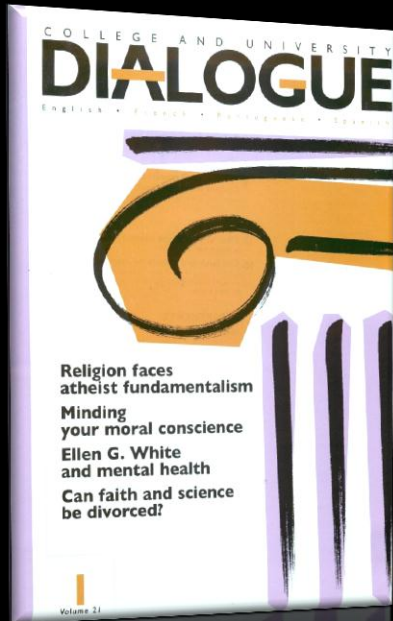
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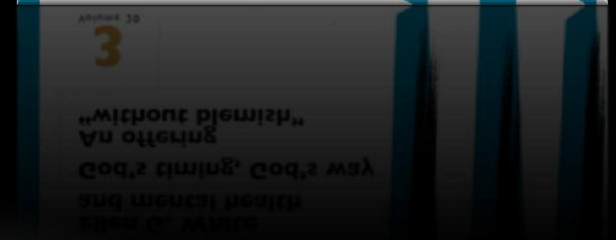
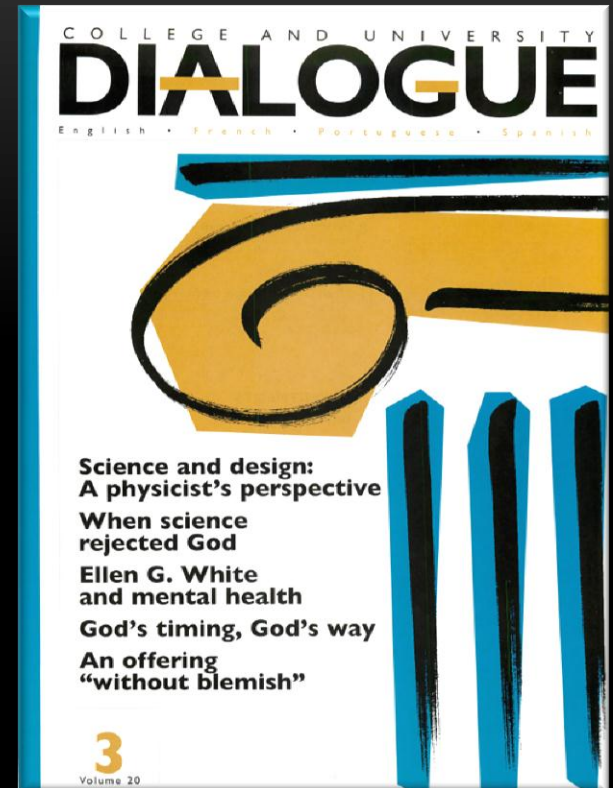
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- Read by thousands of Adventist students attending universities or other tertiary institutions
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Is it reasonable to believe in a recent six-day creation?

by Gheorghe Razmerita

A recent creation is consistent with faith in the authority of God's Word; such a faith is no more demanding than the assumptions that evolutionary theory is built on.

Before answering the question of whether it is reasonable to believe in a recent, six-day creation, it is important to define its key elements: "reasonable" and "recent, six-day creation."

While science has been associated with "reason" and thus is expected to be reasonable, creationism has been associated by many with "faith," and thus seems to be incompatible with anything "reasonable."¹

But biblical faith, in this case faith in creation, is "reasonable" in the sense that it is not mythical and/or irrational; on the contrary, it presents

those of Egypt, pointing to a supernatural revelation. The above three biblical sources of evidence are testable and so strengthen our consideration of the Bible as reasonable also in the portions of the Scriptures which are untestable – a characteristic due not to the pre-scientific character of the Bible but to the limitations of science.³

Justo Gonzalez defined "creationism" as "the response of some conservative Christians to the theory of evolution, which they see as a threat to the Christian doctrine of creation According to creationists, the biblical

So, is it reasonable to hold to a recent, six-day creation? We believe so, for a number of reasons. The first three will be persuasive primarily for those who already believe the Bible, while the others may be more pertinent for the not-yet believing.

Evidence from biblical-theological studies

1. *Recent six-day creationism is reasonable in the same way and to the same degree that faith in the Bible is reasonable.* It is as reasonable to believe in the historical, non-mythical, factual

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Silvia and Arturo Finis

Dialogue with an Adventist couple committed to international development

Interview by Lorena Mayer

Silvia shared his passion and participated in local activities with young people that prepared her for their friends were, and moving to a completely unknown...

PROFILE



Michael Abiola Omolewa

Dialogue with an Adventist ambassador and permanent delegate to UNESCO

Interview by David O. Babalola

Professor Michael Abiola Omolewa, a Seventh-day Adventist from Nigeria, is his country's current ambassador and permanent delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Born 11th in a large family, he was brought up with the prestige that Africa affords to the son of a village chief. His father, Daniel Omolusi, a senior chief of the Ipoti-Ekici region of Nigeria,

research. His work career spans roles as high school teacher and university professor to high positions in the government of Nigeria and currently ambassador and permanent delegate to UNESCO. Professor Omolewa is happily married to Yami, and they have four children.

■ Professor Omolewa, your life story is out of the ordinary. If you were asked to give credit, where would you begin?

PROFILE



The year 1979 marked a significant milestone in Brazilian history. That year the all-male parliament made way for

governance agenda that was little discussed until then. The platform was specially distinguished by the defense of women's rights, sustain-

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great heroic stories of our times, of miracles and happy endings. She is also aware of the sad reality of the conflicts around the world and the

an authoritarian to a democratic system of government, or from a centralized controlled economy to a free-market one. We also work with countries that are

area of law do you most work in your job?

work with legal reform that are going through a period, such as from

st judge at the

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- A fresh look at a passage or theme offers insights and encouragement of faith in today's

LOGOS

The gospel that came to Abraham

by David R. Tasker

Trusting God to fulfill His promises, especially at a time of greatest discouragement, is an integral part of salvation.

Why did Jesus die? Was it a demonstration of divine love, some cosmic legal transaction, human rejection of God, or something else? Or all of the above?

The Book of Genesis records a profound incident that provides an

Luther, clearly summarizes the grandeur of the gospel.

Let's begin with where we are. Paul

Albert Einstein (an interview, a quote, a signature, a memento, whatever), and that obsession with him didn't die when he did either. So great was the

him. Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gath-

share of the proceeds to the enigmatic Melchizedek.

So it is after this that the events of chapter 15 happen. It is also quite some time after God's promise to Abram that his children would become "a great nation"—as numerous as the "dust of the earth." It appears that that promise was made too long ago and Abram's hope is growing dim. In response, God appears in a vision and speaks directly to Abram reassuring him, "I am your shield, Abram. Your reward will be very great" (Genesis 15:1). The mys-

derful encouragement: "After these things I looked, and behold, a great

multitude which no one could number for 40 years, and doing little with it but doling out small pieces to a select few, Dr. Harvey—whose practice sank

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 - Practical ideas for the college or university student, chaplain or teacher who seeks to integrate faith, education, social life, and outreach in an academic setting

CAMPUS LIFE

Sharing your faith with a Jewish friend

by Mark A. Kellner

The world population of Jews is estimated to be around 13.1 to 14 million. Unlike Seventh-day Adventists, who hold common a set of fundamental beliefs, Jews range from atheistic to ultra-Orthodox. There's virtually no "standard" approach to Judaism as a religion these days. That is to say, there's no "one-size-fits-all" approach to evangelism among Jews.

In fact, I, a Jewish believer in Jesus and a Seventh-day Adventist, would not suggest using the word *evangelism* outright, or the concept of "winning" another Jewish person to faith in

grandparent and who hasn't professed another faith is considered Jewish enough to qualify for immigration to Israel. The non-profession clause was added in the 1980s after Jewish believers in Jesus tried to immigrate to Israel, claiming the right to return.

My definition is simpler: If you say you're a Jew, I'll consider you one. Jewishness is not necessarily coveted in many places. Imagine living as a Jew in a country where militant Moslems hold power today. Someone willing to identify as a Jew, then, deserves that privilege. However, it's wise to know

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Adventist youth at the Federal Rural of Rio de Janeiro

The news was as startling as it was disturbing. The Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro had scheduled its selection examinations for 2008 school year on a Sabbath. Adventist students throughout Brazil were affected; most of them would



Romanian College hosts EUD's Fourth International AMiCUS congress

Under the motto "Warming Up," the Fourth International AMiCUS Congress for the Euro-Africa Division (EUD) convened September 25-28, 2008, on the beautiful campus of the Adventist Theological Institute,

congress, as delegates concentrated on the issue of global warming. Nature, it was pointed out, has a very special part in God's plan for our education and for helping us to maintain a good relationship with...

Adventist students in Spain for their 23rd annual convention

Adventist young people gathered in September 2007 in Tortosa, Spain, for their 23rd annual convention. The Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Association (A.G. acronym in Spanish).

"AEGUAE," according to its newly elected president, Sarai de la Fuente, "responds to a clear need of Adventist youth in Spain. It responds to the need of growing spiritually and intellectually to walk with great and challenging...

...importance of cultural sensitivity in reaching foreign cultures overseas. But we have all too often overlooked the foreign culture here in the West that is just as alien to the biblical worldview as any found in the developing world. I believe that an Adventist philosophy...

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- Reviews of significant books by or about Seventh-day Adventists published in English, French

BOOKS



The Soul Sleepers
by Bryan W. Ball (Cambridge, England: James Clarke & Co., 2008; 235 pages; paperback).

Reviewed by Gerhard Pfandl

The author is a well-known church educator, scholar, and administrator. In addition to years of service as pastor and teacher in the Adventist Church, he has worked in the Department of...

Amerika: Mit Gewalt in den Gottesstaat

(America: Theocracy by Force) by Gerhard Padderatz (Mitteldeutscher Verlag, 2007; 335 pp., hardcover).

Reviewed by Ekkehardt Mueller

...as studied theology, history, and comparative religion. He has worked as a pastor, professor of history, and editor in various countries, and as a management consultant in Germany, Switzerland, and Detroit, Michigan.

...America – that with determination and courage – is to some extent coau-

...considered good, but to know the truth, Enter Samir

z: Cómo vencer la adicción y controlar la vida

by Pereyra y Carlos Mussi (Montemorelos, Nuevo León, México: Publicaciones Universidad de Montemorelos, 2005; 169 pp.; paperback).

Reviewed by Nancy Carbonell



Depression has become an increasingly dangerous health hazard. It knows no frontier—geography, gender, age, culture, religion, or economic status. People of all strata fall victim to this disease of the modern age, and the question that everyone faces is: How to overcome depression and anxiety? How to be happy in an environment saturated with depres-



El culto que agrada a Dios: criterios revelados acerca de la adoración

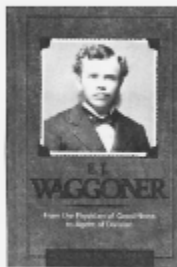
by Daniel Oscar Plenc, (Libertador San Martín, Entre Ríos, Argentina: River Plate Adventist University, 2007; 159 pages; paperback).

Reviewed by Enrique Becerra

What is genuine religion and spirituality? How is adoration to be understood, and praise to be exercised? Currently, no other questions divide the church as deeply as those concerning the way we worship. To understand the issue,

...been a subject of much discussion, especially in light of the international context of end-time events, derived from the biblical perspective of what Armageddon is all about. The author is a former professor of New Testam-

BOOKS



E. J. Waggoner: From the Physician of Good News to the Agent of Division
by Woodrow Whidden (Hagerstown, Maryland: Review and Herald Publ. Assn., 2008).

Reviewed by Aecio E. Cairus

Ellet J. Waggoner began his work as a medical missionary and in his final years associated himself with Dr. John Harvey Kellogg in his divisive enterprise against the

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Enriching praise and worship through

by Alain Gerard Coralie

A four-step combination

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VIEWPOINT

Christians and homosexuality: Awareness, understanding, and healing

by Chris Blake

Awareness

Scene 1. I'm attending a conference titled "Adventists and AIDS: Our Stories, Our Response" at Sligo Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, U.S.A. I consider myself fairly aware of the AIDS epidemic. What I'm not prepared for at this conference is the pain and helplessness that pour from the homosexual community in attendance. These aren't angry, profane protesters—these are hurt-filled, humble people. Most have been wounded by fellow church members.

half years since I found out about my son.

"Not too long ago, I talked to the senior pastor here and offered to lead a homosexual support group in the church if he thought there was a need. He said he could think offhand of at least a dozen families who knew about their kids' being homosexual, and several others who didn't....

"I think probably the great majority of our members are as ignorant, misinformed, and prejudiced as I was before I found out about my son. I thought gays were perverted weirdos who chose

In researching this article, I've read hundreds of pages of articles, reports, surveys, anecdotes, and testimonials on the subject of homosexuality. I've received input, some of it unsolicited, from dozens of homosexuals and heterosexuals.

It's time to reason together. It's time for healing. The following are eight understandings before healing can begin.

1. There's a difference between being a homosexual and practicing homosexuality. As Letha Scanzoni writes, homosexuals belong to "that

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Drink a little wine?

My friends and I have been studying the subject of wine in the Bible and are a bit confused. In many passages the Scriptures condemn the consumption of wine because of its harmful effects. Yet Paul advised Timothy to "use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23, NIV). How should we understand this text?

In antiquity some customs—such as polygamy and slave ownership—were tolerated among God's people, at least for a time. That certainly does not excuse continuing them today. Many passages mentioning wine in the Bible warn against its use. However, there was also some justification for

found naturally on the grape peel. Up to 12 percent of alcohol, by volume, may be generated in the process. Any excess sugar remains untransformed, and yields "sweet" wine. Less sugary must yield "dry" wine, which was avoided in antiquity. The reason is that alcoholic liquids, such as wine, are liable to another kind of fermentation in which alcohol is transformed into acetic acid (vinegar). While some vinegar could be useful, you don't want to see the whole crop of grapes going acetic. Today this is avoided by pasteurizing wine and bottling it carefully, a procedure the ancients did not know. Because of this, Greco-Roman wines were started with an extra-sweet juice

life "worthy of the gospel of Christ" (1:27). Such a saved life should put away self-centeredness (2:2) and reflect (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

As don't pay tithe: to the contrary, we "return" tithe because tithe is God's property (money); tithe belongs to God! In tithing, we are simply returning to God what is rightfully His. It is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast." is also the giver of every good gift, including money from my earnings through work and gifts received from Him through the generosity of others. Little or much, rich or poor, these are

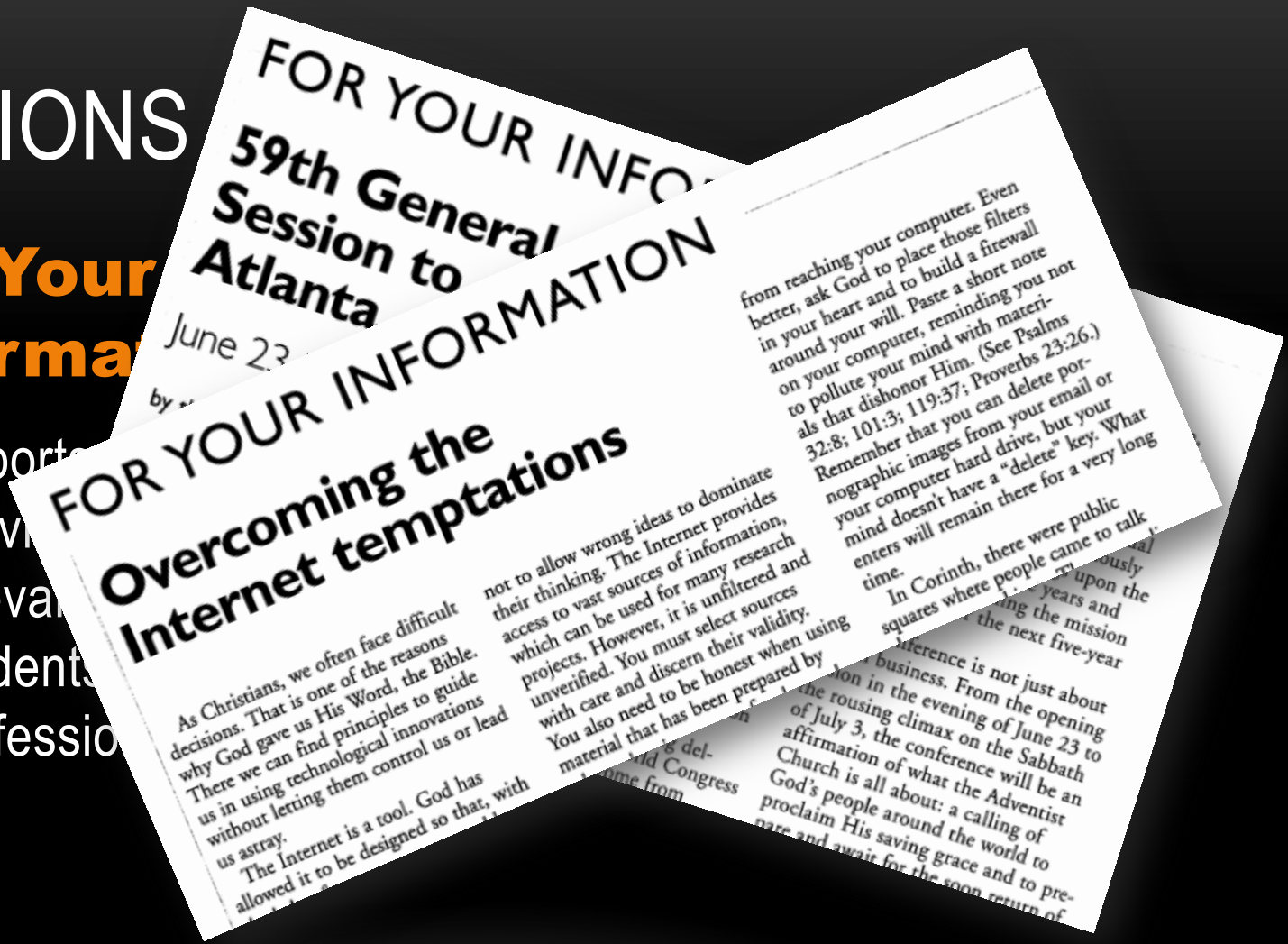
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come by any other grace, and that before God is sited, but always The apostle even Christian com- epistles — Romans voted entirely to God's saving grace. ns he wrote: "For been saved through at your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast."

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FIRST PERSON Keeping the faith

by Christy Sanggalan-Doroy

No one knows when that day will come: the day that tests one's faith. To some, like Joseph, that day can come "daily" in the form of a pursuing beauty. To others, like Daniel, it can come with the threat of a lions' den. To still others, like Paul, it can come every day as part of his daily witness to the gospel. To me it came late in life. I did expect such a day would come many times earlier in life – in elementary school, in secondary school, in university. Each time I feared my early commitment

I did not have to pause for my answer. My reply was as quick as it was certain. "Ma'am, I'm sorry, I cannot attend our meeting. It's my Sabbath. It's God's holy day, and I'll be as usual at the church."

My director and my officemates did not expect such a forthright reply. I knew my job was at stake. In two more days, Saturday would come, and my job would be....What should I do? Just pray – and prayer had been my strength and joy ever since that day when I gave



Joining AMICUS shortly after enrolment, I was glad the group helped

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by Hudson Kibuuka

The perfect antidote for anxiety and alarm is to trust in the Lord. He never fails.

"A life in Christ is a life of restfulness. There may be no ecstasy of feeling, but there should be an abiding,

surrounded by enemies from all sides, and he "was afraid" (2 Chronicles 20:3, NRSV). Being alarmed and fearful is natural and normal, and even kings can have fear. What makes the difference is how fear or anxiety brought about by such alarm is handled. Jehosaphat knew how to handle anxiety and alarm. He trusted in God. He sought God's counsel, and he fasted throughout Judah

FIRST PERSON **Dreaming of a world without war**

By Hee Jae Im

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EDITORIAL

I found Faith in Singapore

Who would ever have thought that a volcano on the remote coast of an isolated island might impact people around the whole world? When Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland began ejecting its particle plume 30,000 feet high, it was blasting right into the path of the jet stream that then dispersed ash and silica across the upper atmosphere. Air travel to and from Europe was abruptly shut down, causing the greatest interruption of air-traffic since World War II. The "lockdown" of airspace grounded thousands of flights and millions of people as far away as Australia. Stranded groups of students returning from Easter break, tourists who had by then run out of money, retirees with health problems, ordinary people who needed to be at work, and high-paid business consultants were all trapped in limbo together as airports turned into campgrounds. Some slowly made their way home by car, train, or boat. British comedian John Cleese paid £3,300 pounds (nearly U.S. \$5,000) for a cab ride from Oslo to Brussels.



A Jordi Baget Portfolio

All paintings, oil on canvas



The art of **Francisco Badilla Briones**

"Meditative" 2003
I presented this sculpture during my degree examination. It makes me think of the empty cross, after Jesus descended from it. The timber and the ropes 'rest' and contemplate His victory.

"Prayer" (70 x 90 cm) 2008
This work represents Jesus in meditation and prayer. His worry, interest and love for us are the center of His ministry.



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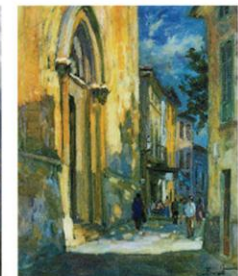
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"Barcelona Fishermen"
(130 x 97 cm). Unloading the catch requires quick action. I was attracted by the various movements of the figures, which are difficult to depict.



"Wheat Fields" (92 x 73 cm).
The Catalonia back country near the Pyrenees Mountains inspired many of my early paintings.



"The Pollença Church, Mallorca"
(60 x 73 cm). I spent several summers painting outdoors in Mallorca. Light and shadows play on the façade of this church under the afternoon sun.

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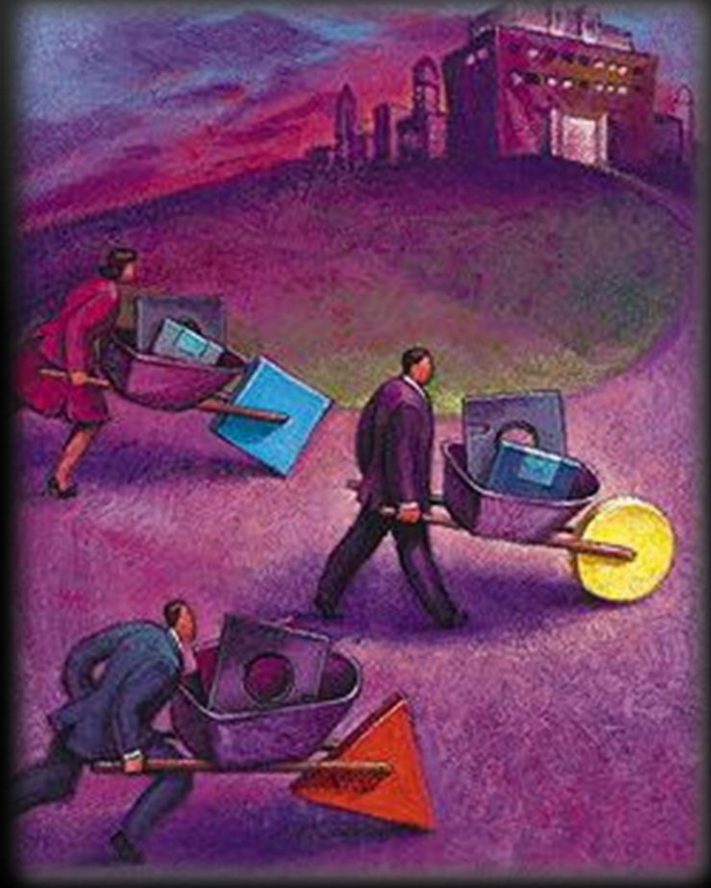
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