

Universalism

— A HIDEOUS COUNTERFEIT OF CHRISTIANITY

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Universalism is the doctrinal error that everyone will ultimately be taken to heaven, there to live forever with God and the holy angels. Extreme Universalism teaches that Satan and his angels will also be saved and once again be restored to their former positions in heaven.

It is obviously a very pleasing thought. **No need to resist temptation and sin.** No need to fear a coming Judgment or a final punishment for sin. Enjoy life all you want. Be as crooked and mean as you desire. Heaven is your future home.

For many, the equally horrible error of an eternally burning hell is the reason they are attracted to Universalism. *Here is a statement which covers the subject very well:*

“The theory of eternal torment is one of the false doctrines that constitute the wine of the abomination of Babylon, of which she makes all nations drink. Revelation 14:8; 17:2. That ministers of Christ should have accepted this heresy and proclaimed it from the sacred desk is indeed a mystery. They received it from Rome, as they received the false sabbath . . .

“A large class to whom the doctrine of eternal torment is revolting are driven to the opposite error. They see that the Scriptures represent God as a being of love and compassion, and they cannot believe that He will consign His creatures to the fires of an eternally burning hell. But holding that the soul is naturally immortal, **they see no alternative but to conclude that all mankind will finally be saved.**

“Many regard the threatenings of the Bible as designed merely to frighten men into obedience, and not to be literally fulfilled. Thus the sinner can live in selfish pleasure, disregarding the requirements of God, and yet expect to be finally received into His favor. **Such a doctrine, presuming upon God’s mercy, but ignoring His justice, pleases the carnal heart and emboldens the wicked in their iniquity . . .**

“Believers in universal salvation wrest the Scriptures to sustain their soul-destroying dogmas.”—*Great Controversy*, 536-537.

We are told that **the messages of spiritualism are another reason why some are attracted to Universalism.** The demon spirits offer them pleasing theories about how they need not change their

lives; for they are going to heaven just as they are.

“God’s Word, rightly understood and applied, is a safeguard against spiritualism. An eternally burning hell preached from the pulpit, and kept before the people, does injustice to the benevolent character of God. It presents Him as the veriest tyrant in the universe. **This widespread dogma has turned thousands to universalism, infidelity, and atheism.** The Word of God is plain. It is a straight chain of truth, and will prove an anchor to those who are willing to receive it, even if they have to sacrifice their cherished fables. It will save them from the terrible delusions of these perilous times. **Satan has led the minds of the ministers of different churches to cling tenaciously to their popular errors,** as he led the Jews in their blindness to cling to their sacrifices, and crucify Christ. **The rejection of light and truth leaves men captives, the subjects of Satan’s deception. The greater the light they reject, the greater will be the power of deception** and darkness which will come upon them.”—*1 Testimonies*, 344-345.

Universalism is indeed an extremely dangerous theory! Many precious souls will be lost because they accepted it.

“Another extreme which Satan has led the people to adopt is entirely to overlook the justice of God, and the threatenings in His Word, and to represent Him as being all mercy, so that not one will perish, but that all, both saint and sinner, will at last be saved in His kingdom.”—*Early Writings*, 219.

Thinking carefully about it, we find that, if Universalism were true, there would be **no probationary time** at all; since no one can be lost. There would be **no judgment** and **no justice.** **The death of Christ would not be needed;** since God is going to save everyone anyway!

What does the Bible teach about the future of those who steadfastly refuse the merciful grace of God, and determine to remain in their sins? If you accept Lorraine’s theory, there are many pages in your Bible which you need to cut out. (See letter on next page.)

“The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from

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Dear Lorraine Day,

I have written literally hundreds of articles over the years and did not recall that item. I thank you for having brought it to my attention. **After now reading that article on my website, I see that you actually do believe in Universalism. The article is a detailed analysis of your statements as quoted from a book which you wrote.**

I thank you for mentioning my article on your website; for **it will encourage many more to go to my website and read that letter for themselves—and learn how very dangerous your teachings about Universalism really are!** Tell them that all they need do is go to sdadefend.com; then click on “Waymarks Archives”; then click on “Waymarks U-Z”; then, near the top, click on “Lorraine Day Accepts Universalism.”

This morning, upon receiving your latest letter, I went to your site and found your current revision of *What Happens at the Judgment?* It had been revised from your earlier 45-page book by that title, which had earlier been reviewed in my web article; but, like the full-length book, **your current web article clearly reveals your position on Universalism as being unchanged.**

And what is your consistent position on Universalism?

1 - Every human being who has ever lived on Planet Earth will ultimately be saved.

2 - Everyone on earth will come to love God and stop sinning before death, and thus be saved.

The above two sentences, placed together, are irrational. We do not see everyone on earth loving God before they die.

We both agree that there will not be an ever-burning hell. We both agree on the importance of loving God and that He is trying to save everyone. But, at that point, we depart ways. **Your position is that no human being will be kept out of heaven. Whether they want it or not, they will be there; because, before they die, God will somehow get them all to love Him and repent.**

How can you ignore the reality of life around you? Thousands die every day who obviously do not want anything to do with God. Yet you say that God will get them all to love Him before they die.

In this present controversy between you and me, we are here dealing with two different opin-

ions about religious views. Each believes that his own view is correct. And that is where the matter stands. —**Yet your position will cause many who learn of it to postpone repentance until the last minute; and they will be lost as a result. Many more people need to write about your dangerous teachings!**

I feel sorry for you. You do not realize what you are doing. Instead of defending the character of God, you are maligning Him. **You are actually giving people the impression that all these terrible horrors down here will be God's fault if He does not save everyone.**

People get your error in their minds, and they imagine that they have been set free—to postpone coming to God until they are near death. Why, has not Lorraine told them that they are going to be saved? Indeed, she has told them that they cannot be lost! And she seems so certain that she is right.

After the millennium, when the Executive Judgment is in session and the wicked are gathered about the New Jerusalem, you will learn that the God of heaven is also a God of Judgment, that there is a final Judgment after all, that not all will pass that judgment, and there is a final destruction of Satan and the wicked; then you will discover something. **But, at that time, it will too late for you to retrace your steps and tell your now eager followers that eternal life in heaven is not a certainty. Instead, there were two alternatives, just as the Bible always said.** Everyone can choose life or receive death.

According to your theory, a person does not need to change his character, even up to the point of death, in order to go to heaven,—because God in His loving mercy will, if necessary, overpower that person's will just before his last breath expires—and he will repent and express to all around him his fervent love for God.

No, I will not remove that article from my website, as you demand; for, in my opinion, it is a true statement about a false teaching which should be exposed. Your latest writings on the subject not only confirm it, but also amplify on it.

Sincerely,

Vance Ferrell

QUOTATIONS FROM LORRAINE DAY

Lorraine Day had an Adventist background and is still very influential among many of our people. Aside from whether or not her health teachings are the best, her views on, what she calls “universal restoration,” are extremely dangerous. Here are several current quotations from Lorraine Day’s website, as of June 2011:

“Eventually, God will save everyone He has created, not IN their sins, but FROM their sins. AFTER they have reaped what they have sown! No one will get away with anything! But God does not throw away anything that He has created. Instead, eventually He will make ALL new!?” [sic.]—*Home page of Day’s website, June 2011.*

That is an irrational statement. No exceptions; all will be saved and taken to heaven. Everyone knows that many evil men who, after systematically killing many people, were suddenly murdered or committed suicide. Yet Day’s view is that before their deaths, each one wholeheartedly began loving God!

“God will be ALL in ALL! Not ALL in some - but ALL in all! Everyone will be saved!”—*2011 Day website, article titled, What Happens at the Judgment, p. 8.*

“It is impossible for God to lose even one of His children!”—*p. 9.*

“It is God’s nature NOT to throw anything away. Why would He create BILLIONS of people just to permanently annihilate them?”—*p. 9.*

“Certainly HE can win His children back!! God Himself said, ‘Is ANYTHING too hard for the Lord?’”—*p. 10.*

“UNIVERSAL RESTORATION - the SAVING of ALL mankind.”—*p. 11.*

“How long will God have patience with us? Will He ever become impatient and give up on us? . . . How long did the lost [sic.] shepherd search for the one lost sheep? Until He found it! There was NO time limit!”—*p. 12.*

“ ‘Do you mean we actually get a second chance?’ you ask. Isn’t that heresy? When could that possibly happen?”—*p. 12.*

She then goes on and shows that this will happen. But she does not say when.

Lorraine Day’s position is that God will save everyone, and that He will do this by getting them eventually to love Him and stop sinning.

Checking through my earlier report (*WM-1318*) on Lorraine Day’s 45-page book with the same title, *What Happens at the Judgment?* I find that, down near the end of it, there are several additional state-

ments which she also made, which are not included on her current website article:

Regarding that key text, Obadiah 15-16, she changes it to mean:

“The wicked will be ‘as though they’ve never been’ because they will have been converted and become new creatures in Christ.”—*p. 28.*

Concerning the Bible statements about the consuming fire of the wicked, and similar statements about “fire,” she says:

“This obviously means fiery trials. Purification by trials—not literal fire . . . We are cleansed and purified by fiery trials.”—*p. 30.*

Obviously, in her view, no one will die the second death!

Near the end of the book, she finally answers the unspoken question in our minds: What about the devil and his angels? Her answer is that, obviously, they will be saved also!

“Which would be greater? for God to wipe out Satan from the universe with a tremendous show of force and vengeance or—to win him back and change him into a new creature in Christ?”—*p. 41.*

You will notice that Day’s method is frequently to ask a provocative question and then not answer it. The question contains her belief; yet it is so radical, that very often she does not openly state it.

How can she possibly imagine that the most evil men in history will be saved and none will be lost?

Lorraine Day teaches that, **regardless of what they may think about Jesus Christ, all of them will be marvelously converted to loving God, and telling others so, before their death.**

All of the following horrible men died suddenly; yet, according to her teachings, they will acknowledge the love of God before they die—and be saved along with every other evil monster in history. Here are just a few examples to clarify what I mean:

History records that **Attila the Hun** (434-453) was responsible for the deaths of thousands and drowned in his own blood on his wedding night, when he was suddenly assassinated. —But he will be in heaven.

After leading his Mongol hordes in putting to death millions of people across thousands of miles, spanning from Mongolia to Eastern Europe, the death of **Genghis Khan** in 1227 also occurred unexpectedly.

Maximilien Robespierre was a leader of the French Revolution and one of the main driving forces behind the Reign of Terror, a 10 month post-

revolutionary period in which mass executions were carried out. The Reign of Terror took the lives of 18,500 to 40,000 people. On July 28, 1794, Robespierre was suddenly guillotined without trial.

Ayatollah Khomeini was the religious leader of Iran from 1979 to his sudden death in 1989. He was responsible for the deaths of over 30,000 people.

Ivan IV of Russia, also known as **Ivan the Terrible**, was responsible for the deaths of thousands of Russians. He suddenly—and totally unexpectedly—dropped dead from a stroke on March 28, 1584.

Estimates of the number of deaths by **Joseph Stalin** range from 2.5 million to 10 million before his sudden death on March 5, 1953.

On April 30, 1945, after intense street-to-street combat, when Soviet troops were spotted within a block or two of the Reich Chancellory, **Adolf Hitler** suddenly committed suicide, shooting himself while simultaneously biting into a cyanide capsule. A moment before that, did he suddenly begin loving God?

What about Caligula, who was suddenly assassinated in A.D. 41? Then there was Vladimir Lenin, leader of the Russian Revolution and “Red Terror,” who suddenly died of a stroke on January 21, 1924? We should not forget Osama Bin Laden, who died very suddenly on May 2, 2011. Did Pizzaro, Nero, Pol Pot, and Idi Amin decide to begin loving God? Are we to believe that these men, each responsible for the murders of multiplied thousands, often millions, will **live forever through eternal ages**,

next door to the redeemed in heaven?

Here are the last two sentences in Lorraine Day’s book: “**God never fails! He’ll win everyone of His children back!**” (p. 43). Several times she earlier stated that God will not lose any person that He made, but He will win them all back. According to one statement, quoted earlier, that will include Satan (and therefore all his fallen angels). Her view is that millions upon millions of instantaneous deathbed conversions have occurred and are occurring all the time.

You can know that, if the incorrigibly wicked are going to be in heaven, the great controversy will once again revive, and rather quickly, not long after the Second Coming of Christ.

Obviously, such a teaching impugns on the wisdom of God. It destroys His justice. It makes mockery of the necessity of obedience to His law. It would mean that the law of God is not important,—and therefore Christ need not have died to vindicate it.

Unless the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy are wrong, **many will someday in the final Judgment point to Lorraine Day as the one who encouraged them to wait too long.**

It is because Lorraine Day has been so influential with our people that we have here presented her Universalism (all will be saved) teaching. We are told that it was through reading the Spirit of Prophecy that she first learned about the natural remedies which removed her breast cancer. But now she has abandoned those precious counsels.

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the earth.”—*Psalm 34:16*.

“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. **But the transgressors shall be destroyed together:** the end of the wicked shall be cut off.”—*Psalm 37:37-38*.

“When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed forever . . . For, lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, **for, lo, Thine enemies shall perish;** all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.”—*Psalm 92:7, 9*.

“**Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more.**”—*Psalm 104:35*.

“**Salvation is far from the wicked:** for they seek not Thy statutes.”—*Psalm 119:155*.

“The Lord preserveth all them that love Him:

but **all the wicked will He destroy.**”—*Psalm 145:20*.

“**The wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.**”—*Proverbs 2:22*.

“As the whirlwind passeth, **so is the wicked no more:** but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.”—*Proverbs 10:25*.

“The righteous shall never be removed: but **the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.**”—*Proverbs 10:30*.

“The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but **the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.**”—*Proverbs 11:3*.

“As righteousness tendeth to life: so **he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.**”—*Proverbs 11:19*.

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PART TWO OF TWO

Continued from the preceding tract in this series

“A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will He condemn.”—*Proverbs 12:2*.

“The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but **the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.**”—*Proverbs 13:9*.

“**There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.**”—*Proverbs 14:12*.

“He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but **he that despiseth His [God’s] ways shall die.**”—*Proverbs 19:16*.

“**God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.**”—*Proverbs 21:12*.

“**For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.**”—*Proverbs 24:20*.

“**He, that being often reprov’d hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.**”—*Proverbs 29:1*.

“**But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.**”—*Ecclesiastes 8:13*.

“With righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and **with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked.**”—*Isaiah 11:4*.

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh . . . and **He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**”—*Isaiah 13:9*.

“**I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity.**”—*Isaiah 13:11*.

“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: **in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the Lord. I will surely consume them.**”—*Jeremiah 8:12-13*.

“**Hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.** Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, **he shall die in his iniquity;** but thou

hast delivered thy soul.”—*Ezekiel 3:17-19*.

“Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.** But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, . . . [and] hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept My judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.”—*Ezekiel 18:4-5, 9*.

“**The soul that sinneth, it shall die.** The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and **the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.** But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.”—*Ezekiel 18:20-21*.

“I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. **Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.** Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: **for why will ye die?**”—*Ezekiel 18:30-31*.

“When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; **if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity,** all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; **but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.**

“Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: **he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.**”—*Ezekiel 33:13-16*.

“They shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.”—*Hosea 10:8 (Luke 23:30; Rev. 6:16; 9:6)*.

“**And now they sin more and more . . . Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away,** as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.”—*Hosea 13:2-3*.

“Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the

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Here is just one sample passage. Hundreds more could be cited—

“Such are the judgments that fall upon Babylon in the day of the visitation of God’s wrath. **She has filled up the measure of her iniquity**; her time has come; **she is ripe for destruction**.

“When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, **there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were blinded by Satan’s deceptions, and they justified their course of sin** . . . Their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.

“The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. **They lament that the result is what it is; but they do not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could.**

“The world see the very class whom they have mocked and derided, and desired to exterminate, pass unharmed through pestilence, tempest, and earthquake. **He who is to the transgressors of His law a devouring fire, is to His people a safe pavilion.**

“**The minister [false teacher] who has sacrificed truth to gain the favor of men now discerns the character and influence of his teachings.** It is apparent that the omniscient eye was following him as he stood in the desk, as he walked the streets, as he mingled with men in the various scenes of life. Every emotion of the soul, **every line written, every word uttered, every act that led men to rest in a refuge of falsehood, has been scattering seed; and now, in the wretched, lost souls around him, he beholds the harvest.**

“Saith the Lord: ‘They have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, **saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.**’ ‘With lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; **and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life.**’ Jeremiah 8:11; Ezekiel 13:22.

“**‘Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! . . . Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings.’** ‘Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for your days for slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; . . . and **the shepherds shall have no way to flee**, nor the principal of the flock to escape.’ Jeremiah 23:1, 2; 25:34, 35, margin.

“**Ministers and people see that they have not sustained the right relation to God. They see that they have rebelled against the Author of all just and righteous law.** The setting aside of the divine precepts gave rise to thousands of springs of evil, discord, hatred, iniquity, until the earth became one vast field of strife, one sink of corruption. **This is the view that now appears to those who rejected truth and chose to cherish error.** No language can express the longing which the disobedient and disloyal feel for that which they have lost forever—eternal life. Men whom the world has worshiped for their talents and eloquence now see these things in their true light. **They realize what they have forfeited by transgression**, and they fall at the feet of those whose fidelity they have despised and derided, and confess that God has loved them.

“**The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers [the false teachers].** Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. **Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. ‘We are lost!’ they cry, ‘and you are the cause of our ruin;’** and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God’s people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed.

“**‘A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them that are wicked to the sword.’** Jeremiah 25:31. For six thousand years the great controversy has been in progress; the Son of God and His heavenly messengers have been in conflict with the power of the evil one, to warn, enlighten, and save the children of men. **Now all have made their decisions; the wicked have fully united with Satan in his warfare against God.** The time has come for God to vindicate the authority of His down-trodden law. **Now the controversy is not alone with Satan, but with men.** ‘The Lord hath a controversy with the nations;’ **‘He will give them that are wicked to the sword.’**”—*Great Controversy*, 653-656.

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ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: **but the transgressors shall fall therein.**—*Hosea 14:9.*

All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.”—*Amos 9:10.*

“But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies. What do ye imagine against the Lord? **He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time . . . They shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.**”—*Nahum 1:8-10.*

“For, behold, **the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up,** saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

“But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. **And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this,** saith the Lord of hosts.

“Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.”—*Malachi 4:1-4.*

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to de-**

“For a thousand years, **Satan** will wander to and fro in the desolate earth to behold the results of his rebellion against the law of God. During this time . . . **he is now deprived of his power . . . and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for the sins that he has caused to be committed.**”—*Great Controversy, 660.*

“At the close of the thousand years, Christ again returns to the earth. He is accompanied by the host of the redeemed and attended by a retinue of angels. As He descends in terrific majesty He bids the wicked dead arise to receive their doom. They come forth, a mighty host, numberless as the sands of the sea . . . **As the wicked went into their graves, so they come forth with the same enmity to Christ and the same spirit of rebellion. They are to have no new probation in which to remedy the defects of their past lives. Nothing would be gained by this. A lifetime of transgression has not softened their hearts. A second proba-**

struction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”—*Matthew 7:13-15.*

Every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**”—*Matthew 7:26-27.*

He will miserably destroy those wicked men.”—*Matthew 21:41.*

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”—*Romans 6:16.*

“For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and **every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation.**”—*Hebrews 2:2-3.*

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then **when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**”—*James 1:14-15.*

He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death.”—*James 5:20.*

tion, were it given them, would be occupied as was the first in evading the requirements of God and exciting rebellion against Him.”—*Great Controversy, 662.*

“In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, **the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people.** Says the prophet of God: ‘I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.’ Revelation 20:11, 12.

As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked,

they are conscious of every sin which they have ever committed. They see just where their feet diverged from the path of purity and holiness, just how far pride and rebellion have carried them in the violation of the law of God. The seductive temptations which they encouraged by indulgence in sin, the blessings perverted, the messengers of God despised, the warnings rejected, the waves of mercy beaten back by the stubborn, unrepentant heart—all appear as if written in letters of fire.”—*Great Controversy*, 665-666.

“The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of high treason against the government of heaven. They have none to plead their cause; **they are without excuse; and the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them.**

“It is now evident to all that the wages of sin is not noble independence and eternal life, but slavery, ruin, and death. The wicked see what they have forfeited by their life of rebellion. The far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory was despised when offered them; but how desirable it now appears. **‘All this,’ cries the lost soul, ‘I might have had; but I chose to put these things far from me.** Oh, strange infatuation! I have exchanged peace, happiness, and honor for wretchedness, infamy, and despair.’ **All see that their exclusion from heaven is just.**”—*Great Controversy*, 668.

“The aim of the great rebel has ever been to justify himself and to prove the divine government responsible for the rebellion. To this end he has bent all the power of his giant intellect. He has worked deliberately and systematically, and with marvelous success, leading vast multitudes to accept his version of the great controversy which has been so long in progress. **For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed.** In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked. Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause. Christ’s followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations against the government of God. **He is the object of universal abhorrence.**”—*Great Controversy*, 670.

“Fire comes down from God out of heaven. The earth is broken up. The weapons concealed in its depths are drawn forth. **Devouring flames burst**

from every yawning chasm. The very rocks are on fire. The day has come that shall burn as an oven. The elements melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein are burned up. Malachi 4:1; 2 Peter 3:10. **The earth’s surface seems one molten mass—a vast, seething lake of fire. It is the time of the judgment and perdition of ungodly men**—‘the day of the Lord’s vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.’ Isaiah 34:8.

“The wicked receive their recompense in the earth. Proverbs 11:31. They ‘shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts.’ Malachi 4:1. **Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days.** All are punished ‘according to their deeds.’ The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God’s people to commit. **His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived.** After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch—Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah.”—*Great Controversy*, 672-673.

The Universalist makes a covenant with death and hell. He is trusting in a refuge of lies, and he brazenly declares that he can continue to sin and break God’s holy, moral, Ten Commandment law with impunity.

“Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; **when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us:** for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves . . .

“Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: **and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,** and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

“And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.”—*Isaiah 28:15, 17-18.*

— Vance Ferrell