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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature which provides answers to the questions posed and then we recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE --Signs of the End – Terror and Increase of Knowledge

Violence, Terror and Destruction Mark the Soon Coming End

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. **8T 28**

When God's restraining hand is removed, the destroyer begins his work. Then in our cities the greatest calamities will come. **3MR 314, 1897**

There will be secret plotting to destroy life. Destruction, misery and death will be seen on every hand. **3SM 418**

Satanic agencies have made the earth a stage of horrors, which no language can describe. **RH Feb 6,1900**

Men possessed by demons are taking the lives of men, women and little children. All these things testify that the Lord's coming is near. **Maranatha 175**

When I was in New York, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fireproof and they were erected to glorify the owners. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at the lofty and supposedly fireproof buildings, and said, 'they are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines. I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes . . . men would find that the hand that was strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their insolence and disregard of His law. **LS 413; 314 2/15/1904 (Life Sketches)**

Inventions and the Increase of Knowledge

The inventions of human minds are supposed to spring from humanity, but God is behind all. He has caused that the means of rapid traveling shall have been invented, for the great day of His preparation. **FE 409 (Faith and Works)**

God entrusts men with talents and inventive genius in order that His great work in our world may be accomplished. **FE 409**

Satan's Inventions Imperil Human Life

The enemy is just as perseveringly at work now as he was before the flood. By the use of various enterprises and inventions, he is diligently working to keep the minds of men engrossed in the things of this world. He devises inventions that imperil human life. **CS 218, 219 (Counsels on Stewardship)**

Human agents are being trained and are using their inventive power to put in operation the most powerful machinery to wound and kill. **8T 50**

Exalting Science Above Truth

The apostasy prevailing today is similar to that which in the prophet's day overspread Israel. In the exaltation of the human above the divine, in praise of the teachings of science above the truths of revelation, multitudes are following after Baal. Doubt and unbelief are exercising their baleful influence over mind and heart, and many are substituting for the oracles of God the theories of men. It is publicly taught that we have reached a time when human reason should be exalted above the teachings of the Word. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no effect. **PK 170**

Healthful Living Feature – Drugs and Tobacco

Jeremiah 46:11 *Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines for thou shalt not be cured.*

Drug Medication Seldom to be Used

Educate away from drugs, use them less and less, and depend more upon hygienic agencies; then nature will respond to God's physicians – pure air, pure water, proper exercise, a clear conscience. Drugs need seldom be used. **Te 85 (Temperance)**

Drugs and Side Effects

When drugs are introduced into the system, for a time they may appear to have a beneficial effect. A change may take place, but the disease is not cured. And the disease, which the drug was given to cure, may disappear, but only to re-appear in a new form, such as skin diseases, ulcers, painful diseased joints, and sometimes in a more dangerous and deadly form. The liver, heart and brain are frequently affected by drugs. **4SG 135 (Spiritual Gifts)**

- Adverse drug reactions are estimated to result in approximately 1.5 to 2.7 million hospitalizations annually. US News & World Report Sep 2016

Drugs Remain in the Body for Life

The physician who depends on drug medications introducing into the system a seed crop that will never lose its destroying properties throughout the lifetime. **MM 229 (Medical Ministry)**

Drugs Never Cure Disease

Drugs never cure disease. They only change the form and location. Nature alone is the effectual restorer, and how much better could she perform her task if left to herself. But this privilege is seldom allowed her. **4SG 134**

- 60-70% of Americans take at least one prescribed drug but most take a fistful of pills and new drug approvals have reached a 15 year high. US News & World Report Sep 2016

I was shown that more deaths have been caused by drug taking than from all other causes combined. **2SM 450**

- 2,460 patients die weekly and approx. 128,000 annually, from taking drugs properly prescribed by a physician and taken as directed, more than 5 times the amount who die from overdosing on opioids and heroin. These numbers were gleaned from detailed chart reviews of hospitalized patients and does not include deaths from improper prescriptions and overdoses. US News & World Report Sep 2016

Tobacco Smoking

Tobacco is a slow insidious, but most malignant poison, and its use is working untold harm. **SD 212, MS 29, 1896**

- Ellen White wrote this in 1896, fifty years before modern medicine realized it.
- 480,320 deaths annually were attributed to tobacco smoking each year from 2005 to 2009

Non-Smokers Affected by Tobacco Smoke

In this age of the world the use of tobacco is almost universal. Women and children suffer from having to breathe the atmosphere that has been polluted by the pipe, the cigar, or the foul breath of the tobacco user. Those who live in this atmosphere will always be ailing. **5T 440**

Questions

- 1 What should those who know the truth be doing now?
Answer: They should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.
- 2 What will happen when God's restraining hand is removed from the earth?
Answer: Calamities will come upon cities; destruction, death and misery will be everywhere; and satanic agencies will put this earth in an indescribable state of horror.
- 3 What does Ellen White's prophetic vision of 911 imply about God's appointed time?
Answer: It implies that no material on earth can provide protection when God sends retribution on men for their insolence and disregard of His law.
- 4 Why is God behind many modern inventions and increase of knowledge?
Answer: So that they can be used for His great work of preparation so that the end of all things can be accomplished.
- 5 In what way is the use of drugs as a cure deceptive?
Answer: They at first appear to have a beneficial effect but soon enough the disease it was meant to cure re-appears in different forms and places sometime worse than before.
- 6 In 1896 Ellen White called tobacco smoking a slow, insidious and malignant poison. Is there evidence to prove this true?
Answer: Between 2005 and 2009 over 480,000 died each year from tobacco smoking.
- 7 Ellen White also claimed over a hundred years ago that prescription drugs would be a major cause of death. Has this been proven true?
Answer: Yes. Studies show that approximately 2,460 people die weekly from properly prescribed drugs taken as directed.

Take Away Tips

- Be prepared NOW for the coming of the Lord. Do not wait for God's restraining hand to be removed.
- God is behind many modern inventions and technological developments so that is great work for this world may be accomplished.
- As far as possible avoid the use of prescription drugs and depend more upon God's natural agencies.
- Tobacco is a silent killer and should not be indulged in by God's people.