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VACCINATION

Is the Method of Disease Prevention in Harmony With Bible Teaching and the Seventh-day Adventist Health Message? YOU Be The Judge!

Isaiah 8:20 gives God's children the only test by which they may discern between truth and error. "To the law and to the testimony if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." As we investigate any line of human endeavor, we must do so in light of this Scripture. Is the philosophy of such endeavor based on sound Scriptural principle, or is it based merely on tradition, statistics, circumstantial or scientific evidence, or just what does constitute the basis?

If God gives such a test of truth to men, then does it not reasonably follow that all human duty will fall within the range of principles of such a test? Can we not clearly test any action or saying by this test and be guided into a correct conclusion as to God's will and counsel? The answers to these questions are quite obvious as one begins to think seriously on the fact that God's Word contains all the necessary principles needed by fallen man to restore him to that position that God would have him attain.

Scripture clearly teaches that there are only two great powers of influence at work in our universe: the power of God unto salvation, and the power of Satan unto death. It also teaches that it is impossible for man to obey both powers, but he is of necessity under the influence of one or the other at all times in all he does. Every act of life is, therefore, either in harmony with, or not in harmony with, the divine will. Every act of life either leads us definitely toward heaven or definitely away from it. God, by various divinely-ordained means, has communicated His will to man and has promised him that if he desires to do His will, "he shall know of the doctrine." (John 7:17) Scriptural verification of the foregoing discussion is given clearly in Luke 16:13:

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold on to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

The same thought was expressed by the pen of Inspiration as it traced these words:

“Two great powers are at work in this world, --one from above, and the other from beneath. Every man is under the influence of one or the other. Those who are united with Christ will work in Christ’s lines; those who are in union with Satan will work under the inspiration of their leader. The will of man is left free to act, and by action is revealed what spirit is moving upon the heart. ‘By their fruits ye shall know them.’” Ellen G. White, R&H, Sept. 1, 1896

When deciding, therefore, on any course of action, the children of God should first determine the divine will with regard to such action, or they are very sure to be led astray by the great deceiver, just as the children of Israel were so often led into difficulty for their failure to [obey] and follow God’s counsel. God’s children are not to follow feelings or inclination or the seemingly obvious deductions of worldlings. “The just shall live by faith.” (Rom 1:17) “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” (Matt 4:4)

It is thus the purpose of this discussion to set forth some principles that need careful consideration before God’s true children accept without any question all the seemingly conclusive evidence that vaccination is a God-sent method of disease prevention. It must ever be kept in mind that Satan is a deceiver, with great delusive power trying to make man believe things that in reality are not true, and if he could succeed in deceiving the human race into the false security of confidence in methods of disease prevention that indeed sow the seeds of death in the human system rather than prevent disease, he would have accomplished much for his evil cause. Or, if he can deceive mankind into dependence upon some method of disease prevention other than the method God has given, he can thus blind men’s eyes to the true causes of disease and the true methods or [of?] _____ in preventing disease. Therefore, the question arises, How can a _____ [person come?] to believe that the words in the following quotation are the words of Inspiration expressing God’s will, teaching such a truth, while at the same time, they are teaching confidence in a SECOND method of disease prevention that supposedly renders both the obedient and disobedient immunity from disease?

“The human family is suffering from the transgression of the laws of God. The Lord desires that men shall be led to understand the cause of their suffering and the ONLY WAY TO FIND RELIEF. He desires them to see that their well-being—physical, mental, and moral—depends on their obedience to His law.” 6T 224

Let each sincere searcher of truth continue reading with an open mind under divine guidance.

God’s chosen people have been admonished to separate themselves from the world, to “Come out and be ye separate.” As one studies the truths of God’s Holy Word and the guiding principles of the Spirit of Prophecy with a sincere desire to know and do God’s will, he is faced with a question of just how “separate” does God intend His people to be, and in which lines are they to be separate? Is this separation to be only in the spiritual realm, or also in the practical realm of daily [living]? Is it to be in medical practices, as well as in religious principles of faith? The answer to these questions should be clear from the plain words of Scripture.

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

James 4:4

“Whosoever,” then, would apply to a medical man, as well as anyone else. Our separation must be in every facet of life, be it medical practice, spiritual belief, or practical living. God is to be the counselor of His people, and not men. It is reduced to a simple matter of receiving a blessing or a curse, depending upon our own choices, as these texts clearly state:

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.” Ps. 1:1,2

“Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.... Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.” Jer. 17:5,7

Now these words of God mean something, or they would not be in your Bible, and they need to be kept in mind throughout the ensuing discussion. God intends His people to heed His counsel and not the counsel of man, especially the ungodly.

Now the question: Is vaccination as practiced today a part of God’s plan for the health of His people? Or does it matter? Am I free to choose either to be or not to be vaccinated, with little or no concern of God? Here, let us remember the claims God has on his children. We are not our own; we are God’s by both creation and redemption.

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Cor. 6:19, 20

Since we are God’s property, it stands to reason that whatever we do to our bodies should certainly be done under guidance and counsel from Him. Our question now becomes specific. Is the principle of vaccination and inoculation by the injection of impurities from diseased animals in accordance with the principles of health that God has so graciously given His people, or is it not? Of this we can be sure: It either is or it is not! There is no “middle of the road” here! You are the judge of the evidence being presented. You must decide for yourself and your children.

In order for us to continue intelligently in our discussion, let us stop and learn a bit more about vaccination.

Vaccination defined:

“To inoculate with a mildly toxic preparation of bacteria or virus of a specific disease to prevent or lessen the effects of that disease.” *World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary*

Definitions of other terms used:

Poison: “anything noxious or destructive to life, health, or morality; venom; v.t., to infect or kill by poison; administer poison to; corrupt.”

Poisonous: “having the qualities of poison; deadly; injurious to health.”

Toxic: “poisonous.” *Webster’s New School and Office Dictionary*

“Vaccination is a process of transmitting by inoculation a specific disease known as vaccinia, cowpox, or modified smallpox from one susceptible reagent to another—either from animal to animal, from animal to man, or from man to man.... The term ‘vaccination’ also is used in a broader sense, and is made to apply to diseases other than vaccinia. It may denote the process by which other disease-producing agents are inoculated into a susceptible species in such a way as to render it refractory to a given disease contracted in the natural way. Vaccinia in the cow is an eruptive vascular disease, usually occurring on the teats and udder, sometimes on the muscle and mucous membrane of the mouth and nose.” *The Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 27, pgs. 624-634.

“In its most precise definition vaccination refers only to immunization against smallpox by introducing into the organism the virus of cowpox or vaccinia. In common usage, however, the term ‘vaccine’ is supplied to any material for preventive inoculation, particularly a preparation of killed bacteria which will bring about the formation of antibodies and thus confer immunity. The term ‘vaccination,’ therefore, is sometimes loosely used for ‘inoculation.’

“Antitoxins are found in sera, and are prepared for therapeutic use by injecting a horse with gradually increasing doses of the toxin of a disease, thus stimulating the animal to form antitoxins and acquire immunity. The antitoxin-laden serum is then withdrawn from the animal and used for immunizing inoculation.” *Colliers Encyclopedia* (1963), Vol. 19, pgs. 83-84.

“Vaccination means the injection of ANY DEAD OR WEAKENED VIRUSES OR GERMS into the body for the purpose of developing bodily resistance to diseases. The vaccine (material injected) works by causing the body to develop antibodies which act to prevent the disease. The word ‘vaccination’ comes from the Latin word *vacca*, meaning cow. The term originally referred to the injection of cowpox virus into the body to prevent smallpox.

“Vaccines are carefully prepared to ensure that they will not carry infections into the body. They are tested so that they will be strong enough to cause the body to develop resistance to the disease, but weak enough so that they will not cause serious symptoms of the disease before the body develops its resistance. The most dramatic development of a vaccine in modern times is the Salk vaccine, prepared from the tissues of monkeys that have been INFECTED WITH THIS DREAD DISEASE, and proved to be safe and effective in preventing poliomyelitis in extensive tests made in 1954.” *The World Book Encyclopedia* (1958), Vol. 17, p. 8418.

From these encyclopedia quotations, we can readily see that vaccination allegedly renders one immune from a certain disease by injecting into the system “DEAD” or “WEAKENED” disease germs, bacteria, or viruses.

Is such a method, even if it works, in harmony with the teachings of God’s Word, or could this be one of those deceptive delusions of Satan’s miracles to “if possible, deceive the very elect”? From all apparent evidence—scientific, statistical, etc.—it certainly “looks like” vaccination has checked many dread diseases, but on second thought, if Satan were to “deceive the very elect,” would he not have to have some method that was very successful to “look like” it unquestionably produced the desired results? If he is to successfully induce man to “plant the seeds of death in the system,” will he not devise some apparently good result to be accomplished? Did he not give Eve some convincing argument of good results in the first great deception? Has his method changed, except to become more subtle with experience in tempting mankind? Has nobody noticed that right along with the seeming decrease in the diseases for which mankind has been vaccinating, there has been a sudden and as-yet unexplained increase in the deadly killer diseases of cancer and heart disease? Could there be a relationship between cancer and the mass inoculation program of recent years? Who can say with surety that there is not, since the cause of cancer is as yet not completely understood? These are simply questions that must also be considered if we are to fairly consider all the evidence connected with this vaccination system. Let us not underestimate our adversary. He was educated in the courts of heaven. Let us rather turn to the wisdom of God’s Word and see what saith the Lord about disease prevention. In Exodus 15:26, a promise is given to God’s people as follows:

“If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the Lord thy God and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep ALL His statutes, I will put NONE of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.”

Has this promise of God lost its assurance to God’s obedient people with the passage of time? Upon what condition is this promise based? Upon STRICT OBEDIENCE to ALL God’s statutes and commandments. This is the same condition upon which salvation itself is promised. Therefore, can we, God’s remnant people today, not profit by this same divine protection, by compliance to the same conditions? Can we not trust God to fulfill this promise if we are faithful and obedient, just as surely as we expect Him to save us at last? Is it not a manifest lack of faith and trust in God and this promise to seek some other method of disease prevention after the ways of the world, [rather] than that [which] God has given? Let us not be longer deceived! For every truth of God, Satan has provided a counterfeit, and we are warned by the pen of Inspiration thus:

“So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true, that it will be impossible to distinguish between them EXCEPT by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony EVERY statement and EVERY miracle must be tested.” GC 593

Is there any divine command that we, God’s peculiar people, should participate in this modern worldly practice of vaccination? If there is, where is it found?

Let us consider this comment of the servant of the Lord regarding our text, Ex. 15:26.

“The Lord gave His word to ancient Israel, that if they would cleave strictly to Him, and do all His requirements, He would keep them from ALL the diseases such as He had brought upon the Egyptians; but this promise was given on the condition of obedience. Had the Israelites obeyed the instruction they received, and profited by their advantages, they would have been the world’s object lesson of health and prosperity. The Israelites failed of fulfilling God’s purpose and thus failed of receiving the blessings that might have been theirs. But in Joseph and Daniel, in Moses and Elijah, and many others, we have noble examples of the results of the true plan of living. LIKE FAITHFULNESS TODAY WILL PRODUCE LIKE RESULTS. To US it is written, ‘Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.’ 1 Peter 2:9.” *Counsels on Health*, p. 139

If it is still God’s purpose for His people to be “the world’s object lesson of health and prosperity,” and it is, for God does not change, will we be able to accomplish this goal by using the self-same methods to obtain health that the world considers so effective? Even if we did obtain health by the world’s methods (which is impossible), how would this glorify God and distinguish us a “peculiar people”?

If we, God’s obedient, commandment-keeping people, thus have God’s word that He will not place the diseases of Egypt or the world upon us, what need do we have for vaccination? We already have immunity to ALL diseases by divine promise, if obedient. Would not wisdom dictate that instead of depending on the “arm of flesh” in vaccination, we, God’s people, should concentrate on obedience to Him, and thus benefit from His wonderful promise which is His method of preserving our health?

It is often argued that “we must do all that we can for ourselves. Then God will protect us.” Thus many feel that vaccination is a part of that which we can do for ourselves. While it is true we should do all we can for ourselves to preserve health, we must also remember that all our doing must be in strict accordance with divine instruction and principles, or we shall fall into a snare. If vaccination, inoculation, and the like were to have been included as a part of God’s program of health reform, certainly He would have revealed it through His prophets, for has He not said, “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets?” Amos 3:7. Then would God require us to practice this worldly method without revealing such a duty through His prophets? Again, we have His Word; He would not require such a duty without such a revelation.

Since the science of vaccination was evolving right along at about the same time Ellen G. White was receiving special instruction from God on health principles, it seems very logical that such an important health principle as vaccination/inoculation, as the world thus considers it, if it were from God, would have been mentioned by His servant. Let us search for a written statement from the pen of Mrs. White that recommends vaccination as God’s method of disease prevention for His people. Alas. Our search is ended almost before it is begun. On page 303 of

Selected Messages, Book II, we find the following footnote, inserted by the compilers in reference to this subject of vaccination. The statement is from Bro. D. F. Robinson, one of Mrs. White's secretaries:

“You ask for definite and concise information regarding what Sister White wrote about vaccination and serum. This question can be answered very briefly, for so far as we have any record, she did NOT refer to them in any of her writings.”

Just why this great silence on a subject considered by the world to be virtually the difference between life and death? Did God forget to give us positive instruction on so vital a subject? No, God does not forget. We can only conclude that God has given us what He, in wisdom, considers essential to our welfare. There must already be instructions, principles, and counsel given in God's word that, if accepted and obeyed, make the worldly practice of vaccination totally unnecessary, and when viewed in the proper light, show it to be morally wrong. Let us review some of the basic tenets of our health message and see if we can discover a few of these principles. Remember, we must rely on God's written word, not our senses.

“The human family is suffering because of transgression of the laws of God. The Lord desires that men shall be led to understand the cause of their suffering and the ONLY way to find relief. He desires them to see that their well-being—physical, mental, and moral—depends upon their obedience to His law. It is His purpose that our institutions shall be as object lessons, showing the results of obedience to right principles.” 6T 224

How can we, or our institutions, teach this great truth while we are advocating and practicing a worldly science that is in direct contradiction of this truth? Vaccination, by its very nature, teaches men that health depends upon receiving a certain shot at a certain time. Obedience to natural law, which God says is the ONLY way to physical well-being, is given no consideration or concern.

God has clearly said that obedience to His commands would assure His children that the diseases of Egypt would not be put upon them. If we believe this from the depth of our hearts and were, by the grace of Christ, obedient and did “diligently harken unto the voice of the Lord thy God...,” would we be searching for some other method of disease prevention than God has given? We have God's word that we are safe from disease if we walk in obedience. Is our faith so weak that we cannot rest in this promise? Or are we harboring sin in our lives that we know nullifies such a promise for us? Is this the reason we resort to the world's methods to gain security from disease? May God grant that we take a new look at our spiritual condition and the motives that prompt our actions. May we yield our all to God and His service and be obedient to Him. Then we may safely rest secure in His wonderful promise, believing that He will do exactly as He has said He would.

Now let us consider this matter in a little different light, referring to Deut. 28:58-62:

“If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD, then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and

of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover He WILL bring upon thee ALL the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; BECAUSE THOU WOULDST NOT OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD.”

Here we have a divine declaration—a promise, if you please—to the disobedient. God plainly tells His people that if they disobey His laws and statutes (be it the ten commandments or health reform), they WILL receive all the diseases and sicknesses there are until they are destroyed. Can anything be clearer? Disobedience to God WILL bring disease and sickness by a divine proclamation. Does it stand to reason, then, that puny man could devise a system of disease prevention such as vaccination that will ward off these diseases that God has said will be placed upon the disobedient? What delusion! What false security! Man, depending on safety from disease through his own feeble methods, when the God of heaven has clearly declared the ONLY safety from such diseases is through obedience to His laws! And even worse, His chosen people are forsaking God and His methods to follow the world in their delusion.

If vaccination would really give safe protection from disease, would it not protect the disobedient as well as the obedient? And if it really provided protection to the disobedient, would it not be nullifying a curse pronounced by God? For has God not said that the disobedient WOULD have “all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of”? If we could really successfully prevent disease by vaccination, would we not be in a sense preventing the results of sin? If we can prevent the results of sin by our own methods, do we need the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour to wash away our sins? What idolatry! Did Israel do any worse when they praised the golden calf and gave it credit for bringing them out of Egypt?

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.” Ps. 118:8

Does such a thought arouse some suspicion as to whether the principle of vaccination really is able to do what it “looks like” it does? And even if, perchance, it does have some preventive effect, is it God’s method for life or Satan’s deception for death? Let us never forget that hypnosis, too, is very effective in pain relief and is being used extensively in modern medicine today. It really works with many seeming advantages, but is it in accordance with God’s counsel? On the contrary, it is specifically condemned by the servant of the Lord as a satanic science. (See *Selected Messages*, Book II, pgs. 349-353.) So just because a certain system appears successful is no reason for acceptance and use by God’s children UNLESS it harmonizes with His wise instruction. Let us carefully ponder this statement from Inspiration, as we are inclined to believe that the juices and blood derivatives from diseased animals are safe fare to be injected directly into the bloodstreams of our precious children to allegedly increase resistance to disease.

“When we feed on flesh, the juices of what we eat pass into the circulation. A feverish condition is created because the animals are diseased, and by partaking of their flesh, we plant the seeds of disease in our own tissue and blood. Then, when exposed to the changes in a malarious atmosphere, to prevailing epidemics and contagious diseases,

these are MORE sensibly felt, for the system is not in a condition to resist disease.”
Healthful Living, 63

If the juices from the flesh of diseased animals taken into the body through the natural means of the digestive system cause a weakening of the body’s resistance to disease and “plant the seeds of disease in our tissue and blood,” as this statement most clearly says, how can it be that the injection (which is very unnatural) of vaccines concocted from the juices and blood of diseased animals (specifically chosen because they are diseased) will increase resistance to disease? The eye of faith must rest upon the clear declarations of the word of God, not upon the seemingly conclusive evidence of a world of science that is following the arch-deceiver. Let us hear this divine warning:

“The originator of evil, Satan comes with stealthy tread, presenting plausible theories to the people of God, telling them that if they do this or that, even though it may be questionable, they will gain great advantage, and the end will justify the means. He tries to persuade them that eating of the forbidden fruit will be to them a source of great good. When men listen to him, their spiritual insight is dimmed, and the power of distinguishing between good and evil is lost.” Ellen G. White, R&H, Feb. 22, 1906

This statement helps us to see why we have accepted Satan’s sophistry. Reality testifies to the fact that we have “listened to him,” [and] thus the result has followed. We have lost our power of discernment between good and evil. It is time for us to restore this power by a diligent searching of the Scriptures to “see if these things are so,” as did the noble Bereans.

When Satan appeared to Jesus in the desert of temptation as an angel of light, how did Jesus detect the true identity of the deceiver? Was it not because Satan did not speak in harmony with what Jesus knew was God’s word? How did Jesus answer in all three of the deceiver’s approaches? Was not “It is written” the weapon Jesus used? Is not this weapon the one we should use, also? Where is “It is written” that vaccination is of divine origin?

“We must have more than a pretense of righteousness; for we shall have to meet theories that can not bear the light of close inspection. They are not supported by a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ and should find no place in our work; for we are to represent God in character.” Ellen G. White, R&H, May 2, 1899

Let us now examine some other counsels and principles from Inspiration and see how the principle of vaccination harmonizes with them. Please keep in mind the fact that “true inspiration never rejects true inspiration, but is in harmony with the Bible.” (E. G. White, R&H, Aug. 27, 1901) In *Selected Messages*, Book 2, we find this statement on pages 288-9:

“Christ never planted the seeds of death in the system. Satan planted these seeds when he tempted Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge, which meant disobedience to God. Not one noxious plant was planted in the Lord’s great garden, but after Adam and Eve sinned, poisonous herbs sprang up. In the parable of the sower the question was asked the master, ‘Didst not thus sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?’ The master answered, ‘An enemy hath done this’ (Matt. 13:27, 28). ALL TARES ARE

SOWN BY THE EVIL ONE. Every noxious herb is of his sowing, and by ingenious methods of amalgamation he has corrupted the earth with tares.

“Then shall physicians continue to resort to drugs, which leave a deadly evil in the system, destroying that life which Christ came to restore? CHRIST’S REMEDIES CLEANSE THE SYSTEM. But Satan has tempted man to introduce into the system that which weakens the human machinery, clogging and destroying the fine, beautiful arrangements of God.”

Let us especially note the underlined statements in this quotation as we review the philosophy of vaccination as defined in the previously-quoted encyclopedia statements.

“Vaccination means the injection of any dead or weakened viruses or germs into the body.... “

“The most dramatic development of a vaccine in modern times is the Salk vaccine which prevents poliomyelitis. This vaccine, prepared from the tissues of monkeys that have been injected with this dread disease....” *World Book Encyclopedia*

Now, dear reader, I appeal to your reason: Are “dead or weakened viruses or germs” seeds of life or of death? Did they originate with God for the good of mankind, or are they the tares that an enemy hath sown? Will they be present in the kingdom of heaven or cast into the cleansing fires of hell? You are the judge! You must decide on the evidence presented! If these are seeds of life, as some would claim, then perhaps we are safe in sowing them in the innocent veins of our helpless babies. If these “dead or weakened viruses or germs” “cleanse the system” as Christ’s remedies do, then perhaps we would be justified, but obviously such reasoning leads to absurdity. These “dead or weakened viruses or germs” are seeds of death. That is why we are vaccinating in the first place, trying to obtain protection from them. Who sows “ALL tares”? Who “NEVER planted the seeds of death in the system”? Which leader are you going to follow? You must choose!

Now, it is argued by some that a good result may be produced by these evil germs because they are very carefully prepared under modern scientific methods. But does this bear the light of Scriptural test? Job asks in Job 14:4, “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?” Then he answers, “Not one.” Are we going to believe this clear, simple statement of Scripture? Then can filth from the blood or the oozing sore of a diseased animal be cleansed so as to be safe to inject into the pure bloodstream of an innocent baby? Is it possible to use an evil seed to produce good fruit? Does not the Scripture say in Matt. 7:17, 18,

“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”

Where will these disease germs be cast in the great day of God’s wrath when the earth is purified by fire? Are these “good trees” or “corrupt trees”? This lesson from nature illustrating a principle of truth that has wider application than to just trees. The conclusion is quite obvious: An

evil germ cannot bear a good result, even if it “looks like” it does. Protection from disease is wholly dependent upon obedience to God’s laws and statutes.

“Our physicians should be wise educators, warning all against self-indulgence, showing that abstinence from the things that God has forbidden is the ONLY way to prevent ruin of body and mind.” *Medical Ministry*, p. 221

Does the word “only” in this statement really mean “only”? If it did not, then this would not be a true statement. Therefore, it must mean just what it says.

Protection from disease for God’s children and their duty in order to receive such protection is made clear in this statement from Inspiration:

“The Creator of man has arranged the living machinery of our bodies. Every function is wonderfully and wisely made. And God has PLEDGED Himself to keep this human machinery in healthful action IF the human agent will OBEY His laws and cooperate with God. EVERY law governing the human machinery is to be considered just as truly divine in origin, in character, and in importance as the word of God.” *Medical Ministry*, p. 221

Here we have God’s own pledge that He will preserve the health and well-being of His creatures if they will obey His laws and cooperate with Him. Notice carefully the condition is obedience to set laws, not upon receiving a certain vaccination at a certain time. Need we more than this? If we have not faith and obedience enough to trust in these clear words of God, how can it be that we have faith and obedience enough to be saved at Christ’s return when “every man shall be rewarded according to his works”? (See Rev. 22:12.)

“There is now positive need even with physicians, reformers in the line of treatment of disease, that greater painstaking effort be made to carry forward and upward the work for themselves and to interestedly instruct those who look to them for medical skill to ascertain the cause of their infirmities. They should call their attention in a special manner to the laws which God has established, which CANNOT BE VIOLATED WITH IMPUNITY. They dwell much on the working of disease but do not, as a general rule, arouse the attention to the laws WHICH MUST BE SACREDLY AND INTELLIGENTLY OBEYED TO PREVENT DISEASE.” *Medical Ministry*, p. 223

Does this statement indicate that it would be possible for the disobedient to prevent disease by vaccination or any other method, save obedience? Where are we drifting? Are we not in practice denying the very principles which God would teach us as the only way to preserve our health? Have we not been deluded by the sophistry of the enemy to accept his deceptive means, while we have rejected the very principles God has given to protect us from disease?

Let us now consider another text of Scripture, one of the most positive and fearful declarations to the guilty in all the Bible.

“If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” 1 Cor. 3:17

Now, if God saves a man that defiles the temple, or the body “which temple ye are,” He would thus render this portion of His word untruth. This God cannot do. Man must repent and cease his evil way, or he will most positively be destroyed. There appears no excuse for ignorance when ample light is shining so none need be deceived. Let us review the definitions given previously in this discussion.

VACCINATION:

“To inoculate with a mildly toxic preparation of bacteria or virus of a specific disease to prevent or lessen the effects of that disease.” *World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary*

What does TOXIC mean, according to Webster?

TOXIC: Poisonous

What does poisonous mean?

POISONOUS: Having the qualities of poison; deadly; injurious to health

POISON: Anything noxious or destructive to life, health or morality, venom.
v.t., To infect with or kill by poison; administer poison to; corrupt

Do these terms used in connection with the definition of vaccination sound defiling in nature, or are they cleansing? You are the judge. Are these things “seeds of life” or “seeds of death”? God said we are not to defile His temple. Can we, then, with impunity inject these seeds of the destroyer into the pure blood streams of our children and ourselves? Why do we not depend upon the word of God and obedience to Him for our protection, instead of depending upon the “arm of flesh”? Thus we would gain great blessing and fulfill our commission to be an object lesson in health to the world. Only God can know what the harvest will be of the mass inoculations that have been carried out in late years. Even now we are hearing of new diseases developing of which medical science is completely ignorant. What is causing these? Is there a relationship? Who can tell? Can it be that these seeds now being planted in the human race will produce at harvest the great pestilences prophesied for the last days?

Let us present just one more thought while we are thinking of “seeds of life or death.” Your Bible says in Galatians 6:7:

“Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Now, dear reader, does it not clearly follow from this Scripture, that if a man sows disease germs, bacteria, or toxic preparations in his body or in the helpless bodies of his innocent babies, will he not reap the same at harvest? And does not the harvest of a crop produce more than was sown? What must God do to protect His people from such delusion more than what He has done? What could He say that would be clearer, if we but believed Him? Our test has

been and will continue to be whether or not we will believe God's word, even in the face of seemingly overwhelming evidence to the contrary. What will be YOUR choice? Will you believe God or Satan?

But, you ask, and rightly so, "How could so many be deceived, even of our doctors and ministers?" Could we not ask the same question [regarding] Adam and Eve in the beautiful garden of Eden? God had clearly instructed them face-to-face and warned them about Satan and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They were yet in their state of perfection, with massive intellects compared to our wisest men of today, yet did not Satan cause them to disbelieve God and accept his delusion? Or how about the angels in heaven, as Satan was sowing his seeds of disbelief in the very courts of Paradise? Did not one-third of these majestic beings fall in disbelief, overcome by Satan's deceptions right in the midst of perfection and glory? With thousands of years of experience and practice, is it any wonder that weakened men of today have fallen prey to Satan's sophistry, and for the same reasons fail to believe and heed God's word? No, it is not impossible for so many to be deceived, even of our highly educated and wisest men. For when men place more confidence in their own wisdom than in the counsel of God, they can only be in error and deception.

"Because the word of God has been neglected, strange things have been done in the medical missionary work of late. The Lord cannot accept the present showing."
Counsels on Health, p. 370

This statement clearly indicates that the Lord cannot and does not accept all the methods and devices of the medical missionary work. Only that part that is in strict harmony with His word can He accept. We must be mindful of this simple principle of truth if we are to understand our present situation.

"We are to appreciate the truth that is presented to our understanding; for if we do not walk in the light, it becomes darkness, and our darkness will be proportionate to the light that is given." Ellen G. White, R&H, Apr. 25, 1893

"But the truth is no truth to him who does not obey it." Ellen G. White, R&H, Aug. 1, 1899

"The light will indeed become darkness to those who do not walk in it; but it will shine with increasing brightness on the path of those who do walk in it." Ellen G. White, R&H, July 27, 1897

By noting the light and evidence of truth that has not been heeded by men of responsibility, we can plainly see how great is their darkness now. We are a people of great light, but with this light has come a great responsibility to walk in it ourselves and thus lead others into righteousness, but according to the foregoing statements, the light that is not heeded turns to proportionate darkness. Thus there is great danger that our darkness will become greater than that of the world around us, because our light was greater, but has been rejected.

"...He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar." 1 John 5:10

Many believe God is continually revealing to man through scientific research and human science the secrets of His knowledge, perhaps even beyond what has been revealed in His word. But is such a belief founded solidly upon inspired testimony? God does not give more light than is used to His glory, and any additional light from Him through any means must bear the test of truth: "To the law and to the testimony...." So does it not follow that even advanced scientific knowledge will have to agree in principle to an "It is written"? Let us meditate upon this inspired statement for a moment in view of this thought:

"Pray to God. Commune with Him. Prove the very mind of God, as those who are striving for eternal life, and who must have a knowledge of His will. You can reveal the truth only as you know it in Christ. You are to receive and assimilate His words; they are to become a part of yourselves. This is what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. You are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, that is, what God has revealed. Not all has been revealed; we could not bear such a revelation. But God has revealed all that is necessary for our salvation. We are not to leave His word for the suppositions of men." *Counsels on Health*, p. 371

Here we have a recipe for determining the divine will: through prayer, communion with God and "by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Nothing is here mentioned of "new light" being given through scientific revelation. In fact, we have this definite statement further clarifying this point:

"Human science is NOT divine enlightenment." Ellen G. White, R&H, July 18, 1899

While it may be true that science is searching out the secrets of God in verification of things already revealed in God's word, we have no call as Christians to place implicit confidence in these scientific discoveries except as they do harmonize with divine revelation. It should be carefully noted in the foregoing quotation from *Counsels on Health* that we should live by "what God has revealed," and also that "God has revealed all that is necessary for our salvation." Note carefully who "has revealed" and note the tense of the verb. It is past tense, not future. So, clearly it can be seen, we have what we need, but have we used our opportunities wisely? Or has neglect and disbelief of God's counsel and our desire for worldly acclaim led us in a path not of God's directing? Reality again testifies against us here. God says that health is dependent upon our obedience to divine law; man says health depends upon receiving a certain shot or vaccination for protection against disease, with no mention of God or of obedience to divine precepts. Is this not teaching the people dependence upon the "arm of flesh," rather than trust in a living God and obedience to His protective laws for the preservation of health?

You, dear reader, are the judge. You must make a decision on this vital issue from the evidence presented in God's word. This is not an exhaustive study of this subject, but it is a presentation of some of the most obvious points to be found that would identify the theory of disease prevention through vaccination, inoculation, and immunization as from the great deceiver, rather than from the Great Physician. May the Lord open the eyes of the sincere seeker after truth, that the "very elect" be not deceived.

If, after reading this discussion, you are uncertain or a little confused as to just what to believe, make this a matter of prayer and study, that God will help you understand the truth of the matter. Look to God for counsel, and not to men. Do not be afraid to take God at His word and follow His counsel, even though it contradicts the wisdom of the world, for God makes special provision for those that walk in the light.

“He is watching those who are walking in the light as fast as they receive it. They are objects of His special care.” Ellen G. White, R&H, Apr. 3, 1906

What greater security could mortal man desire? Will you take your stand with God and His word today, determining to “live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”?

“Christ calls for those who have turned from Him. He says, return unto Me, and I will return unto you, and heal all thy backslidings.” Ellen G. White, R&H, Mar. 21, 1893