

*Scientific Trinkets*

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Dear Brethren,

An issue has arisen which requires a doctrinal verdict. Before its issuance, we all must be reminded to focus on the strenuous meat which the Lord has set before us. It will always be a temptational aspect of the human heart to put down the meat which creates for us the arduous mastication and to, instead, cozy our dutiful walk with diversionary focuses.

Over the past three years, many have asked me when the *Peace Offering* will be published. Admittedly, this curiosity was my fault because, while preparing that document, it took longer than I had anticipated while, all along, I promoted the then-unknown date of its “soon” release. Yet, such questions left me with the impression that all were eagerly anticipating the day that it would be published. Therefore, now that it has been released over a month ago, the expressed elation does not, to my perhaps less-than-sensitive ears, commensurately match the formerly expressed anticipations. I hope that all have devoted the time required to read and then perhaps re-read it so as to master its monumental impact on Church history. So far, I am not getting much, if any, feedback. Such a stoic demur is antithetical to the very theme of that document — indeed, antithetical to that very legal ritual— and I wonder if it causes the Lord to ponder whether or not His other graces for which we seem to yearn will be equally received with the same nonchalant response.

Instead of joy in its recently-revealed and contemporary light, another question, one that is highly abstracted from our current journey in the truth, has been presented to me. I have attached the thereto-pertaining website [View on www.safespaceprotection.com](http://www.safespaceprotection.com) for your perusal should you desire to take a closer look at the theoretical hazard which has seized the attention of a particular brother. The question has been posed: Can we, as Mustard Seed Adventists, wear as jewelry items, devices which were created to protect us from EMF? Apparently, based upon Vinnette’s perusal of the attached, EMF material sent to me, some “scientists”(?) feel that we all have reasons for concern. EMFs are electro-magnetic fields that are radiated or transmitted from the advanced, electronic equipment that we use and that serve our many needs. Such signals nearly envelope us or surround us. **More reflection:** Such transmissions are new to humanity, and it is understandable that their deployment will yield benefits and risk that must be carefully evaluated. As reported on the news magazine, *60 Minutes*, rare-earth metals have been deployed to increase the power of magnetism allowing for monumental miniaturization of our electronic devices —a great benefit to the earth and all her inhabitants. Rare-earth metals are extracted, as can be assumed, from the earth herself, and we must joy in their deployment as man continues to seek to have dominion over the planet. You can be sure that as science continues to objectively study this phenomenon, we will have more clarity pertaining to the benefits as well as the hazards. This is similar to the Mercury contents contained in efficient light bulbs as well as with the deployment of electricity some 100 years ago. Without ordaining EMF’s as pristine and safe, I can say that our worries regarding the other scientific advances mentioned above seemed to have been premature as manufacturers, on the advancing latter of science, have produced safer products in the course of time. Electricity still kills, as Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla, America’s chief promoters of electricity warned us; in fact, many still die from electronic shocks; yet, we have benefited from years of scientific improvement. I accordingly warn against the premature interruption in our study schedule with alarms to hazards which may not be fully comprehended and may be highly speculative at this point. **Another reflection:** Looking back at the automobile, the airplane, the television, the

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telephone, the computer, the typewriter, etc, none of these products are today the way they were when first created/invented. If evolution were ever true, it certainly applies to human, technological advances. Accordingly, to preserve my time and yours, I will attempt to shorten this reply so that you can return to your studies about the “Peace Offering” and continue in your “end-zone dance” of celebration for the liberal graces and beneficial freedoms which the Lord has, to date, bestowed upon us with the Bible revelations of this message.

To directly answer the concern of protection from EMF transmissions, the Lord mandates that we do not wear the jewelry of the gentiles and that we let God become the basis of our fear of all hazards. To therefore address a secular fear by encroaching upon a divine Law is not a tactic to be eagerly pursued by Immanuel and those who feast upon his production of Gospel light. To do otherwise is to spend hours researching the revelations handed to us by men whose turpitude, integrity, and intellectual acuity we do not know. All that we do now know is that they do not walk by the Spirit but by the flesh; consequently, their work can only lead us to death as Paul promised to us in *Rom eight*. Yet, the question has been posed, and I have given it to Vinnette, a proliferate reader, to research, and she has dutifully kept me informed.

**VERDICT:** By the information that she has acquired and by heaven’s authority vested in my work, I cannot, on this issue, advance in liberalism as I have done on so many other doctrines. Instead, I urge all to joy in my conservative stance. To be more clear, I cannot render a liberal verdict by carving out an exception to that *law of gentile jewelry* by approving the wearing of trinkets for protection against EMFs. Such does not appear to be wise for several reasons:

- 1) It would present ourselves in the precarious situation of displaying trinkets on our bodies that would pique the curiosity or the fear of all with whom we meet. Should we likewise wear a sign to explain our aberrant decorations or appearance? —I think not! In this age of conspiracies, such a display of unusual-looking jewelry can easily relay the wrong impression giving others even more reasons to flee from us and to question the source of our inspiration.
- 2) Jerusalem and the 144,000 already, against the specs of the Law, wear a great deal of jewelry. It is not wise for us to launch forward on an educational excursion to teach to them the Law requiring them to free themselves from their gentile jewelry; while at the same time, we complicate our message with too many extenuations and explanations to clarify the trinkets that we ourselves wear on our arms, necks, ankles, etc.
- 3) Dressing one’s self with unusual trinkets, at this stage of the Adventist experience, like going to the movies, the dance hall, or the casino, would represent a major alteration in our path to the Kingdom. In other words, it would represent a new walk and a divergent path, a walk back down the path which EGW described to be our ascension in the chapter entitled *An Impressive Dream* (See *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 2, p 594).
- 4) Why would we think to make such a change? The answer to that question exposes the folly of the issue for it is merely because we “fear” hazards to our health. Thus, the logical inference becomes indisputable: Our faith would be established upon the accuracy and reliability of non-Christian experts, non-biblical sources of light. The irony is ridiculous: Those same scientific experts cannot consistently honor the claims and the guarantees of their products which transmit the EMFs. Since only fractions of their handiwork actually live up to their billing, we must greet with suspicion all of their advanced findings.
  - a) If they are indeed correct about the hazardous effects of EMFs, we can still rest in the assurance that the Lord promises to protect our health and heal our infirmities.
  - b) True, we should not be presumptuous by exposing our well-being to known hazardous, but the operative word in that acknowledgment is “known”. We are a people who, for the first time in human history, know the fullness of the Calvary sacrifice, the protection from unknown sins. Such applies to indecent exposure to EMFs: We cannot know of the hazards.
- 5) In so structuring our steps after worldly fears, should we overreact to the warnings, our belief then would potentially become susceptible to be cross-examined by the *accuser of the*

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*brethren. "Christ, they do not fear you: they fear me and the scientists whom I inspire", Satan would declare!*

- 6) Also, such a tactic clearly violates the theme of abiding by Immanuel's butter and honey. Remember, he has now established the pinnacle upon which we must plant our feet: The *Law and the Testimony* is to be the only footing of our faith upon which we advance in our walk by the Spirit.
- 7) To stretch the Law so as to accommodate the wearing of trinkets, and to do so out of fear and to display such a walk, as we approach the peak of the mountain of truth, would eternally predicate our fear upon the findings of the scientific world against the foundation of our faith: It would cause us to further violate the counsel of *Isa eight*, the prohibition against making their fear to be our fear and dread.
- 8) True, the earth, by deploying her scientists, could be seeking to help the woman and such scientific wisdom could accordingly represent the proverbial blood of the bullock. But, to use these findings in this way is superfluous and unnecessary since other alternatives, findings that do not tempt us to encroach upon the sacredness of the Law and yet offer the same protection, are available to the fearful. The precautionary saint merely needs to purchase the available protective devices designed to be placed in his/her pocket, purse, car, home, etc. The point is, that there are a myriad of other precautions that one can deploy that give the same protection without wearing the devices as jewelry and without exhausting the faithful in their study habits by enveloping them in the need for more precautions.

In summation, I am doggedly determined to keep my eyes upon our forward progress, and therefore I am not predisposed to quickly or readily liberalize this aspect of my ministry. Until the Kingdom comes and until the prodigal returns, I will be content to wait to receive the Lord's ordination of jewelry. Until the arrival of that glorious day, I will seek to remind all of the freedoms that they now enjoy above and beyond that which other Davidians and even nominal Adventists allow.

Sincerely,

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