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One of the neglected topics among Adventists seems to be how to deal with demonic influence and harassment. Most Adventist pastors in Western societies have received very little if any formal training on how to help people who are demonized. This is happening at a time when the West, in its trend towards greater secularization, sees more and more evidence of people turning to Eastern religious practices that are often infected with occult activities. Movies, and Media are also pushing an agenda that emphasizes supernatural powers. The Catholic Church has reacted by training hundred of exorcists to handle the needs of their members and in response to what is happening in their communities.

This issue of the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies* focuses on spiritual warfare with several articles answering questions that many have regarding this growing phenomenon. Several of the authors are from the African continent, perhaps because they are more experienced in this area and have a lot to share with us in the West.

Jerry Chase offers part two of his article on the anti-urban attitude so prevalent among Seventh-day Adventists and digs deep to discover some of the underlying reasons for this. At a time when more than fifty percent of the world's population lives in urban centers, his presentation is timely to help nudge us to a more balanced approach to the world's cities.

Andrew Tompkins takes an in-depth look at the context of Ellen White's statements concerning how God views the "heathen" and those "knowing little of the law" to help us better understand that God' judges people based on the light they have, which perhaps does not bode well for so many who have great knowledge, but with a gap between what they know and how they live.

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