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This Week

The grandeur, majesty, and eternity of God are themes that appear in Psalm 90, the first two verses of which appear on our cover. The Christian must stand in awe as he learns of the God who brought forth mountains, formed the earth: the God to whom "a thousand years . . . are but as yesterday when it is past."

But the fact that is most awe inspiring is that the Creator became Redeemer. This twofold power is discussed by Gordon A. Lee in his article "Power Unlim-

ited" (p. 10). He writes, "What power God, the Creator, must have displayed when He called into existence . . . this whole earth, yea, the universe!

"His power has not diminished, and today it is exercised in behalf of His children. It may be seen in the still small voice of the Holy Spirit calling us to repent."

In a sermon presented at the Annual Council held in Mexico City in 1972, Theodore Carcich, then vice-president of the General

Conference, asked some probing questions: Has our spirit of "tolerance and compromise robbed us of spiritual power, making ineffective our witness before others? Have we substituted words for life, theory for experience, and information for possession?" His sermon, reprinted in this issue ("Informed or Possessed?" p. 4), makes some rather straight comments about the Adventist Church today. We hope that it will lead our readers to re-examine their dedication to

the gospel of Christ our Saviour.

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to be a minister's wife, a position it is almost impossible to prepare to fill? Audrey Logan has been a pastor's wife for a quarter of a century. She writes of her experiences in our Family Living section.

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Letters

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Adventist World Radio

Reading in the Letters section of the REVIEW, I was amazed and saddened to learn that only \$260,000 per year is being spent for Adventist World Radio (Nov. 20). With more than one-half million members in the United States this means the average cost to each of these members per year would be only 52 cents. Just one penny a week!

In view of the lateness of the hour and the fact that many parts of the world cannot be reached by regular methods of evangelism, owing to a lack of freedom, I would that all members would support this program in a strong way.

PHILIP SNOGRASS
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Fascinating Womanhood

Re Response From Readers, "Womanhood—Fascinating or Deceptive?" (Dec. 18). This response gave me further evidence that two people can read the same book and receive completely different impressions because of past environment, ideas, or prejudices.

First of all, the philosophy of the book (*Fascinating Womanhood*) is the golden rule—"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). If you want your husband to treat you like a lady, treat him first like a gentleman. If you want to be loved and appreciated by him, you must take the initiative and treat him as you

want to be treated. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly" (Prov. 18:24).

The author of the response said, "Not once . . . does Mrs. Andalin refer to prayer as the solution to a difficult marriage." I find in my copy on page 178 the following: "It is also important to seek the Lord's strength through prayer. If we are to reach upward sufficient to conquer our passions, weaknesses and fears, or to reach high objectives, we will need the help of God." And in the Teacher's Workbook, page 12, is the following: "Encourage students to seek God's help in applying the principles taught. Assure them that whenever we reach for higher goals or seek to become better people, we urgently need the help of God."

As to women doing the man's jobs around home, Mrs. White also alludes to "feminine" and "masculine" jobs. "A woman does herself and her family a serious wrong when she does her work and theirs too—when she brings the wood and water, and even takes the ax to prepare the wood, while her husband and sons sit about the fire having a social, easy time."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 180.

There are many other inspired statements to the effect that men and women are to have different roles and to keep the distinction. I believe that the blurring of the roles of men and women in our society today is bringing untold misery and unhappiness. It is not God's plan (Gen. 3:16-19): "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and

he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, . . . cursed is the ground for thy sake. . . . In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." God makes a distinction as to the role of the man and woman here.

Fascinating Womanhood may not appeal to everyone, but I feel it has its place. And as there are two sides to every story, I wanted to present the other side.

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Cornerstone of SDA Message

I was thrilled to read Charles D. Brooks's inspiring article in the REVIEW anniversary issue, and note the clear "ring" that declared the imminence of the "blessed hope"—"there is sufficient evidence that we are almost home." As your subhead proclaimed, "Belief in the precious promise of Christ's soon return is the cornerstone of the SDA message."

At times during the past three years, as we served in the work of God halfway around the world, we seemed to hear a different "ring"—that the "harbingers of the end" were really unimportant, that God was only concerned with the absolute perfection of the few, and that this alone would determine the time of His return.

Those who have served in needy places of the world surely will sense God's boundless love for all—including the less fortunate who have not heard His good news (and, indeed, some of them will be in the kingdom and ask the meaning of the nailprints in His hands). Should our church ever find diminished its sense of mis-

sion to all of God's children, it would be a tragedy.

Likewise, if we ever find diminished the sense of the immediacy of His return, it will also be a tragedy. If there is a delay in the Master's return, it is in His great goodness and mercy, "not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9).

As Elder Brooks's message pointed out, many signs of the great homecoming day are converging. I believe the message of His soon coming should be uppermost in our thinking and preaching. I believe that when He comes He will have people prepared who will reflect His character as perfectly as their finite hearts can reflect the heart of Infinite Love. I believe it is time for us to live as though we are going home—and soon!

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Federal Aid

Just a word of sincere appreciation for your November 27, 1975, editorial, "The Peril of Aid." It was valuable for at least two reasons. Given the accuracy of your data, your caution is well taken; it provoked a healthy public exchange of views on our campus, sponsored by the Department of World Mission. Beyond that, however, I was encouraged by your willingness to make the REVIEW a forum for the continuing discussion of an important issue that many presumed was settled at Mexico City. If this is a conscious editorial policy it speaks well for the maturity of the church, and I applaud it.

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