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hibernation, sleep waves that indicate spiritual rest are absent during spiritual hibernation. True rest of body, mind and spirit can only be found when we rest in Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Only as He awakens us out of spiritual hibernation with the warmth of His love and the food of His Word can we find the spring of life. To see the full article on Spiritual Hibernation, see our website at www.lbm.org.

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I took the Bible lessons to the school Master. He enrolled. I did not know that the man was a Satanist. He was not to associate himself with anything that exalted Jesus. He avoided coming to our meetings despite several invitations.

“There were at work, however, silent preachers he could not avoid—the literature. He was discovering the truth. This caused war in his mind to such an extent that it influenced him physically. He was sick for two days. He then sent his wife to ask if we could pray for his deliverance. We went to pray at his house where he revealed that he was a Satanist but had decided to follow the truth. He is now preparing for baptism. Thank God for the Silent Preachers.”

Please pray for us as we take up this challenge in Lusaka.



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Spiritual Hibernation

By James Rafferty

Hibernation is the state of reduced activity that occurs in some animals during the winter. Animals that hibernate survive on energy reserves, such as fat, stored in the body (encarta.msn.com).

Like hibernation in the natural world, the Bible describes the fallen human family in a hibernation of death-like sleep (Ephesians 2:1-9). Sin has brought the coldness of guilt and the scarcity of God’s Word (spiritual food) into our world. This has led the human race into a winter of sin and a “spiritual hibernation.”

In animals, hibernation typically occurs in bouts, or episodes, lasting from a few days to a few weeks depending upon the animal, body size, outside temperature and time of year. Likewise, our spiritual hibernation occurs in bouts and may be interrupted by factors such as the time of year. Christmas and Easter, for example, are times of the year

when many awake out of spiritual hibernation to engage in activities of goodwill or attend church.

Hibernation is primarily associated with animals that live in cold climates, but scientists have learned that hibernation occurs in warm-blooded animals regardless of the surrounding environment. Likewise, even warm-blooded Christians can hibernate.

This leads to another spiritual insight. Did you know that hibernation is a controlled physiological state? The animal regulates all internal body changes even during the deepest torpor of hibernation, making sure that it does not drop below a certain level known as the set-point. Bible prophecy predicts a controlled physiological state just before Jesus returns when we reach a universal set-point in human morality, which, when reached, will cause the world to wake up and enforce a controlled

state religion (worship) on the masses (Revelation 13:11-18).

Scientists do not know what makes an animal periodically arouse from hibernation. Torpid animals may be aroused by warmer temperatures, the need to excrete accumulated waste products in the body, or to replenish lost body water. Science cannot explain what arouses people from spiritual hibernation either, but the Bible reveals our need to get rid of the accumulated waste of guilt and to replenish the body with the water of life from Jesus Christ!

Did you know that some animal studies indicate that sleep brain waves are absent altogether in a prolonged bout of hibernation? These observations have led some scientists to hypothesize that animals may actually become sleep deprived during hibernation and that they arouse periodically in order to catch up on their sleep. Just like physical

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CONSIDER THIS . . .

The praise given by word or action to any human being is an offense to God. Yet God will praise every individual that keeps His commandments in truth and righteousness. It is very human to place confidence and trust in man, but not so readily do these same persons walk as seeing Him who is invisible. . . .

Ellen G. White,
The Upward Look, p. 333

There are so many who, when they are in trouble, . . . forget the invitations God has abundantly given, and begin to look and plan for human help. They go to human beings for aid, and this is the way in which their experience becomes feeble and confused. In all our trials we are directed to seek the Lord most earnestly, remembering that we are His property, His children by adoption. . . . God has been greatly dishonored by His people leaning upon human beings. He has not told us to do this. He has told us that He will teach us, He will guide us. We may come to Him and receive help. . . . We dishonor God by striving to get someone who we think understands our case to help us. Has He not given us His only begotten Son? Is not Christ close beside us, and will He not give us the help we need?

Ellen G. White,
The Upward Look, p. 107

Those who act a part in the work of God do good only because

God is behind them, doing the work. Shall we then praise men, and give thanks to man, neglecting to recognize God? If we do, God will not cooperate with us. When man puts himself first and God second, he shows that he is losing his wisdom and righteousness. All that is ever done toward restoring the moral image of God in man is done because God is the efficiency of the worker. . . . It is Christ's power alone that can restore broken-down human machinery. Everywhere and in every place let those around you see that you give God the glory. Let man be put in the shade, let God appear as the only hope of the human race. Every man must rivet his building to the eternal Rock, Christ Jesus; then it will stand amid storm and tempest.

Ellen G. White,
The Upward Look, p. 81

I am instructed to say that we must not look to any human being for power or experience, depending on them for strength and guidance. Christ says, "Look unto Me. I am the Light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life." I speak to those who claim to be children of God. Is it not time that we know the Source of our strength and the Source of our power? Shall we not, from this time forward, make a record more pleasing to the Lord?

Ellen G. White,
The Upward Look, p. 181



As part of their practical evangelism training, the students of the Advance training class were sent out surveying the spiritual need in Lusaka, Zambia. The survey consisted of seven questions asked in a certain sequence to gain access to the hearts of people:

- Have you heard about Jesus Christ before?
- Would you like to know Him?
- Do you know what salvation is?
- Would you like to know about salvation?
- Do you have a Bible?
- Do you want to know about what the Bible says?
- Do you know the Bible says that Jesus Christ is coming soon?

Ten students were stationed at different places in the city. Each one had to interview at least 100 people. The results were astonishing. The spiritual need revealed was overwhelming. More than 90 percent of the people interviewed showed a strong desire to know more about Jesus. The students were pricked in their hearts and felt a desire to do something. "What are we going to do to satisfy this need?" they inquired. "We must respond to the call," they urged. We pleaded with God as a team.

IF PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, FEED THEM

By Meiring Pretorius

Jesus promised all resources to fulfill the Great Commission and took upon Himself the responsibility of our success.

During a recent visit to Riverside Farm Institute in Zambia, Ty Gibson was invited by Pastor Mulambo of the Central Zambia Conference to speak for an evangelistic campaign in Lusaka. God was opening the door to reach Lusaka with His love. We immediately requested Light Bearers to help us with one million sets of Bible lessons in preparation for this campaign. Praise our Father they are willing to fulfill this need as they are able.

The population of Lusaka is about 2.5 million people, with an estimated housing density of one million. If we can reach one person in each house with these Bible lessons, God will multiply our efforts. When feeding the five thousand, Jesus told His disciples: "Give ye them to eat" (Luke 9:13). As Jesus distributed the bread and fish, the supply did not diminish. Jesus promised all resources to fulfill the Great Commission and took upon Himself the responsibility of our success; we just need to be faithful workers.



By Friday
Sinjela

"My team decided to open a Bible school in an unentered village. At first it was difficult to enroll people since we only found a few in the village. During the first month we

Riverside Farm has 32 Bible workers, known as "pioneers," who work in "un-entered" areas. The Bible lessons are used in door-to-door ministry, for public evangelistic meetings and to start new companies of worshipers. Since this method of evangelism was introduced to the pioneers, the number of Bible study students have increased as much as ten times and in some places, much more.

Here are testimonies from two pioneers:

only managed to enroll seven people, for which we praised God, because they, like the demoniacs that Christ delivered, brought others to Christ. Through these seven we gained 227 students in the following month.

"Currently, we have four Bible study centers with 921 students, of which, 469 have already completed the course. Through this program, we have won many souls to Christ. So far 36 people have been baptized, and 67 are almost ready. Over 300 people have accepted Christ."



By Enoch
Chitalu

"I was invited by the Dorcas Mothers to speak at their rally at a public school. The principal welcomed us warmly. The next day