

BROKEN BLUEPRINT SERMON SERIES
Lesson #11: Loma Linda's God of Ekron
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Today is the conclusion of the Broken Blueprint Sermon series. God has given us specific instructions on how to set up our schools and colleges and train our students with the medical missionary model of evangelism. The schools were to focus on character reform, practical hands on vocational training, health evangelism, business and ministry development. History reveals that many of our schools started on the right path of blueprint training, but decided to take the road of perdition that reflects a worldly standard of education.

We looked at the history of the start of many SDA denominational schools such as Battle Creek College, Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University), Atlantic Union College, Oakwood College and the independent school Madison College. We examined some of the teachers and administrators who were faithful to the blueprint and those who rebelled against it.

We also examined the history of the pagan and Papal Roman educational model of deferring of degrees, the grading system of competition, cramming methods, and graduation ceremonies of pomp and mortar caps. This model of education discourages independent and critical thinking for one that is dependent on the current worldly system of education that is designed to control the thinking of the masses of people worldwide.

The very sad reality today is that 100% of the SDA conference controlled colleges have rejected the blueprint of the medical missionary model of education and wholeheartedly embraced the worldly Babylonian standards.

What was one the main decision by the SDA conferences and school leaders in the past that caused their schools to lose the vision of blueprint training, evangelism and the true medical missionary work?

To answer this question we must go back to the history of the beginning of a SDA conference Medical School in Loma Linda, California.

In 1875, the SDA medical school, American Medical Missionary College, in close connection to Medical and Surgical Sanitarium in Battle Creek, MI was following the blueprint of true medical missionary work. Because of their success the sanitarium and school became very popular worldwide. As the years persisted the sanitarium grew too large and failed under prideful and dangerous leadership of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg in 1910.

In the meantime, God led the SDA church to start a true blueprint medical missionary school that trains doctors and physicians after the order of Jesus Christ without the use of poisonous drugs in Loma Linda, CA.

In early 1905 Ellen White encouraged John A Burden to search out southern California for a school. He found a property that was a former resort of about 76 acres. It was named Loma Linda which means "Hill Beautiful." The buildings and property were beautiful. The original price was \$110,000. Over time the sellers dropped it to \$38,900. In June 20, 1905 the Southern California Conference of SDA accepted the property (major mistake!)

“The counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy had been confirmed. As we moved forward in faith, the Lord opened the way before us, and the money came from unexpected sources. Nearly all were at last convinced that truly God was carrying forward the enterprise.”—Burden, Story of Loma Linda.

During White’s first visit of the Loma Linda property, she said, “God will reestablish His medical work at this place. We are further from the true picture of medical missionary work than when we first began. He never designed that our work should blossom out in the professional and commercial way in which it stands before the world today [at the Battle Creek Sanitarium]. **We have educated bedside nurses, when we should have educated missionary nurses to go into the homes of the people and the villages, towns, and cities, ministering to the people, singing Gospel songs and giving Bible readings. Those who do this work will reap a rich harvest of souls, both from the higher and lower walks of life.**”—J.A. Burden, Story of Loma Linda

Many members of the church were very excited about Loma Linda. By April 15, 1906 the property was paid off.

“We should appreciate Loma Linda as a place which the Lord foresaw we should need, and which He gave us.”—Medical Ministry, p. 56.

“I desire that all the work of this place shall be a correct representation of what our health institutions should be.”—EGW, April 20, 1911.

Loma Linda medical school at the beginning was known as the Loma Linda College of Evangelist which later changed to the College of Medical Evangelist. It was commissioned by God to train nurses and doctors after the order of God without compromise. They were to blaze a trail that was quite different from the worldly medical schools.

On October 9, 1905 the Loma Linda sanitarium opened and in January 1906 the school officially opened.

“In the beginning, John Burden was the chairman of the board, the president of the corporation, the manager of the sanitarium, as well as its chaplain.” Vance Ferrell, The Broken Blueprint p. 56

Warren E. Howell was the school’s first president. He had previous experience at Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, MI. Like Burden, Howell believed in following the blueprint of medical evangelist training of nurses and doctors.

In 1906, The Loma Linda College of Evangelists was established. Courses included:

- **Religion:** Bible Evangelism, Acts and Epistles, Missionary Methods, and Doctrines and Prophecies.
- **General:** History, Languages, Mathematics, English, Music, Piano and Organ.
- **Industrial:** Science of Gardening, Practical Gardening, Electrical Mechanics, Carpentry, Cookery, Accounting, Sewing.
- **Nursing/Medical:** Chemistry and Anatomy, Children's Diseases, Physiology, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Practical Nursing and Hydrotherapy.

Howell was only at Loma Linda for a year when the General Conference appointed him to a mission in Greece.

George Abbott, MD replaced Howell as Loma Linda's president (1907 to 1909). He was an advocate of the blueprint of true medical missionary training. He wrote and co-authored some detailed books on hydrotherapy for the training of the students such as *Technique of Hydrotherapy* and *Water Therapy Manual*.

John Burden as the chairman of Loma Linda, advocated intensely that they would not seek after the worldly standards of medical school. Burden believed that the state would eventually recognize their doctors' methods of healing with natural remedies, hydrotherapy, herbs, without the use of poisonous drugs.

Burden was greatly opposed by the president of the General Conference, AG Daniels. Daniels advocated that Loma Linda should be like the other worldly medical schools. He mocked any notion that they should follow the blueprint of medical missionary training. Daniels greatly pushed for the school to receive worldly accreditation from the American Medical Colleges.

What are accreditation agencies?

Accreditation agencies are private institutions of higher learning who set the educational standards of any school that wants to be one of its members. Their purpose is to create standards that unifies its members' academic curriculum. In many cases, this allows students to transfer course credits to other institutions within the accreditation membership. Also, the US federal government grant and US loan guarantee programs require that schools have accreditation. In addition some governmental jobs require that all applicants graduate from an accredited college or university. Their standards are very fluid and change overtime.

Schools who are not accredited are free to set their own educational standards but are not recognized by schools who are accredited. Neither can they received US backed loan guarantees but they can still operate as a school recognized by state law. God's standards never change.

The blueprint schools of the medical missionary work were to set its own educational standards based on God's Word and testimonies instead of worldly accreditation agencies.

Our educational standards are to look to Jesus and His Word not the world. We need God's accreditation and not the world's accreditation.

Hebrews 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Isaiah 31:1

1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

"The only hope of better things is in the education of the people in right principles. Let physicians teach the people that restorative power is not in drugs, but in nature. Disease is an effort of nature to free the system from conditions that result from a violation of the laws of health. In case of sickness,

the cause should be ascertained. Unhealthful conditions should be changed, wrong habits corrected. Then nature is to be assisted in her effort to expel impurities and to re-establish right conditions in the system. "Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power—these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them. It is essential both to understand the principles involved in the treatment of the sick and to have a practical training that will enable one rightly to use this knowledge." Ellen White, Ministry of Healing p. 126-127

Our modern medical schools and hospitals follow after the worldly standard of the god of Ekron.

Ekron (Greek) = *eradication*

When Ahaziah the king of Israel, Ahab's son, was badly injured he sought the worldly and idolatrous standards for his healing. God did not approve.

2 Kings 1:2, 6

- 2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.
- 6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?* therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

Should our schools of medical missionary work go to the god of Ekron, worldly accrediting bodies?

"I am instructed to say that in our educational work there is to be no compromise in order to meet the world's standards. God's commandment-keeping people are not to unite with the world to carry various lines of work according to worldly plans and worldly wisdom. Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we shall not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God and who will not hearken to His commandments." Ellen White, Medical Missionary p. 61.5

"It is not necessary that our medical missionaries follow the precise track marked out by the medical men of the world. They do not need to administer drugs to the sick. They do not need to follow drug medication in order to have influence in their work. The message was given that if they would consecrate themselves to the Lord, if they would seek to obtain under men ordained of God a thorough knowledge of their work, the Lord would make them skillful. Connected with the divine Teacher, they will understand that their dependence is upon God and not upon the professedly wise men of the world. "Some of our medical missionaries have supposed that a medical training according to the plans of worldly schools is essential to their success. To those who have been taught that the only way to success is by being taught by worldly men and pursuing a course that is sanctioned by worldly men, I would now say, put away such ideas. This is a mistake that should be corrected. It is a dangerous thing to catch the spirit of the world; the popularity which such a course invites will bring into the work a spirit which the Word of God can not sanction. The medical missionary who would become efficient, if he will search his own heart and consecrate himself to Christ, may be diligent in study and faithful in service, and learn how to grasp the mysteries of his sacred calling."— EGW, April 27, 1910.

4 OPTIONS AFTER COMPLETION 1) start ministry 2) work in a ministry 3)start business that supports ministry 4)work in a business that support ministry

Going back to Loma Linda.

Burden pleaded with the SDA conference officials not to pursue accreditation, but they greatly coveted membership into the **Medical Colleges of the American Medical Association (today known as Association of American Medical Colleges.)**

In the fall of 1911 Loma Linda received a visit from Dr. Nathan P Colwell, an inspector of the Medical Colleges of the American Medical Association from Chicago. The school did not request an accreditation visit, but Colwell wanted to see for himself the great medical missionary work that the College of Medical Evangelist was all about.

Burden met with Colwell and made it very clear that they were not seeking accreditation. Colwell said that he was impressed with the practical training and evangelism work of the school. He was so impressed with the school and its objectives to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, he gave the school an "A" rating without the need of its accreditation.

To summarize the story of accreditation. AG Daniels president of the General Conference greatly opposed Burden and coveted an official accreditation from the MCAMA. A few months later in 1912 after Colwell's visit, the business manager of Loma Linda, Wilbur Salisbury who also wanted accreditation ignored Burden and visited Colwell's office in Chicago..

Colwell was taken back by Salisbury's visit and reiterated that Loma Linda did not need their accreditation because of the school's medical missionary focus. Salisbury literally begged Colwell to put Loma Linda on the path of accreditation. Colwell reluctantly agreed but immediately took away their A rating to a C rating and gave them a list of things they would have to do in order to comply.

Sadly, this path of accreditation put them into great debt. They had to renovate, upgrade, and build according to MCAMA's standards. The school eventually received the accreditation that it coveted so much.

For years Loma Linda medical school was the only accredited Adventist school of higher learning. The other Adventist schools were not accredited. Loma Linda was able to accept students from these non-accredited Adventist schools.

As time passed the MCAMA said that Loma Linda could only accept students from accredited schools. This presented a great problem for the denominational schools since they were not accredited.

The leaders compromised to have at least one Adventist school in the West and one in the East to become accredited. This compromise opened up a flood gate of compromise of all Adventist schools. They all became accredited by worldly agencies. The mission of the blueprint of medical missionary training and work was lost! All of the conference of schools today are still in the state of compromise from these accrediting agencies of Ekron! They all have gone after the doctrines of Babylon and are on the path of destruction. This is a very sad reality. Loma Linda was a great catalyst of this rebellion and compromise.

Today, Loma Linda only makes a profession of Christ, but continues to drink the wine of Babylon and compromise. They continue to serve the god of Ekron's accrediting agencies. For example they

profess creation but at the same time promote evolution (show slide). They became well known for putting a baboon's heart in a human being!

Appeal – God will establish His institutions of the blueprint of medical missionary training and work.