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“Adventist Outreach Through Worship”
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Editorial Comments

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This newsletter may take you by surprise because it is posted less than a week apart from the last one, “A Fresh Look at the Creation/Evolution Debate.” With all the holidays travelling, some of you may not have had the chance yet to read the last newsletter. No problem. Rest assured that I will allow a longer breathing space before the next news-

letter. I do not want to repeat the mistake sometimes I made as a teacher when I piled up too many assignments on the students.

The major reason for posting this newsletter so soon, is because I forgot to announce in the last newsletter Prof. Jon Paulien's two hours live interview on 3ABN this coming Thursday, January 4, 2007, from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m. Central Time. The interview is entitled "Simply Revelation," which is the area of Paulien's expertise. For the past twenty years he has studied, written books, taught Seminary Classes, and lectured in many parts of the world on the Book of Revelation. Since among the 35,000 readers of this newsletter, there are many who watch 3ABN, I wanted to be sure that you do not miss the chance to benefit from this informative interview.

Incidentally. Prof. Paulien has just started a website called *The Battle of Armageddon*, where he plans to post a weekly meditation on Revelation as well as Bible studies on current events. The address of his website is: www.thebattleofarmageddon.com. A number of significant studies will be posted during the coming months. I encourage you to visit his website as often as you are able.

To better acquaint you with Prof. Paulien, I decided to post in this newsletter a chapter taken from his book *Present Truth in the Real World*. The chapter is entitled "Outreach through Worship." I read this chapter for my meditation the other morning, and I can truly say that it spoke to my spiritual needs. The book is included in the CD-ROM ALBUM offer given below and is available at your local ABC.

The theme of the essay is how to make Adventist worship services "user-friendly" to secular visitors. Paulien spells out six specific guidelines that can improve the effectiveness of our worship services in reaching secularly minded people. I was impressed especially by the last part of the essay which deals with the need for preachers to be genuine and authentic in their personal life in order for them to be able to touch the lives of others. Sooner or later members or visitors can tell if the preacher is "living a lie." You should find the essay very timely.

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