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CYBER LIFE



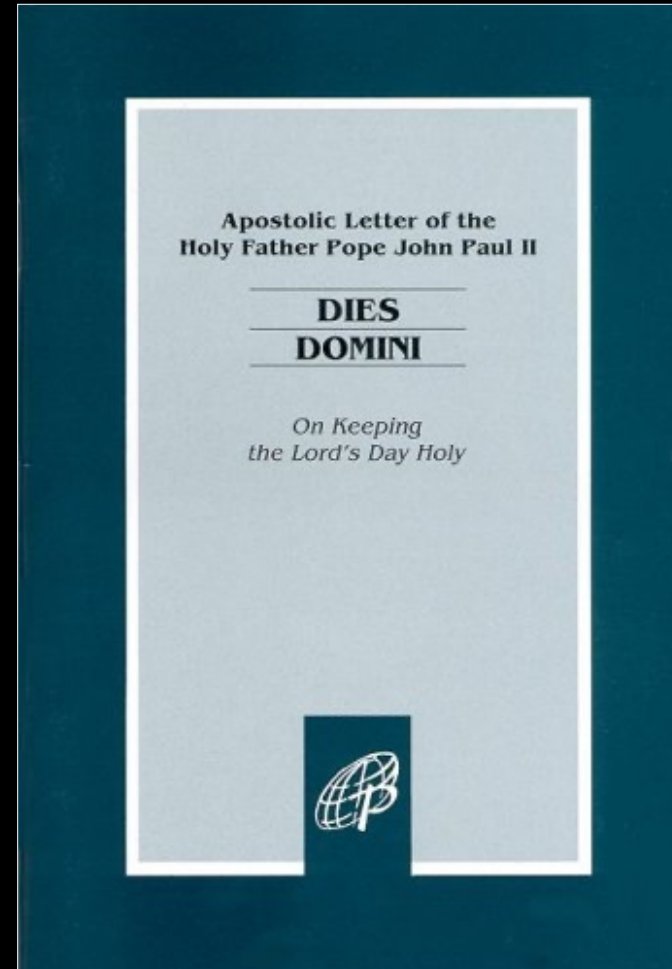
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Revelation 18:4-5

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘**Come out of her, my people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.’”



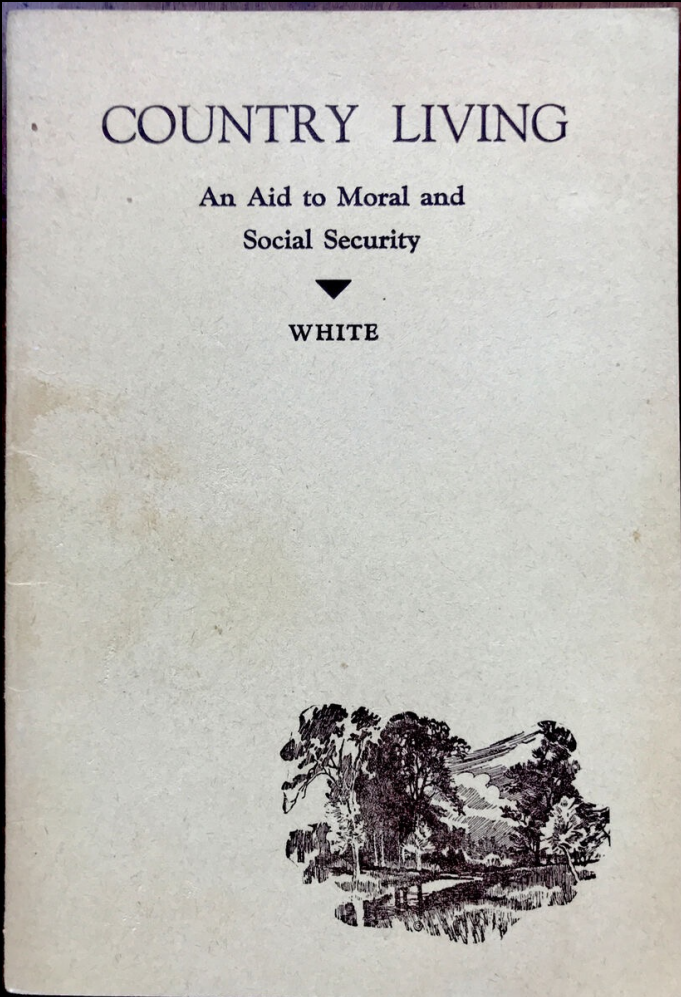
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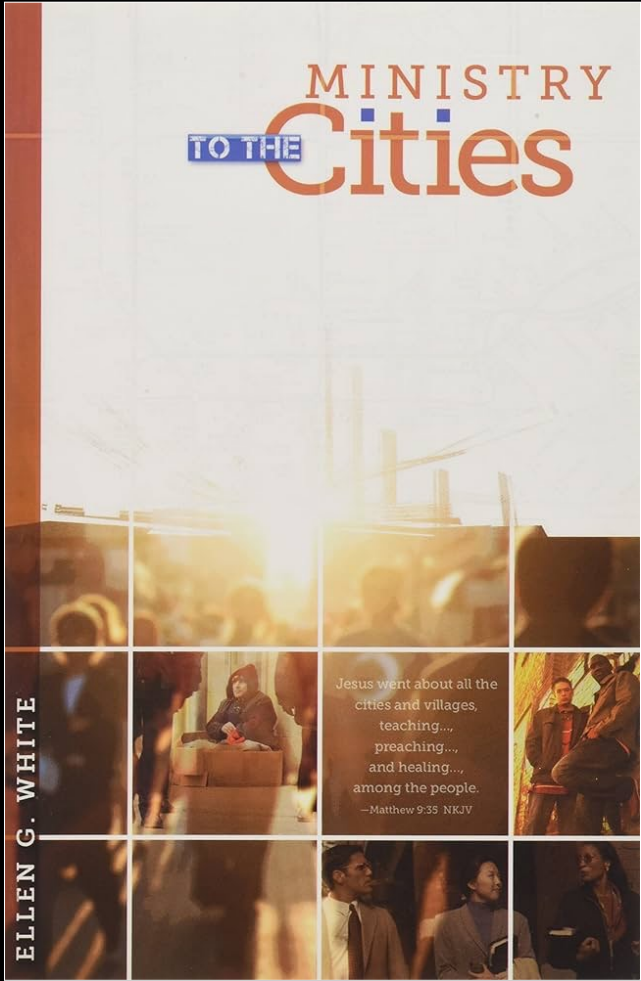
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1946



2012

Syndrome of the Hourglass

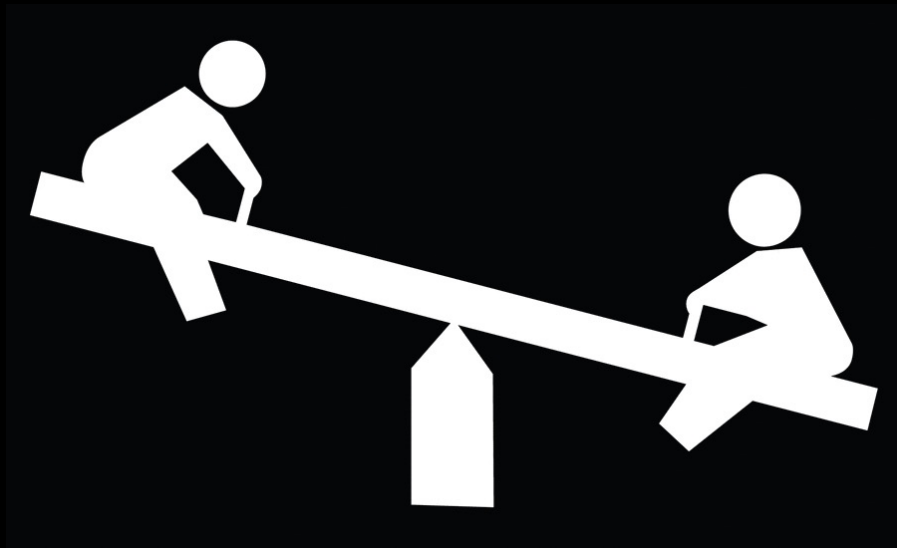
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Reductionism

Syndrome of the Teeter-Totter

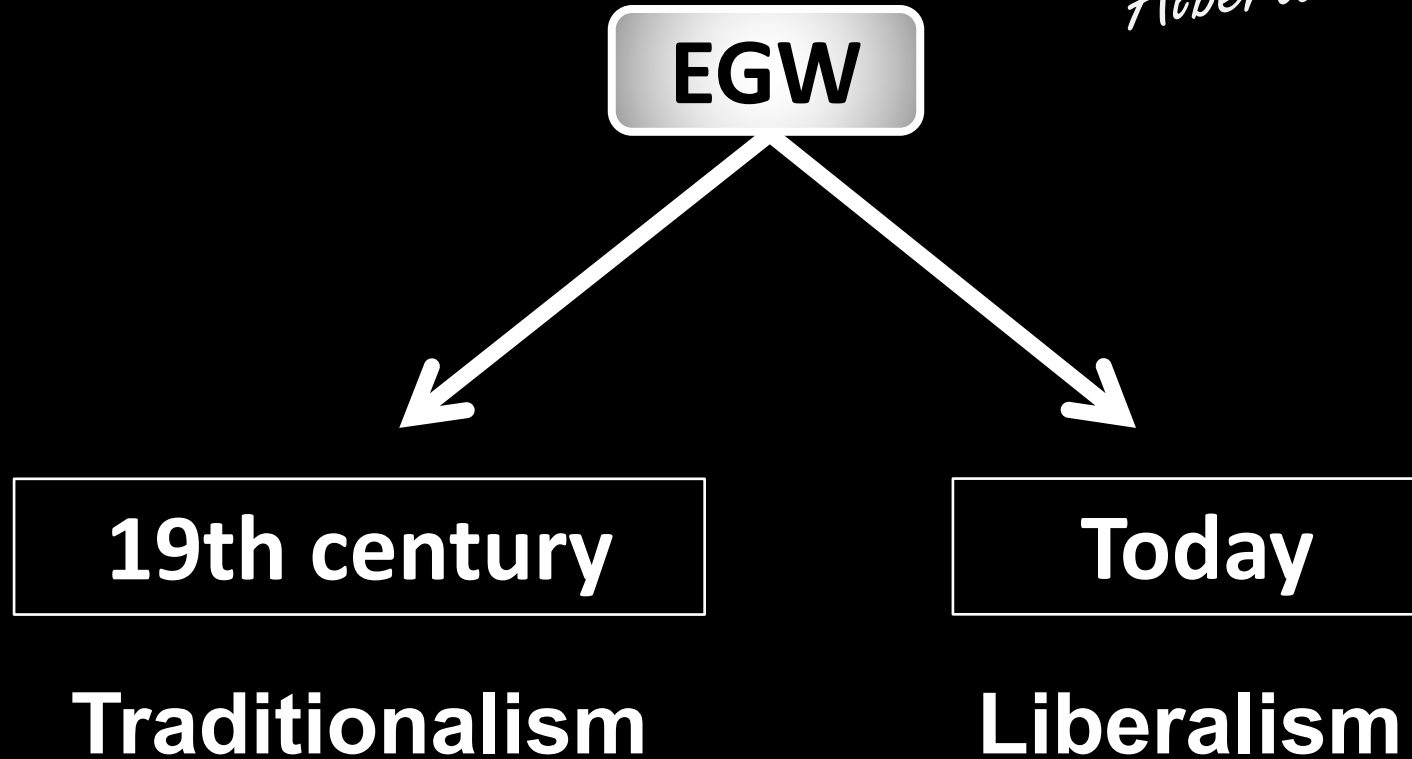
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Unbalance

Acculturations

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Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

“Jesus answered, It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on **every word** that comes from the mouth of God.’”

John 16:13

> To be guided “into **all** truth”

Matt 4:4

> To live “by **every** word” from God

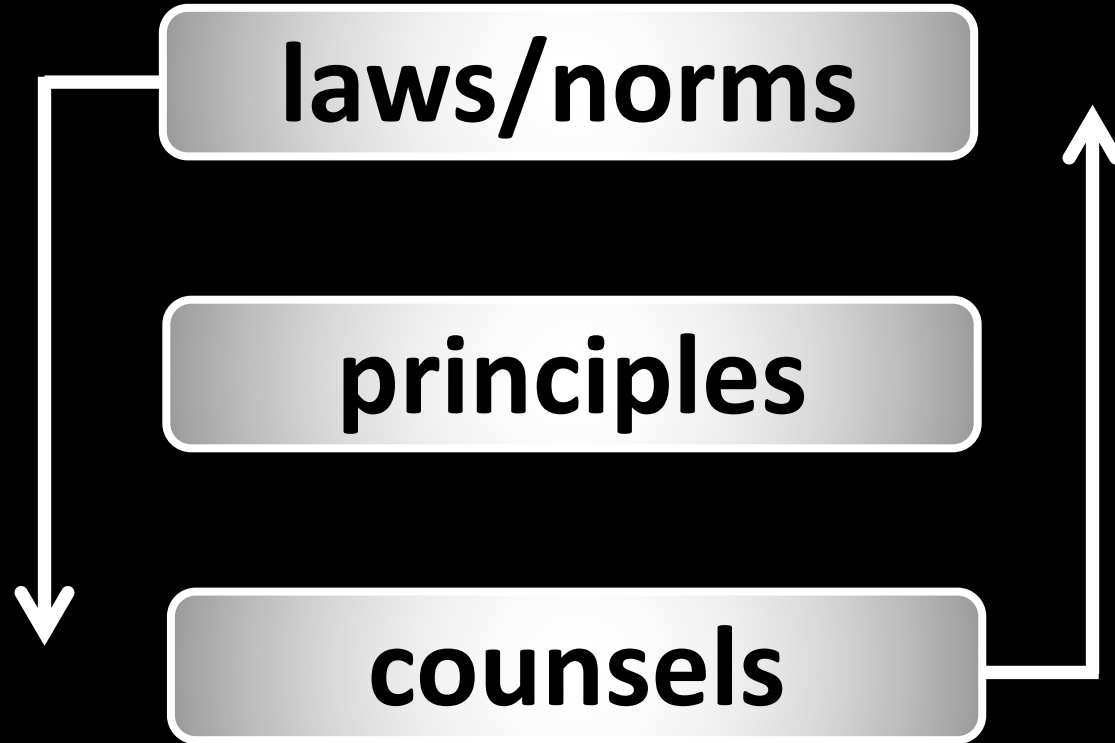
Matt 28:20

> To teach “**all things**” that Christ commanded

Revelation 22:18-19 (NASB)

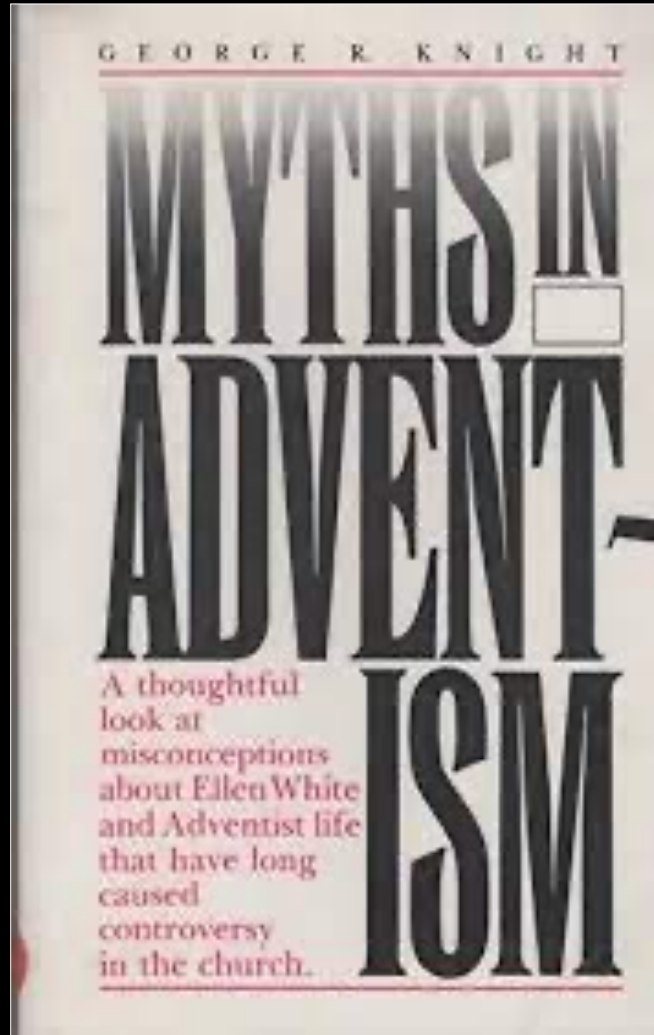
“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **if anyone adds** to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and [a]from the holy city, which are written in this book.”

liberals



fanatics

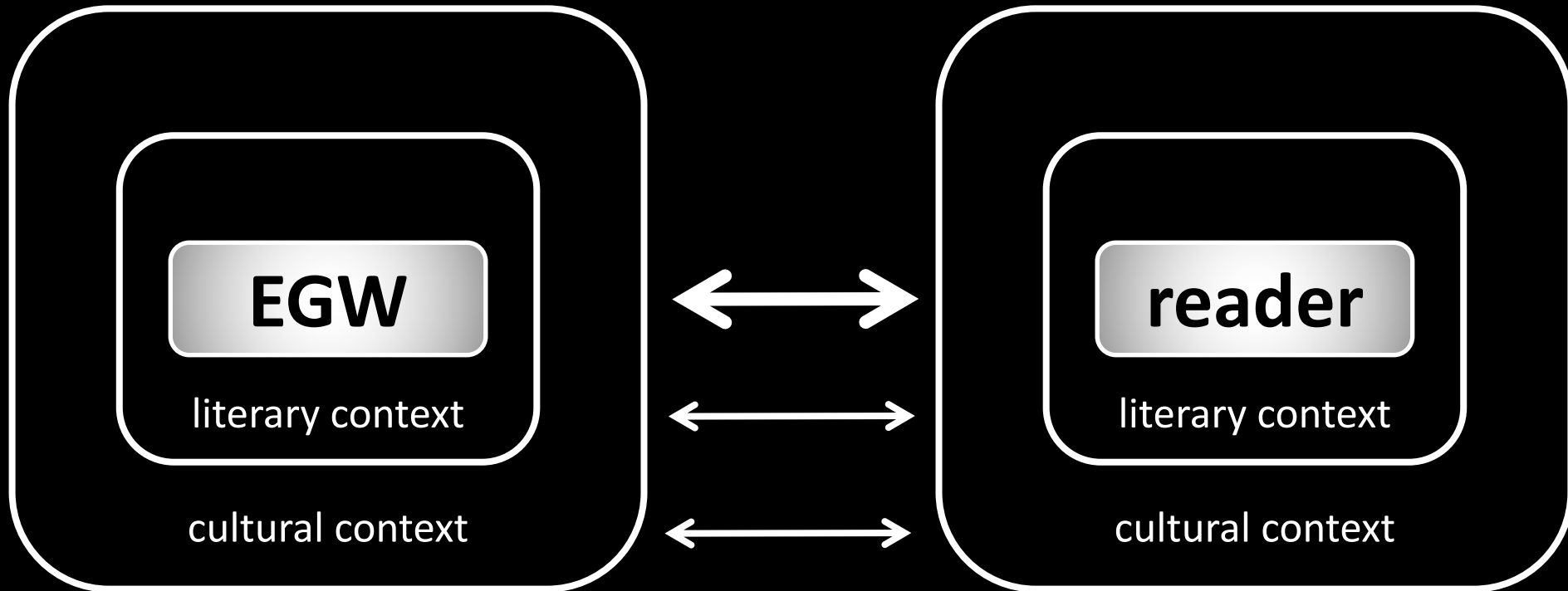
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ideal



real



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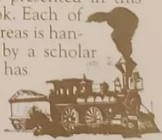
AMERICAN URBANIZATION

The World of Ellen G. White

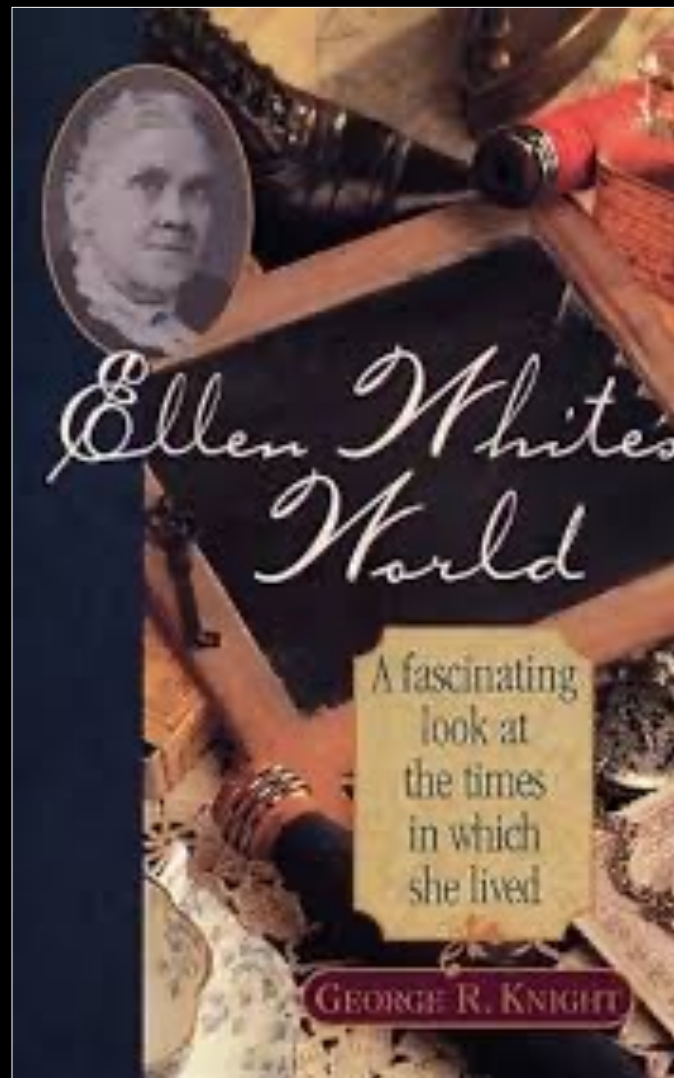
Many Seventh-day Adventists are somewhat familiar with positions taken by Ellen G. White on such topics as recreation, education, health reform, etc. Most Adventists are not familiar, however, with the historical context of her writings. Even biographies of Ellen White usually fail to describe the world in which she lived and of which she was a part. What was the usual diet of Americans when she gave counsel on that subject? What was the situation of public education? What was the town in which she

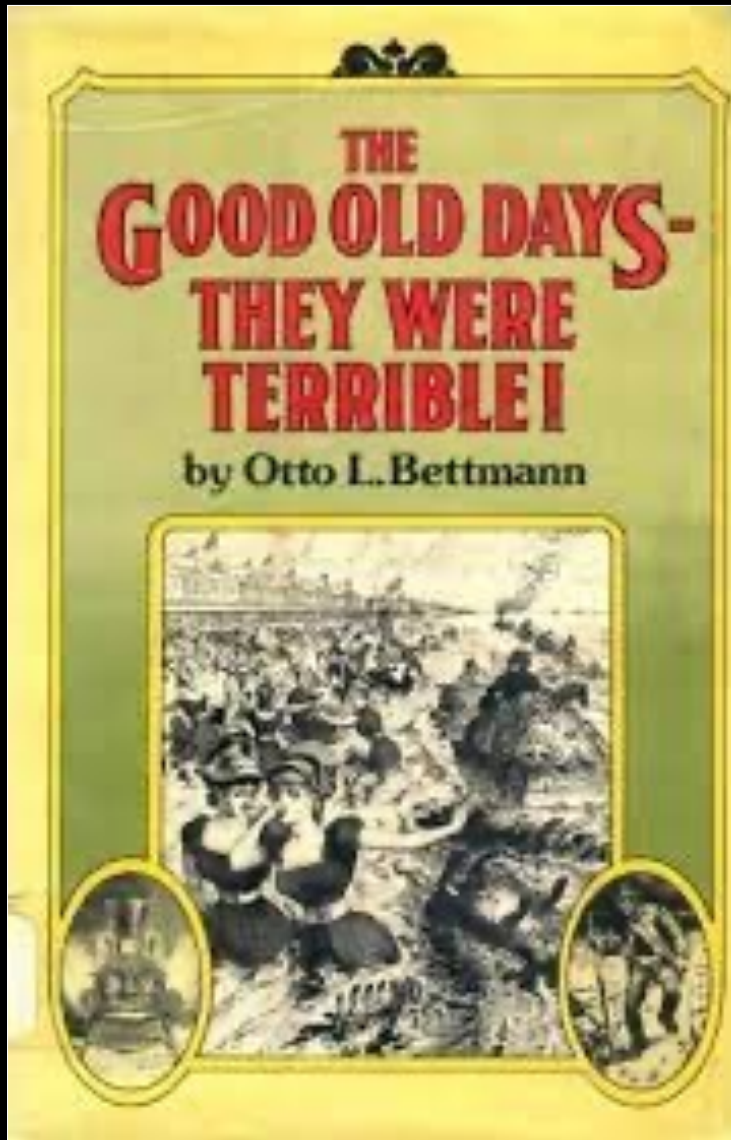


grew up like? She made many cross-country train trips, beginning soon after the first transcontinental railroad. What was rail travel like then? What was the situation of Blacks, when she wrote about the church's attitude toward the freedman? All these topics and more, including the economic situation in Australia during the nine years Ellen White spent there, are presented in this book. Each of 14 areas is handled by a scholar who has specialized in the field.



Gary Land
Editor





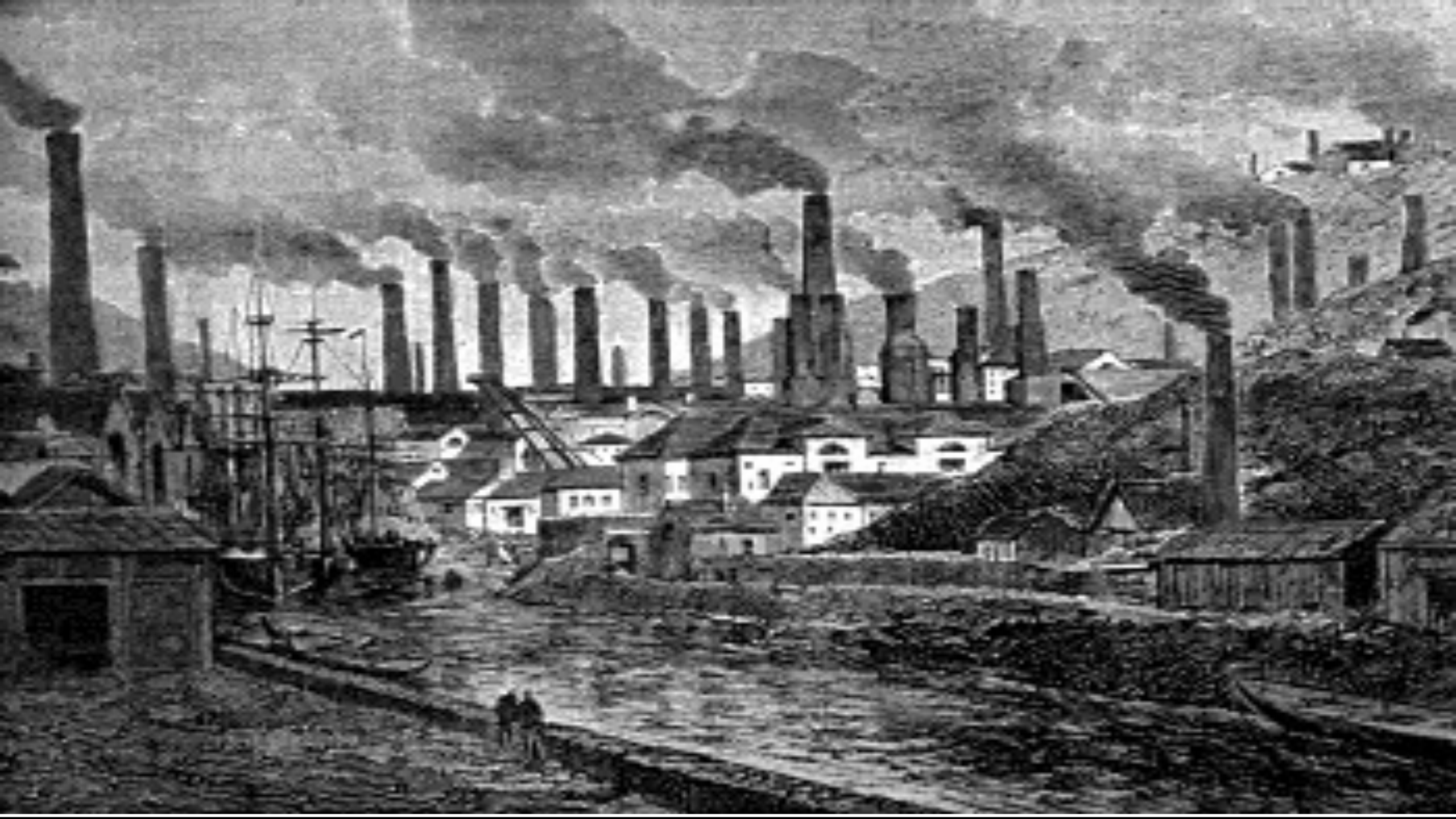
1. Air
2. Traffic
3. Housing
4. Rural Life
5. Work
6. Crime
7. Food and Drinking
8. Health
9. Education
10. Travel
11. Leisure

“Owing most of their population growth to the expansion of industry, U.S. cities grew by about **15 million people** in the two decades before 1900. Many of those who helped account for the population growth of cities were **immigrants** arriving from around the world. A steady stream of people from rural America also **migrated** to the cities during this period. Between 1880 and 1890, almost 40 percent of the townships in the United States lost population because of migration.”

– <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/rise-of-industrial-america-1876-1900/city-life-in-late-19th-century/>

“Industrial expansion and population growth radically changed the face of the nation’s cities. Noise, traffic jams, slums, air pollution, and sanitation and health problems became commonplace. Mass transit, in the form of trolleys, cable cars, and subways, was built, and skyscrapers began to dominate city skylines. New communities, known as suburbs, began to be built just beyond the city. Commuters, those who lived in the suburbs and traveled in and out of the city for work, began to increase in number.”

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The
CENTURY
of
SEX



PLAYBOY'S
HISTORY OF THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION
1900—1999

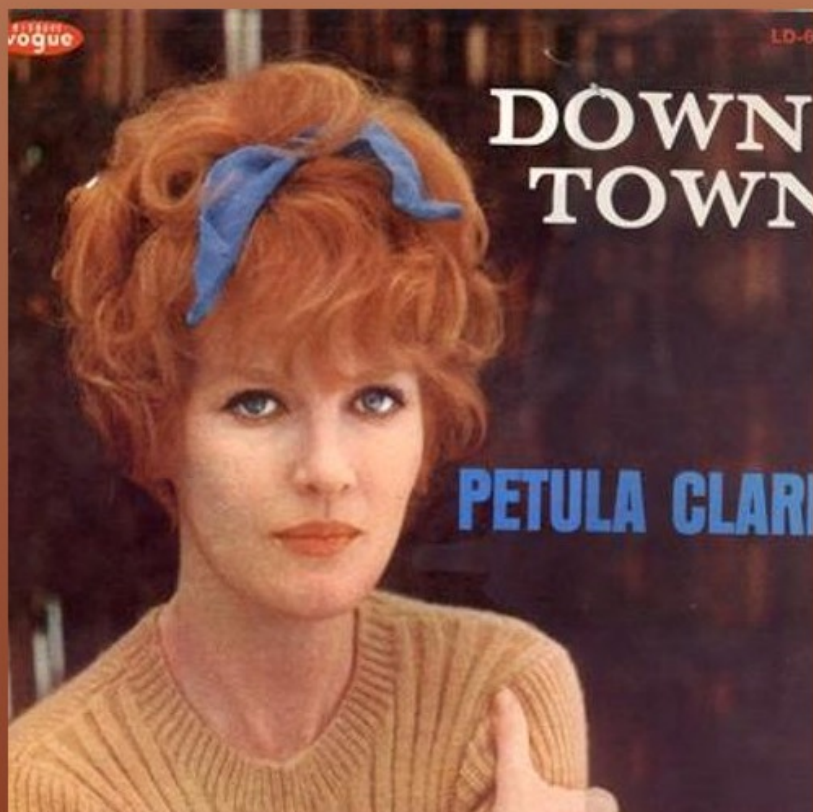
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“Sexual awakening”

(early 20th century)

1. Urbanization
2. New forms of transportation
3. Mass communication

THE CITY LIFE

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Downtown

[Petula Clark](#) • Track 12 on [Downtown](#) ↴

Producer

[Tony Hatch](#)

Clark's most famous song premiered in November 1964 and topped Billboard's Hot 100 chart. The song made Clark only the second British woman (after Vera Lynn) to have a...

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🕒 3 Viewers

👁️ 248.9K Views

When you're **alone** and life is making you **lonely**
You can always go downtown
When you've got **worries**, all the noise and the hurry
Seems to help, I know, downtown

Just listen to the music of the **traffic** in the city
Linger on the sidewalk where the **neon signs** are pretty
How can you lose?
The **lights** are much brighter there
You can forget all your **troubles**, forget all your **cares**

So go downtown
Things will be great when you're downtown
No finer place for sure, downtown
Everything's waiting for you

Don't **hang around** and let your **problems** surround you
There are **movie shows** downtown
Maybe you know some **little places** to go to
Where they never close downtown

Just listen to the rhythm of a gentle **bossa nova**
You'll be **dancing** with 'em too before the night is over
Happy again
The lights are much brighter there
You can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares

So go downtown
Where all the lights are bright, downtown
Waiting for you **tonight**, downtown
You're gonna be alright now, downtown

And you may find **somebody** kind to help and **understand you**
Someone who is just like you and needs a gentle hand to
Guide them along
So maybe I'll see you there
We can forget all our troubles, forget all our cares

So go downtown
Things will be great when you're downtown
Don't wait a minute more, downtown
Everything is waiting for you, downtown

Downtown (downtown)
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“I have been shown that **Satan** has not been stupid and careless these many years, since his fall, but has been learning. He has grown more artful. His plans are laid deeper, and are more covered with a religious garment to hide their deformity. The power of Satan now to tempt and deceive is **ten-fold greater** than it was in the days of the apostles. His power has increased, and it will increase, until it is taken away. His wrath and hate grow stronger as his time to work draws near its close.”

– E. G. White, *Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 2, p. 277

“If God doesn’t punish **America**,
He’ll have to apologize to
Sodom and Gomorrah.”

– Ruth Graham to Billy Graham (in the early 1970s)

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Amazon
USA



Alibaba
China



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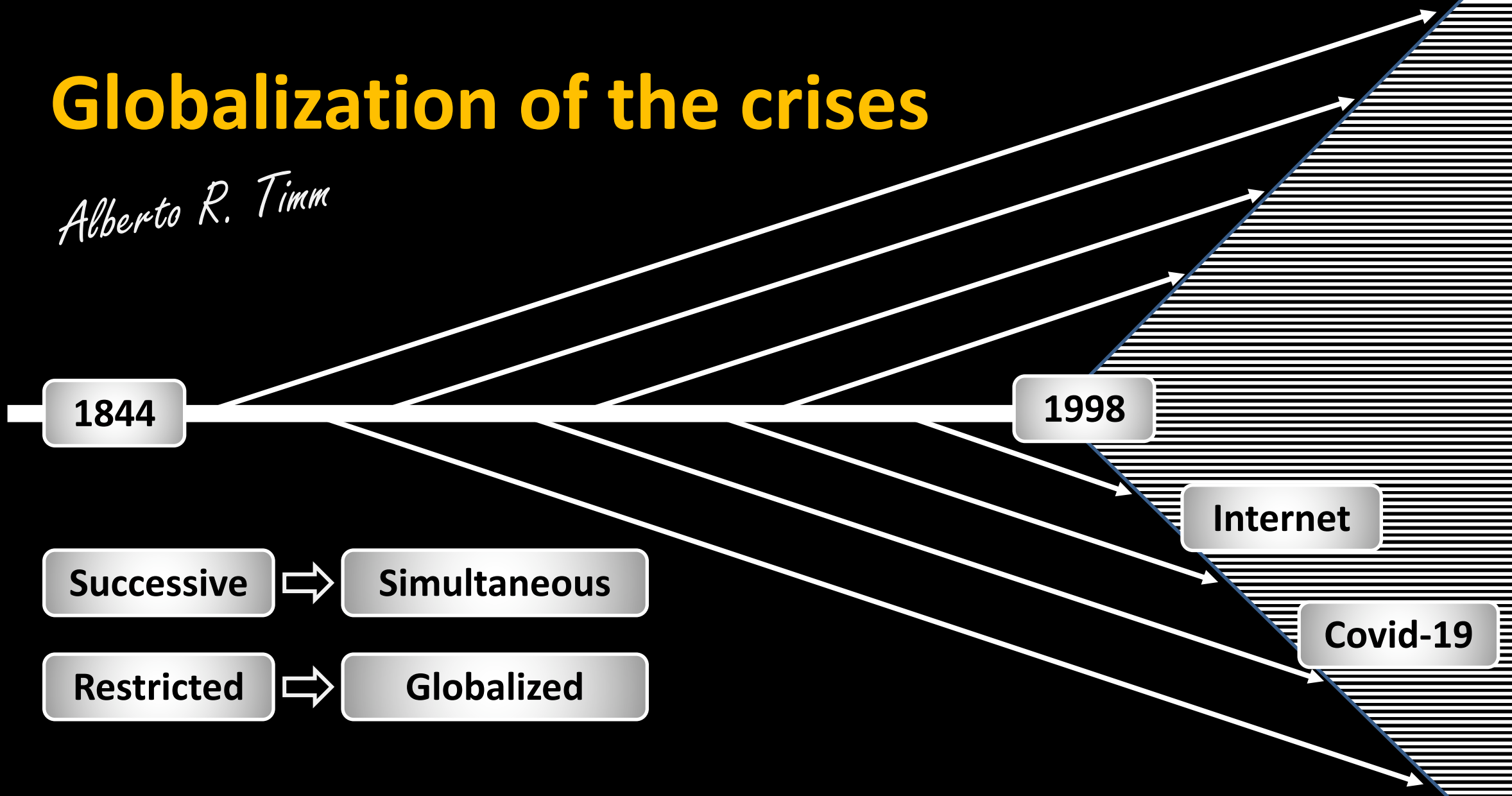


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Globalization of the crises

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1844

1998

Internet

Covid-19

Successive



Simultaneous

Restricted



Globalized





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June 23, 2003

“For almost the whole of **history**, culture was older people telling younger people what the traditions of society were. **Today**, culture is what sells; it bypasses parents, with movies and television [and the internet], and culture is not filtered through the eyes of parents and grandparents. . . . It’s the first time in history that culture is what sells.”

– Lester C. Thurow, Roda Viva interview program, TV Cultura, São Paulo, Brazil, October 13, 1997,
https://rodaviva.fapesp.br/materia/822/entrevistados/lester_thurow_1997.htm

A photograph of a large crowd of children, likely at a school event or public gathering. The lighting is dim, with the primary light source being the screens of the smartphones held by the children. In the center, a young boy with curly brown hair and a dark hoodie looks directly at the camera with a serious expression. He is holding a smartphone. To his left, another boy is looking down at his phone. To his right, a younger boy is also looking at his phone. The background is filled with other children, some looking towards the camera and others looking away, all seemingly engaged with their devices. The overall atmosphere is one of digital immersion and social isolation.

Phone-based Childhood

Cell Phone Addiction



“SOMETHING WENT suddenly and horribly wrong for adolescents in the early 2010s. By now you’ve likely seen the statistics: Rates of **depression** and **anxiety** in the **United States**—fairly stable in the 2000s—rose by more than **50 percent** in many studies from **2010 to 2019**. The **suicide** rate rose **48 percent** for adolescents ages 10 to 19. For **girls** ages 10 to 14, it rose **131 percent.**”

– Jonathan Haidt, “End the Phone-based Childhood Now: The environment in which kids grow up today is hostile to human development,” *The Atlantic*, March 13, 2024





Luke 17:32

“Remember **Lot's wife.**”

The experience of **Lot's wife** confirms that leaving the **cities** helps to avoid some external temptations but cannot transform the **heart**.



“The **boat** was made for the **sea** and not for **dry land**.
But the boat is only safe at sea as long as the sea
is not inside it.” (Rubens S. Lessa)