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“To redeem man, Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **The humanity of the Son of God is everything to us.** It is the golden linked chain which binds our souls to Christ and through Christ to God. This is to be our study. Christ was a real man, and He gave proof of His humility in becoming a man. And He was God in the flesh.”

7BC 904.

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“Satan declared that it was impossible for the **sons and daughters of Adam** to keep the law of God, and thus charged upon God a lack of wisdom and love. If they could not keep the law, then there was fault with the Lawgiver. Men who are under the control of Satan repeat these accusations against God, in asserting that men can not keep the law of God. Jesus humbled Himself, clothing His divinity with humanity, in order that He might stand as the head and representative of the human family, and by both precept and example condemn sin in the flesh, **and give the lie to Satan's charges.**”

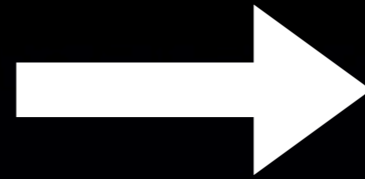
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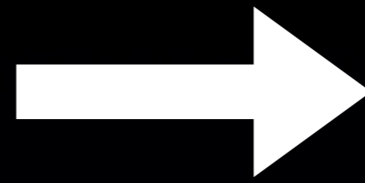
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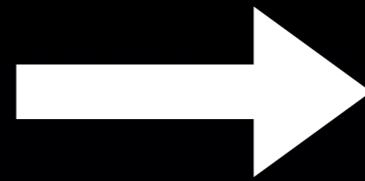
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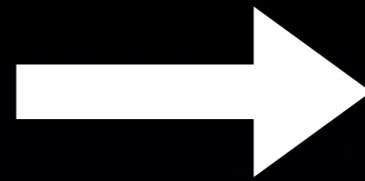


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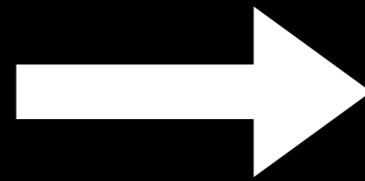
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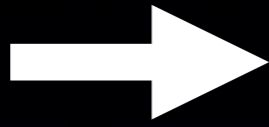


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“It would have been an almost infinite humiliation for the Son of God to take man's nature, even when Adam stood in his innocence in Eden. **But Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin.** Like every child of Adam He accepted the results of the working of the great law of heredity. What these results were is shown in the history of His earthly ancestors. He came with such a heredity to share our sorrows and temptations, and to give us the example of a sinless life.”

The Desire of Ages 48.

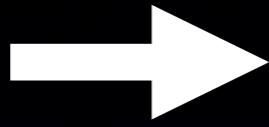
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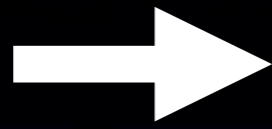


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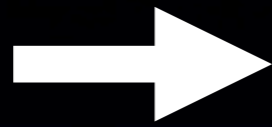
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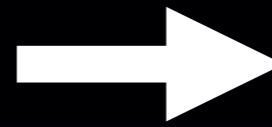
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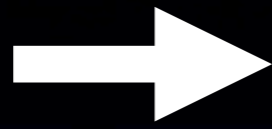


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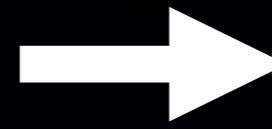
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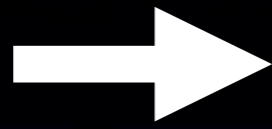
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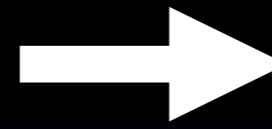
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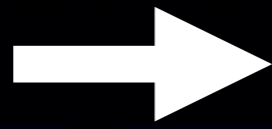
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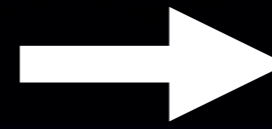


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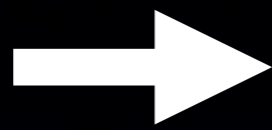
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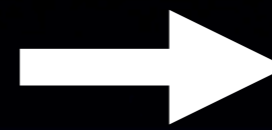
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The Desire of Ages 70.

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“Notwithstanding that the sins of a guilty world were laid upon Christ, notwithstanding the humiliation of **taking upon Himself our fallen nature**, the voice from heaven declared Him to be the Son of the Eternal.”

The Desire of Ages 112.

“If we have in any sense a more trying conflict than had Christ, then He would not be able to succor us. But our Saviour took humanity, **with all its liabilities**. He took the nature of man, with the possibility of yielding to temptation. We have nothing to bear which He has not endured.”

The Desire of Ages 117.

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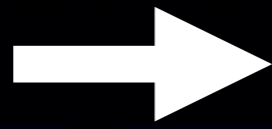
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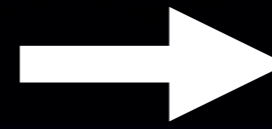
It was not thus with Jesus when He entered the wilderness to cope with Satan. For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, and in moral worth; and **Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity.** Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of his degradation.”

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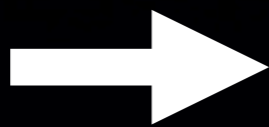


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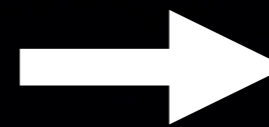
“In our own strength it is impossible for us to deny the clamors of our fallen nature. Through this channel Satan will bring temptation upon us. Christ knew that the enemy would come to every human being, to take advantage of hereditary weakness, and by his false insinuations to ensnare all whose trust is not in God. **And by passing over the ground which man must travel, our Lord has prepared the way for us to overcome.** It is not His will that we should be placed at a disadvantage in the conflict with Satan. He would not have us intimidated and discouraged by the assaults of the serpent. ‘Be of good cheer,’ He says; ‘I have overcome the world.’ John 16:33.”

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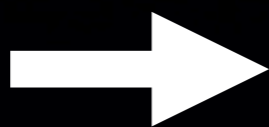
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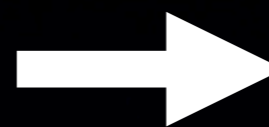
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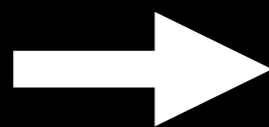
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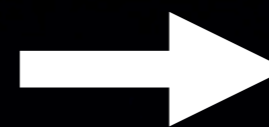
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“He was not only made flesh, but He was made in the likeness of sinful flesh.”

5BC 1124.

“Be careful, exceedingly careful as to how you dwell upon the human nature of Christ. Do not set Him before the people as a man with the propensities of sin. He is the second Adam. The first Adam was created a pure, sinless being, without a taint of sin upon him; he was in the image of God. He could fall, and he did fall through transgressing.

Because of sin his posterity was born with inherent propensities of disobedience. But Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. He took upon Himself human nature, and was tempted in all points as human nature is tempted. He could have sinned; He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity. He was assailed with temptations in the wilderness, as Adam was assailed with temptations in Eden.”

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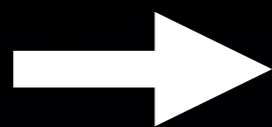
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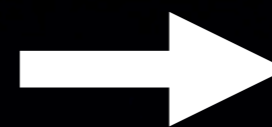
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“In our conclusions, we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a power that it is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity.”
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“This goody-goody religion that makes light of sin and that is forever dwelling upon the love of God to the sinner, encourages the sinner to believe that God will save him while he continues in sin and he knows it to be sin.”

Selected Messages, book 3, 155.

“In what contrast is the second Adam as He entered the gloomy wilderness to cope with Satan singlehanded! Since the Fall the race had been decreasing in size and physical strength, and sinking lower in the scale of moral worth, up to the period of Christ's advent to the earth. **And in order to elevate fallen man, Christ must reach him where he was.”**
Selected Messages, book 1, 268.

“All this humiliation of the Majesty of heaven was for guilty, condemned man. He went lower and lower in his humiliation, until there were no lower depths that he could reach in order to lift man up from his moral defilement.”

Review and Herald, July 5, 1887.

**“Clad in the vestments of humanity,
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Review and Herald, August 22, 1907.

“The obedience of Christ to His Father was **the same obedience that is required of man...** He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but as a man to obey God's holy law, and in this way He is our example. The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could do, through faith in God's power to help in every emergency. Man is, through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset.”

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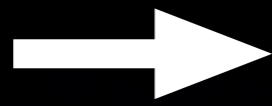
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Signs of the Times, vol. 3, 264.

“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.”
Christ’s Object Lessons 69.

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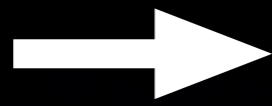


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Patriarchs and Prophets 357.

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The Great Controversy 420.

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The Desire of Ages 25.