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pean Trees and Herbs? What was become of the Ship-Carpenters, and Workers in Iron? Of all which there was no relation, restless; neither Name nor Thing to be found in the New-World at the arrival of the Spaniards there.

And this Timing of the Vision, suits with the place it obtains in the Revelation; just after the Outrages of the Turks. The very same year that Edgrade was added to the Ottoman Empire was added to the Christian Empire, viz: 1521. And as Christ did more apparently set his Foot on America, when the New-English Worthies Landed here; So this Date will render the Accommodation still more easy. I am apt to think that the Agenda of the Apocalypse are placed according to the latest Date. As an Account consisting of many Dates from January to December, one may comprise them in one Article, and not only the December Date.

Praying that you and I may be Lisits of this Angel's Guard; and that by the Refraction of His, a Secondary Rainbow may unquestionably defend and adorn our heads, I take Leave. If Mr. Noyes does not agree to it, let him impugn my Thesis.

S. S.

N. I sent a Copy of the above-written to Mr. Richard Headman, Feb. 24th, 1708 [sic] returning his verses. 1

SAMUEL SEWALL TO JOHN SEWALL.

To Cousin, John Sewall at Newbury.

Feb. 23, 1706. 2

Dear Cousin,—I have yours dated Feb. 11th which I received this week; wherein you ask my Advice in a very important Affair; viz: that of your Marriage. You tell me you have been advised to marry the Widow of your Cousin German. 'Tis pity that any have been so Unadvised themselves, as to prompt you to do a needless thing, about which Advice is needed, to know whether it be Lawfull or No. You say, some Scruple it. And if you your self do not Scruple it at present, you are not sure that you shall not Scruple it after you are married; and that in such a distressing manner, as that all the Divines in New-England shall not be able to relieve you, or give you Satisfaction. There have been such Instances. You say you have that it not so near as Second-Cousin by Blood. In this you are plainly mistaken: for 'tis by Casuists laid down, as a Rule in these Cases, That Degrees of Consanguinity and Affinity do equally affect Marriage. 3 For my own part, it is not plain to me that it is Lawfull for First-Cousin to marry: I rather incline to think it is Unlawfull. And we ought to have a great care, that we be not so ignorantly zealous in casting off the Yoke of Antichrist, as therewithal to cast off any part of the Yoke of CHRIST. 4 It is not easy to conceive how a man's marrying his Sister, should be a Capital Crime; and yet the Marriage of Cousin Germans should be blameless and Comendable, whereas they make the very next Relation of equal degree. Dr. John Owen in his excellent Exposition of the Hebrews, hath this passage — "Brotherhood "with respect to a near Stock, as the Children of the "same Parents; which in the Scripture is constantly ex "tended unto Grandfathers also. Heb. 13. 1. p. 293." 5 Now if the Scripture Extends Grandfathers, Fathers; the Scripture like wise Extends Cousins Germans among Brothers and Sisters, and so incapable of Intermarriage. Indeed, who can think it a Corily and pleasant Sight for a Grandfather to see his own Children joined together in

1 Mr. Headman frequently paid Sewall the compliment of naming verses in his letter. Copies of some of these, composed both at an earlier and also at a later date that that mentioned in the text, may be found in the Boston Public Library. — Eds.
2 See in Augt. 22, 1737, and July 14, 1708.
3 This is the argument of those who consider marriage with a deceased wife's sister as lawful. — Eds.
4 Levit. 20. 17.
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5.

Accept the judgments from your home, and give thanks to your parents, sisters, brothers, and friends. Be kind to others, as you would be kind to yourself. Treat everyone with respect and kindness. Do not speak ill of others, or背后 gossip about them. Always strive to be a good person, and help others in need. If you make a mistake, admit it and work to correct it. Be honest and trustworthy, and always do your best. Remember that the decisions you make today will affect your future. Keep these principles in mind, and you will be a good person.

Letter of Conclusion

The peace and prosperity of our nation depend on the actions of each of us. We must work together to build a better tomorrow. By making good choices and doing our part, we can create a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Remember that the decisions we make today will shape the future. Let us work together to create a brighter tomorrow.

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