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Thirty years ago, we started the Center for Creative Ministry. We called it Adventist Baby Boomer Awareness then because the majority of my generation was like me; we were young adults. Of course, we didn't have a website then because the internet was in its infancy, but we've had one for decades now.

You may have noticed that our Center website is down at the moment. Please accept our apologies. We had been working on it when our service provider took this opportunity to discontinue support to the software version we were using. So we have a splash page up at www.creativeministry.org, and are providing updates on Facebook regularly. We continue to email Contemporary Comments, and our phone is still available to you: 800.272.4664. Thank you for hanging in there with us. Our new website will be so much easier to view on your mobile phone, and we are simplifying what we offer so you can navigate around it more easily. Thank you for your patience, and come back to our website in the New Year. We think you'll like the improvements!

Happy New Year,

Paul Richardson
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"The Gospel from Patmos"

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Texts: Revelation 1:1-8; John 14:1-3; Deuteronomy 29:29; John 14:29; Romans 1:7; Philippians 3:20; Daniel 7:13-14

What's the travel forecast for 2019? What predictions can we anticipate about hotels and vacation destinations for the new year? A quick peek at *The Points Guy* website on travel reveals trends that could enhance your trips this next year.¹

For instance, more off-the-grid destinations are becoming accessible to adventurers. Instead of heading to traditional big cities, more

people are seeking the remote corners of the world, such as spending time in the Cambodian jungle, or enjoying a safari on Namibia's Skeleton Coast, or Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park. Maybe you'd like to take a dip in the Artic Bath Hotel in Swedish Lapland.

Other trends gaining popularity in travel include more self-driving cars cruising the streets. Boarding passes have gone from paper to QR codes, but biometric technology is now using "facial recognition to match your passport photo with a scan of your face at the terminal." There has also been a rise in solo travel with tour operators "enticing solo travelers to join group trips where they can meet like-minded individuals."

In this quarter's Sabbath school quarterly, we delve into a book that predicts travel plans for God's people at the close of earth's history. Our lessons will focus on the book of Revelation and this week's title is *The Gospel From Patmos*. Our itinerary doesn't come from an ancient disciple, but from Jesus Christ Himself. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).

We not only learn the history of the church in past ages through this reliable guide, but peer into the future with certainty about what is to come. When Jesus revealed Himself to John on the Sabbath while the aged apostle was in captivity for his faith, the writer passes along greetings from the Lord who knows what lies ahead. "Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come..." (v. 4).

The final end point for this prophetic book is not an exotic remote island in the South Pacific, or a secret vacation resort in the outskirts of Bolivia. History brings us to the second coming of Christ, the conclusion to all our travels on this earth. We will soon embark on a trip with like-minded believers that will literally be out of this world. Do you have your boarding pass ready?

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<https://thepointsguy.com/news/travel-predictions-for-2019/>

About Us

Since 1988, the Center for Creative Ministry has been serving local church leaders and individuals around the world. Formerly known as the publishers of ABBA Newsletter and the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center, we have now broadened our generational/ministry focus to include our children. The Center for Creative Ministry took on its new name on June 1, 1996.

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to supporting the local church in outreach and nurture ministries by providing resources, information, training, and consulting.