

# THE HISTORY OF THE SDA CHURCH

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### 1) DIVISION AMONG THE MILLERITES

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### TIME SETTING

"This time, which the angel declares with a solemn oath, is not the end of this world's history, neither of probationary time, but of prophetic time, which should precede the advent of our Lord. That is, the people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time, reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844." -- 7BC 971

"As the disciples went out preaching, 'The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand,' so Miller and his associates proclaimed that the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible was about to expire,

that the judgment was at hand, and the everlasting kingdom was to be ushered in...The message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14." - GC 351

"I there stated in public that the Lord had been pleased to show me that there would be no definite time in the message given of God since 1844." - 2SM 73

"There were many proclaiming a new time after (1844) but I was shown that we should not have another definite time to proclaim to the people. All who are acquainted with me and my work will testify that I have borne but one testimony in regard to the setting of the time....I have been repeatedly urged to accept the different periods of time proclaimed for the Lord to come.

"I have ever had one testimony to bear: The Lord will not come at that period, and you are weakening the faith of even Adventists, and fastening the world in their unbelief....

"The time-setters have pronounced the curse of the Lord upon me as an unbeliever who said, My Lord delayeth His coming....But their oft-repeated message of definite time was exactly what the enemy wanted and it served his purpose well to unsettle the faith in the first proclamation of time, which was of heavenly origin....

"Ever since 1844 I have borne my testimony that we were now in a period of time in which we are to take heed to ourselves lest our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares. Our position has been one of waiting and watching, with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord's coming....

"We have not cast away our confidence, neither have we a message dependent upon definite time, but we are waiting and watching unto prayer, looking for and loving the appearing of our Saviour, and doing all in our power for the preparation of our fellow men for that great event." - Letter 38, 1888, pp. 3-5 / 10MR 269-271

## **2) UNITY AMONG THE MILLERITES**

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- G. I. BUTLER, URIAH SMITH, & OTHERS WERE OPPOSED

## **THE 1888 MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL CONFERENCE - ITS HISTORY & THE MESSAGE**

### **THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE - PRELUDE TO CONTROVERSY**

- › IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD PLAUGE THE 1888 MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL CONFERENCE, WE NEED TO STUDY THE EVENTS WHICH LED UP TO THE 1888 G. C.
- › BEFORE THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE THERE AROSE ISSUES WHICH WOULD AGITATE & CAUSE A DISTRACTION TO THE SAINTS

### **THE 1886 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- › THE FIRST ISSUE HAD TO DO WITH THE LAW IN GALATIANS
- › THIS CONTROVERSY BEGAN DURING THE 1886 GENERAL CONFERENCE
- › THE ISSUE WAS BETWEEN.... E. J. WAGGONER and G. I. BUTLER
- › DURING THE 1886 G. C. SESSION E. J. WAGGONER PRESENTED HIS VIEWS ON THE LAW IN GALATIANS
- › E. J. WAGGONER TAUGHT THAT THE LAW IN GALATIANS WAS THE MORAL LAW
- › THIS WAS NOT THE VIEW HELD BY THE MAJORITY IN THE S.D.A. CHURCH, WHO BELIEVED THAT THE LAW IN GALATIANS WAS THE CEREMONIAL LAW
- › DURING THE 1886 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION G. I. BUTLER, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, OPPOSED E. J. WAGGONER'S VIEW
- › SISTER WHITE WHO WAS IN EUROPE AT THE TIME WROTE TO ELDER BUTLER THE FOLLOWING...

"That conference was presented to me in the night season. My guide said, 'Follow me; I have some things to show you.' He led me where I was a spectator of the scenes that transpired at that meeting. I was shown the attitude of some of the ministers, yourself in particular, at that meeting, and I can say with you, my brother, it was a terrible conference.

"My guide then had many things to say which left an indelible impression upon my mind. His words were solemn and earnest....He stretched out his arms toward Dr. Waggoner, and to you, Elder Butler, and said in substance as follows: 'Neither have all the light upon the law, neither position is perfect.'....

"The Lord was not pleased with that meeting. Your spirit, my brother, was not right. The manner in which you treated the case of Dr. Waggoner was perhaps after your own order, but not after God's order. The course you took was not excusable, even if his views were questionable." -- 1888 Materials 92-3,97

- › IN 1886 ELDER BUTLER PUBLISHED A BOOKLET ENTITLED, "THE LAW IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS" WHICH HE PROCEEDED TO HAND OUT TO EVERY DELEGATE AT THE 1886 GENERAL CONFERENCE
- › HE LATER PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN THE REVIEW & HERALD DEFENDING HIS POSITION
- › SISTER WHITE HAD WARNED THE BRETHERN NOT TO PUBLISH THEIR VIEWS & MAKE THIS AN ISSUE
- › WITH GREAT SORROW SISTER WHITE WROTE TO ELDER BUTLER THE FOLLOWING...

"I was pained when I saw your article in the Review, and for the last half hour I have been reading the references preceding your pamphlet....I believe now that nothing can be done but open discussion. You circulated your pamphlet; now it is only fair that Dr. Waggoner should have just as fair a chance as you have had." -- 1888 Materials 32,35

- ▶ IN 1888, IN RESPONSE TO SISTER WHITE'S LETTER, E. J. WAGGONER PUBLISHED HIS PAMPHLET, "THE GOSPEL IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS"

### **THE 1888 BIBLE CONFERENCE**

- ▶ THE SECOND ISSUE AROSE DURING A BIBLE CONFERENCE (OCT. 10-17, 1888)
- ▶ THE CONTROVERSY WAS OVER THE IDENTIFICATION OF ONE OF THE 10 HORNS OF DANIEL 7
- ▶ THE ISSUE WAS BETWEEN URIAH SMITH AND A.T. JONES
- ▶ FOR YEARS URIAH SMITH HAD TAUGHT THAT ONE OF THE 10 HORNS OF DANIEL 7 WAS THE HUNS - MILLERITE DOCTRINE
- ▶ A. T. JONES DISAGREED WITH URIAH SMITH. HE BELIEVED THAT INSTEAD OF THE HUNS, THE ALEMANNI WOULD BE A MORE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING
- ▶ THE SAME DAY THAT THE 1888 BIBLE CONFERENCE ENDED, (OCT.17) IS THE DAY THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE BEGAN
- ▶ THUS THE STAGE WAS SET FOR THE 1888 MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

### **THE 1888 MINNEAPOLIS GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- ▶ THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION BEGAN ON OCT. 17 - NOV. 4
- ▶ DURING THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION ELDERS A. T. JONES & E. J. WAGGONER & SISTER WHITE PRESENTED A SERIES OF TALKS ON THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST
- ▶ THE CONTROVERSY AT THE 1888 GENERAL CONFERENCE REVOLVED AROUND THE ISSUE OF THE TRUE NATURE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
- ▶ CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH WAS THE ISSUE OF THE TWO COVENANTS
- ▶ THE BOOK OF GALATIANS TOOK CENTER STAGE OVER THE ISSUE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH & THE TWO COVENANTS

### **GALATIANS – RECOMMENDED READY**

- ▶ PP CHAPTER 32 - THE LAW & THE COVENANTS
- ▶ AA CHAPTER 36 - APOSTASY IN GALATIA
- ▶ LS CHAPTER 17 - PAUL REVISITS CORINTH

### **GALATIANS 1**

- ▶ VS.1-5 - INTRODUCTION
- ▶ VS.6-10 - THE OCCASION & PURPOSE OF THE LETTER
- ▶ VS.11-24 - PAUL'S DEFENCE OF HIS APOSTLESHIP

### **GALATIANS 2**

- ▶ VS.1-10 - THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL - ACTS 15
- ▶ VS.11-15 - PAUL'S CONFLICT WITH PETER
- ▶ VS.16-21 - THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION

## **GALATIANS 3**

- VS. 1-14 - LAW VS FAITH
- VS. 15-18 - THE FIRMNESS OF THE COVENENT
- VS. 19-25 - THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW
- VS. 26-29 - ALL ONE IN JESUS CHRIST

## **GALATIANS 4**

- VS.1-11 - NOT SERVANTS BUT SONS OF GOD
- VS.12-20 - PAUL'S LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN HAD BEEN MUTURAL
- VS.21-31 - AN ALLEGORY OF TWO SONS

## **GALATIANS 5**

- VS.1-15 - STAND IN THE LIBERTY OF CHRIST
- VS.16-26 - THE SPIRIT VS. THE FLESH

## **GALATIANS 6**

- VSS.1-10 - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
- VSS.11-18 - CLOSING REMARKS

## **THE 1888 MESSAGE**

### **1888 & CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

"The present message--justification by faith--is a message from God; it bears the divine credentials, for its fruit is unto holiness....The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, seemed a precious thought." -- RH, Sept. 3, 1889

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message in verity." -- RH, April 1, 1890

"The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God.

"...This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure." -- TM 91, 92

"The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel." -- 6T 19

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth." -- RH, Nov. 22, 1892

"The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world.... One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,--Christ our righteousness." -- RH, December 23, 1890

"The words are ringing in my ears: 'Draw together, draw together.' The solemn, sacred truth for this time is to unify the people of God. The desire for pre-eminence must die. One subject of emulation must swallow up all others--who will most nearly resemble Christ in character? who will most entirely hide self in Jesus?" -- 6T 42

### **1888 & THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE**

"The message given by A.T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner is the message of God to the Laodicean church, and woe be unto anyone who professes to believe the truth, and yet does not reflect to others the God-given rays." - 1888 Materials 1052

"Since the time of the Minneapolis meeting, I have seen the state of the Laodicean Church as never before. I have heard the rebuke of God spoken to those who feel so well satisfied, who know not their spiritual destitution.... Like the Jews, many have closed their eyes lest they should see. - RH August 26, 1890

"The present message--justification by faith--is a message from God; it bears the divine credentials, for its fruit is unto holiness....we need to be enlightened in regard to the plan of salvation. There is *not one in one hundred* who understands for himself the Bible truth on this subject that is so necessary to our present and eternal welfare." - RH September 3, 1889

## **6. 1897-1903 TIME TO REORGANIZE**

- 1897 - PROPOSAL TO REORGANIZE THE CHURCH
- 1901 GC - AN APPEAL TO DECENTRALIZE THE CHURCH
- THREE GENERAL CONFERENCES: a) AMERICA    b) EUROPE    c) AUSTRALIA
- 1903 GC - THE REJECTION OF 1901 PLAN
- 1907 COUNCIL - "THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN EUROPE" WAS DISCONTINUED & BECAME A DIVISION OF "THE" GENERAL CONFERENCE IN AMERICA

### **1897 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

"It is not wise to choose one man as president of the General Conference. The work of the General Conference has extended, and some things have been made unnecessarily complicated. A want of discernment has been shown. There should be a division of the field, or some other plan should be devised to change the present order of things." - TM 342 / Cooranbong, Australia, August, 1896

"We acknowledge the inconsistency...of centering so many responsibilities at Battle Creek and having so many matters of a varied character, and relating to work in widely different localities, submitted for consideration to a few men who largely compose our General Conference Committees and Boards. We also see that it is not wise to choose one man to preside over the varied interest and extensive territory of the General Conference (General Conference Bulletin, 1897, p. 89)" - The Temple Cleansed, pg. 8

### **1901 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- E. G. WHITE STATEMENTS DURING THE 1901 GENERAL CONFERENCE
- READ GCB, April 3, 1901 pg. 25
- READ GCB, April 4, 1901 pg. 68-70

"Men who have not learned to submit themselves to the control and discipline of God, are not competent to train the youth, to deal with human minds. It is just as much an impossibility for them to do this work as it would be for them to make a world. That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once

believed the General Conference to be,--that is past. What we want now is a reorganization. We want to begin at the foundation, and to build upon a different principle." - GCB, April 3, 1901 pg. 25

"I am thankful that there is to be a time when the mists will be cleared away. I hope that this time has begun here. We want the mists here to be cleared away. I want to say that from the light given to me by God, there should have been years ago organizations such as are now proposed. When we first met in Conference, it was thought that the General Conference should extend over the whole world. But this is not in God's, order. Conferences must be organized in different localities, and it will be for the health of the different Conferences to have it thus. This does not mean that we are to cut ourselves apart from one another, and be as separate atoms. Every Conference is to touch every other Conference, and be in harmony with every other Conference. God wants us to talk for this, and he wants us to act for this. We are the people of God, who are to be separate from the world. We are to stand as representatives of sacred truth...

"We want to understand that there are no gods in our Conference. There are to be no kings here, and no kings in any Conference that is formed. "All ye are brethren." Let us work on the platform of humility, seeking the Lord earnestly that his light may shine into our hearts; and that the arrangements we make may be after God's order...

"New Conferences must be formed. It was in the order of God that the \*Union Conference was organized in Australasia. The Lord God of Israel will link us all together. The organizing of new Conferences is not to separate us. It is to bind us together... There must be a scattering from Battle Creek... The Lord wants to bind those at this Conference heart to heart. No man is to say, "I am a god, and you must do as I say." From the beginning to the end this is wrong..."

"It is not necessary to send thousands of miles to Battle Creek for advice, and then have to wait weeks before an answer can be received. Those who are right on the ground are to decide what shall be done. You know what you have to wrestle with, but those who are thousands of miles away do not know." GCB, April 5, 1901 pg. 68-70

### **1903 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- AT THE 1903 GENERAL CONFERENCE, ELDER A. G. DANIELLS SET FORTH A PROPOSAL TO PLACE VARIOUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE CHURCH UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT BATTLE CREEK. IN OTHER WORDS, ALL OPERATIONS WOULD ESSENTIALLY RUN THROUGH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, THUS CREATING A HIERARCHY.
- THE MINORITY REPORT LEAD BY PERCY T. MAGAN STATED THAT ELDER A. G. DANIELLS PROPOSAL WAS BASED ON "THE SAME PRINCIPLES, AND INTRODUCED IN PRECISELY THE SAME WAY, AS THEY WERE HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO WHEN THE PAPACY WAS MADE..." - GCB 1903, pg. 150
- E. A. SUTHERLAND ANOTHER WHO OPPOSED ELDER DANIELLS' PLAN STATED, "I UNDERSTOOD SIX YEARS AGO, WHEN THEY ELECTED THEIR PRESIDENT OF EUROPE, AND ALSO OF AUSTRALIA, AND OF THIS COUNTRY, THAT THOSE THREE MEN WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE SAME PLANE... AND THAT, WHEN A GENERAL CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CALLED. IT WOULD BE THE CALLING OF ALL OF THESE MEN FROM THESE THREE PARTS, AND THAT NO ONE OF THESE PRESIDENTS WOULD BE SUPPOSED TO OCCUPY ANY GREATER POSITION THAN EITHER OF THE OTHERS. - GCB, 1903, pp. 168,169
- SISTER WHITE COMMENTING ON THE CHANGES THAT WERE TAKING PLACE ABOUT THIS TIME (1902-1903) MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS
- READ - BCL 55 / LETTER TO J.H. KELLOGG FROM E.G. WHITE, AUGUST 5, 1902
- READ - 13MR 122,123 / JANUARY 15, 1903
- 8T 104-106 - WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

"What a wonderful work could have been done for the vast company gathered in Battle Creek at the General Conference of 1901, if the leaders of our work had taken themselves in hand. But the work that all heaven was waiting to do as soon as men prepared the way, was not done; for the leaders closed and bolted the door against the

Spirit's entrance. There was a stopping short of entire surrender to God. And hearts that might have been purified from all error were strengthened in wrong doing. The doors were barred against the heavenly current that would have swept away all evil. Men left their sins unconfessed. They built themselves up in wrong doing, and said to the Spirit of God, 'Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.' " - BCL 55 / LETTER TO J.H. KELLOGG FROM E.G. WHITE, AUGUST 5, 1902

"The result of the last General Conference has been the greatest, the most terrible, sorrow of my life. No change was made. The spirit that should have been brought into the whole work as the result of that meeting was not brought in because men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God. As they went to their several fields of labor, they did not walk in the light that the Lord had flashed upon their pathway, but carried into their work the wrong principles that had been prevailing in the work at Battle Creek." - 13MR 122,123 / JANUARY 15, 1903

- SISTER WHITE'S DREAM ON "WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN" IN 8T 104-106 IS REVEALING TO SAY THE LEAST. HAD THE BRETHREN COME TOGETHER AND PUT AWAY THEIR SINS GOD WOULD HAVE WROUGHT A MIRACLE FOR THEM AND THE CHURCH. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO CENTRALIZATION IN BATTLE CREEK.

- READ - Origin & History of Seventh-day Adventists, Vol.3, pp. 347-349

"In 1898, there being then four conferences and several mission fields, with three small publishing houses, the European Union Conference was organized, with a membership of about 6,000.

"It was a period of uncertainty as to proper organization, an uncertainty which was not to be settled until further instruction and the experience of the period from 1901 to 1907. Messages from Mrs. White to the General Conference had warned against centralization and "kingly power," exercised through one man or a few men; and it was assumed by some that this indicated the restriction if not the disintegration of all central organization. Hence, the European field came to be regarded as a self-sufficient continental unit, and it was called 'The General Conference in Europe,' while the organization in the land of origin was called 'The General Conference in America.' And there was, besides, the Australasian Union Conference, which in effect was a third General Conference. Aside from these there were mission fields sprinkling the world, manned and financed from these three centers, but chiefly from America.

"At the great General Conference of 1901, held in Battle Creek, Michigan, though the unity of the world work was reasserted; authoritative government was given a further blow by the action to elect, not the officers of the General Conference, but a large General Conference Committee, which should organize itself, electing its own officers for indeterminate terms, these making the General Conference staff. This action was in further pursuit of the idea of 'decoration of the king.'

"This plan was also carried into effect in Europe. But whereas in America this action was amended in 1903, to return to the plan of direct election of officers, the amendment was not adopted in Europe, and the committee government was retained for four more years. And Europe regarded itself as a Seventh-day Adventist General Conference by itself, working, indeed, in harmony with the American General Conference yet independent. It contained the British Union Conference, the Scandinavian Union Conference, the German Union Conference (including Russia and the Balkan States), and also the Oriental Mission field (the Near East) and the Latin Union Mission. It was not only self-supporting, but it furnished mission sinews of money and men...

"In 1907 a council was called at Gland, Switzerland, which was attended by A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; W. A. Spicer, secretary; I. H. Evans, treasurer; and a number of other American brethren. At this council, among other important actions, it was decided that the European General Conference should be discontinued, and the field should be organized as a division of the General Conference, with a vice-president of that body as its head. This was done." - Origin & History of Seventh-day Adventists, Vol.3, pp. 347-349

## **7. 1903-1907 THE ALPHA OF APOSTASY**

- 1903-1907 - THE ALPHA OF APOSTASY
  - 1) JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG - THE LIVING TEMPLE - PANTHEISM / MYSTICISM

- ▶ 2) A. F. BALLENGER - ATTACKS THE SANCTUARY MESSAGE / LAYS THE GROUND WORK FOR DR. FORD & OTHERS IN THE OMEGA OF APOSTASY
- ▶ 3) A. T. JONES - THE SDA CHURCH IS BABYLON
- ▶ READ E. G. WHITE STATEMENTS - SpTB 2&7

### **JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG**

"Separate from the influence exerted by the book 'Living Temple;' for it contains specious sentiments. There are in it sentiments that are entirely true, but these are mingled with error. Scriptures are taken out of their connection, and are used to uphold erroneous theories...we must firmly refuse to be drawn away from the platform of eternal truth, which since 1844 has stood the test.

"I am instructed to speak plainly. 'Meet it,' is the word spoken to me. 'Meet it firmly, and without delay....' In the book 'Living Temple' there is presented the alpha of deadly heresies. The omega will follow, and will be received by those who are not willing to heed the warning God has given." - SpTB02 pg. 49, 50

"As a people, we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting, and to put in their place spurious theories. He will bring in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God." - SpTB02 pg. 51

"I have been instructed by the heavenly messenger that some of the reasoning in the book, 'Living Temple,' is unsound and that this reasoning would lead astray the minds of those who are not thoroughly established on the foundation principles of present truth. It introduces that which is naught but speculation in regard to the personality of God and where His presence is....We need not the mysticism that is in this book." - SpTB02 pp. 51,52

" 'Living Temple' contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while; and I trembled for our people. I knew that I must warn our brethren and sisters not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God....Few can discern the result of entertaining the sophistries advocated by some at this time. But the Lord has lifted the curtain, and has shown me the result that would follow. The spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy." - SpTB02 pp. 53,54

"In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers,-- the truths of the Word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, 'Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? This foundation was built by the Masterworker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action.'

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." - SpTB02 pp. 54,55

"Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, 'Iceberg just ahead!' There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, 'Meet it!' There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collision, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

"Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, 'Meet it!' I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, 'Meet it!' " - SpTB02 pp. 55,56

#### **A. F. BALLENGER**

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"Brother Ballenger is presenting theories that cannot be substantiated by the Word of God. It will be one of the great evils that will come to our people to have the Scriptures taken out of their true place and so interpreted as to substantiate error that contradicts the light and the testimonies that God has been giving us for the past half century. I declare in the name of the Lord that the most dangerous heresies are seeking to find entrance among us as a people, and Elder Ballenger is making spoil of his own soul. The Lord has strengthened me to come the long journey to Washington to this meeting to bear my testimony in vindication of the truth of God's Word and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in confirmation of Bible truth. The word is sure and steadfast, and will stand the test. Human investigations will be brought in, but the Lord lives and He will bring to naught these inventions. We are to proclaim the full truth of the Word of God with decision and unalterable firmness. There is not truth in the explanations of Scripture that Elder Ballenger and those associated with him are presenting. The words are right but misapplied to vindicate error. We must not give countenance to his reasoning. He is not led of God. Our work is to bind up the Testimonies God has given and seal the law among His disciples.

"The time is worse than lost in spinning out theories that are not sustained in the Bible to vindicate such errors. I am instructed to say to Elder Ballenger, Your theories, which have multitudes of fine threads and need so many explanations, are not truth, and are not to be brought to the flock of God. The good that you and your associates might have received at this meeting, you have not received. God forbids your course of action-- making the blessed Scriptures, by grouping them in your way, to testify to build up a falsehood.

"Let us all cling to the established truth of the sanctuary. Those who are so shortsighted that they will begin to do the work that some others have been doing in advocating the sentiments contained in Living Temple, are departing from the living God in spiritualistic, satanic experiences that will not do the souls who receive them any good. They are departing from the faith, seeking to tear down the foundation of truth. The men who have lost their hold on the truths of the sanctuary question as they have been presented by men who have been under the Holy Spirit's guidance, had better pray more and talk less. I testify in the name of the Lord that Elder Ballenger is led by satanic agencies and spiritualistic, invisible leaders. Those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will turn away from these seducing spirits." - Ms 59, 1905. ("The Sabbath Truth in the Sentinel, and Elder Ballenger's Views," May 20, 1905.) - MR760

#### **A. T. JONES**

##### **FEBRUARY 26, 1905**

ELDER A. T. JONES, GOD CALLS UPON YOU TO GO OUT INTO THE CITIES, AND GIVE THE LAST MESSAGE OF WARNING. - B-187-05

##### **DECEMBER 29, 1905**

I SEND NO MORE TESTIMONIES TO BE READ TO THE CHURCH TO A. T. JONES, FOR I HAVE EVIDENCE THAT A WORK WILL HAVE TO BE DONE FOR HIM BEFORE THE LORD WILL ACCEPT

HIS SERVICE. GOD HAS GIVEN HIM WARNING'S WHICH HE HAS REPUDIATED, AND I AM DEEPLY GRIEVED THAT HE HAS SO LITTLE SPIRITUAL EYESIGHT. - A-345-190

**MARCH 12, 1906**

MY BROTHER AND SISTER, BE OF GOOD COURAGE.... YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THE WORDS THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ELDER A. T. JONES; BUT I AM NOT AT ALL SURPRISED. THIS IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAN WHEN THE SPIRIT THAT IS COUNTER TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD COMES UPON HIM. - F-98-06

**APRIL 2, 1906**

IT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED TO ME THAT WHILE MEN HAVE SLEPT, DR. KELLOGG HAS BEEN SOWING HIS SCIENTIFIC TARES....BRFORE ELDER A. T. JONES WENT TO BATTLE CREEK, HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD BE GUARDED. I MET HIM AGAIN SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEFT, AND TOLD HIM THAT IN VISION I HAD SEEN HIM UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DR. KELLOGG.

FINE THREADS WERE BEING WOVEN AROUND HIM, TILL HE WAS BEING BOUND HAND AND FOOT, AND HIS MIND AND HIS SENSES WERE BECOMING CAPTIVATED....I WARNED ELDER JONES, BUT HE FELT THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE LEAST DANGER. BUT THE FINE THREADS HAVE BEEN WOVEN ABOUT HIM, AND HE IS NOW A MAN DELUDED AND DECEIVED. THOUGH CLAIMING TO BELIEVE THE TESTIMONIES, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEM. - P-116-06

**JUNE 15, 1906**

DR. KELLOGG CONTROLS THE VOICE OF ELDER A. T. JONES, AND WILL USE HIM AS HIS MOUTHPIECE. - H-182-06

**JULY 3, 1906**

AGAIN AND AGAIN YOUR CASE HAS BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE ME. I AM NOW INSTRUCTED TO SAY TO YOU, YOU HAVE HAD A LARGE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH, AND LESS, FAR LESS, SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING....YOUR ATTITUDE AND THE ATTITUDE OF SEVERAL OTHERS HAS GRIEVED THE SPIRIT OF GOD. YOU HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING. - F-242-06

**JULY 27, 1906**

MY HEART WAS FILLED WITH SORROW BECAUSE OF THE COURSE THAT J. H. KELLOGG IS FOLLOWING. AND A. T. JONES IS FOLLOWING THE SAME COURSE AND VOICING THE SAME SENTIMENTS, WITH A MOST DETERMINED SPIRIT....I HAVE BEFORE ME SUCH A REVIVAL OF THE FIRST GREAT APOSTASY IN THE HEAVENLY COURTS. - K-248-06

**NOVEMBER 11, 1908**

I MUST WARN OUR PEOPLE AGAINST LABORING IN ANY LINE IN CONNECTION WITH A. T. JONES. HE IS ONE WHO HAS DEPARTED FROM THE FAITH, AND HAS GIVEN HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS. - H-330-08

**NOVEMBER 19, 1911**

YOUR LIPS HAVE UTTERED PERVERSE THINGS. YOU HAVE DENIED THE CLEAR LIGHT OF TRUTH, AND HAVE LINKED UP WITH STRANGE ELEMENTS....THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL HOLD YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SDA CHURCH AND GO ON HURTING THE INFLUENCE OF THIS PEOPLE BY THE TRACTS THAT YOU PUBLISH? YOU HAVE DONE A CRUEL WORK....

IN VIEW OF YOUR RECENT STRANGE EXPERIENCE, WE CAN HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN YOU....AS SCENES PASSED BEFORE ME , YOU APPEARED AS ONE IN HARMONY WITH EVIL ANGELS. - J-104-11

## **8. 1907-1940 THE MARCH TO MADNESS**

- 1) 1915 - THE DEATH OF SISTER WHITE
- 2) 1919 - BIBLE CONFERENCE
- 3) 1920's-1930's - ACCREDITATION
- 4) 1932 - THE CHURCH MANUAL

### **1919 BIBLE CONFERENCE**

- **2) 1919 - BIBLE CONFERENCE**
  - a) THE NATURE OF INSPIRATION IN THE WRITINGS E. G. WHITE
  - b) THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AS IT RELATES TO BIBLE INTERPRETATION

#### **1919 BIBLE CONFERENCE / JULY 30, 1919, 9:00 AM**

- C. L. TAYLOR - "MAY WE ACCEPT THE EXPLANATIONS OF SCRIPTURE THAT SHE GIVES? ARE THOSE DEPENDABLE?"
- A. G. DANIELLS - "MUST WE GO TO HER EXPLANATIONS TO GET OUR MEANING OF THE BIBLE? IS THAT THE QUESTION?"
- C. L. TAYLOR - "IS IT RIGHT FOR THEM IN THEIR STUDY OF THAT [BIBLE] TEXT TO BRING IN THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY TO AID IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF IT OR SHOULD THEY LEAVE THAT OUT OF THE QUESTION ENTIRELY?"
- A. G. DANIELLS - "WE ARE TO GET OUR INTERPRETATION FROM THIS BOOK [THE BIBLE], PRIMARILY. I THINK THAT THE BOOK EXPLAINS ITSELF, AND I THINK WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE BOOK, FUNDAMENTALLY THROUGH THE BOOK, WITHOUT RESORTING TO THE TESTIMONIES [ALL THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY WRITINGS] TO PROVE IT UP."
- A. G. DANIELLS - "IT IS NOT OUR POSITION, AND IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY IS THE ONLY SAFE INTERPRETER OF THE BIBLE. THAT IS A FALSE DOCTRINE, A FALSE VIEW. IT WILL NOT STAND. WHY, MY FRIENDS WHAT WOULD ALL THE PEOPLE HAVE DONE FROM JOHN'S DAY DOWN TO THE PRESENT IF THERE WERE NO WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE EXCEPT THROUGH THE WRITINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY! WHAT DO THOSE PEOPLE DO OVER IN ROMANIA? WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF SABBATH-KEEPERS THERE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN A BOOK ON [OF] THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY! WHAT DO THOSE PEOPLE IN CHINA DO! . . HE [GOD] GAVE THIS BOOK, AND HE GAVE MEN BRAINS AND THINKING POWER TO STUDY THE BOOK."

## **THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY**

### **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS**

- REV. 12:17 - THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS
- REV. 19:10 - THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
- REV. 22:9 - PROPHETS HAVE THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

## THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

- EPH. 4:8, 11-14; 1 COR. 12:1-11 - THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
- ACTS 2:17,18 - PETER PROPHESED THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PROPHETS WOULD BE IN THE CHURCH
- 1 COR. 1:6,7 - THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT WILL LAST UNTILL JESUS RETURNS

## THE BODY OF CHRIST - HIS CHURCH

- EPH. 4:15,16; 1 COR. 12: 14,27 - THE CHURCH LIKENED TO A BODY
- 1 SAM. 9:9 - THE EYES OF THE CHURCH ARE THE PROPHETS
- LK. 11:34 - THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE - SEE PROV. 29:18

## ACCREDITATION CAESAR or GOD?

- **3) 1920's-1930's - ACCREDITATION** - (of an official body) give authority or sanction to (someone or something) when recognized standards have been met: *institutions that do not meet the standards will not be accredited for teacher training.*
  - a) CAESAR & THE CHURCH - UNION OF CHURCH & STATE
  - b) CAESAR vs GOD - AUTHORITY
  - c) THE DESTRUCTION OF SDA EDUCATION

"In 1928, we came to our educational Kadesh-Barnea. The promised land was before us, but the majority of our spies brought back an evil report. Discouraged at the report of giants and walled cities, we turned away from the commands of the Lord, and rejected His instructions not to seek our education in the universities, the schools of the world." - A. W. Spalding, Educational Reform, 15

In 1931 Elder J. L. McElhany said to the Fall Council, "We will see the day when we will rue what we have done." Elder H. H. Votaw cried aloud, "We are preparing to send our boys to hell in three of our schools...If accrediting is wrong it is altogether wrong." Crises in Education, 56.

## THE CHURCH MANUAL

- **4) 1932 - CHURCH MANUAL**
  - a) CREDALISM
  - b) THE CHURCH MANUAL vs. THE WORD OF GOD – AUTHORITY
  - SEVENTH MEETING, Nov. 12, AT 3 P.M. — The committee appointed to consider the matter of the Church Manual, made in substance the following report: —

“It is the unanimous judgment of the committee, that it would not be advisable to have a Church Manual. We consider it unnecessary because we have already surmounted the greatest difficulties connected with church organization without one; and perfect harmony exists among us on this subject. It would seem to many like a step toward the formation of a creed, or a discipline, other than the Bible, something we have always been opposed to as a denomination. If we had one, we fear many, especially those commencing to preach, would study it to obtain guidance in religious matters, rather than to seek for it in the Bible, and from the leadings of the Spirit of God, which would tend to their hindrance in genuine religious experience and in knowledge of the mind of the Spirit. It was in taking similar steps that other bodies of Christians first began to lose their simplicity and become formal and spiritually lifeless. Why should we imitate them? The committee

feels, in short, that our tendency should be in the direction of simplicity and close conformity to the Bible, rather than in elaborately defining every point in church management and church ordinances.”

"On motion, this report with reference to the church manual was accepted. It was then also —

"*Voted*, That the President of the General Conference be requested to write an article for the Review, explaining the action of the Conference on the subject of the manual." - RH, Nov. 20, 1883 [page 733]

## ▸ NO CHURCH MANUAL

"The writer was requested by the recent General Conference to make a brief statement through the Review of the action taken in reference to the proposed Church Manual. For four or five years past, there has been with some of our brethren a desire to have some manual of directions for the use of young ministers and church officers, etc. It was thought that this would lead to uniformity in all parts of the field, and afford means of instruction to those who were inexperienced, and be very convenient in many respects. Steps were taken several years ago to prepare a manual, but for a time it was left unfinished. Last year, at the Rome Conference, the matter came up for consideration, and three brethren were appointed a committee to prepare a manual, and submit it to the Conference this year for its approval or rejection. During the past summer the matter they have prepared has appeared in the Review, and has doubtless been well considered by its readers.

"At the recent Conference a committee of thirteen leading brethren were appointed to consider the whole subject, and report. They did so, and unanimously recommended to the Conference that it was not advisable to have a church manual. Their reasons were briefly given in the report of Conference proceedings given in last week's Review. The Conference acted upon this recommendation, and quite unanimously decided against having any manual. In doing so, they did not intend any disrespect to the worthy brethren who had labored diligently to prepare such a work. They had presented much excellent matter, and given many valuable directions concerning church ordinances, holding business meetings, and many other important questions, and had done as well, no doubt, as any others would have done in their place. The reasons underlying this action of the Conference were of a broader character. They relate to the desirability of any manual whatever.

"The Bible contains our creed and discipline. It thoroughly furnishes the man of God unto all good works. What it has not revealed relative to church organization and management, the duties of officers and ministers, and kindred subjects, should not be strictly defined and drawn out into minute specifications for the sake of uniformity, but rather be left to individual judgment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Had it been best to have a book of directions of this sort, the Spirit would doubtless have gone further, and left one on record with the stamp of inspiration upon it. Man cannot safely supplement this matter with his weak judgment. All attempts to do it in the past have proved lamentable failures. A variation of circumstances requires variation in action. God requires us to study important principles which he reveals in his word, but the minutiae in carrying them out he leaves to individual judgment, promising heavenly wisdom in times of need. His ministers are constantly placed where they must, feel their helplessness, and their need of seeking God for light, rather than to go to any church manual for specific directions, placed therein by other uninspired men. Minute, specific directions tend to weakness, rather than power. They lead to dependence rather than self-reliance. Better make some mistakes and learn profitable lessons thereby, than to have our way all marked out for us by others, and the judgment have but a small field in which to reason and consider.

"While brethren who have favored a manual have ever contended that such a work was not to be anything like a creed or a discipline, or to have authority to settle disputed points, but was only to be considered as a book containing hints for the help of those of little experience, yet it must be evident that such a work, issued under the auspices of the General Conference, would at once carry with it much weight of authority, and would be consulted by most of our younger ministers. It would gradually shape and mold the whole body; and those who did not follow it would be considered out of harmony with established principles of church order. And, really, is this not the object of the manual? And what would be the use of one if not to accomplish such a result? But would this result, on the whole, be a benefit? Would our ministers be broader, more original, more self-reliant men? Could they be better depended on in great emergencies? Would their spiritual experiences likely be deeper and their judgment more reliable? We think the tendency all the other way.

"The religious movement in which we are engaged has the same influences to meet which all genuine reformations have had to cope with. After reaching a certain magnitude, they have been the need of uniformity, and to attain to it they have tried to prepare directions to guide the inexperienced. These have grown in number and authority till, accepted by all, they really become authoritative. There seems to be no

logical stopping-place, when once started upon this road, till this result is reached. Their history is before us ; we have no desire to follow it. Hence we stop without a church manual before we get started. Our brethren who have favored such a work, we presume never anticipated such a conclusion as we have indicated. Very likely those in other denominations did not at first. The Conference thought best not to give even the appearance of such a thing.

"Thus far we have got along well with our simple organization without a manual. Union prevails throughout the body. The difficulties before us, so far as organization is concerned, are far less than those we have had in the past. We have preserved simplicity, and have prospered in so doing. It is best to let well enough alone. For these and other reasons, the church manual was rejected. It is probable it will never be brought forward again." - GEO. I. BUTLER - RH, Nov. 27, 1883 [pages 745, 746]

## **9. 1950 - TODAY THE OMEGA OF APOSTASY**

- 1950's - THE OMEGA OF APOSTASY
- MARTIN & BARNHOUSE
- 1957 QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE
- M. L. ANDREASEN – LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES
- LEROY FROMM & THE REVISION OF SDA HISTORY / THROUGH CRISES TO VICTORY - MOVEMENT OF DESTINY - THE PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, ETC.
- 1960's - ROBERT BRIMSMEAD - ORIGINAL SIN & A FALSE VIEW OF PERFECTION
- 1970's-1980's - DR. FORD & THE NEW THEOLOGY
  - 1) THE NATURE OF SIN
  - 2) THE NATURE OF CHRIST
  - 3) THE NATURE OF THE ATONEMENT
  - 4) THE SANCTUARY & THE 2300 DAYS
  - 5) THE NATURE OF INSPIRATION - THE WRITINGS OF E. G. WHITE

## **SIN - THE HEART OF THE ISSUE**

"Sin, as one doctrine of the Christian system, is the common denominator of the other doctrines... The doctrines relating to sin form the center around which we build our entire theological system... if our conception of sin is faulty, our whole superstructure will be one error built on another, each one more absurd than the last, yet each one necessary if it is to fit in consistently with the whole erroneous scheme. If we are to end right we must begin right, and to begin right we must grapple with the question of sin in its doctrinal significance until we have grasped the scriptural facts relating to sin in all of its phases. We need to know exactly what sin is...

"Many, perhaps most, of the errors which have protruded themselves into Christian theology can be finally traced to a faulty conception of sin. Because someone's notions of sin were a bit off-color, his entire trend of reasoning was misdirected... And a theologian's ideas of sin may have only slight error, seemingly innocent, but that is sufficient to cause a distinct deviation in the line of his thinking and as his system develops he is carried out on the wings of human fancy, farther and farther from the truth...To reason from a false premise is to start an endless chain of false conclusions. Therefore we say that one who does not have correct views of sin is not apt to have correct views of any other fundamental question. This will especially be manifest in regard to his theory of the atonement and God's method of redeeming man... 'The sin question is the pivotal question. Anything taught or preached which obscures the cruciality of sin becomes an enemy of the Cross of Christ.' " - A Right Conception of Sin - pgs. 9-11

- THE NATURE OF SIN DEFINES THE NATURE OF MAN
- THE NATURE OF MAN DEFINES THE NATURE OF CHRIST
- THE NATURE OF CHRIST DEFINES THE NATURE OF THE ATONEMENT
- THE NATURE OF THE ATONEMENT DEFINES THE NATURE OF OUR SALVATION
- THE NATURE OF OUR SALVATION DEFINES THE NATURE OF OUR CALLING AS A CHURCH

## **THE NATURE OF SIN**

- 1 JN. 3:4 - SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW
- JAMES 1:12-16 - TEMPTATION & SIN - SEE PROV. 7
- READ - PARAGRAPH & NOTES BY GEORGE BENSON, pg. 40,41
- BUT EVERYMAN IS TEMPTED TO SIN, AND OVERCOME BY THE TEMPTATION, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY BY HIS OWN LUSTS, AND INSNARED BY THE BAIT. THEN LUST, WHEN IT'S SOLICITATIONS ARE LISTENED TO, AND COMPLIED WITH, CONCEIVES, AND PRODUCES SIN. AND SIN, WHEN IT IS NURSED UP, AND BROUGHT TO IT'S FULL GROWTH BECOMES THE PARENT OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. - JAMES 1:14,15
- "EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST." - GOD HAS NOT MADE ANY OF HIS REASONABLE CREATURES NECESSARILY EVIL, BUT HAS GIVEN THEM THE POWERS AND FACULTIES, AND LEFT IT TO THEIR OWN CHOICE TO USE THEM WELL, OR ABUSE THEM. AND, INDEED WHERE THERE IS NO CHOICE, THERE CAN BE NEITHER VIRTUE NOR VICE, REWARDS NOR PUNISHMENTS.
- IF, THEREFORE, GOD CREATES INTELLIGENT CREATURES, CAPABLE OF MORAL GOVERNMENT, AND OF REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS, HE MUST NOT ONLY INDUE THEM WITH LIBERTY; BUT LEAVE IT TO THEIR OWN CHOICE, WHAT USE THEY WILL MAKE OF IT. THE PERMISSION OF EVIL DOES NOT, IN THE LEAST, MAKE GOD THE AUTHOR OF SIN; BUT IS A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE OF CREATING, GOVERNING, MORAL AGENTS." - PARAGRAPH & NOTES BY GEORGE BENSON, pg. 40,41 - 1756 ED.

## **SIN & GUILT**

- LEV. 6:4 - BECAUSE HE HATH SINNED, AND IS GUILTY
- JAMES 2:10 - OFFEND IN ONE POINT, HE IS GUILTY OF ALL
- EX. 20:7 - TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN

## **"MEET IT"**

- THE TWO VISIONS OF SISTER WHITE
- READ - SpTB02 pp. 54,55
- READ - SpTB02 pp. 55,56

"In a vision of the night I was shown distinctly that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers,-- the truths of the Word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, 'Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? This foundation was built by the

Masterworker, and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action.'

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure." - SpTB02 pp. 54,55

"Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collision, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

"Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was, and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, 'Meet it!' " - SpTB02 pp. 55,56

## **HOW DO WE "MEET" THE DECEPTIONS OF THE NEW THEOLOGY & THE APOSTASY IN THE CHURCH?**

- SET AN EXAMPLE OF CHRIST LIKENESS, THEN WE CAN PREACH,
- THE PREACHING OF THE THREE ANGEL'S MESSAGE - REV. 14:6-12
- THE PREACHING OF THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY - THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE - REV. 3:14-22