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"THINK we have made great mistakes, and it is high time that we "should confess it.

"I warn you that unless you interpret the prophetical portion of the Old "Testament in the simple, literal meaning of its words you will find it no "easy matter to carry on an argument with an unconverted Jew * * * "Will you dare to tell him that Zion, Jerusalem, Jacob, Judah, Ephraim, "Israel, do not mean what they seem to mean, but mean the Church of "Christ * * * Oh reader! if you are a man of this mind, take care "what you are doing! I say again, take care! * * * I think we should "remember that we must reject protestaut traditions, which are not according "to the Bible as much as the traditions of the Church of Rome.

"I believe it is high time for the Church of Christ to awake out of its "sleep about Old Testament prophecy. From the time of the Old Fathers "Jerome and Origen down to the present day men have gone on in a "pernicious habit of 'spiritualising' the words of the prophets until their "true meaning has been well nigh buried. It is high time to lay aside the "traditional methods of interpretation and to give up our blind obediene: to "the opinions of such writers as Pool, Henry, Scott and Clark, upon "unfulfilled prophecy. It is high time to fall back on the good old principle -"that Scripture generally means what it seems to mean, and to beware of "that semi-sceptical argument,-Such and such an interpretation cannot be "correct, because it seems to us carnal. It is high time for Christians to "interpret unfulfilled prophecy by the light of prophecy "already fulfilled. The curses on the Jews were brought to pass "literally; so also will be the blessings. The scattering was literal; so also "will be the gathering. The pulling down of Zion was literal; so also "will be the building up. The rejection of Israel was literal; so also will "be the restoration.

"It is high time to cease from explaining Old Testament prophecies in "a way not warranted by the New Testament." What right have we to say that the words Judah, Ziou, Israel and Jerusalem "ever means anything but literal Judah, literal Ziou, literal Israel and "literal Jerusalem? What precedent shall we find in the New Testament? "Hardly any, if, indeed, any at all. I can only discover three senses in "which the word Israel is used: Ist, it is one of the names of Jacob. "2nd, a name given to the Ten Tribes which seperated from Judah and

"Benjamin and became a distinct Kingdom, often called Israel in contra-"distinction to the Kingdom of Judah. 3rd, the name given to the whole "Dewish, or Twelve-Tribed nation.

"For centuries there has prevailed in the Churches of Christ an "unwarrantable mode of dealing with the word 'Israel;' it has been "interpreted in many pass ges of the Psalms and Prophets as if it meant "rothing more than Christian believers. Have promises been held out to 'Israel? Men have been told continually that they are addressed to "Gratile Saints. Have glorious things been described as laid up in store 'for Israel? Men have been incessantly told that they describe the evictories and triumphs of the Gospel in Christian Churches. The proofs "of these things are too many to require quotation.

"Against that system I have long protested, and I hope I shall always "protest as long as I live. * * What I protest against is the habit "of allegorizing plain sayings of the Word of God concerning the future "history of the nation Israel, and explaining away the fulness of their "contents in order to accommodate them to the Gentile Church. I be ieve "the habit to be unwarranted by anything in scripture and to draw after it "a long train of evil consequences.

"Where, in the whole New Testament, shall we find any plain authority "for applying the word Israel to any one but the Nation Israel? I can "find none.

"We are often told in the New Testament that under the Gospel, "believing Gentiles are 'fellow-heirs and partakers of the same hope' with "believing Jews (Epbs. iii, 6), but that believing Gentiles may be called A' Israel' I cannot see anywhere at all.

"To what may be attributed that loose system of interpreting the language "of the Psalms and the Prophets? * * * To nothing so much I "believe as the habit of inaccurately interpreting the word Israel and the "consequent application of the promises to the Gentile Churches, with "which they have nothing to do.

"Beware of that system of allegorizing and Spiritualizing and accomo-"dating, which the School of Origen first brought in and found such an "unfortunate degree of favour in the Church.

"In reading the words which God addressed to His Ancient People, "never lose sight of the primary sense of the text."

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The Reform Dress Given by Mrs. E. G. White to the S. D. A. Church in 1863.



Testimony of Jesus:-

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man; for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.—Deut. 22.5.

Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long

hair it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for a covering. But if any man seem to be contentious we have no such custom, neither the churches of God —I Cor. 11:14, 15, 16.

Testimony of Mrs. White in No. 30, published in 1881, p. 166, "God designed the reform dress." Page 162, "After presenting it before them as it had been shown me." Page 167, "As our sisters would not generally accept the reform dress as it should be worn, another less objectionable style is now presented. It consists of a plain sacque or loose fitting basque and skirt, the latter short enough to avoid the filth and mud of the streets." Page 168, "Will my sisters accept this style of dress?"

Testimony of Mrs. White in Review and Herald of Sept. 11, 1900, p. 583, sent to settle the case of a sister in Battle Creek who thought it her duty to wear the dress she had been told that God had "designed" for the church. "Our sisters whose minds are agitated upon the subject of again resuming the reform dress should be prayerfully cautious in every move they make. The Lord does not require that any tests of human invention shall be brought in to divert the minds of the people, or to create controversy in any line. No one precise style has been given me as the exact rule to guide all in their dress."

Mrs. White never wore the dress except when with Adventists and not always then, and always with a long ulster to hide it. Complaint was made because of it when she went to California, and her excuse was that she "did not want to cut off the ears of the people, and destroy her influence." God enjoined His women to dress in modest apparel. He knows that all who wore that dress had plenty of shame-facedness, for every modest fibre in every woman's body who wore it was outraged.

The first sanitarium in the United States was built by the Jacksons at Danville, N. Y. They were Spiritualists. Satan, as the father of Spiritualism, was the father of the first sanitarium. To that institution Elder White and wife went in 1863 avowedly for their health and for light and knowledge upon the so-called health reform to give to the church. Mrs. White's "great vision" on that subject came out soon after they left there, through which a false gospel and counterfeit way of healing the sick was given the church. She is recognized as the mother of the institution that God has destroyed with his consuming fire. Christ healed by the direct power of God, and commissioned His followers to heal in the same way to the end of the world. In 1874, a woman who had been at the Dansville cure at the same time as the White's, informed the church at Battle Creek that she had heard them plan the reform dress. She repeated her statement in the parlor of the sanitarium before a roomful of people, and dared Mrs. White to meet her and deny it. Mrs. White refused to meet her and left Battle Creek. It was right there that the reform dress was dropped. If Miss Loughborough was not believed why did they refuse to longer wear the dress?

Then Mrs. White had another vision (?) and gave another "less objectionable" dress. All this is perfectly well known by all old time B. C. Adventists, and a great deal more. For a full account of the abominable work it made in the church, see Tes. No. 30 (unrevised) pp. 160-173. Thirty-five years ago marriage was practically forbidden, and the married told they should live as though they were not. Only the judgment day will reveal the results of that false teaching. Salt. milk. sugar, and of course, butter, were taken from her followers. Children were kept from school and raised in ignorance, starved physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, through her teachings. In No. 33, such books as "Uncle Tom's Cabin," are forbidden. A book written by a Christian woman inspired to the work, translated into almost every known tongue and acknowledged to have been the most powerful human agency toward freeing the slaves. Her fruits hang on every Adventist family tree that has followed her. Any of them who deny the truthfulness of these statements perjure themselves. You can see the same fruits being manifested right in your midst.

In Marvel of Nations, p. 147 it is said, "The sum of the argument then on this matter of chronology is this. The two horned beast comes up to the battle of the great day a living power in its full strength and vigor."

Testimony of Mrs. White, No. 7, page 10, published in 1862, "This nation will yet be humbled into the dust." Uriah Smith has been asked to reconcile the two statements. He has also been asked for what purpose the system of spying was established in the B. C. church. It was in full force in 1867, and was alive as late as three years ago. (The writer knows whereof she speaks as she was initiated into the order). That Mrs. White gave testimonies by knowledge gained through the spies cannot be truthfully denied.

Why are such desperate measures taken to prevent the people from learning the truth. Fine and arrest are threatened those who dare try to tell them any of the back history. Perhaps the explanation can be found in John 3:20, 21. In Testimony No. 33, she says, "It is God and not an erring mortal who has spoken." Page 214 she says, "Can I be in the same ignorance, mental uncertainty and spiritual blindness as at the beginning of this experience?" A strange plea for the Adventists pope to make, who says, "I am just as dependent upon the spirit of the Lord in relating or writing a vision, as in having the vision."-Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2, page 293. In No. 4, p. 28 (unrevised) in trying to relate what had been shown her she says, "These are all the words I can bring to mind." Testimony of Jesus, "I have given thy word, sanctify them through thy word." Mrs. White, "If you lose confidence in the testimonies (her word) you will drift away from Bible truth." As false as the father of lies. Exp. and Views, pp. 46 and 47. "Said my accompanying angel, time is almost finished; what we have been years in learning they will have to learn in a few months. I saw that the time for

Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time cannot last but a very little longer. The sealing time is very short and soon will be over."—Date 1849. No. 5 p. 5 (unrevised). "If the message had been of as short duration as many of us supposed," * "The Father's person I could not see for a cloud of glorious light covered him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like himself. He said he had, but I could not behold it, for, said he, if you should once behold the glory of His person you would cease to exist." Contradiction. "And I saw the Father rise from the throne and in a flaming chariot go into the Holy of Holies and did sit."

Her visions are contradictory in regard to the 144 000. She first taught that they were composed of the Saints that will live 'till Jesus comes. 'Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living Saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice. Then Jesus' silver trumpet sounded as he descended. He gazed on the graves of the sleeping dead and cried awake, awake, awake. The graves opened and the dead came up clothed with immortality. The 144,000 shouted halleluiah as they recognized their friends who had torn from them by death, and in the same moment we were changed and caught up together with them.' Ex. views, p 11-13. She now teaches that those who die in faith under the third angel's message will be resurrected before Christ comes, and will take their place among the 144,000. "When the voice of God came the graves were shaken open, and those who died in faith under the third angel's message, came forth from their dusty beds glorified to hearthe covenant of peace." St. Gifts, Vol. 1, p 205-8.

Contradictions multiplied by contradictions of her own and God's word come thick and fast. She saw very early in her career that controversy would be fatal to her, so she proceeded to "be shown" that nothing of the kind was to be allowed. Freedom of conscience, free speech, the right of self defense and private judgment, are things unknown among the Whiteites. Those who cannot believe the contradictions and blasphemous claims she makes for herself, are denied baptism and entrance into the church. Gal. 1:6, 7, 8. Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:20, 26; I Tim. 2:12; I Cor 14:34, 35; Isa. 3:12; Jer. 5:30 31; Mat. 9:35, says Christ preached the gospel John 3:33 calls it His testimony. 1 Cor. 1:6; I Cor. 2:1. The prophesies are a part of the gospel which is the faith of Jesus. Rev. 1.3 and 22:7 says, Blessed are those who read, and hear, and keep those things written therein. In Rev. 19:10 we find a people who have kept those words, which is the spirit of prophecy, which is the testimony of Jesus, which is the gospel, which is the word He gave The same testimony for which Christ died, that John was suffering for keeping, and for the keeping of which the remnant church are suffering, each and every one of them. The testimonies have been bound up and placed where they belong, thus forming a church who are keeping the law and gospel. When the dragon went to make war with the last church, he just induced them to think they had a prophetess; and through her visions the word of God has been contradicted and discredited. For the results see Rev. 8:17, 18. Isa. 8:16, 20. What are the means God has ordained to correct the erring? She says her visions, but Paul tells us that the Holy Scriptures are all sufficient for correction and every other necessary thing that God requires of us. Her followers continually say, "hear what the Lord says." Do they mean the Bible? By no means: they mean the word of that woman. Christ said "many false Christs and false prophets should arise, and deceive many." "Lo, I have foretold you.