

The "Testimonies" of Mrs. White

Seventh-day Adventist Prophetess

THE BIBLE RE-WRITTEN

"To the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."—Isa. 8 : 20.

"Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee and thou be found a liar."—Prov. 30 : 6.

"For I testify unto every man. . . . If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues written in this book. And if any shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."—Rev. 22 : 18, 19.

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PREFACE.

The writer of this tract became identified with the sect known as Seventh-day Adventists in 1861, when a mere child. Mrs. White's "visions," called "Spiritual Gifts," were presented as soon as considered safe.

In 1863 the "great vision" (?) came forth concerning dress, foods, treating of the sick and various other matters, and under the "light direct from the throne of God" commenced the starvation in foods, drinks, and those things necessary to the mental and social development of all children. Mrs. White was shown that time was to be too short for children to acquire education or learn trades. Most children of her followers were raised in disgraceful ignorance. All books were tabooed but the emasculated slop sent forth from the publishing house under control of "the ring."

Marriage was practically forbidden, and the married were to live as though they were not. (Some time after this decree she furnished indisputable evidence that she was not living according to the revelation.)

The martyrdom of the "reform dress" was endured until a Miss Loughborough declared before a parlor full of people in the Sanitarium at Battle Creek that she had heard the Whites plan the whole health and dress reform business at Dansville, N. Y. She dared Mrs. White to meet her and deny it, but Mrs. White refused to do so and left Battle Creek, after declaring from the pulpit her intention of staying several months, if not a year (she had then been there about three weeks).

She "was shown that hoops (wire crinolines) were an abomination to the Lord." Immediately after, twisted rawhide was manufactured and sold to us to put in our skirts to distend them. She "was shown that the taking of photographs was a species of idolatry." The photos of herself and family were soon after presented at **twenty-five cents each.**

It is stated as one proof of her inspiration that her "eyes are open" when she sees things. That her eyes are **very wide open** the crafty methods employed to extort money is ample proof.

As soon as a victim is landed they are set to work selling the books of the prophetess. They are told that "it is not they, but God who sells them." When the book called "Christ's Object Lessons" was presented they were assured that when the last one of the 300,000 was sold **Christ would come.** (The sale of the books was made a test of faithfulness to the church.)

God says, "At the appointed time the end shall be"; but the "later revelation" being believed they went forth in full assurance that they were hastening or retarding the great event according to their zeal. When the edition was about exhausted Mrs. White coolly informed them that "they had shown what they could do, and that as long as probation lasted books would be furnished them." "Patriarchs and Prophets" being the next book to be sold. It is well known by those near her that her books are compiled from the works of others with which she is well stocked, and that Marion Davis wrote "Steps to Christ," which is presented as Mrs. White's own. She at one time issued a "Life of Paul," and had to work lively to recall the few numbers that had been sold, to avoid prosecution, as the book had been stolen bodily.

When one gets their eyes open and refuses to longer "keep their mouths shut," as they are ever commanded to do, they are subjected to every manner of persecution and defamation. The favorite and most effective method used is in having Dr. Kellogg, and the ministers, intimate that the apostate is a "little off in their mind."

To chronicle all the proofs of the heartless deceptions, and contradictions of herself and the Bible, would require volumes. In the hope that a few of the honest, blinded ones who are already entangled, may go free, and to prevent other honest seekers after God and truth from being ensnared by this masterpiece of deception, is this little booklet sent forth.

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"No man can serve two masters." Math. 6;24.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to

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"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24:15.

"If the Lord be God, follow him. But if Baal, then follow him."
I Kings 18:21.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Heb. 1:1, 2.

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Math. 24:4, 5, 11.

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3:22, 23.
Deut. 18:18.

As Christ was, and is, the only Christ, so is He the only prophet whose word we are to obey; and we are left without excuse when we follow any other. "Come unto me," "I am the way," is too plain to be misunderstood, and when any one arises, and claims that they are authorized to impart instruction to us, we may know by the claim alone that they are false, for Christ said, "All ye are brethren," and "God is no respecter of persons." As Christ and Prophet, he was to have many rivals, and Satan has to be the father of them all; and it goes without saying that their mission is to undo, contradict, and discredit the truth of God's Word. We see numbers of them now present who have large followings, and ever increasing in wealth and power.

Among them all, there is not one so subtle, so dishonest, so dangerously artful as one concealed in the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her sermons and books that are given to the public are beautiful, apparently, for it is only apparently that they lead to Christ and the Bible (a false Christ would have to teach very like the Master in order to deceive). They pave the way for the reception of her "visions," in which the work of the great Deceiver is made manifest.

That church, under her leadership, has become an exact image of the church of Rome, with this exception: when a candidate presents himself to Rome, he is plainly told that there is a Pope who is the infallible head of the church. He is instructed in all that will be required of him to believe. He can take it or leave it alone. Not so with Seventh-day Adventists. They turn heaven and earth upside down to make a proselyte, keeping their pope out of sight until he is safely landed in the church and "ready for the test," as they call the presentation of the prophet. One of their ministers was charged with using the Bible as a bait, for as soon as the victim is landed the Bible is withdrawn and the "Testimonies" substituted. He admitted that this was true. A Mormon missionary made the same admission with regard to Joseph Smith, their prophet, and his testimonies, otherwise called "The Book of Mormon."

We will allow Mrs. White to enumerate the terms she uses to designate her "visions" and "dreams."

"Testimonies of Jesus."
 "Testimonies of the Spirit of God."
 "Testimonies from God."
 "Testimonies of reproofs from God."
 "The words of the Lord."
 "God's revealed will."
 "Word of God."
 "Voice of God."

In "Testimony," vol. 4, page 252, she asks, "If God's word spoken in awful solemnity from the holy mountain is lightly regarded, how will the Testimonies of His Spirit be received?" Here her "Testimonies" are compared with, and exalted above, the words spoken by God at Sinai.

We will contrast a few of the many "Testimonies" of Mrs. White and see how the real and hers agree.

Eve wandered away from her husband against plain command, and was tempted because of the disobedience. "Spiritual Gifts," vol. 3, pages 39, 41, 42, 44. Genesis 3:6 says he was with her when she ate the fruit.

Adam had eaten of the tree of life. "Spiritual Gifts," vol. 3, pp. 64, 89. Genesis 3:22-24 says he was turned out of the garden lest he also eat of that tree.

She says "the rods did not become serpents." "Spiritual Gifts," vol. 3, p. 205. Ex. 7:12 says they did.

She says the animals were seven days going into the ark. "Spiritual Gifts," vol. 3, p. 68. Genesis 7:13, 14, says on the day it commenced to rain, on the "self-same day" they all went in.

In "Testimony for the Church," No. 5, p. 22, edition 1859, she says she "was shown" that we can take a judicial oath. In Math. 5:34, Jesus says, "Swear not at all"; and James 5:12, after enumerating several kinds of oaths, says, "Neither by any other oath."

In answer to the question, "How shall we distinguish God's true servants from the false prophets who, Christ said, would arise to deceive many?" Mrs. White declares: "There is only one test of character—the law of Jehovah." The Bible says there are two: "Two witnesses" (Rev. 11:3); two tests of doctrine (Isa. 8:20); and two tests of character (Rom. 3:21). "Now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets." Outward appearances count for little. One may live in apparent harmony with the whole law and yet be a hypocritical pretender and a false prophet. Hence, as a final test of character, the second witness is indispensable. Now then, God says there are two witnesses—in sackcloth; Rome has tampered with the first, and Mrs. White has taken the same liberty with the second. By the assumption of divine authority to interpret the law, Rome has sought to "oust" that witness and put herself into its place; and Mrs. White has, in like manner, usurped the office of the Bible prophets. Thus, Rome ignores the position of the first witness, and Mrs. White denies the existence of any other test of character.—**New Protestant Search Light.**

When any one rejects her, she says, "Would to God they would give up the Sabbath too." She thus counsels them to break God's law. God commands that no business (the original for work) shall be done on the Sabbath; but under the leadership of the prophetess who assures them it is "the Lord's work," the money that is so pitilessly exacted from them to build sanitariums, school houses and churches (thirty thousand being paid for one as a "Memorial to the Third Angel's Message") is collected on that day. She not only counsels them to break it, but compels them to it.

In vol. 3, p. 432, Mrs. White says: "The Redeemer of the world does not sanction **experience and exercise** in religious matters, independent of His organized and acknowledged church." (Seventh-day Adventist, of course.)

"But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon earth, is exercised, **private independence and private judgment must be given up.**" Vol. 3, p. 495.

"Many have an idea that they are **responsible to Christ alone** for their light and experience, independent from His acknowledged followers. But this is condemned by Jesus. When the Testimonies are doubted and given up, Satan launches them into open rebellion which becomes incurable and ends in destruction." Vol. 4, p. 211.

She evidently imagines herself possessed of the "keys of death and hell," to judge by the following anathema upon a man whose only fault consisted in refusing to receive her as his spiritual master. "It is impossible for E. to be fellowshipped by the church of God (S. D. A., of course). . . . **If he repents ever so heartily, the church must let his case alone. If he goes to heaven it must be alone, without the fellowship of the church. A standing rebuke from God and the church must ever rest upon him.**" (Black type mine.) "Testimony for the Church," No. 6, p. 11.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7.

In a late "Workers' Bulletin," Mrs. White tells them "not to listen to the suggestion that the prayer of faith will heal all our infirmities, and that no institutions are needed for the healing of the sick." Math. 8:17 says: "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." Ps. 103:3 says, "He healeth all thy diseases"; and James 5:15 says, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Mrs. White declares Christ to be a "Medical Missionary." Vol. 8, No. 36, p. 201. And this after once saying, "If any of us are sick let us not dishonor the God of heaven by applying to earthly physicians, but let us go to the God of Israel. If His instructions are followed the sick will be healed." (That was before the money-making possibilities of sanitariums was known.)

Dr. Jackson and his associates originated a system of treating the sick with water and foods, building at Dansville, N. Y., the first water-cure establishment in this country, and calling it "Our Home on the Hillside." Their paper was called the "Laws of Life." They were also the originators of a dress to be worn by their patients, calling it the "American costume." In 1863, Mrs. White, with her husband and Uriah Smith, went to the "Home" for their health, and with the avowed purpose of getting ideas for the benefit of their church regarding the foods and treatments there given. They stole the whole thing, dress and all—and gave it to their church as a **vision from God.** Mrs. White "was shown" that from that time on, God would heal the sick through sanitariums. In "Testimonies," vol. 3, p. 21, she says: "We bear a positive testimony against tea, coffee, flesh meats, butter, spices, rich cake, mince pies, a large amount of salt." Vol. 2, p. 68, says: "Cheese should never be introduced into the stomach." Page 61. "You have used the fat of animals, which God in his Word expressly forbids." Page 400. "Eggs should not be placed upon your tables."

Forbidding the use of these and several other things, they substituted the humbug foods which have been manufactured and sold along with the visions at an immense profit ever since. In nothing has she gained such complete control over the souls and bodies of her adherents as in the teachings upon the so-called "health reform," which Timothy tells us in I Tim. 4:1 is a "doctrine of devils," and its teachers "seducing spirits." It is made the head and front of their burlesque "Third Angel's Message."

She has forbidden the eating of those foods which the apostle said were "created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused." I Tim. 4:1-5. Paul says, "I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself."

Rom. 14:14. "**Whatsoever** is sold in the shambles, that eat." I Cor. 10:25. In taking such a course, they have abandoned the Gospel, and have gone back to the law of meats and drinks, or to the law of Moses. To be wholly consistent, Mrs. White should command circumcision; that was a part of the law, and Paul says that he that keeps a part of the law is a debtor to the whole. That may come later, however.

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances." Eph. 2:14, 15. "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Gal. 2:18. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross." Col. 2:14. By going back to the "law of meats and drinks" (Heb. 9:10) have they not built again that which was destroyed, blotted out, nailed to His cross?

In "Testimonies," vol. 4, p. 467, we find this: "If a Christian has ten or twenty thousand dollars, God's claims are imperative upon him, not only to give his proportion according to the tithing system, but to present his **sin-offerings** and thank-offerings to God." The Bible says, "And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once a year with the blood of the **sin offering** of atonements . . ." Ex. 30:10. (Does she sell indulgences?)

The manuscript of "Testimony" No. 11 was all ready for the press, and in the publisher's hands. While preparing the manuscript for No. 12 she received a letter from the publishers informing her that the publication of No. 11 would be delayed until she could prepare a testimony for that number that would **move the brethren**. The leaders at Battle Creek were in need of money; the brethren were holding back and did not furnish all the funds that were wanted; but the leaders knew what string to pull to bring the shekels. They just delayed the publication of No. 11 and informed Mrs. White of the situation. She says, "They needed the influence of my testimony to move the brethren." She yielded to their request, and the necessary "Testimony" was forwarded. This transaction is recorded in vol. I, p. 563, and onward. Mrs. White let out this little secret of artful financiering, and says: "I shall be blamed for speaking as I now speak." "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." II Peter 2:3. "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

Mrs. White "was shown" that Christ did not enter the presence of the Father, into the holiest place, until 1844. "Experience and Views," p. 34. Paul says, "That by two immutable things wherein it was impossible for **God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth to that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an **high priest** forever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 6:18-20. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." "Having therefore, brethren, liberty (margin) to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith." Heb. 10:19-22. Stephen was stoned to death for declaring that he saw Christ at the right hand of God. Seventh-day Adventists deny that Christ was a high priest until 1844.

In "Early Writings," "Spiritual Gifts," p. 50, and "Desire of Ages," p. 774, chapter 81, Mrs. White says Christ lay in the grave over the Sabbath. She was also "shown" that he was crucified on Friday. The Bible says, "And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17. "Then certain of the

scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and no sign shall be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas; for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth." Math. 12:38-40. "In the end of the Sabbath as it began to draw on (R. V.) toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there had been (margin) a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. . . . And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. **He is not here:** for He is risen as He said." Math. 28:1-6. Christ died at three o'clock. Count backward just seventy-two hours from three o'clock of this Sabbath-day, and it brings you to the other three o'clock on which he died; and makes good the word of our Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ. The women arrived at the tomb too "late" to witness the great event.

Lack of space forbids multiplying the evidence showing the ways in which the followers of Mrs. White have deliberately perverted the plain Word of God to establish the truthfulness of hers.

She "was shown" that the earth will be desolated when Christ comes, and so remain during the one thousand years.

The Bible says, "And the Lord smelled a sweet savor: and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every living thing as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:21, 22.

In "Testimonies for the Church," vol. 4, p. 148, Mrs. White says: "In ancient times, God spoke to men by the mouths of apostles and prophets. In these days he speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit." Heb. 1:1, 2, says, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath, in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." She coolly sets the prophets and Christ aside, and stands forth as the "mouth-piece of God." What is the logical outcome of such work? She is pronounced the "Comforter," the "Holy Ghost," to reject whom is to commit the unpardonable sin.

What next? **Infallibility.** I quote from E. P. Dexter, in **New Protestant Search Light:**

The doctrine of infallibility, which is now recognized as a principle in the Seventh-day Adventist church, differs in no essential particular from the same doctrine as held by the church of Rome. Both claim to be the only true and authorized church and representative of Jesus Christ upon earth. Both assume the prerogative of infallibility, as belonging to the true church, on the basis of the Holy Scriptures. Both predicate the possession of this attribute of Deity upon the naked utterances of a single fallible human being. And both use it to interpret the testimony of the Scriptures according to their will: making it the supreme arbiter of truth and righteousness in the earth. Rome, with the keenest logic of assumption, bases her claim upon the first and greatest of spiritual gifts under the new covenant, that of apostleship. And Seventh-day Adventists base their presumption upon a secondary gift, that of prophecy. (I Cor. 12:28.)

Infallibility, according to Webster, "is the quality of being incapable of error or mistake: entire exemption from liability to error; inerrability. No human being can justly lay claim to infallibility. This is an attribute of God only." God only is infallible. But the infallibility of God—as we know it, as it comes to us—is expressed in

the words of God; that is, in the Holy Scriptures. In claiming infallibility for the Word of God we claim infallibility for the author of that word, for the word is but the expression of the mind and spirit of the author. So, likewise, if we claim infallibility for the words of any individual, basing the claim upon the known fact that they came to us from that individual, we make that individual infallible; because the only surety we have that the words are infallible lies in the fact that they came to us from that individual. In other words, we predicate the attribute upon nothing more substantial than our own estimate of that individual. Hence that sort of infallibility is simply a thing of our own creation, and as such is anti-christian and idolatrous.

For example: If we claim infallibility for the words of the apostle Paul, basing the claim upon the fact that they came to us by or through him, we make the apostle himself infallible; attributing to him that which belongs only to God. What, then, do we deny the inspiration of the Paulian Epistles? Not at all. We simply deny the infallibility of any man, on the ground that every word of inspiration uttered by the apostle must itself have passed the test of genuineness by comparison with the testimony of the other apostles of our Lord and their inspired predecessors, **back to Moses. We deny that any testimony can stand on the merits of the individual who utters it.** And that is to say that no apostolic or other testimony could have been safely accepted and incorporated into the canon of Scripture, unless that testimony, in all its parts, had stood the test of harmony by comparison with all accepted inspiration that had previously come to man from God. On no other basis can the present canon of the Holy Scriptures be maintained to the eminent satisfaction of any logically reasonable mind.

The claim, which is still put forth to the outside world, that Seventh-day Adventists have no creed but the Bible, is not candidly made and has never been true. Never has the Bible been recognized within that church, as the all-sufficient and final standard of faith and morals. This fact became especially evident in 1894. Early in that year the Editor of the Search Light took issue with that body upon the application of certain prophetic symbols; and, at a special hearing granted him before several of the leading dignitaries of the General Conference Association, and others, he appealed to the Bible, as the final test of all truth. This appeal was ignored, and the Bible practically repudiated, by the interposition of another standard,—the so-called **Spirit of Prophecy.** Upon the recognition of these writings, and their author, Mrs. Ellen G. White, as the arbiter of truth, he was repeatedly put to the test by a series of artfully framed and direct questions, which were propounded by the Educational Secretary of the denomination,—W. W. Prescott, A. M.

He then issued an open appeal for Christian liberty, and an unequivocal Bible standard in the church, in a series of papers which were sent to ministers and representative members in every quarter of the globe. The last of these papers were issued in November, and in December of the same year this second appeal was overruled, and the Bible again supplanted, by the authoritative promulgation of the dogma of infallibility.

This came out in the regular annual series of "Readings for the Week of Prayer," which are read by ministers or representative members in all the churches. The Reading for Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), was prepared by the present editor-in-chief of the Advent Review, and was entitled, "The Gifts: Their Presence and Object." Here are some of his statements:

"This gift, though acknowledged all these years to be in the church, has yet been but little appreciated or profited by, for the real purpose for which it is given, . . . The Spirit of prophecy is the means by which Christ himself gives the true understanding and right interpretation of His word. Christ is the Author of the written

word of God, (Scripture quotations omitted,—I Peter 1:11-12; II Peter 1:21.) It being the word of Christ Himself, signified and testified by His own Spirit, it follows that he alone by that same Spirit is qualified to interpret that word and infallibly give the right meaning to it. The only absolutely sure interpreter of any writing is the author of it himself. All others are liable to mistake, or fail to catch the real thought which the author intended to convey. How much more, then, is it so with the Word of God—that Word which is in meaning of eternal depth! . . . How certainly therefore is the Author of this word the **only one** qualified to interpret it and to set forth its deep meaning! Christ alone, in His own proper person by His Holy Spirit, is the interpreter of His Word. And that interpretation is infallible; because Christ alone possesses infallibility. Whoever else would presume to interpret the Bible and declare its meaning, would thereby put himself in the place of Christ. And this is the papacy.

"Christ alone is the interpreter of His Word. And the evidence which He gives, the testimony of Christ, as to the meaning of His Word, that is the meaning of it as He thinks it. And he who receives it thus receives the thought of Christ. 'And the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.'"

This is the scheme they contrived to override all dissent. On this ground any Bible student who declines to read every vagary of Seventh-day Adventism into his Bible through Mrs. White's spectacles, any man who will not allow the shadow of this latter-day prophetess to come between his Bible and himself, and thus to usurp and to occupy the office of the Holy Spirit; **whosoever** will not surrender **ALL** of that mental power that distinguishes true manhood and true womanhood, and become the spiritual **slave** of this pre-millennial Moses,—is the papacy! Very well. So long as the world stands and our reasoning faculty remains we propose to be the master, the pope, if you please, of our own intellect. And if **this** be popery, make the most of it.

Prof. Prescott immediately grasped this infallibility expedient: and at the General Conference held in this city early in the following year he delivered a series of discourses, in which he made many statements like these:

"Infallibility belongs in the church of Jesus Christ, and it is not the proper way to meet the statement that there should be an infallible head of the church by denying it." "It is a true doctrine that infallibility belongs in the true church of Jesus Christ. The only question is, Where is that infallibility found?"

"Infallibility belongs in Jesus Christ Himself. . . . When Jesus Christ speaks, no matter when ('Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever'), that is the infallible word."

But he is not content to leave it there: because to leave it to Christ, and to His Word, would be to assume no advantage over any other church. The Christ he supports is author of a later revelation(?), **outside of the written word**, whose utterance is to be received as—"the infallible interpretation of that infallible word." So he continues:

"But how does He speak? 'And He said, Hear now My words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.' Num. 12:6. When Jesus Christ speaks what He says is infallible truth, and that is where infallibility lies." General Conference Bulletin, page 326.

So this is the teaching of infallibility in a woman's visions and dreams. But he goes farther, even to the direct adoption of ultra Romish sentiment:

"An infallible book is of no use to me without an infallible interpreter, as the history of Protestantism too clearly demonstrates." (Cardinal Gibbons.) "An infallible book is of no use to me without

an infallible interpreter" of that book. We will not have any quarrel with him over that, will we?—No, but we will not call any human being an infallible interpreter."

Of course they dare not call her infallible; the shameful dose must be sugar-coated. Note the sophistry:

"But we will have Him to be an infallible interpreter, who, when He was here, interpreted to His disciples in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Why Cardinal Gibbons really touches upon the right principle here, when he says: 'If, indeed, our Savior had visibly remained among us, no interpreter would be needed, since He would explain His gospel to us; but as He withdrew His visible presence from us, it was eminently reasonable that He should designate some one to expound for us the meaning of His Word.'" Id., page 430.

This is the doctrine that was promulgated in the open assembly of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, and which passed to the records without a protest. The infernal scheme, worked upon an unsuspecting and overconfident people by this triumvirate of iniquity, was to secure the recognition of the doctrine of infallibility by the church, as existing therein in the personality of an individual, and yet to avoid committing themselves openly by calling that individual infallible. Protesting against the assumptions of the papacy, under cover of the claim that infallibility belongs only to God, they nevertheless contrive to "corner" both the attribute of Deity and the office of the Holy Spirit upon one of their number, and yet to word it so cautiously that it seems to have entirely escaped the attention of the outside world!

Five years have passed away, and this anti-christian doctrine, with its logical accumulations, is now firmly entrenched among the dogmas of the church; and yet no Seventh-day Adventist, no Protestant in all the world, except the writer, has ever lifted a voice against it. Is it any wonder that the Religious Liberty Association of that church is dead; and that the impression is gaining ground that its organ, the American Sentinel, has no field to occupy, and "no special demand for its publication," when every intelligent member knows that he is acting a double part, and that the whole propaganda is operating under false pretenses? And, too, even in the interest of self-defense, is it not time that these facts were investigated and thoroughly ventilated by the Protestant journals of America?

ARE YOU A PRO-TEST-ANT?

If you are, it is time you woke up to the fact that there is a power at work against the civil and religious liberty of every man and woman in the world,—a power centered in a woman upon whom the chief attribute of God has been bestowed, and which is operated through the leaders who know better, and deluded dupes whose eyes have been blinded by false pretensions and assertions made to keep them in the dark as to the real intentions of the men who have repudiated every principle of Protestantism, and who have gone to Washington by "special revelation" to "influence legislation" in their behalf. For what? They give it out to the church at large that they are there to prevent the passage of Sunday laws. We will let A. T. Jones state a part of the truth. Having repudiated all Protestant principles, it will astonish no one to learn that they have rejected most of their former teachings, and are now advocating principles directly opposite to those held by them so many years.

After strenuously denying that this was a Christian nation, Mr. Jones (who was considered their largest piece of gospel artillery) suddenly discovered that this is a Christian nation, and was one from its foundation; and that it was established upon Protestant and Republican principles (the two horns of their image beast). "From these principles he assumes that the nation is apostate," and sep-

arate from God. "No nation or people can be separated from God, unless they have first been joined to Him. But the people who are joined to God are espoused to Christ, and the spouse of Christ is the Christian church."

The editor of the "**Review**" is the mouthpiece of the prophetess, and it was under his direct influence in 1894-5 that she was declared infallible; and every utterance of hers, whether spoken or written, publicly or privately, is "beyond question" and the very "Word of God." That being considered true, the church possessing that attribute would of necessity be the only true infallible church, and such they claim it to be. This being so, who but "the Lord's anointed" are qualified to restore it? Listen! "Therefore, I say again, as Seventh-day Adventists who profess none too loudly provided the material is there to justify the profession, that we are those by whom the Lord will establish Christianity upon an eternal basis in this world." From a sermon by A. T. Jones in the *Review* of October 3, 1899.

"Exactly, this is the spirit and purpose which actuated the Roman bishops in the fourth century and onward. Self-exaltation and an overweening ambition which can be satisfied with nothing short of universal recognition and power. In fact, the man and his system belong to the darkness and superstition of the Middle Ages, and not to the dawn of the Twentieth Century. They should be classed with those dangerous combinations which have risen rapidly into power upon the credulity of the people. Their system of organization has already merged into the imperialistic, being world-wide, and showing the exact characteristics of that iniquitous system which was represented by the Emperor Galerius as 'an empire within the empire,' all of whose members were regularly organized, and ready to act at any time as one man. Evidently this is not a new thing 'under the sun'; but every such combination that has come into prominence in the past, has, sooner or later, intermeddled with the affairs of state, and proved a menace and a curse to the nation in which it developed. And such will be the future of this system, if it continues to develop at the present ratio." E. T. Dexter, in "**New Protestant Search Light**."

These people thank God for the medium through which "They see with one eye and are of one mind and one judgment." Who can tell what the flower will be when this beautiful plant blossoms,—to say nothing of the fruit? It will bode no good to those Sabbath keepers who dare to repudiate Mrs. White. From the time she organized that church, with her "visions" as a test of fellowship, she has ever been a persecutor of those "keeping the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus." She gave that church its name by revelation,—the original church calling themselves the "Church of God." She is the author of most of its prophetic doctrines, and they wickedly pervert the scriptures to maintain their false positions. They resort to falsehood to prevent the people's knowing that there is a Sabbath-keeping people who do stand on God's Word alone. The prophetess has publicly stated that there are no Sabbath-keepers but S. D. A. One of their barefaced assumptions is that "the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy," and applying it to Mrs. White. The dishonest applications to her of scriptures that refer to Christ, make it incumbent upon every lover of truth to strip off the beautiful sheep's pelt and expose them in all their naked hideousness.

They claim that she leads them to the Bible, and that they take nothing but the Bible for their creed. We will see how they perform a feat in legerdemain which outdoes the most expert work of sleight-of-hand wizards. According to Mrs. White, the "third angel" and the Seventh-day Adventists are identical, for she "was shown" that the third angel of Rev. 14 represents the people who receive this message and raise the voice of warning. "**Rise and Progress**," p. 123.

"Man is fallible; but the message is infallible.. With it, all should be in harmony." Mrs. E. G. White in General Conference Bulletin, 1899, p. 200.

"An infallible book is of no use to me without an infallible interpreter of that book." W. W. Prescott, A. M., General Conference Bulletin, March 3, 1895.

"Christ alone is the interpreter of His word. And the evidence which He gives, the testimony of Christ, as to the meaning of His Word, that is the meaning of it as He thinks it. That is the truth itself as it is in Jesus. And he who receives it thus receives the thought of Christ. **AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.**" Home Missionary Extra, December, 1894, p. 12.

"The right use of the Testimonies, therefore, is not to use them as they are in themselves, as though they were apart from the Word of God in the Bible; but study the Bible through them, so that the things **BROUGHT FORTH IN THEM** we shall see and **KNOW FOR OURSELVES ARE IN THE BIBLE**; and then present those things to others, not from the Testimonies themselves, but from the Bible itself, so that all others may see for themselves that the Bible says so . . . that is, let all faith fully study the Testimonies for themselves, to find the deep and precious things that are **THERE UNCOVERED** to the view, and then find these same precious things in the Bible." Id., p. 12. Black type his, **CAPS SUPPLIED**.

There you have it,—the slickest scheme that Satan ever invented. Their Lesson Books are perfect proof of how her Testimonies are made a part of the Word of God, and that Word interpreted according to them. Anyone who understands his Bible and attends their Bible readings, will soon find that those instructions are obeyed to the letter; and that they are being given the Bible of Ellen G. White as it has "**been shown**" to her, a hideous counterfeit of the real.

The very awfulness of her claims frightens those who fall under the hypnotic influence of the spell, and holds them in a bondage of superstitious fear. The appalling truth is seen by some, and they are "coming out of her."

Protest of the Christian princes of Germany at the Diet of Spire, April 19, 1529: "**WE PROTEST** by these presents, before God, our only Creator, Preserver, Redeemer, and Savior, and who will one day be our Judge, as well before all men and all creatures, that we, for us and our people, neither **consent** nor **adhere** in any manner whatever to the proposed decree, in anything that is contrary to God, to His Holy Word, to our right conscience, or to the salvation of our souls. . . . We can not assent that when **ALMIGHTY GOD** calls a man to His Knowledge, he dare not embrace that divine Knowledge. . . . There is no true doctrine but that which conforms to the Word of God. . . . The **HOLY SCRIPTURES**, with one text explained by other and plainer texts, are in all things necessary for the Christian, easy to be understood and adapted to enlighten. We are therefore resolved by divine grace, to maintain the pure preaching of God's only Word, as it is contained in the Old and New Testaments, without anything added thereto. **THIS WORD** is the only truth. **IT IS THE SURE RULE OF ALL DOCTRINE AND LIFE** and can never deceive us. He who builds on this foundation shall stand against all the powers of hell, while all the vanities that are set up against it shall fall before the face of God."

Never in the history of this world was a Luther more sadly needed than right now. Never was there a time when this declaration of religious liberty needed to be reaffirmed as now. Let those keep still who dare.

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