

Led of God, but Not Infallible.--We must not think, "Well, we have all the truth, we understand the *main pillars* of our faith, and we may rest on this knowledge." The truth is an advancing truth, and we must walk in the increasing light. {CW 33.2}

A brother asked, "Sister White, do you think we must understand the truth for ourselves? Why can we not take the truths that others have gathered together, and believe them because they have investigated the subjects, and then we shall be free to go on without the taxing of the powers of the mind in the investigation of all these subjects? Do you not think that these men who have brought out the truth in the past were inspired of God?" {CW 33.3}

I dare not say they were not led of God, for Christ leads into all truth; but when it comes to inspiration in the *fullest sense of the word, I answer, No.* I believe that God has given them a work to do, but if they are not fully consecrated to God at all times, they will weave self and their peculiar traits of character into what they are doing, and will put their mold upon the work, and fashion men in religious experience after their own (*wouldn't this apply to new SDA expositors*) pattern. It is dangerous for us to make flesh our arm. We should lean upon the arm of Infinite Power. God has been revealing this to us for years. We must have living faith in our hearts and reach out for larger knowledge and more advanced light.--Review and Herald, March 25, 1890. {CW 34.1} Para, contents mine.

Note This statement is used to say the SDA pioneers were not inspired. Yet notice the Phrase's us and we. They SDA pioneers were part of the church—us and we. This quote is referring to Sunday expositors Historians whom they had been taught from! But notice what EG White does say about the Inspiration SDA pioneers:—

God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?-- He said that the dead are to speak. How?--Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. *They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God.* One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. . . . CW 28.1

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the close of his life. **And the standard bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.** CW 31.1

At that time [after the 1844 disappointment] *one error after another pressed in upon us;* ministers and doctors brought in new doctrines. We would search the Scriptures with much prayer, and *the Holy Spirit would bring the truth to our minds.* Sometimes whole nights would be devoted to searching the Scriptures and earnestly asking God for guidance. *Companies* of devoted men and women assembled for this purpose. The power of God would come upon me, and I was enabled clearly to define what is truth and what is error. {3SM 31.4}

As the points of our faith were thus established, our feet were placed upon a solid

foundation. We accepted the truth point by point, under the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. I would be taken off in vision, and explanations would be given me. I was given illustrations of heavenly things, and of the sanctuary, so that *we* were placed where light was shining on *us* in clear, distinct rays.--Gospel Works, p. 302. {3SM 32.1}

The Lord will not lead minds now to set aside the truth that the Holy Spirit has moved upon His servants in the past to proclaim. {17MR 12.4}

Note: An Absurdity results! If the Us, and we, means, the church, were they warned about making the pioneers their arm?

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I long daily to be able to do double duty. I have been pleading with the Lord for strength and wisdom to reproduce the writings of the witnesses who were confirmed in the faith and in the early history of the message. After the passing of the time in 1844 they received the light and walked in the light, and *when the men claiming to have new light* would come in with their wonderful messages regarding various points of Scripture, *we had*, through the moving of the Holy Spirit, *testimonies right to the point*, which cut off the influence of such messages as Elder G has been devoting his time to presenting. {1SM 160.4}

As I saw what we must be in order to inherit glory, and then saw how much Jesus had suffered to obtain for us so rich an inheritance, I prayed that we might be baptized into Christ's sufferings, that we might not shrink at trials, but bear them with patience and joy, knowing what Jesus had suffered that we through His poverty and sufferings might be made rich. Said the angel, "Deny self; ye must step fast." Some of us have had time to get the truth and to advance step by step, and every step we have taken has given us strength to take the next. *But now time is almost finished, and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months. They will also have much to unlearn and much to learn again.* Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image when the decree goes forth, *must have decision now* to say, Nay, we will not regard the institution of the beast. {EW 67.2}

The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the *central pillar* of the advent faith was the declaration: "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Daniel 8:14. These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith. All felt that upon the events therein foretold depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes. These prophetic days had been shown to terminate in the autumn of 1844. In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the sanctuary. They understood that the *cleansing of the sanctuary* was the purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day, and that this would take place at the second advent. Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844. {GC 409.1}

Yet "They have written." ect.

So the pioneers made mistakes, as some would have us believe; by, they weaving "self and their peculiar traits of character into what they are doing, and will put their mold upon the work, and fashion men in religious experience after their own pattern." So for years the us-church has been hard in learning "not to make flesh our arm" the pioneers!

Every channel that God has used through which to communicate truth is to be *respected*. God has appointed human agents whom He has made *channels through which the waters of life* have flowed down through the ages of the past to our times. God has made them the depositories of sacred truth, and they have been co-laborers with Jesus Christ diffusing the light and truth that has made the church what it is today. {6MR 205.2}

Let God alone specify the mistakes that they have made; but let us be silent concerning what we may think is a defect. We have enough to do to learn the lessons He would have us learn. Increased light *has come* to us from God as we have searched the living oracles. We have discovered gems that were more precious than gold and silver, and many of these rich treasures have been pointed out to us by men who are now laid away in the grave. Let us not depreciate one of God's workmen. *If God in His great mercy has traced the imperfection of any of His workmen, it is for the purpose of leading the church to shun his defects, and to imitate his virtues.* {6MR 206.1}

Let us cherish the truth which has been spoken to us and the counsel that has been given to us *by men through whom* God has manifested His will in a marked manner. Let us be grateful that there were men who appropriated the grace of Christ, and bore the burden in the heat of the day, whose lips are now silent. The Lord Jesus bade John to write of them, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." We should be careful how we handle the names of the precious and blessed ones who sleep in Jesus. {6MR 206.2}

It has been at very great cost that the truth has been brought before the people. The third angel's message was established through very great difficulties; for every conceivable obstruction was in the way of its proclamation at first. Those who have seen the truth at a later date, who have had no *experimental knowledge* as to *what it cost* to become a Seventh-day Adventist when all the believers could be numbered within a small compass, *should be guarded* in their expressions in regard *to the men through whom the Lord wrought as pioneers in His work.* *These men gave not only themselves, but all that they possessed to advance the precious truth. It cost them more* than it costs many today who take it upon themselves to speak so freely of the *mistakes* the servants of God made in their youth and inexperience. *The Lord loved them and valued them; for they had fervor and honesty of soul, and He took them by the hand and led them in safe paths, planting their inexperienced feet upon the Rock of Ages.* {6MR 206.3}

Now let every one who loves God, *love and respect those whom God has loved and honoured.* "Them that honor Me, I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." 1 Samuel 2:30. {6MR 207.1}

These are the words of the Lord, and they point out the fact that we should not lightly esteem those who honor God.--Letter 39, 1894. (To A. T. Jones, June 7, 1894.)

We must be decided on this subject; for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture, are not sound. They do not prove that the past experience of God's people was a fallacy. We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the sanctuary question was given. *It is eloquence for every one to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part.* God never contradicts Himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the *old landmarks*. [1 John 1:1-10 quoted.] {1SM 161.4}

The Light Given.

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for **through them the truth will reach many minds**. Patriarchs and Prophets, *Daniel and The Revelation*, and The Great Controversy are needed now as never before. They Should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes. . . Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the sunday-law movement would not be where it is today.- *Review and Herald*, Feb. 16, 1905 {CM 123.1}

In the Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, and in *Daniel and the Revelation*, There is precious instruction. **These books must be regarded as of special importance**, and every effort should be made to get them to the people.- *Letter 229, 1903* {CM 123.2}

The light given was that Thoughts on Daniel and The Revelation, The Great Controversy, and Patriarchs and Prophets, would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God had given His people. The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people.- *Special Instruction Regarding Royalties, p.7 (1899)*, {CM 123.3}

No Other Book.

Daniel and Revelation, *Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *Desire of Ages* should now go to the world. The grand instruction contained in Daniel and Revelation has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. **This book has been the means of bringing many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth**. Everything that can be done should be done to circulate *Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation*. I know of no other book that can take the place of this one. *It is God's helping hand*.-MS 76, 1901. {PM 356.2}

Go Everywhere.

I consider that the book *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation* should go everywhere. **It has its place and will do a grand, good work**. Letter 25a, 1889, p. 3. (To Brother Eldridge, September 8, 1889.) {1MR 60.2}

For This Time.

Especially should the book *Daniel and the Revelation* be brought before people *as the very book for this time. This book contains the message which all need to read and understand.* Translated into many different languages, it will be a power to enlighten the world. This book has had a large sale in Australia and New Zealand. By reading it many souls have come to a knowledge of the truth. I have received many letters expressing appreciation of this book. {1MR 60.6}

The LORD Has Shown Me.

Let our canvassers urge this book upon the attention of all. The *Lord has shown me* that this book will do a good work in enlightening those who become *interested in the truth for this time. Those who embrace the truth now, who have not shared in the experiences of those who entered the work in the early history of the message, should study the instruction given in Daniel and the Revelation, becoming familiar with the truth it presents.* {1MR 61.1}

There Is Found.

Those who are preparing to enter the *ministry*, who desire to become successful students of the prophecies, will find *Daniel and the Revelation* an *invaluable help.* They need to understand this book. *It speaks of past, present, and future, laying out the path so plainly that none need err therein.* Those who will diligently study this book will have no relish for the cheap sentiments presented by those who have a burning desire to get out something new and strange to present to the flock of God. The rebuke of God is upon all such teachers. They need that one teach them what is meant by godliness and truth. The great, essential questions which God would have presented to the people are found in Daniel and the Revelation. *There is found solid, eternal truth for this time. Everyone needs the light and information it contains.* {1MR 61.2}

God Used.

The interest in *Daniel and the Revelation* is to continue as long as probationary time shall last. *God used* the author of this book as a channel through which *to communicate light to direct minds to the truth. Shall* we not appreciate this light, which points us to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King? {1MR 63.1}

Canvassing For.

Young men, take up the work of canvassing for *Daniel and the Revelation.* Do all you possibly can to sell this book. Enter upon the work with as much earnestness as if it were a new book. And remember that as you canvass for it, *you are to become familiar with the truths it*

contains. As you ponder these truths, you will receive ideas that will enable you not only to receive light, but to let light shine forth to others in clear, bright rays. {1MR 63.3}

I Speak Of This Book.

Now is come the time of the revelation of the grace of God. Now is the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed. Satan will seek to divert the minds of those who should be established, strengthened, and settled in the truths of the first, second, and third angels' messages. *The students* in our schools should carefully study *Daniel and the Revelation*, so that they shall not be left in darkness, and the day of Christ overtake them as a thief in the night. I speak of this book because it is a means of educating those who need to understand the truth of the Word. This book should be highly appreciated. *It covers much of the ground we have been over in our experience.* If the youth will study this book and learn for themselves what is truth, they will be saved from many perils. {1MR 63.4}