

God has made His messengers the depositaries of His truth, weighty and important with eternal results. Light is to shine forth amid the moral darkness to reveal sin and error. The truth must be given point after point. It must be spoken distinctly and with clear utterance making a few essential points; then it will be as a nail fastened in a sure place by the Master of assemblies. {VSS 216.2}

The ***third angel's message*** is to be sounded in ***clear, distinct language***. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. But a Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone giveth the increase. We must watch, we must pray, and we must work, that the message of heaven, sent as a warning to the people by *the mouth of His servants*, may not be refused but accepted. The people have long been under deception through ***false theories, but error, although it may be hoary with age, cannot be converted into truth***. The ***idols of error*** must be expelled from mind and heart that the healing waters of life may flow into the soul. ***The fetters of education must be broken. Prejudice and superstition must be given up. Habits, maxims, and customs have been woven into education and experience, but they must be yielded up. Humbly and earnestly souls must inquire of the Lord. He will speak the truth without a vestige of error. {21MR 283.4}***

The peculiar work of the third angel has not been seen in its importance. God meant that His people should be ***far in advance*** of the position which they occupy today. But now, when the time has come for them to spring into action, they have the preparation to make. When the National Reformers began to urge measures to ***restrict religious liberty, our leading men should have been alive to the situation*** and should have labored earnestly to counteract these efforts. It is not in the order of God that ***light has been kept from our people--the very present truth which they needed for this time***. Not all our ministers who are giving the third angel's message really understand what constitutes that message. ***The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it and have even felt that in so doing they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time. {5T 714.2}***

The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time. The watchmen are asleep. We are years behind. Let the chief watchmen feel the urgent necessity of taking heed to themselves, lest they lose the opportunities given them to see the dangers. {5T 715.1}{GC 587.1}

Note: Those whom have given up the 3 Angels Messages by substituting a warning about the Illuminati or others in place

of Protestants are denying these message and following in the footsteps of Protestants and NOT God.

The proclamation of ***the third message*** is the last special religious movement to be made before the Lord appears; for immediately following this, John beholds one like the Son of man coming upon a great white cloud to reap the harvest of the earth. This can represent nothing else than the second coming of Christ. If, therefore, the coming of Christ is at the door, the time has come for the proclamation of this message. ***There are many who claim the name Adventist***, and who with voice and pen are earnestly teaching that we are in the last days of time, and that the coming of Christ is at the door; ***but when we remind them of this prophecy, they are suddenly at sea, without anchor, chart or compass.*** They know not what to do with it. They can see as well as we that if what they are teaching respecting the coming of Christ is true, and the Lord is at hand, somewhere—yes, all over the land—should be heard the warning notes of this third message. ***It is now due; and if it is not now going fourth, it follows that we are not in the last days, or that this prophecy is a failure; but this they cannot consistently admit. At the same time, they know that they are not giving it, and they do not claim to be giving it; and they can point to none who are giving it, except it be a certain class who profess that that is the very work they are doing. But to admit the claims of this class would be to condemn themselves. Their perplexity would be deserving of commiseration, were it not that those who will accept an embarrassing dilemma rather than acknowledge the truth, are not justly entitled to much sympathy.*** {1897 UrS, DAR 621.1}

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By ***uniting*** with the world and partaking of ***its spirit***, they have come to ***view matters in nearly the same light (DA 635.1)***; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, ***employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls.*** They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2} {GC88 608.1} {4SP 426.1} {Mar 196.2} {FLB 336.7} {LDE 180.6}

2nd and 3rd Angels—Babylon, Image and The Two Horned Beast.

“But what is the "image to the beast"? and *how is it to be formed?* The image is *made by* the two-horned beast, and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast. Then *to learn what the image is like and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself*--the papacy.
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Note: “*made by*” Protestants and *not the* papal beast.

How was the beast formed? By jesuit/illuminati, No!

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“He shall be grieved and return.” This may have reference to the desperate efforts which were made to dispossess Genseric of the sovereignty of the seas, the first by Majorian, the second by Leo, both of which proved to be utter failures; and Rome was obliged to submit to the humiliation of seeing its provinces ravaged, and its “eternal city” pillaged by the enemy. (See on Rev.8:8.)

“Indignation against the covenant;” that is, the Holy Scriptures, the book of the covenant. A revolution of this nature was accomplished in Rome. The Heruli, Goths, and Vandals, who conquered Rome, embraced the Arian faith, and became enemies of the Catholic Church. *It was especially for the purpose of exterminating this heresy that Justinian decreed the pope to be the head of the church and the corrector of heretics.* The Bible soon came to be regarded as a dangerous book that should not be read by the common people, but all questions in

dispute were to be submitted to the pope. Thus was indignity heaped upon God's word. *And the emperors of Rome, the eastern division of which still continued, had intelligence, or connived with the Church of Rome,* which had forsaken the covenant, and constituted the great apostasy, **for the purpose of putting down "heresy."** The man of sin was raised to his presumptuous throne by the defeat of the Arian Goths, who then held possession of Rome, in A.D.538.

See, Daniel 7:8, 24; 11:30, 31; Revelation 8:7-9.

The Image is Formed in the same Manner.

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Two-Horned Beast
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Matters are moving here similar to the way they moved in the formation of the Papal beast. In A. D., 321, laws were passed prohibiting labor in cities and towns; but in 538, when the Pope was made supreme head of all the churches, this law was made universal. We claim that then commenced the union of church and State. Here we already have several stringent State statutes, and in most of our incorporated cities *laws as rigid*. . .

Note: Sunday laws.

Protestants admit It.

Charles Beecher, in a sermon in the year 1846, declared that the ministry of "the *evangelical Protestant denominations*" is "not only formed all the way up under a tremendous pressure of merely human fear, but they live, and move, and breathe in a state of things radically corrupt, and appealing every hour to every baser element of their nature to hush up the truth, and bow the knee to the power of apostasy. Was not this the way things went with Rome? ***Are we not living her life over again?*** And what do we see just ahead? Another general council! A world's convention! *Evangelical alliance*, and universal creed!"--Sermon on "The Bible a

Sufficient Creed," delivered at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Feb. 22, 1846. When this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force. GC 444.3

How are the Protestant sects United?

Those who preach unpopular truth in our day meet with determined resistance, as did the apostles. They need expect no more favorable reception from *a large majority* of professed Christians than did Paul from his Jewish brethren. *There will be a union of opposing elements against them; for however diverse from each other different organizations may be in their sentiments and religious faith, their forces are united in trampling under foot the fourth commandment in the law of God.* {LP 86.2}

Those who will not themselves accept the truth are most zealous that others shall not receive it; and those are not wanting who perseveringly manufacture falsehoods, and stir up the base passions of the people to make the truth of God of none effect. But the messengers of Christ must *arm themselves with watchfulness and prayer, and move forward with faith, firmness, and courage, and, in the name of Jesus, keep at their work,* as did the apostles. They must sound the note of warning to the world, teaching the transgressors of the law what sin is, and pointing them to Jesus Christ as its great and only remedy. {LP 86.3}

Note: Against the Sabbath.

Warning of Popular theories!

A difference in the application of some few scriptural passages makes men forget their religious principles. Elements become banded together, exciting one another through the human passions to withstand in a harsh, denunciatory manner everything that does not meet their ideas. This is not Christian, but is of another spirit. And Satan is doing his utmost to have those who believe present truth deceived on this point, for he has laid his snare to overcome them, that those who have accepted unpopular truth, who have had great light and great privileges, shall have the spirit that will pervade the world. Even if it is in a less degree, yet it is the same principle, which, when it has a controlling power over minds, leads to certain results. There is pride of opinion, a stubbornness that shuts the soul away from good and from God.--Ms. 30, 1889, ("Experience Following the Minneapolis Conference," late June, 1889.) {11MR 230.4} *See {GC 520.3}{EW 124.3-125.1}*

On Sunday forenoon and evening, I spoke to a larger number who met in a school-house. I had freedom in speaking, and the people listened with evident interest. Bro. Rice has been presenting here the reasons of our faith. This called out opposition from some, while others were pleased and interested, and one came out firmly upon the truth, and was baptized. *There are but few in this age of the world who have moral courage to take their position on the side of unpopular truth.* Its principles are the principles of Heaven. Hence it conflicts with every wrong

habit and sinful desire. Those who accept and obey the truth, must deny self, bear the cross daily, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Therefore there is a constant warfare between inclination and duty. Inclination too often prevails, and silences the convictions of the Holy Spirit. {ST, February 16, 1882 par. 3}

Unpopular truth is no more acceptable to Pharisaical, self-righteous hearts today than when Christ walked the earth, a man among men. {ST, March 21, 1878 par. 16}

If you accept unpopular truth, ministers may say, "You are too particular. In order to have influence with the world, you must do as the world does." ***But such men are acting as mouth-piece for Satan.*** They are preaching a doctrine that pleases him well. No authority of church or State, no decrees of kings or emperors, no commands of bishops or priests, can absolve you from obedience to the law of God, or justify the least departure from his requirements. Finite reasoning must not take the place of simple trust; self-will must not lead us in a course of disobedience. {ST, July 24, 1884 par. 12}

Dear brethren and sisters, do not flatter yourselves that all obstacles to your worldly prosperity would be removed, were you to yield unpopular truth. Satan tells you this; it is his sophistry. But if the blessing of God rests upon you, you will prosper; if you turn from him, he will turn from you. Jesus knows all your wants, and he has left exceeding broad and precious promises. He says: "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life." "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." {RH, May 26, 1885 par. 11}

Anyone who shall cast disparagement upon the character of men whom Jesus Christ has made one with Himself, and who has through the grace of Christ obtained moral courage to accept unpopular truth and to suffer reproach for Christ's sake, is not working after the order of Christ. Those who have accepted the truth of God are dear to the heart of Christ. (See John 17:17-26.) {2MR 7.1}

The mild, beloved disciple [John] has said, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). The Word of God is very plain and pointed. ***It is dangerous business to profess to be a follower of Jesus and in works deny Him by indifference to even one of His requirements.*** {CTr 317.2}

The history of the Reformation teaches us that the church of Christ is never to come to a standstill and cease reforming. God stands at the head, saying to them as He did to Moses, "Go forward." "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." God's work is onward; step by step His people ***advance onward through conflict and trial to final victory.*** The history of the

church teaches us that God's people are not to be stereotyped in their theories of faith, but to be prepared for new light, for opening truth revealed in His Word. {CTr 317.3}

The past history of the advancement of truth amid error and darkness shows us that *sacred truth is not cherished and sought after by the majority*. Those who have advanced in reform, obeying the voice of God—"Go forward" *have been subject to opposition, torture, and death; and in the face of gaping prisons and threatened torture and death, they deemed the truth for their time of sufficient importance to hold tenaciously, yielding their life rather than to sacrifice their faith.* They counted not their life dear unto them if sacrificed for the truth of God. The truth in our day is as important as it was in the days of the martyrs. . . . {CTr 317.4}

What if in Luther's day people had taken a position to cover their disobedience to God's requirement with: "God is too merciful to condemn me for not taking *unpopular truth*. Our intellectuals and our religious leaders do not accept it. I will run the risk of transgressing God's law because the world rejects it. . . . I am satisfied with my religion; . . . I will risk going with the crowd." {CTr 317.5}

If I go with the crowd, the Bible tells me I am in the broad road to death. Said the Majesty of heaven, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." We are accountable for the light that shines in our day. Christ wept in agony over Jerusalem because they knew not the time of their visitation. It was their day of trust, their day of opportunity and privilege. . . . The foul ingratitude, the hollow formalism, and the hypocritical insincerity of hundreds of years called these tears of irrepressible anguish from His eyes.—*Letter 35a, 1877.* {CTr 317.6}

No error is of the truth, and error never sanctifies the receiver. It is by the truth that we are to be sanctified. Error possesses no sanctifying power. It can not save the soul. How careful, then, should the teachers of truth be that their words are true words,--words such as fall from the lips of the great Teacher! {SW, March 1, 1904 par. 6}

Faith is the medium through which *truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind.* It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. {1SM 346.3}

This privilege is presented before every soul. Each may have heaven's light to guide him. If we discern the truth, and obey it, our whole course of action will be in accordance with the truth; for the truth sanctifies the receiver. But if men refuse to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, *if the mind is pleased with the theories of error, the soul will remain in darkness. The course of the life, the development of the character, will be corrupted by false sentiments.* Error never sanctifies. It can do no good. And how full of darkness is the soul that receives error as truth, and shapes his course of action in accordance with it. {RH, August 23, 1898 par. 2}