

Was EG White against 28 Fundamental beliefs?

Question: Hi good afternoon I would like to understand what a doctrine is all I know it's a principle/teaching . Is it base on how much times said in the bible also? Just asking a lady told me Ellen G White was against the 28th Fundamental belief is that true?

Answer: No it is not true that EGW was against 28 *Fundamental Principles* as appears below! This number is incidental and does not determine only 28 more or less. For after 1889 more Bible truth did appear, such as contained in Desire of Ages. Here is the reference below. In 1889 she was asked about 1844 (not 1899) and the beliefs at that time known as landmarks. The work was ongoing and progressive for "The last 50 years." However She warned about the giving up of that the Lord had given to these faith workers of The SDA church. How many Bible verses does it take to learn or Teach a doctrine/fundamental principle? All that God has given. 2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Warning: They have diverted the topic from the contents (which they have given up) of the fundamental principles to the number of them. But what of the vision of the platform of timbers that was stepped upon. EW 258.3. Any rendition must have more than 5 or 6 timbers to be large enough for people to be on. Or the vision of the box of gems scattered across the room that must be collected. EW 81-3. This too implies more that 5 or 6.

The passing of the time in 1844 was a period of great events, opening to our astonished eyes the cleansing of the sanctuary transpiring in heaven, and having decided relation to God's people upon the earth, [also] the first and second angels' messages and the third, unfurling the banner on which was inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [[Revelation 14:12](#).] One of the landmarks under this message was the temple of God, seen by His truth-loving people in heaven, and the ark containing the law of God. The light of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment flashed its strong rays in the pathway of the transgressors of God's law. The non-immortality of the wicked is an old landmark. I can call to mind nothing more that can come under the head of the old landmarks. All this cry about changing the old landmarks is all imaginary. 6LtMs, Ms 13, 1889, par. 9

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}

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There is another kind of education that is very different. *Its fundamental principle, as stated by the greatest Teacher the world has ever known, is, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.”* Its aim is not selfish; it is to honor God, and to serve him in the world. Both the studies pursued and the industrial training have this object in view. *The word of God is studied; a vital connection with God is maintained, and the better feelings and traits of character are brought in exercise. This kind of education produces results as*

lasting as eternity. For “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” and better than all other knowledge is an understanding of his word.—Special Testimonies on Education, 47, 48. PH140 12.3

The precepts of the Decalogue are adapted to all mankind, and they were given for the instruction and government of all. Ten precepts, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, *cover the duty of man to God and to his fellow man; and all based upon the great fundamental principle of love.* They stand forth alone, bearing the distinct, awful significance of their supreme importance. They mean life to the obedient, and death to the disobedient. ST February 1, 1910, par. 5

“What is the use,” asked they, “of such close application to the Scriptures? Nothing is heard of but the Bible. Can the Bible preach to us? Can it suffice for our instruction? If God had intended to instruct us by a book, would he not have sent us a Bible direct from Heaven? It is by the Spirit only that we can be enlightened. God himself speaks to us, and shows us what to do and what to say.” *Thus did these men seek to overthrow the fundamental principle on which the Reformation was based,*—the word of God as an all-sufficient standard of faith and practice. By this act of setting aside the great detector of error and falsehood, the way was opened for Satan to control minds as best pleased himself. ST October 18, 1883, par. 8

God has, in his providence, preserved the history of a few of those who suffered for their obedience to the fourth commandment; but there were many, of whom the world knows nothing, who for the same truth endured persecution and martyrdom. Those who oppressed these followers of Christ called themselves Protestants; but they abjured the fundamental principle of Protestantism,—the Bible and the Bible only as the rule of faith and practice. The testimony of the Scriptures they thrust from them with disdain. This spirit still lives, and it will increase more and more as we near the close of time. Those who honor the Bible Sabbath are even now pronounced willful and stubborn by a large share of the Christian world, and the time is not far distant when the spirit of persecution will be manifested against them. 4SP 183.1

"The principles contained in this celebrated Protest . . . constitute the *very essence of Protestantism.* Now this Protest opposes *two abuses* of man in *matters of faith:* the first is the intrusion of the civil magistrate, and the second the *arbitrary authority of the church.* Instead of these abuses, *Protestantism sets the power of conscience above the magistrate, and the authority of the word of God above the visible church.* In the *first* place, it rejects the civil power in divine things, and says with the prophets and apostles, ‘We must obey God rather than man.’ In presence of the crown of Charles the Fifth, it uplifts the crown of Jesus Christ. But it goes *farther:* it lays down the principle that all human teaching should be subordinate to the oracles of God.’—Ibid., b. 13, ch. 6. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to utter

freely their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere.* The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious intolerance, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC 203.4}

Note: Separation of Church and State. But does this mean the intrusions of the Church on the State to legislate: religion, religious doctrines, Man's personal duty to worship God—religious principles-laws are acceptable?—No! it works to separate both, the Church from the State and the State from the Church, so that either does not, or will not use the other.—Read on.

The Protest denied the right of civil rulers to legislate in matters between the soul and God, and declared with prophets and apostles, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” It rejected also the *arbitrary power of the church,* and set forth the unerring principle that all human teaching *should be in subjection to the oracles of God.* The protesters had thrown off the yoke of man's supremacy, and had exalted Christ as supreme in the church, and his Word in the pulpit. *The power of conscience was set above the State, and the authority of the Holy Scriptures above the visible church.* The crown of Christ was uplifted above the pope's tiara and the emperor's diadem. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to freely utter their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the Word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere.* The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious *intolerance*, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC88 203.2}

Notes: Everyone believes it, was not their authority. It rejects the “arbitrary authority-power of the church” over the State. Here is the reason for the 1st Amendment

We are one in faith in the fundamental truths of God's word. And one object must be kept in view constantly; that is, harmony and co-operation must be maintained *without compromising one principle of truth.* And while constantly digging for the truth as for hidden treasure, be careful how you open new and conflicting opinions. We have a world-wide message. The commandments of God and the testimonies of Jesus Christ are the burden of our work. To have unity and love for one another is the great [work] now to be carried on. There is danger of our ministers' dwelling too much on doctrines, preaching altogether too many discourses *on argumentative subjects when their own soul needs practical godliness.* CW 79.2

The present is a solemn, fearful time for the church. The angels are already girded, awaiting the mandate of God to pour their vials of wrath upon the world. Destroying angels are taking up the work of vengeance; for the Spirit of God is gradually withdrawing from the world. Satan is also mustering his forces of evil, going forth “unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world,” to gather them under his banner, to be trained for “the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” *Satan is to make most powerful efforts for the mastery in the last great conflict.* *Fundamental principles will be brought out, and decisions made in regard to*

them. Skepticism is prevailing everywhere. Ungodliness abounds. The faith of individual members of the church will be tested as though there were not another person in the world (Manuscript 1a, 1890). 7BC 983.1;6LtMs, Ms 1a, 1890, par. 8

See GC 235.1

Oh, how much we lose by neglecting the privilege of partaking freely of the bread of life! Shall we not resolutely refuse to be ensnared by the enemy of our souls? Shall we not place beyond our reach everything that turns the mind away from the truths that God desires us to learn? *Let us seek to become familiar with the books that clearly outline the truths for this time. Let us make a careful study of the fundamental principles* of the message that is being proclaimed by God's children throughout the world. Let us keep informed regarding the progress of this message. A most solemn work is now in progress—the work of warning an impenitent world of the judgment day and of the soon coming of our Saviour in the clouds of heaven. God desires that every child of His shall have a part to act in this great work. Let us come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. 22LtMs, Ms 143, 1907, par. 18

“This I can say, that never, since I became fully acquainted with that system which we denominate ‘the present truth’ [2 Peter 1:12], so as to comprehend it in its sublime proportions, its divine harmony, and its inseparable connections, have *I had the least shadow of misgiving as to its truthfulness in its fundamental principles, and its stability and final triumph,* as the work of God. It is evident, also, that this work before its close must present the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel and some prophecies of the book of Revelation. And to whatever degree I may have persuaded myself that this cause might have been so far developed without this feature which we call the gift of prophecy, it was only to look for something of the kind to appear in the future; for without this, it would lack one of the tests of being the work of the last generation. 21LtMs, Lt 234, 1906, par. 20

For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are are to be preserved, and they will be preserved as God has signified through His Word and through the testimony of His Spirit. *He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.* 20LtMs,

Ms 44, 1905, par. 21

The expiring faith of the people of God must have a resurrection. *The exaltation of human reason has begun its work among us and has gone altogether too far. Human reason is placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be.* Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. ***God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.*** He calls upon us to study the words and works of Christ, the greatest missionary that this world has ever known. 18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 58

May God help us to be converted. May He help us to realize that all our possessions are His, lent us to prove and try us, to see if we will act as children of God. Let us be converted daily, or we shall never, never dwell in His presence. The grace of God can ennoble us, leading us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. If we are deficient in this knowledge, let us place ourselves where we can obtain it. The fundamental principles of God's government are His highest concern. ***He cannot and will not forgive sin at the expense of His justice, His holiness, His truth.*** But He assures us that there is no sin He will not pardon if we repent and ask forgiveness, presenting the efficiency of Christ's merits. He is our mediator. There is no other name given under heaven by which men may be saved. His name is our passport to the throne of grace. 19LtMs, Ms 38, 1904, par. 94

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These words came not from a human mind. They are truths that were declared in vision to the apostle Paul, to whom God gave many revelations. They are recorded for the benefit of all who desire to be sincere, earnest, whole-hearted Christians, ***obedient to all God's requirements. They are the fundamental principles of the law that declares the whole duty of man.*** 18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 9

What is wanted is experimental, individual piety and integrity on thoroughly Bible principles. The attainment of a living faith in Christ is essential. The pardon of sins, the contrite heart, the reception of the blessed atonement through sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth must be wrought through personal, individual agencies. This cannot be obtained or wrought out by a substitute. ***Each individual must arm himself with the high purpose of doing the will of God. When he does this to the full, his decision of fundamental doctrines and principles will be considered worthy of attention.*** 12LtMs, Ms 24, 1897, par. 24

There are lines of work that have become almost entirely extinct. The power of heaven has been wanting to give new perceptions in reading the truth out of the Word. ***But blind minds and hardened hearts have condemned the truth of God as presented because they rebel against the fundamental doctrines received.*** They are not half enlightened as to what the fundamental doctrines really are. If they had known for themselves, they would not have possessed the spirit and attributes they have revealed. They would have known that spirit of truth that is comprised of the principles of truth and righteousness. It is only by doing God's will that we can know of the doctrine. 12LtMs, Ms 24, 1897, par. 23

Paul's brethren withstood him. Those whom the Lord had used as his witnesses protested against him, and declared that he was advocating theories that were contrary to the fundamental principles which they had been taught. But Paul firmly held his ground. He had dedicated himself and all his powers, his talents and his ability, to God, and by God he was taught the truths of the gospel, which are able to make men wise unto salvation. 12LtMs, Ms 18, 1897, par. 7

“The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” [Acts 5:19, 20.] We see here that the men in authority are not always obeyed, even though they may profess to be teachers of Bible doctrines. There are many today who feel indignant and aggrieved that any voice should be raised presenting ideas that differ from their own in regard to points of religious belief. Have they not long advocated their ideas as truth? So the priests and rabbis reasoned in apostolic days. What mean these men who are unlearned, some of them mere fishermen, who are presenting ideas contrary to the doctrines which

the learned priests and rulers are teaching the people? *They have no right to meddle with the fundamental principles of our faith.* 11LtMs, Lt 38, 1896, par. 23

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anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile; but glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile; for there is no respect of persons with God.” We claim to have faith, but, oh, how feeble! “The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.” “The haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in the day.” PH028 4.1

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. Let not human reason be placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. **God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.**⁵⁸⁵ CCh 326.7

"Truth is not what I believe. Truth is not even what I know.

Truth is fact. I may not believe it. I may not know it. That does not change it. It is there nevertheless, waiting to be discovered and believed.

Truth does not depend on the unsettled and changing opinions of men. It was truth before it was believed. It remains truth, whether it is believed or not. Reason does not originate or create it. It merely discovers it.

Consequently, reason is not a source. Truth goes back beyond reason.

*Others would have us believe that the church is the source of authority, particularly in matters of theology. **They are wrong. The church is the product of truth. It does not originate it. It came into being by accepting divine revelation. It is not the source of that revelation.** Truth goes beyond the church, is antecedent to it." When A Man Dies C.B. Haynes. pg. 20.2-21.1.*

Note: If you don't know and you don't believe what Qualifies you to change it, or discard it? As in the following. Does the author know he's taken up the principles of popery illustrated in Great Controversy (GC) quotes above.

As to Paragraph 4 of the following he should know Kellog was the alpha of apostasy, and there would be latter, beyond EG Whites day the Omega of apostasy.

Now at this present time God designs new and fresh impetus shall be given to His work. Satan sees this, and he is determined it shall be hindered. He knows that if he can deceive the people who claim to believe present truth, *[and make them believe that] the work the Lord designs to do for His people is a removing of the old landmarks*, something which they should, with most determined zeal, resist, then he exalts over the deception he has led them to believe. The work for this time has certainly been a surprising work of various hinderances, owing to the false

setting of matters before the minds of many of our people. *That which is food to the churches is regarded as dangerous, and should not be given them. And this slight difference of ideas is allowed to unsettle the faith, to cause apostasy, to break up unity, to sow discord, all because they do not know what they are striving about themselves.* Brethren, it is not best to be in this sensible? Heaven is looking upon us all, and what can they think of recent developments? While in this condition on things, building up barriers, we not only deprive ourselves of great light and precious advantages, but just now, when we so much need it, we place ourselves where light cannot be communicated from heaven that we ought to communicate to others.--- *Manuscript 13, 1889*

Below we see the work of Satan in The SDA church.

Dan. 7:25 “ . . think to change times and laws: . .”

Human authority above the word of God.

On Nov 6, 2023, at 5:49 PM, Dr/Mrs X wrote:
Dear Brother XX,

I did not find your name (or gender, but I would be surprised if this is not a male conversation?) in the materials you sent to Adventist Today. My name and the name of our editor are well known to you, and our advocacy for positive change to keep Seventh-day Adventist truth both true and faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is public and well known. So I am asking for you to identify yourself and let us know your personal background and history so we can understand who you are and why you have come to advocate these positions.

Since your email shows you are up to date with technology I assume that you do not feel that because Ellen White wrote with a pen and ink that we should use “the old ways” and not progress with technology in the service of God? But it appears that you believe that everything that Millerites learned since 1844 was infallible truth and we should not change anything? That all our beliefs are “pillars” and not one “pin” is to be removed, improved, forsaken, replaced?

I have given examples in a recent article that can not be denied of how Millerites, Adventists, and Seventh-day Adventists have had to adjust and change our doctrines many times since 1844. And I hope we could agree that even if the underlying principles of God's character do not change, that our understanding of those principles and the way we apply those principles to present realities always has and always will require change and reformation--in Old Testament history, in New Testament history, in Christianity history, and in Adventist history.

In my book *Adventist Tomorrow* I have consciously used the words of Ellen White to counteract and correct the bombastic and overstated statements by Ellen White you have extracted from the conflicts with Dr. Kellogg of the late 1890s and early 1900s. As we both should know there was a power struggle going on in Battle Creek over financial control of SDA medical and church assets with John Harvey Kellogg. Since I love Ellen White and have been formed as an Adventist Christian by her ministry, my tendency is to forgive her for her overstatements, and focus on the positive positions she took, not those in the heat of that battle.

I have no hesitation in calling Ellen White a prophet who spoke on behalf of God. As I have no hesitation in calling Jonah a prophet who spoke on behalf of God. But neither Jonah nor Ellen was infallible and not all they thought or recorded for posterity in sacred books was true. We can learn from them, but we are not safe in being controlled by everything they thought or wrote.

If you have my book you will find repeated Ellen White's clear words that we must be willing to change our doctrines when shown we were wrong (it is page 95 in the present printing). "There is no excuse for an one in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation." EGW R&H December 20, 1892.

If you are uncomfortable in "close investigation" of your beliefs, and are

unwilling to replace or redefine any of the “pillars” (Ellen White only named 5) then I thank you for sharing your ideas, but will not advise we continue these discussions. But I am willing to know who you are and how you have come to your present positions.

JH

Note the Contrast, the Author of this email says they-we can change it. Ellen G White Says God led them, that truth was established by God Himself. The idea of they like we this author makes is a false comparison. By this the author denies the truth that God led the SDA pioneers to. Which was from the Sunday errors that this author and many others are leading us back to based on nothing but human authority. Who has authority to begin such a movement? **We have our Bibles. We have our experiences, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have the truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth? {1SM 205.1}**

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}

When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after-suppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. ***Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth.*** The truth for this time, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another, with new light which contradicts the light that God has given

under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. CW 31.2

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 very 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 32.1

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.—Preach the Word, p. 5 (1905). CW 32.2

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In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. ***The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new.*** When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began "at Moses and all the prophets" and "expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:27. But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form. {COL 127.4}

The Lord wants all to understand His providential dealings now, just now, in the time in which we live. There must be no long discussions, ***presenting new theories in regard to the prophecies which God has already made plain.*** Now the great work from which the mind should not be diverted is the consideration of our personal safety in the sight of God. Are our feet on the rock of ages? Are we hiding ourselves in our only refuge? The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father? Are we

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Are we working in copartnership with Christ?--Manuscript 32a, 1896. {Ev 199.1}

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}

The Lord desires you to study your Bibles. ***He has not given any additional light to take the place of His Word.*** This light is to bring confused minds to His Word, which, if eaten and digested, is as the lifeblood of the soul. Then good works will be seen as light shining in darkness.—Letter 130, 1901. {3SM 29.2}

God's Spirit ***has illuminated every page of Holy Writ***, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the ***shaking comes***, by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. . . Daniel and Revelation must be studied as well as other prophecies of the Old and New Testament. Let there be light, yes, light, in your dwellings. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth. . . .—*TM 112.1*

The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. **Some will take up with theories that misinterpret the Word of God, and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established,** point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. ***The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.*** {UL 88.2}