

“Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men: therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not, or shall the things framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? Is it not a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?” [Verses 9-17.] 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 4

Here are represented some of the very things that have been *taking place in Battle Creek* in the introduction of *strange suppositions. The Lord has marked how some of the men who acted a prominent part in the leading out of the work have gradually allowed themselves to be led by Satan’s devisings.* “Is it not a very little while,” the prophet asks, “and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?” [Verse 17.] 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 5

In these words is outlined the *true condition* that exists among many of our people. There has come into the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists *false sentiments, an inclination on the part of some ministers and physicians to abolish the light that God has been sending. Some of our leading men have been denying the faith and giving heed to fanciful and erratic teachings.* This is a scheme of Satan to call the mind away from the truth and lead men to give time and thought to the *study of theories that confuse the mind and leave an indistinct understanding of the way of the Lord.* 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 6

I am instructed to say, *Repeat not these errors or false teachings*, but write the truth, speak the truth. Let the Word of God speak in every place, vindicating *the truth for this time.* The truth will triumph. *When objectionable sentiments are introduced, repeat them not in your discourses, but hold to the affirmative.* The message I am instructed to give at this time is one that I have been charged again and again for many years to give. It is this: Advance the truth. 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 7

Satan has been well pleased with the work of those men and women who have used their influence *to undermine the confidence of our people in the messages the Lord is sending through the Spirit of prophecy.* I have been instructed that those who have engaged in such a work should *not be chosen to occupy positions as leaders;* for the influence they exert, and their misstatements concerning this agency in which they have no faith, *will result in making unbelief popular in our churches.* Let no man or woman be entrusted with responsibility in the church

who will use the advantages such a position would give them *to advocate sentiments of unbelief, thus sowing the tares of heresy among believers. And it has sometimes been the case that when men have been reproved for this kind of work, they have begun a warfare against the messages sent, by making light of the warnings and reproofs.* 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 8

What can be done to make these men with strong traits of character realize that they need to be *reconverted*? Unless this experience comes to them, *they will never become members of the royal family*, children of the heavenly King. They are wrapping themselves up in a garment of self-confidence. The messages that the Lord sends them, that they may understand how much they need to be taught of Him, *they cast aside as idle tales, thus placing themselves where they will accept their own suppositions as divine revelations.* With their deficient experience, they are unfitted to understand the dealings of the Lord with His people. 23LtMs, Ms 27, 1908, par. 9

You may say, What does Sister White mean? Is she classing me with these erratic workers whom she has mentioned? No, I do not; but I would present the difficulties that should make our publishing houses cautious, in order that you may see the necessity of measures being taken at our office of publication, to discourage the infatuation with which many are taken, in thinking that the Lord has laid upon them a burden to write and to publish a variety of matter that would not only not be for the benefit of the churches at this time, but would be to the injury of the one who engages in the enterprise. I wish you to see that something must be done to guard the people from *impostors*, and that *there was need to make resolutions that should discourage the determination of men to put their imaginary theories into print.* CW 154.3

When the eyes of the members of our large churches are anointed with the heavenly eye-salve, they will arise, and go forth to fulfil this commission. When their hearts are imbued with the Holy Spirit, they will worship the Lord their God, and him only will they serve. The Lord is calling upon those who are congregated in congested centers to go forth into the places where the truth has never been proclaimed. They are to teach the things that Christ has commanded, *leaving alone the various suppositions born of erratic theories.* False teachers will come in, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. Satan will bring forward fables to militate against the principles of Christ's teaching. God calls upon his faithful messengers to search his Word, and to *teach only those things that Christ has commanded.* RH February 9, 1905, par. 9

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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}

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}

To exalt a minister as perfection because he has not displeased any one by reproofing errors, not only brings a snare upon the minister, but brings disaster upon the people. He who does not hurt the spiritual self-complacency of the people is almost deified by them, while a devoted, faithful servant of God, who lays bare the errors of the church-members, is supposed to be defective, because he does not see what they suppose are their personal merits. He reproofs wrongs which really exist, and this is counted an indignity, and his authority and instruction are cast aside and trodden under foot of men. These extremes in the way the people look upon ministers are found among the professed children of God; and who will now examine their hearts, and tenderly, earnestly and faithfully set these things in order? {RH, July 25, 1893 par. 8}

Note: Begun with DM Canright, JH Kellogg, AG Daniels and Jones and Waggoner then others, this is what EG White warned would grow into the Omega of Apostasy fearing for God's People.