The Bible is God's property, God has said what it means. Take your hands off.

He dose not design to add a new element of efficiency to His word; He has done His great work in giving His inspiration to the word. CT 22.1

" There are many in this age of the world who act as if they were at liberty to question the words of the Infinite, to **review** His decisions and statutes, **endorsing**, **revising, reshaping**, and **annulling** at their pleasure." RH 3-29-1906.1

". . . God sets no man to pronounce judgment on **His word**, selecting some things as inspired a discrediting others as uninspired. The Testimonies have been treated in the same way; but God is not in this." 1SM 23.1

"Those who trust in their intelligence he (satan) will make believe that they can **correct the scriptures**." UL 101.2,3

"**No work of man can improve** the great and precious truths of God's word. They are not a mixture of truth and error. They are without a flaw." RH 8-8-1899

"The higher critics put themselves in the place of God, and review the word of God, **revising or endorsing it**. In this way all nation are induced to drink **the wine** of the fornication of babylon." UL 35.4

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}

…Paul's exhortation to Timothy: "Preach the word." ***In that word are the only safe principles of action. It is a transcript of the will of God, an expression of divine wisdom. It opens to man's understanding the great problem of life. It will prove a guide to all who heed it, so that their lives will not be wasted in misdirected efforts.*** **God has declared his will, and it is absolute madness for men to change or even question that which has gone out of his lips. After Infinite Wisdom has**

spoken, there can be no doubtful questions for man to settle, no wavering probabilities for him to adjust. All the interests of time and of eternity are involved in a frank, earnest concurrence of the mind and will of men with the expressed will of God. Obedience is the highest dictate of reason as well as of conscience. ***Those who choose to listen to other voices and to follow other guides, will be turned unto fables, and, trusting to these, they will in the day of God meet with infinite loss.*** LP 324.2 *see GC 583.1*

The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. GC 597.2

"***In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author.*** . . ***It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. . .***" GC 583.1 *see LP 324.2*

Key Characteristics of a Plagiarist

Literary/Intellectual Theft: They steal the intellectual property of another person without giving proper credit.

Deception: They pass off the borrowed material as original, new, or self-created.

Intentional or Accidental: Plagiarism can happen deliberately (copying text on purpose) or accidentally (poor paraphrasing or forgetting to cite), though a plagiarist is generally judged by the act of misrepresentation.

Pro. 30:6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Due. 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Rev. 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the

words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Some will take the truth applicable to their time, and place it in the future. Events in the train of prophecy that had their fulfillment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined. . . . {2SM 102.2}

Destroying Unity Among the Believers and with God

1Cor. 56 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Romans 15:6
That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:11
Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Philippians 2:2
Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 3:16
Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Ephesians 4:3-6
Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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" In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the worlds teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ's object to secure. To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself. The burden of His labor for them is expressed in His prayer to His Farther, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Farther, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" John 17 21,23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. Read chapter 2, Training the Twelve.

Christians are to be knit together in the bonds of love and charity. They are to be one in heart and purpose and sentiment, guided and controlled by the Word of God. Are we revealing this oneness? The unity for which Christ prayed is not to be regarded as a sentiment, but as the purpose of God for us. It is in accordance with the councils held by the Father and the Son that there shall be perfect unity among those who name the name of Christ. This is a holy, sanctified unity, which forbids all alienation and strife. Why should it not be seen among us? It will be seen when believers are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. If we expect to be united in the courts above as members of the family of the redeemed, should we not be united in the church here below? 20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 22

The Godhead was stirred with pity for the race, and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit gave Themselves to the working out of the plan of redemption. . . . CH 222.2

". . . The Father is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and is invisible to mortal sight." Ev 614.2

"The Son is all the fullness of the Godhead manifested. The Word of God declares Him to be "the express image of His person. . . ." Ev 614.3

"The Comforter . . . , is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, . . ." Special Testimonies, Series B, 7:62, 63. (1905). Ev 615.1

Many who were convinced that Jesus was the Son of God were misled by the false reasoning of the priests and rabbis. These teachers had repeated with great effect the prophecies concerning the Messiah, that He would "reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously;" that He would "have

dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Isaiah 24:23; Psalm 72:8. Then they made contemptuous comparisons between the glory here pictured and the humble appearance of Jesus. The very words of prophecy were so perverted as to sanction error. Had the people in sincerity studied the word for themselves, they would not have been misled. The sixty-first chapter of Isaiah testifies that Christ was to do the very work He did. Chapter fifty-three sets forth His rejection and sufferings in the world, and chapter fifty-nine describes the character of the priests and rabbis. DA 458.2

God does not compel men to give up their unbelief. Before them are light and darkness, truth and error. It is for them to decide which they will accept. The human mind is endowed with power to discriminate between right and wrong. God designs that men shall not decide from impulse, but from weight of evidence, carefully comparing scripture with scripture. Had the Jews laid by their prejudice and compared written prophecy with the facts characterizing the life of Jesus, they would have perceived a beautiful harmony between the prophecies and their fulfillment in the life and ministry of the lowly Galilean. DA 458.3

Many are deceived today in the same way as were the Jews. Religious teachers read the Bible in the light of their own understanding and traditions; and the people do not search the Scriptures for themselves, and judge for themselves as to what is truth; but they yield up their judgment, and commit their souls to their leaders. The preaching and teaching of His word is one of the means that God has ordained for diffusing light; but we must bring every man's teaching to the test of Scripture. Whoever will prayerfully study the Bible, desiring to know the truth, that he may obey it, will receive divine enlightenment. He will understand the Scriptures. "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching." John 7:17, R. V. DA 459.1

The priests and rulers, on first coming into the presence of Christ, had felt the same conviction. Their hearts were deeply moved, and the thought was forced upon them, "Never man spake like this Man." But they had stifled the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Now, enraged that even the instruments of the law should be influenced by the hated Galilean, they cried, "Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on Him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed." DA 459.4

Those to whom the message of truth is spoken seldom ask, "Is it true?" but, "By whom is it advocated?" Multitudes estimate it by the numbers who accept it; and the question is still asked, "Have any of the learned men or religious leaders believed?" Men are no more favorable to real godliness now than in the days of Christ. They are just as intently seeking earthly good, to the neglect of eternal riches; and it is not an argument against the truth, that large numbers are not ready to accept it, or that it is not received by the world's great men, or even by the religious leaders. DA 459.5