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R. and H.- Dec. 18, 1888

"It does not seem possible to us now that any should have to stand alone. But if ever God has spoken by me, the time will come when we shall be brot before councils and before thousands for His Name's sake, and each will have to give the reason for his faith. Then will come the severest criticism upon every position that has been taken for the truth. We need, then, to study the Word of God, that we may know why we believe the doctrines we advocate. We must critically search the living oracles of Jehovah."

R. and H.- Dec. 11, 1888

"Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition is brot upon you? If God has ever spoken by me the time will come when we shall be brot before councils, and every position of truth which we hold will be severely criticised. The time that we are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge God has given us, of preparing for the approaching crisis. Much time should be spent in prayer that our garments of character may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb."

Missionary Sketches, p. 158

"In the day of fierce trial He will say: 'Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about the; hide thyself as it were for a little moment; until the indignation be overpast.' What are the chambers in which they are to hide? They are the protection of Christ and holy angels." "The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies and in all parts of the earth. They will be tried singly, and not in groups. Everyone must stand the test for himself."

R. and H.- Apr. 23, 1889

"Parents, ask yourselves the solemn question, 'Have we educated our children to yield to paternal authority and thus trained them to obey God, to love Him, to hold His law as the supreme guide of conduct and life? Have we educated them

to be missionaries for Christ? To go about doing good?' Believing parents, your children will have to fight decisive battles for the Lord in the day of conflict."....."The tender mercies of this power will be displayed in prison cells and dungeons. Already preparations are advancing and movements are in progress which will result in making an image of the beast. Events will be brot about in the earth's history that will fulfill the predictions of prophedy for these last days. Coming events are casting their shadows upon our pathway. Are we preparing our children for the great crisis? Are we preparing ourselves and our households to understand the position of our adversaries and their modes of warfare? Are our children forming habits of decision, that they may be firm and unyielding in every matter of principle and duty? I pray that we may all understand the signs of the times, that we may so prepare ourselves and our children that in the time of conflict God may be our refuge and defense."

Gen. Conf. Bulletin, 1891, p. 257

"In the absence of persecution, there have frifted into Our ranks some who appear sound, and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us. In the crisis, they would see force in the specious reasoning that had had an influence on their minds. Satan has prepared various snares to meet varied minds."

"When the law of God is made void, the church will be sifted by fiery trials and a larger proportion than we now anticipate will give need to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Instead of being strengthened when brot into strait places, many prove that they are not living branches of the True Vine; They bore no fruit and the Husband-man takes them away."

R. and H.- June 8, 1897

"All who will gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their defections, and loyalty from their treason, will triumph with the Third Angel's Message."

R. and H.- Dec.11, 1888

"A Great crisis awaits the people of God. Very soon our nation will attempt to force upon all the observance of the first day of the week as a sacred day. In doing this, they will not scruple to compel men, against the voice of their own conscience, to observe the day the nation declares to be the Sabbath. In view of this, there must be, among God's commandment-keeping people, more spirituality and a deeper consecration to God, and a zeal in His work that has never yet been reached, to hold aloft the banner of God's truth. When declension and danger threaten the church, there will be more praying, more fasting be the faithful few, and the Lord will answer the prayers offered to Him in sincerity, and at the same time He will come forth as an Avenger because of the guiltiness of

of the evil workers. He will be a Protector for 'He will avenge His Own elect which cry day and night unto Him, tho He bear long with them.'"

R. and H.- Dec. 24, 1889

"There is a work to be done for this time, in fitting a people to stand in the day of trouble, and all must act their part in this work. They must be clothed with the righteousness of Christ and be so fortified by the truth that the delusions of Satan shall not be accepted by them as genuine manifestations of the power of God. Years have been lost but will you now awake?

R. and H.- Aug. 22, 1893

"The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-Day Adventists because they will not yield homage to the papacy by honoring Sunday the institution of this anti-christian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be blotted from the earth, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed."

R. and H.- June 15, 1897

"Instead of those who have the light of truth allowing jealousy and evil-surmisings to come in and weaken their love and union one with another, their united prayers should ascend to heaven for the Lord to arise and put an end to the violence and abuse which are practised in our world. More prayer and less talk is what God desires, and it would make His people a tower of strength."

R. and H.- Dec. 24, 1889

"Instead of increased power as we enter the perils of the last days, weakness, dissension, and strife for supremacy, are apparent. But if we had a connection with the God of heaven, we should be mighty in Him, and yet we would talk with all lowliness of mind, having self hid in Jesus. But now both spiritual and natural feebleness and death are depriving us of workers. God alone, by His Holy Spirit, and arouse us from the slumber of death."

"The Bible will be open from house to house, and men and women will find access to these homes and minds will be opened to receive the Word of God. And when the crisis comes, many will be prepared to make right decisions even in the face of the formidable difficulties that will be brot about thru the deceptive mirables of Satan. Altho these will confess the truth and become workers for Christ at the eleventh hour, they will receive equal wages with those who have wrot thru the whole day. There will be an army of steadfast believers who will stand as firm as a rock thru the last test. But

where in that army are those who have been standard-bearers? Where are those whose voices have sounded in proclaiming the truth to the sinning? Some of them are not there, We look for them, but in the time of shaking they have been unable to stand and have passed over to the enemy's rank..... We need now the courage of God's faithful servants of old; not one wavering, uncertain note should come from the watcher's trumpets."

Gen. Conf. Bulletin, 1891, p. 257

"The Word of God plainly declares that His law is to be scorned, trampled down, by the world. There will be an extraordinary prevalence of iniquity. The professed protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony. Here the great crisis is coming upon the world.. The Scriptures teach that popery is to regain its lost supremacy, that the fires of persecution will be rekindled thru the time-serving concessions of the so-called protestant world. In this time of peril we can stand only as we have the truth and the power of God. Men can know the truth only by being themselves partakers of the divine nature. We have need now for more than human wisdom in reading and searching the scriptures; and if we come to God's work with humble hearts, He will raise up a standard for us against the lawless element."

R. and H., Jan. 1, 1889

"The crisis is now upon us. The battle is to be waged between the Christianity of the Bible and the Christianity of human tradition. Is there not a criminal neglect in our present sleepy condition? There must be a decided advance movement among us. We must show to the world that we recognize, in the events that are now taking place in connection with the National Reform Movement, the fulfillment of prophecy."

R. and H.- Dec. 18, 1888

"Some think that because it has been revealed in prophecy that our nation shall restrict the consciences of men, it must surely come; and that as we make an effort to preserve our liberty, we shall be acting the part of unfaithful servants, and thus come under the condemnation of God. This peril now threatens the people of God; and what are we going to do? Can we not assist in lifting the standard and in calling to the front those who have a regard for their religious rights and privileges? God calls upon us to awake."

R. and H.- Dec. 11, 1888

"The prophet saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds of the earth, that they should not blow on the earth nor on the sea, nor on any tree. Another angel ascending from the east cried to them saying, 'Hurt not the earth neither the sea, nor the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.' This points out the work we now have to do, which is to cry to God for the angels to hold the four winds until missionaries be

sent to all parts of the world, and shall have proclaimed the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah."

R. and H.- Jan. 1, 1899

"It is essential that we be much in prayer to God, that His voice and His power may be manifested in behalf of this people, and that the angels may hold the four winds until the truth is more fully proclaimed, and the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. God is not pleased with the attitude of His people."

R. and H.- Dec. 24, 1889

"If they do nothing to disabuse the minds of the people, and thru ignorance of the truth our legislature should adjure the principles of protestantism and give countenance and support to the Roman fallacy, the spurious sabbath, God will hold His people who have had great light, accountable for their lack of diligence and faithfulness. But if the subject of religious legislation is judiciously and intelligently laid before the people, and they see that thru Sunday enforcement the Roman apostasy would be re-enacted by the Christian world, and that the tyranny of past ages would be repeated, then, whatever comes, we shall have done our duty."

R. and H.- Apr. 15, 1890

"God is going to bring around a condition of things where the good men and women in authority will have an opportunity to know what is truth indeed, and because the people will not bow the knee to the image, and receive the mark of the beast in the hand or in the forehead, but will stand to the truth to compel the conscience."

R. and H.- Dec. 24, 1889

The watchmen have been asleep but may God grant that they may not sleep the sleep of death. Let all who are standing upon the walls of Zion give the trumpet a certain sound. It is a solemn time for God's people, but if they stand close to the bleeding side of Jesus He will be their defense. He will open ways that the message of light may come to great men, to authors, and law-makers. They will have opportunities of which you do not dream, and some of them will boldly advocate the claims of God's downtrodden law."

R. and H.- Jan. 1, 1889

"Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as tho we gracefully accepted the situation. There is the prospect before us of waging a continuous war at the risk of imprisonment, of losing property and even life itself, to defend the law of God, which is being made void by

the laws of men. This Bible text will be quoted to us, 'Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. The powers that be are ordained of God.'

R. and H.- March 25, 1890

"The time is coming when we shall be separated and scattered, and each of us will have to stand without the privilege of communion with those of like precious faith."

R. and H.- May 17, 1887

"There will be women who will become tempters, and who will do their best to attract and win the attention of men to themselves. First, they will seek to win their sympathy, next their affection, and then to induce them to break God's holy law."

R. and H.- Apr. 13, 1890

"When the legislature frames laws that exalt the first day of the week, and put it in the place of the seventh day, the device of Satan will be perfected."

Sp. of Proph., Vol. LV, 404

"Combining the temperance reform with the Sunday movement, they represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interests of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and to give it plausibility."

Ibid., 150

"Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled."

R. and H.- Dec. 18, 1888

"Satan... will come impersonating Jesus Christ, working mighty miracles, and men will fall down and worship him as Jesus Christ. We shall be commanded to worship this being, whom the world will glorify."

Gen. Conf. Bulletin, 1893, p. 16

"Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the consciences of men to honor the false Sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example."

R. and H.- March 9, 1886

"There is one pointed in prophecy as the man of sin. He

is the representative of satan. . . Here is Satan's right-hand man, ready to carry on the work that Satan commenced in heaven, that of trying to amend the law of God. And the Christian world has sanctioned his efforts by adopting this child of the papacy---the Sunday institution. They have nurished it and will continue to nurish it until Protestantism will give the hand of fellowship to the Roman power. Then there will be a law against the Sabbath of God's creation, and then it is that God will do a strange work in the earth.

"God keeps a record with the nations. The figures are swelling against them in the books of heaven; and when it shall have become a law that the transgression of the first day of the week shall be met with punishment, then their cup will be full."

Gen. Conf. Bulletin, 1891, p. 249

"There is a point in human iniquity when it is time to interfere, and terrible are the issues!...The long-suffering of God is wonderful because He puts constraint upon His own attributes; but punishment is none the less certain. Every century of profligacy has treasured up wrath against the day of wrath; and when the time comes and the iniquity is fullm then God will do His strange work. It will be found a terrible thing to have worn out the patience of God; for the wrath of God will fall so signally and strongly that it is represented as being unmixed with mercy. The very earth will be desolated."

"It is at the time of the national apostasy when, acting on the policy of Satan, the rulers of the land will rank themselves on the side of the man of sin---it is then that the measure of guilt is full; the national apostasy is the signal for national ruin."

R. and H.- June 14, 1897

"Protestants will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the ascendancy of the man of sin. . . Roman Catholic principles under the care and protection of the State. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin."

Sp. of Proph., LV, 277-278

"The image is made to the first, or leopard-like beast, which is the one brot to view in the Third Angel's Message." "By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power. The image to the beast represent another religious body clothed with similar power. The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States. Here is found an image to the papacy." "When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions,

then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman heirarchy. Then the true church will be assailed with persecution, as were God's ancient people."

QUOTATIONS FROM PUBLISHED AND UNPUBLISHED TESTIMONIES
CONCERNING THE PRESENT NECESSITY ON THE
PART OF EVERY CHURCH MEMBER TO
SEEK FOR MORE TRUTH
FROM THE BIBLE

S. S. Worker, Jan., 1889, and
Test. on S. S: Work, 1900, p. 30

"Great truths that have been neglected and unappreciated for ages will be revealed by the Spirit of God, and new meaning will flash out of familiar texts. Every page will be illuminated by the Spirit of Truth."

MS., W. 145a, '97

"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....Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let there be light yes, light; in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page will open our understanding that we may know what is truth. We can appropriately say as said the disciples when Jesus walked with them on their way to Emmaus, after He had risen from the dead, 'Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.'"

MS., May 27, 1896 T.M.H. 113

"Here is need of a much closer study of the Word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work. We may have less to say in some lines in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. . . The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days. The vision he saw by the banks of the Ulai and the Hiddekel. . . are now in process of fulfillment, and all the events foretold will soon come to pass. . . Consider the circumstances of the Jewish nation when the prophecies of Daniel were given."

MS., B.157, '12

"Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do

not understand the Word as we should. The Book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction which it contains. . . . When we as a people understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival. We do not understand fully the lessons it teaches, notwithstanding the injunction given us to search and study it."

Test., Vol. VI, 59

"To the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos were revealed the things which God desired him to give to the people. Study these revelations. Here are themes worthy of our contemplation, large and comprehensive lessons which all the angelic host are now seeking to communicate."

From pamphlet, "Rolling Back the Reproach."

"Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. The prophecies of Daniel and John are to be understood; they interpret each other. They give to us truths which all should understand. These prophecies are to be witnessed in the last days. By their fulfillment in these last days they will explain themselves."

MS., B. 16, '00

"In the past teachers have declared Daniel and the Revelation to be sealed books, and the people have turned from them. The veil whose apparent mystery has kept many from lifting it, God's own hand has withdrawn from these portions of His Word. The very name Revelation contraindicates the statement that it is a sealed book. Revelation means that something of importance is revealed. The truths of this book are addressed to those living in these last days. We are standing with the veil removed in the holy place of sacred things. We are not to stand without. We are to enter, not with careless irreverent thots, not with impetuous footsteps, but with reverence and godly fear. We are nearing the time when the prophecies of Revelation are to be fulfilled.

"We have the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ which is the Spirit of Prophecy. Priceless gems are to be found in the Word of God. Those who search this work should keep the mind clear. Never should they indulge perverted appetite in eating or drinking. If they do this, the brain will be confused. They will be unable to bear the strain of digging deep to find out the meaning of those things which relate to the closing scenes of this earth's history.

"When the books of Daniel and the Revelation are better understood believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book con-

tains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those 'that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.'

"One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation; that the connection between God and His people is close and decided."

MS., K. 59, '96

"A wonderful connection is seen between the universe of heaven and this world. The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented by the Revelation made to John. . . These two books should be carefully studied. Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the end of time? 'And I heard, but I understood not: Then said I, oh, my lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed to the time of the end'....

"It was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who unsealed the book, and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days. Daniel stood in his lot to bear his testimony which was sealed until the time of the end, when the first angel's message should be proclaimed to our world. These matters are of infinite importance in these last days; but. . 'the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand.' How true this is! Sin is the transgression of the law of God, and those who will not accept the light in regard to the law of God will not understand the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages. The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the last scenes of this earth's history."

R. and H., Aug. 17, 1897

"Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and the Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men."

R. and H. Aug. 31, 1897

"We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set at work. Past history will be repeated; old controversies will arouse to new life, and peril will beset God's people on every side. Intensity is taking hold of the human family. It is permeating everything upon the earth."

R. and H., Feb. 25, 1890

"When the churches become living, working churches, the

Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. Then the truth of God's word will be regarded with new interest, and will be explored as if it were a revelation just from the courts above."

Test., Vol. V, 707; and, "Gospel Workers", 298

✓ "The fact that there is no controversy of agitation among God's people should not be regarded as conclusive evidence that they are holding fast to sound doctrine. There is reason to fear that they may not be clearly discriminating between truth and error. When no new questions are started by investigation of the Scriptures, when no difference of opinion arises which will set men to searching the Bible for themselves, to make sure that they have the truth, there will be many now, as in ancient times, who will hold to tradition, and worship they know not what." "God will arouse His people; if other means fail, heresies will come in among them which will sift them. . . The Lord calls upon all who believe His word to awake out of sleep. Precious light has come, appropriate for this time. . . This light should lead us to a diligent study of the Scriptures and a most critical examination of the positions which we hold. God would have all the bearings and positions of truth thoroly and perseveringly searched with prayer and fasting. Believers are not to rest in suppositions and ill-defined ideas of what constitutes truth. Whatever may be man's intellectual advancement, let him not for a moment think that there is no need for there and continuous searching of the Scriptures for greater light. AS A PEOPLE WE ARE CALLED INDIVIDUALLY TO BE STUDENTS OF PROPHECY. We must watch with earnestness that we may discern any ray of light which God shall present to us. We are to catch the first gleamings of truth; and thru prayerful study clearer light may be obtained which can be brot before others.

"When God's people are at ease and satisfied with their present enlightenment we may be sure that He will not favor them. It is His will that they should be ever moving forward to receive the increased and ever-increasing light which is shining for them. The present attitude of the church is not pleasing to God. There has come in a self-confidence that has led them to feel no necessity for more truth and greater light... God wills that a voice shall be heard arousing His people to action." ✓

Vol. VI, 407


"WE SHOULD FEAR TO SKIM THE SURFACE OF THE WORD OF GOD."

Vol. V, 703

"God intends that, even in this life, truth shall be ever unfolding to His people." (Study also--II, 692; 650; 129-30)

R. and H., Feb. 18, 1890

✓ "If there is a point of truth that you do not understand,

upon which you do not agree, investigate; compare scripture with scripture; sink the shaft of truth down deep into God's word. You must lay yourselves and your opinion on the altar of God, put away your preconceived ideas, and let the Spirit of Heaven guide you into all truth. . . The Holy Spirit is wanting in our work. Nothing frightens me more than to see the spirit of variance manifested by our brethren. We are on dangerous ground when we cannot meet together like Christians and courteously examine controverted points. I feel like fleeing from the place lest I receive the mold of those who cannot impartially examine the evidences of a position that differs from theirs, are not fit to teach in any department of God's cause. . . When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it. They should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand. We may have a feast of good things every day; for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us." 

MS., K. 56, '96

"We are living in most solemn times. The gospel in the old and new Testaments is not to be contemplated from a narrow aspect, as one or two men, or even many men, may view it. How large, how broad, how extensive is the gospel...

"No one needs to be deceived if he will make the word of God his study. How little is the book of Revelation studied; It is a hidden mystery to the religious world...but it especially concerns us who are living in these last days. 'Blessed is he that readeth.' Study Revelation in connection with Daniel; for history will be repeated. We, with all our religious advantages, ought to know far more today than we do know."

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 123 T.M.H. 116

"Angels desire to look into the truths that are revealed to the people who with contrite hearts are searching toe word of God, and praying for ~~greater~~ lengths, and breadths and depths and heights of the knowledge which He alone can give. As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to these last days especially demand our study. The last book of the ^New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ thru His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days."

MS., W. 1, '02

"The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published. A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed. This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell which resulted in the book he published. The need is not filled by this book. It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel. The object is to

bring these books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects." (See also Test., Vol. VIII, 160)

MS., 139, '03 T.M.H. 117

✓ "The vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, peoples, and tongues. The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. To John, this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb but as speaking like a dragon. As we near the close of time there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen dieties will manifest their signal power, and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world. And this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled.* By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God's people. All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history. . . In the very time in which we live the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thot to change times and laws and to oppress the people who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation as holy unto the Lord." ↗

Test., Vol. VI, 61-2

"The perils of the last days are upon us. . . Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed by left untouched. If our people were half awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrot in our churches, and many more would believe the message. We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak and tell what is truth."

R. and H.- March 25, 1890

✓ "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. 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

* This was written at near the time the "Eucharistic" Gatherings started in a small way. but are now said to be "The Church's most efficient instrument for the propagation of the faith." Query: Will not great religious gatherings be Satan's methods in his last battle against God?

not think that these men who have brot out the truth in the past were inspired of God?' I dare not say that 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 mould upon the work and fashion men in religious experience after their own pattern. It is dangerous for us to make flesh our aim. 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.

"We do not claim that in the doctrines sought out by those who have studied the word of truth, there may not be some error; for no man that lives is infallible. But if God has sent light, we want it; and God has sent light, and let every man be careful how he treats it. . . Our brethren should be willing in a candid way to investigate every point of controversy. If a brother is teaching error, those who are in responsible positions ought to know it; and if he is teaching truth they ought to take their stand at his side. We should all know what is being taught among us, for if it is truth we need to know it."

R. and H.- Dec. 20, 1892

↓ "There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without 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. We are living in perilous times and it does not become us to accept everything claimed to be truth without examining it thoroly; neither can we afford to reject anything that bears the fruits of the spirit of God. . . There are those who oppose everything that is not in accordance with their own ideas, and by so doing they endanger their eternal interest as verily as did the Jewish nation in their rejection of Christ. The Lord designs that our opinions shall be put to the test, that we may see the necessity of closely examining the living oracles to see whether or not they are in the faith."

R. and H.- July 12, 1889

"Sharp, clear perceptions of truth will never be the reward of indolence. Investigation of every point that has been received as truth will richly repay the searcher; he will find precious gems. And in closely investigating every jot and title which we think is established truth, in comparing Scripture with Scripture, we may discover errors in our interpretation of Scripture. Christ would have the searcher of His word sink the shaft deeper into the mine of truth. If the search is properly conducted jewels of inestimable value will be found. The Word of God is the unsearchable mine of the

riches of Christ."

R. and H.- Jan. 19, 1896

"Another sin of the mind is that of extolling and deifying human reason to the neglect of divine revelation. Here, too, we must 'gird up the loins of the mind.' We are living in an age when the minds of men are ever on the stretch for something new. Rightly directed and kept within proper limits, this desire is commendable. God has given us in his created works enough to excite thought and stimulate investigation. He does not desire men to be less acute, less inquiring, or less intelligent. But with all our inspirations, and in all our researches, we should remember that arrogance is not greatness, nor conceit knowledge. Human pride is an evidence, not of strength, but of weakness. It reveals not wisdom but folly. To exalt reason unduly is to abase it; to place the human in rivalry with the divine is to make it contemptible."

Testimony from Basle, Switzerland, 1886

√ "Regard as a sin the practise so common, even among Seventh-Day Adventists, of becoming the echo of any man, however lofty his position. . . Search the Scriptures for yourself, and be braced for duty and for trial by the truth of God's word. Let no friendship, no influence, no entreaty, let not the smiles, the confidence or the rewards of any man induce you to swerve from the path in which the Lord would lead you." <

R. and H.- Feb. 18, 1890

"No one is able to explain the Scriptures without the aid of the Holy Spirit. But when you take up the word of God with a humble, teachable heart the angels of God will be by your side to impress you with evidences of the truth. . . God wants us to depend upon Him and not upon man. He desires us to have a new heart; He would give us revealings of light from the throne of God. We should wrestle with every difficulty, but when some controverted point is presented, are you to go to man to find out his opinion, and then shape your conclusions from his?--No. Go to God. Tell Him what you want. Take your Bible and search as for hidden treasure."

R. and H.- March 25, 1890

"Do not trust to the wisdom of any man, or to the investigations of any man. Go to the Scriptures for yourselves; search the inspired word with humble hearts, lay aside all your preconceived opinions; for you will obtain no benefit unless you come as little children to the word of God. You should say: 'If God has anything for me, I want it. If God has given evidence from His word to this or that brother that a certain thing is truth, He will give it to me. I can find that evidence if I search the Scriptures with constant prayer, and I can know that I do know what is truth.' You need not preach the truth as the product of another

man's mind. You might make it your own."

R. and H.- Dec. 20, 1892

"Every soul is to put himself to the task of searching out the truth as it is in Jesus, to know it for himself by the study of the sure word of God. We are not to ask, What is the popular opinion? What saith Brother A, or Brother B? What saith the fathers? But what saith the Lord our God in regard to the saying of the soul?"

R. and H.- Dec. 1, 1891

"The Bible is its own expositor. One passage will prove to be a key that will unlock other passages, and in this way light will be shed upon the hidden meaning of the word. By comparing different texts treating on the same subject viewing their bearing on every side, the true meaning of the Scriptures will be made evident. . . Many think that they must consult commentaries on the Scriptures in order to understand the meaning of the word of God, and we would not take the position that commentaries should not be studied. But it will take much discernment to discover the truth of God under the mass of the words of men."

R. and H.- Nov. 15, 1892

"In order to understand the truth of God there is need of deep research, that we may discover in the teachings of Christ new aspects of truth and behold the exceeding breadth and compass of grand old truth, of which we have only a superficial knowledge. The searching of the Scriptures would reveal the harmony existing between the various parts of the Bible and the bearing of one passage upon another."--

R. and H.- April 24, 1888

"As the servant of God opens the word of truth and humbly seeks to know its significance, its meaning will grow clear to his understanding. But he must be a diligent, painstaking student. He must not be content to depend upon the researches of other minds. He must search for himself.

"There is little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Bible. One may read the whole Bible thru and yet fail to see its beauty or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained."

Gospel Workers, P. 251

"We talk about the first angel's message and the second angel's message and we think we have some understanding of the third angel's message. But as long as we are content with a

limited knowledge we shall be disqualified to obtain clearer views of truth."

R. and H.- May 20, 1890

"You should seek to fathom every subject requiring your investigation, comparing not only the ideas and those of men concerning the matter, but also comparing Scripture with Scripture, that you may know that you do know every point of the faith. The taxation of your mind will only strengthen your mental powers for greater effort. If you are content with superficial knowledge, if you fail to investigate the Scriptures for yourselves, if you depend upon the assertions of others, you will become incapable of searching out any matter for yourselves. Your mind will become accustomed to superficial exercise and be unfitted to appreciate the value of hidden gems of truth, to obtain which it will require effort. You will think yourselves well advanced when your attainment is of an inferior order. . . Many read newspapers and periodicals and books and neglect the study of their Bibles. They do not wrestle with God in the closet for the help which He alone can give."

R. and H.- Feb. 4, 1890

"We have only glimmering light in regard to the exceeding breadth of the law of God. . . Our course in regard to Bible study is not commendable. We rob ourselves of great blessings by not comparing Scripture with Scripture. We rob the people of increased light concerning the deep mysteries of godliness. . . I have been shown that in both the Old and New Testaments are mines of truth that have scarcely been touched."

R. and H.- Sept. 4, 1888

"There can be no greater peril to the souls of those who profess to believe the truth than to cease their research for light and knowledge from the Scriptures. . . You are to pray and search for the truth on every point of faith and doctrine."

R. and H.- Sept. 11, 1888

"Men of ability have devoted a life-time of prayer and study to the searching of the Scriptures, and yet not one-half of the Bible has been fully explored; and all parts of it will never be fully comprehended until Christ shall open its wonderful mysteries in the future life."

R. and H.- April 1, 1890

"Is it not time that fresh light should come to the people of God to awaken them to greater earnestness and zeal? The exceeding great and precious promises given us in the Holy Scriptures have been lost sight of to a great extent, just

as the enemy of all righteousness designed that they should be."

Testimonies on S. S. Work, p. 53, 54

"Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. The diligent, prayerful seeker for truth will find precious rays of light yet to shine forth from the word of God. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God."

R. and H.- March 4, 1890

"It is too late to caution your brethren in studying the Bible for themselves, because they may be deceived by errors. We know falsehoods are coming in like a swift current, and that is just the reason why we want every ray of light that God has for us, that we may be able to stand amid the perils of the last days."

R. and H.- Oct. 23, 1894

"Let nothing be lost of the precious light that comes from the throne of God. It has been misapplied and cast aside as worthless; but it is heaven-sent, and each gem is to become the property of God's people and find its true position in the frame-work of truth. Precious jewels of light are to be collected and by the aid of the Holy Spirit they are to be fitted into the Gospel system. . . But these heaven-given rays of light are not to be lost to the world. . It is these gems that will give attractiveness to the gospel plan, and they are to shine as stars amid the moral darkness of the world."

R. and H. - July 2, 1908

"Christ had many truths to give to His disciples of which He could not speak because they did not advance with the light that was flashed upon Levitical laws and sacrifices. They did not accept the light, advance with the light, and follow on to still greater brightness as Providence should lead the way. And for the same reason Christ's disciples of 1898 do not comprehend important matters of truth. So dull has been the comprehension even of those who teach the truth to others, that many things cannot be opened to them until they reach heaven. This ought not to be. But as men's minds become narrow, they think they know all, when they have only a glimpse of truth. They close their minds as if there were no more for them to learn; and should the Lord attempt to lead them on, they would not accept the increased light."

R. and H.- June 3, 1890

"The question has been asked me, "Do you think that the Lord has any more light for us as a people?" I answer that He has light that is new to us, and yet it is precious old light

that is to shine forth from the word of truth. WE HAVE ONLY THE GLIMMERING OF THE RAYS OF LIGHT THAT ARE YET TO COME TO US. We are not making the most of the light which the Lord has already given us, and thus we fail to receive the increased light; we do not walk in light already shed upon us."

Test., Vol. II, 129-30

"Men, women, and youth, God requires you to possess moral courage, steadiness of purpose, fortitude and perseverance, minds that cannot take the assertions of another, but which will investigate for themselves before receiving or rejecting, that will study, and weigh evidence, and take it to the Lord in prayer."

Testimonies on S. S. Work, 1900, p. 62-66

"There is yet much precious truth to be revealed to the people in this time of peril and darkness. . . Precious truth that has long been in obscurity is to be revealed in a light that will make manifest its sacred worth, for God will glorify His Word that it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it. But those who profess to love the truth must put to the stretch their powers that they may comprehend the deep things of the word. . . You should come to the task of searching the Scriptures, prepared to accept every ray of divine light. . .

"In searching the Scriptures you are not to endeavor to interpret their utterances so as to agree with your preconceived ideas. . .

✓ "There should be liberty given for a frank investigation of truth, that each may know for himself what is truth. Among the pupils of the Sabbath School there should be a spirit of investigation that those who are old enough to discern evidence may be encouraged to search for fresh rays of light, and to appreciate all that God may send to His people. The light which God will send to His people will never appear unless there is a diligent searching for truth. . . Precious light is to shine forth from the word of God, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment He shall send. . . Whatever may be his position of authority as one has a right to shut away the light from the people. When a message comes in the name of the Lord to His people, no one may excuse himself from an investigation of its claims. No one can afford to stand back in an attitude of indifference and self confidence and say: 'I know what is truth. I am satisfied with my position. I have set my stakes and I will not be moved away from my position whatever may come. I will not listen to the message of this messenger for I know that it cannot be truth.' It was from pursuing this very course that the popular churches were left in partial darkness, and that is why the messages of heaven have not reached them.

"God calls upon those who hold responsible positions in Sabbath School work to put away all egotism, all self-confidence,

and pride of opinion; if a message comes that you do not understand, take pains that you may hear the reasons the messenger may give, comparing Scripture with Scripture that you may know whether or not it is sustained by the Word of God. If you believe that the positions taken have not the word of God as their foundation, if the position you hold on the subject cannot be controverted, then produce your strong reasons; for your position will not be shaken by coming in contact with error. . . To hold yourselves aloof from an investigation of truth is not the way to carry out the Saviour's injunction to 'Search the Scriptures,' Is it digging for hidden treasures to call the results of someone's labor a mass of rubbish, and make no critical examination to see whether or not there are precious jewels of truth in the collection of that which you condemn? Will those who have almost everything to learn keep themselves away from every meeting where there is an opportunity to investigate the messages that come to the people, simply because they imagine the views held by the teachers of truth may be out of harmony with what they have conceived as truth? . . . "

Test. on S. S. Work, p. 58-61

"If you take upon you the sacred responsibility of teaching others you take upon you the duty of going to the bottom of every subject you seek to teach. You should diligently search and compare the evidence of the word of God on messages that He sends to the church. . . When asked to hear the reasons of a doctrine that you do not understand, do not condemn the message until you have given it a thorough investigation, and know from the word of God that it is not tenable. . . God has precious light to come to His people at this very time, and you should strive earnestly in your investigations to aim at nothing less than a thorough knowledge of every point of truth, that you may not be found in the day of God among those who have not lived by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. . . When new light is presented to the church it is perilous to shut yourselves away from it. Refusing to hear because you are prejudiced against the message or the messenger will not make your case excusable before God. . . They (our youth) are not to make up their minds that the whole truth has been unfolded, and that the infinite One has no more light for His people. If they entrench themselves in the belief that the whole truth has been revealed, they will be in danger of discarding precious jewels of truth that shall be discovered as men turn their attention to the searching of the rich mine of God's word.

"Those who have entered upon the work of teaching, or who have been called to any position of responsibility, should not be satisfied to take the product of researches of other minds; but they should investigate truth for themselves. If they do not form the habit of investigating themes of truth for themselves they will become superficial in their life and acquirements. The opinions of your associates may be of value to you but you should not rely upon them and have no definite ideas of your own. You should examine the truths you have been led to believe until you know that they are without flaw."

Ibid., p. 55 and on.

"Both teachers and pupils should awake to the importance of manifesting industry and perseverance in the study of God's word. . . Point after point of truth should be investigated; for there is not limitation to the truth of God. . . For years the voice of God has been saying to us 'Agitate, agitate, agitate.' Study every point of truth that you may know for yourselves what is truth in distinction from error. Let students search for themselves, that they may know the deep things of God . . . Put no restriction upon the students.

"New Light will ever be revealed on the Word of God to him who is in living connection with the Sun of Righteousness. Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God. (Last paragraph from p. 53-54)

Ibid., p. 52

"The Sabbath School should be a place where the jewels of truth are searched for and rescued from their environment of error. . . Precious gems of truth, long lost sight of, are now to be restored to the children of God. . . Sacred and eternal principles connected with the plan salvation have long been lost from sight, but they must be restored to their proper place in the plan of salvation and made to appear in their heavenly light. . .

Ibid., p. 30-31

"Gather to infants with lisping lips, the youth and aged, and set them to the task of solving mysteries which have not been comprehended by the wise men of earth, altho possessed of giant minds... The question 'What is truth?' should be asked with decided interest. We must respond to the command of God and go forward from light to a greater light."

THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS FROM THE TESTIMONIES RELATE
TO THE SURENESS OF THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH
THE FAITH OF THE THREE ANGEL'S
MESSAGES ARE BASED

See Test. Vol. VI, 17.

See Early Writings New ed., 258

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From Series B, No. 2, p. 51

"As a people we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial, We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting and to put in their place suprious theories. He will being in everything that he possibly can to carry out his deceptive designs.

(Ibid., 56, 57) "Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husban, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Hudson and others who were keen, noble and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure, I met with them and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, 'We can do nothing more', the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me. . . Thus light was given that helped us to understand the Scriptures, in regard to Christ, His mission and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of od was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instructon that the Lord had given me.

(Ibid., 58, 59) "What influence is it that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith--the prayerful study of the word, and by revelation? Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-Day Adventiests, 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 way-marks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly with the grip of faith on the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority."

Series B. No. 7, p. 41

"I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point into the clear light of present truth. . . The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed."

(Ibid., 57) "One thing it is certain is soon to be realized--the great apostacy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith, and go forth from strength to increased strength. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to affirm truth in the beginning after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now."

(Ibid., p. 58) "That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are. . . "

MS. 106, 1898

"Those who have a hold of the truth theoretically, with their finger tips, as it were, who have not brot its principles into the inner sanctuary of the soul, but have kept the vital truth in the outer court, will see nothing sacred in the past history of this people which has made them what they are, and has established them as earnest, determined missionary workers in the world. They will accept that which pleases their ideas and will begin to manufacture another foundation than that which is laid. They will flatter their own vanity and esteem, thinking that they are capable of removing the pillars of our faith. This will continue to be as long as time shall last."

Testimony to Elder Haskell, 1905

"We know that in the past the truth has been demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. Not one word of human devising is to be permitted to subvert minds or to add unto or to take from the message that God has given."

R. and H., Dec. 13, 1892

"After the truth has been proclaimed as a witness to all nations, every conceivable power of evil will be set in operation, and minds will be confused by many voices crying 'Lo, here is Christ; Lo, He is there. This is the truth, I have the message from God; He has sent me with great light.' Then there will be a removing of the landmarks, and an attempt to tear down the pillars of our faith."

Testimony to Brother and Sister Belden, Nov. 26, 1905

"We have a large amount of matter which the Lord has given me, which light and instruction should not be hid. . . The warnings and the messages which the Lord has graciously given me to correct the errors that would come in, and to set things in order, the people should have, for the enemy will contrive to work to bring in false theories and to mingle with the truths strange suppositions."

'Regarding the Testimonies', Oct. 10, 1911

"There will be those who will misinterpret and misrepresent. Their eyes have been blinded, and they will set forth the figures and interpretations that Satan has worked out for them, and an entirely wrong meaning will be placed upon the words that Sister White has spoken."

"An Appeal to the Church, p. 1

"The danger that threatens our churches is that new and strange things will be brot in, things that confuse the minds of the people, and give them no strength at the very time when they most need strength in spiritual things. Clear discernment is needed that things new and strange shall not be laid alongside of truth as a part of the burden of the message. . "

Testimony to Elder Burden, Dec. 11, 1905

"We are not to receive the words of those who come to us 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. . . While the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected the application of them, if such application moves one pillar of the foundation that God has sustained these 50 years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application of them knows not the wonderful demonstrations of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God. . 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 or will arise and bring in supposedly great light and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks. . . We are hindered in our work by men who are not converted, who seek their own glory. They wish to be tho't originators of new theories which they present claiming that

they are truth. But if these theories are received they will lead to a denial of the truth that for the past 50 years God has been giving to His people, substantiating it by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Talk at Riverside, Cal., Dec. 11, 1904

"My dear friends, for Christ's sake take your stand on higher ground. Every feature of our faith is to be tested in the way that is the most trying. The pillars of our faith are to be tested. Sophistry will be brot in as it was to Adam and Eve. You will be strongly tempted, and unless you have firm faith in the principles of the truth for this time, you will be led astray."

R. and H.- July 26, 1892

"These who sincerely desire truth will not be reluctant to lay open their positions for investigation and criticism, and will not be annoyed if their opinions and ideas are crossed. This was the spirit cherished among us 40 years ago. We would come together, burdened in soul, praying that we might be one in faith and doctrine, for we know that Christ is not divided. One point at a time was made the subject of investigation. Solemnity characterised these councils of investigation. The Scriptures were opened with a sense of awe. Often we fasted that we might be better filled to understand the truth. After earnest prayer, if any point was not understood, it was discussed and each one expressed his opinion freely. . . We spent many hours in this way. We did not generally study together more than four hours at a time, yet sometimes the entire night was spent in solemn investigation of the Scriptures. . . On some occasions the Spirit of God would come upon me and difficult portions were made clear thru God's appointed way, and then there was perfect harmony. . . "

R. and H.- Aug. 29, 1893

"It will be found that those who bear false messages will not have a high sense of honor and integrity. They will deceive the people and mix up with their error the Testimonies of Sister White, and use her name to give influence to their work. They make such selections from the testimonies as they think they can twist to support their positions, and place them in a setting of falsehood, so that their error may have weight and be accepted by the people."

