

SEVERAL THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW WHEN GETTING INTO ANY STUDY especially the PROPHECIES:

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#0: The Spirit of Prophecy/Testimonies are connected to the 3rd Angel's Message Since Its Very Rise, and cannot be cast aside when we study our messages

See → 5T 654.2

#1: The Spirit of Prophecy = the Voice that is to be lifted to stay the force of error

#2: The SOP = the Barrier to keep error from coming in

#3: All who believe the Lord Jesus spoke through Sister White will be safe from the many delusions that will come in

"The Protective Barrier Torn Away.--THE ENEMY HAS MADE HIS MASTERLY EFFORTS TO UNSETTLE THE FAITH OF OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THE TESTIMONIES, AND WHEN THESE ERRORS COME IN THEY CLAIM TO PROVE ALL THE POSITIONS BY THE BIBLE, BUT THEY MISINTERPRET THE SCRIPTURES. THEY...MISAPPLY THE PROPHECIES AND THE SCRIPTURES...AND, AFTER MEN HAVE DONE THEIR WORK IN WEAKENING THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR CHURCHES IN THE TESTIMONIES, THEY HAVE TORN AWAY THE BARRIER, THAT UNBELIEF IN THE TRUTH SHALL BECOME WIDESPREAD, AND THERE IS NO VOICE TO BE LIFTED UP TO STAY THE FORCE OF ERROR.

THIS IS JUST AS SATAN DESIGNED IT SHOULD BE, AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PREPARING THE WAY FOR THE PEOPLE TO PAY NO HEED TO THE WARNINGS AND REPROOFS OF THE TESTIMONIES OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL SEE THAT A TIDE OF ERRORS OF ALL KINDS WILL SPRING INTO LIFE. THEY WILL CLAIM SCRIPTURE AS THEIR EVIDENCE, AND DECEPTIONS OF SATAN IN EVERY FORM WILL PREVAIL." {3SM 83.3-.4} 1890

"...MEN MAY GET UP SCHEME AFTER SCHEME, AND THE ENEMY WILL SEEK TO SEDUCE SOULS FROM THE TRUTH, BUT ALL WHO BELIEVE THAT THE LORD HAS SPOKEN THROUGH SISTER WHITE, AND HAS GIVEN HER A MESSAGE, WILL BE SAFE FROM THE MANY DELUSIONS THAT WILL COME IN THESE LAST DAYS." {3SM 83.5} (1906)

#4: ALL THAT SHE HAS WRITTEN ALSO = "line upon line, here a little, there a little" mentioned in Isaiah 28:9-10

#5: WHAT SHE HAS WRITTEN is to "correct specious errors" and "specify as to what is truth"

"I HAVE KEPT IN ALL MY JOURNEYS THAT SHOULD COME BEFORE THE PEOPLE IF ESSENTIAL, even if I did not write another line. I WANT THAT WHICH IS DEEMED WORTHY TO APPEAR, FOR THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME MUCH LIGHT THAT I WANT THE PEOPLE TO HAVE; FOR THERE IS INSTRUCTION THAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME FOR HIS PEOPLE. IT IS LIGHT THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE, LINE UPON LINE, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT, HERE A LITTLE AND THERE A LITTLE. THIS IS NOW(1910) TO COME BEFORE THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CORRECT SPECIOUS ERRORS AND TO SPECIFY WHAT IS TRUTH. The Lord has revealed many things pointing out the truth, thus saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." {3SM 32.2} 1910

NOTE: Through the prophet, the Lord is specifying what is truth

NOTE: SPECIOUS = Superficially plausible, but actually wrong; attractive, but misleading

#6: The SOP ALSO = "the law and the testimony" as mentioned in Isaiah 8:20

"...I AM PLACING DESIRE OF AGES, GREAT CONTROVERSY, PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, AND CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR IN FAMILIES; SO WHILE THE MINISTERS ARE WORKING AGAINST ME, I WILL SPEAK IN MY WRITINGS TO THE PEOPLE...WE ARE NOW TURNING THEM TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONIES. IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM." LETTER 217, 1899 {Ev 259.2}

#7: We are to study the Scriptures and the Testimonies/writings of the Prophet

"THE BIBLE MUST BE YOUR COUNSELOR. STUDY IT AND THE TESTIMONIES GOD HAS GIVEN; FOR THEY NEVER CONTRADICT HIS WORD." {3SM 32.3} (1907)

#8: Besides the Instruction in God's Word, The Testimonies/SOP was given for correction and instruction, that we may be without excuse

"...BESIDES THE INSTRUCTION IN HIS WORD, THE LORD HAS GIVEN SPECIAL TESTIMONIES TO HIS PEOPLE, NOT AS A NEW REVELATION, BUT THAT HE MAY SET BEFORE US THE PLAIN LESSONS OF HIS WORD, THAT ERRORS MAY BE CORRECTED, THAT THE RIGHT WAY MAY BE POINTED OUT, THAT EVERY SOUL MAY BE WITHOUT EXCUSE." {3SM 31.3}

"THE WORD OF GOD IS SUFFICIENT TO ENLIGHTEN THE MOST BECLOUDED MIND, AND MAY BE UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE WHO HAVE ANY DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND IT. BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THIS, SOME WHO PROFESS TO MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THEIR STUDY ARE FOUND LIVING IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO ITS PLAINEST TEACHINGS. THEN, TO LEAVE MEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT EXCUSE, GOD GIVES PLAIN AND POINTED TESTIMONIES, BRINGING THEM BACK TO THE WORD THAT THEY HAVE NEGLECTED TO FOLLOW." {3SM 31.1}

#9: We must follow the instructions given to us through the testimonies, which will save us from accepting strong delusions

#10: The Lord speaks to us through the testimonies and books that make plain our present duty

"WE MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. WE MUST LOVE AND OBEY THE TRUTH FOR THIS TIME. THIS WILL SAVE US FROM ACCEPTING STRONG DELUSIONS. GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH HIS WORD. HE HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH THE TESTIMONIES TO THE CHURCH, AND THROUGH THE BOOKS THAT HAVE HELPED TO MAKE PLAIN OUR PRESENT DUTY AND THE POSITION THAT WE SHOULD NOW OCCUPY." (8T 298.1) (1904)

#11: The SOP/Testimonies are not to give new light but to impress vividly what the Bible already reveals

"THE LORD DESIGNS TO WARN YOU, TO REPROVE, TO COUNSEL, THROUGH THE TESTIMONIES GIVEN, AND TO IMPRESS YOUR MINDS WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRUTH OF HIS WORD. THE WRITTEN TESTIMONIES ARE NOT TO GIVE NEW LIGHT, BUT TO IMPRESS VIVIDLY UPON THE HEART THE TRUTHS OF INSPIRATION ALREADY REVEALED." {2T 605.2}

#12: The Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation are misinterpreted by many who had not an experience in the early work

#13: The Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation have already been laid out by the men chosen of God

(You will see who was especially chosen to write these prophecies in a book that we are counseled to read)

#14: We are to believe on the word of these men God used to set these prophecies straight

"THE VERY SAME SATAN IS AT WORK TO UNDERMINE THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT THIS TIME...THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND THE REVELATION ARE MISINTERPRETED. THESE PERSONS DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THE TRUTH HAS BEEN SET FORTH AT THE APPOINTED TIME BY THE VERY MEN WHOM GOD WAS LEADING TO DO THIS SPECIAL WORK. THESE MEN FOLLOWED ON STEP BY STEP IN THE VERY FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY, AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORK ARE TO TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND BELIEVE ON "THEIR WORD" WHO HAVE BEEN LED BY THE LORD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES...IF WE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH GOD HAS GIVEN HIS SERVANTS FOR THE WORLD, WE SHALL BE FOUND PROCLAIMING THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES." (2SM 111.2; 17MR 14.3}

"...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...IF THE YOUTH WILL STUDY THIS BOOK AND LEARN FOR THEMSELVES WHAT IS TRUTH, THEY WILL BE SAVED FROM MANY PERILS." {1MR 63.4}

"THE INTEREST IN DANIEL AND THE REVELATION IS TO CONTINUE AS LONG AS PROBATIONARY TIME SHALL LAST. GOD USED THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK (Uriah Smith) AS A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE LIGHT TO DIRECT MINDS TO THE TRUTH. SHALL WE NOT APPRECIATE THIS LIGHT, WHICH POINTS US TO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING?" {1MR 63.1} 1901

"LET NOT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS THINK THAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM LIGHT TO CONTROVERT THE WORK OF THE FAITHFUL ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE FAITH. GOD WROUGHT THROUGH THESE OLD PIONEERS OF THE CAUSE, AND NO VOICE OR PEN SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO ACTION TO DEMERIT THEIR LABOR, WHICH WAS FULL OF SELF-DENIAL AND SELF-SACRIFICE. THEIR WORKS WERE WROUGHT IN GOD." { 9MR 132.3} (See → God is not giving us a new message)

"IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE PROPHECIES YET TO BE FULFILLED. BUT VERY ERRONEOUS WORK HAS BEEN DONE AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE DONE BY THOSE WHO SEEK TO FIND NEW LIGHT IN THE PROPHECIES, AND WHO BEGIN BY TURNING AWAY FROM THE LIGHT THAT GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN. THE MESSAGES OF REVELATION 14 ARE THOSE BY WHICH THE WORLD IS TO BE TESTED; THEY ARE THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL, AND ARE TO BE SOUNDED EVERYWHERE. BUT THE LORD DOES NOT LAY UPON THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD AN EXPERIENCE IN HIS WORK THE BURDEN OF MAKING A NEW EXPOSITION OF THOSE PROPHECIES WHICH HE HAS, BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, MOVED UPON HIS CHOSEN SERVANTS TO EXPLAIN." {2SM 111.3} 1896

NOW, GETTING TO THE TOPIC!!!

HOW ARE WE TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES ACCORDING TO THE PROPHET:

1. "...IF WE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH GOD HAS GIVEN HIS SERVANTS FOR THE WORLD, WE SHALL BE FOUND PROCLAIMING THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES." { 2SM 111.2}

NOTE: We are to search the scriptures to "confirm" that which God has already given to us as a people

When we search the scriptures this way, we are truly proclaiming the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Angel's Messages

When we search the scriptures to "unconfirm" what God has given, we are not proclaiming these messages

2. "HOW SHALL WE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY TEACH? WE SHOULD COME TO THE INVESTIGATION OF GOD'S WORD WITH A CONTRITE HEART, A TEACHABLE AND PRAYERFUL SPIRIT. WE ARE NOT TO THINK, AS DID THE JEWS, THAT OUR OWN IDEAS AND OPINIONS ARE INFALLIBLE; NOR WITH THE PAPISTS, THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ARE THE SOLE GUARDIANS OF TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE, THAT MEN HAVE NO RIGHT TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR THEMSELVES, BUT MUST ACCEPT THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH. WE SHOULD NOT STUDY THE BIBLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUSTAINING OUR PRECONCEIVED OPINIONS, BUT WITH THE SINGLE OBJECT OF LEARNING WHAT GOD HAS SAID. {TM 105.1}

SOME HAVE FEARED THAT IF IN EVEN A SINGLE POINT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THEMSELVES IN ERROR, OTHER MINDS WOULD BE LED TO DOUBT THE WHOLE THEORY OF TRUTH. THEREFORE THEY HAVE FELT THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED, THAT IT WOULD TEND TO DISSENSION AND DISUNION. BUT IF SUCH IS TO BE THE RESULT OF INVESTIGATION, THE SOONER IT COMES THE BETTER. IF THERE ARE THOSE WHOSE FAITH IN GOD'S WORD WILL NOT STAND THE TEST OF AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SCRIPTURES, THE SOONER THEY ARE REVEALED THE BETTER; FOR THEN THE WAY WILL BE OPENED TO SHOW THEM THEIR ERROR. WE CANNOT HOLD THAT A POSITION ONCE TAKEN, AN IDEA ONCE ADVOCATED, IS NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TO BE RELINQUISHED. THERE IS BUT ONE WHO IS INFALLIBLE--HE WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE." {TM 105.2}{See also → TM 69.-70.2)

3. "THE BIBLE MUST BE YOUR COUNSELOR. STUDY IT AND THE TESTIMONIES GOD HAS GIVEN; FOR THEY NEVER CONTRADICT HIS WORD." {3SM 32.3} (1907)

4. "...YOU CAN FORM A BIBLE CLASS AND SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELVES, WITH THE AID OF OUR PUBLICATIONS, AND IN THIS WAY LEARN MUCH OF PRESENT TRUTH..." {CW 112.1}

NOTE: In order to learn much of present truth, we must search the scriptures, not by themselves, but with the aid of our publications

PUBLICATIONS = OUR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

“...THE WORLD IS TO RECEIVE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in OUR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. OUR PUBLICATIONS are to show that the end of all things is at hand.” {ChS 146.1}

“Canvassers should call the attention of those they visit to OUR PUBLICATIONS, TELLING THEM OF THE VALUABLE INSTRUCTION THESE PERIODICALS CONTAIN...” {ChS 152.3}

Q: WHICH PERIODICALS ARE WE SPECIFICALLY COUNSELED TO READ?

“EARLY WORKERS TO SPEAK.--GOD HAS GIVEN ME LIGHT REGARDING OUR PERIODICALS. WHAT IS IT?--HE HAS SAID THAT THE DEAD ARE TO SPEAK. HOW?--THEIR WORKS SHALL FOLLOW THEM. WE ARE TO REPEAT THE WORDS OF THE PIONEERS IN OUR WORK, WHO KNEW WHAT IT COST TO SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH AS FOR HIDDEN TREASURE, AND WHO LABORED TO LAY THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORK. THEY MOVED FORWARD STEP BY STEP UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. ONE BY ONE THESE PIONEERS ARE PASSING AWAY. THE WORD GIVEN ME IS, LET THAT WHICH THESE MEN HAVE WRITTEN IN THE PAST BE REPRODUCED...” {CW 28.1-.2} 1905

NOTE: That which our pioneers have written is to be reproduced and we are to repeat their words

“WHEN THE POWER OF GOD TESTIFIES AS TO WHAT IS TRUTH, THAT TRUTH IS TO STAND FOREVER AS THE TRUTH. NO AFTERSUPPOSITIONS, 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}

NOTE: WE are not to speak contrary to that which has already been established as present truth

“WHEN ANY PERSON COMES WITH SOME NEW THEORY OF THAT WHICH HE CALLS NEW LIGHT, I TELL HIM I KNOW HE HAS NOT THE TRUTH. I REFUSE TO GO INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE TRUTH, BUT CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE TRUTH GIVEN ME, WHICH HAS BEEN WRITTEN UNDER THE HOLY SPIRIT’S REPRESENTATION. IF THEY WILL CAREFULLY READ GREAT CONTROVERSY, THE TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, DESIRE OF AGES, AND ALL THE MANY BOOKS THAT ARE IN CIRCULATION, THAT BEAR TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH GIVEN AT VARIED TIMES AND IN VARIED PLACES OVER A PERIOD OF HALF A CENTURY, THEY WOULD NOT BE ENTERING INTO TEMPTATION AND WALKING IN FALSE PATHS WHERE SOME ARE TODAY.” {Ms34-1906.3}

NOTE: She says we are to read the “many books” that are in circulation

This quote is not on the CD Rom, but it may be found at www.egwwritings.org and in the search bar type in “all the many books”

LOOK AT WHAT SHE REFERS TO AS ONE OF THE MANY BOOKS SHE SAYS WE ARE TO READ:

“THE TRUTH FOR THIS TIME HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT IN MANY BOOKS. LET THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEALING IN CHEAP SENTIMENTS AND FOOLISH TESTS, CEASE THIS WORK AND STUDY DANIEL AND THE REVELATION. THEY WILL THEN HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT THAT WILL HELP THE MIND. AS THEY RECEIVE THE KNOWLEDGE CONTAINED IN THIS BOOK, THEY WILL HAVE IN THE TREASURE HOUSE OF THE MIND A STORE FROM WHICH THEY CAN CONTINUALLY DRAW AS THEY COMMUNICATE TO OTHERS THE GREAT, ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF GOD’S WORD.” {1MR 62.4}

“ESPECIALLY SHOULD THE BOOK DANIEL AND THE REVELATION BE BROUGHT BEFORE PEOPLE AS THE VERY BOOK FOR THIS TIME. THIS BOOK CONTAINS THE MESSAGE WHICH ALL NEED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND...IT WILL BE A POWER TO ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD...” {1MR 60.6}

“...THE LORD HAS SHOWN ME THAT THIS BOOK WILL DO A GOOD WORK IN ENLIGHTENING THOSE WHO BECOME INTERESTED IN THE TRUTH FOR THIS TIME. THOSE WHO EMBRACE THE TRUTH NOW, WHO HAVE NOT SHARED IN THE EXPERIENCES OF THOSE WHO ENTERED THE WORK IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MESSAGE, SHOULD STUDY THE INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN DANIEL AND THE REVELATION, BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE TRUTH IT PRESENTS.” {1MR 61.1} 1901

"THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO ENTER THE MINISTRY, WHO DESIRE TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS OF THE PROPHECIES, WILL FIND DANIEL AND THE REVELATION AN INVALUABLE HELP. THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THIS BOOK. IT SPEAKS OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE, LAYING OUT THE PATH SO PLAINLY THAT NONE NEED ERR THEREIN...THE GREAT, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS WHICH GOD WOULD HAVE PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE ARE FOUND IN DANIEL AND THE REVELATION. THERE IS FOUND SOLID, ETERNAL TRUTH FOR THIS TIME. EVERYONE NEEDS THE LIGHT AND INFORMATION IT CONTAINS." {1MR 61.2} 1902

"...THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD NEED TO KNOW THAT THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES ARE FULFILLING. TAKE TO THEM THE BOOKS THAT WILL ENLIGHTEN THEM. DANIEL AND THE REVELATION, THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, AND THE DESIRE OF AGES SHOULD NOW GO TO THE WORLD. THE GRAND INSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN DANIEL AND THE REVELATION has been eagerly perused by many in Australia. THIS BOOK HAS BEEN THE MEANS OF BRINGING MANY PRECIOUS SOULS TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH...I KNOW OF NO OTHER BOOK THAT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THIS ONE. IT IS GOD'S HELPING HAND." {21MR 444.3} 1901

"...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} 1902

NOTE: Jesus tells us through the prophet that if there are any mistakes in Uriah's book, they are only "minor" mistakes and should not be magnified, as to lessen confidence in this book (See → 10MR 49.1-50.1)

NOTE: If Uriah is wrong on so many verses, which lead up to the coming of Christ, this would be "major" and not minor. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, she said Uriah's book points to the events leading up to Christ's coming and she refers to what he teaches as truth and if we don't read his book, Christ will come to us as a thief in the night

ALSO: Be sure to read the correct 1897 edition, not the 1912, which has removed many pertinent paragraphs, OR the 1944, which has 10,000 + emissions and additions

NOTE: We are counseled not to make many changes to this book which both the 1912 and 1944 editions have done (10MR 49.1-2/50.1)

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE CORRECT EDITION, WHICH INCLUDES THE TEACHING OF THE "Eastern Question", THAT both THE 1912 AND 1944 editions HAVE REMOVED

http://sdapillars.org/media/download_gallery/US_DanRev1897.pdf

NOW WHAT ARE WE COUNSELED RE: HOW TO STUDY WITH EACH OTHER WHEN WE ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT

1.

WE SHOULD COME TO THE FRONT, BE FRANK, INVESTIGATE THE SCRIPTURES TOGETHER, AND BE WILLING TO ADMIT WHEN SOMEONE'S TEACHING IS RIGHT AND CALL IT TRUTH:

"WHY DO YOU PURSUE THE COURSE YOU DO IN KEEPING AWAY FROM MEETINGS WHOSE POINTS OF TRUTH ARE INVESTIGATED? IF YOU HAVE A POSITION, PRESENT IT IN CLEAR LINES. {1888 528.1}

I HAVE BEEN SHOWN THAT OUR BRETHREN ARE NOT FRANK AND OPEN AS THE DAY. "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES(remember, we have been told to search the scriptures with the aid of our publications); FOR IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME." JOHN 5:39. THERE IS GREAT NEED OF SEARCHING OF THE SCRIPTURES. {1888 528.2}

THE POSITION THAT YOU TAKE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, CONSTANTLY CRITICIZING BUT REFUSING TO COME TO THE LIGHT. IF YOU HAVE TRUTH, TELL IT; IF YOUR BRETHREN HAVE TRUTH, BE HUMBLE AND HONEST BEFORE GOD AND SAY IT IS TRUTH. {1888 528.3}

I HAVE BEEN SHOWN THAT THERE IS A WAY TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES. IF YOU HAVE TRUTH, STATE IT; IF YOUR BRETHREN HAVE IDEAS THAT ARE NOT IN HARMONY WITH YOUR IDEAS, COME TO THE, THUS SAITH THE LORD. DO NOT KEEP UP A CRITICISM AND OBJECTIONS, IN AN UNDERHANDED WAY. YOU ARE NOT TAKING A PROPER COURSE AND YOU MUST SEE IT IN THIS LIGHT. {1888 528.4}

...IF YOU PURSUE THE SAME COURSE THAT OTHER DENOMINATIONS HAVE PURSUED IN REFUSING TO HEAR EVIDENCE, REFUSING TO INVESTIGATE ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT WHICH THEY BELIEVED, YOU WILL BE IN THE SAME POSITION BEFORE GOD AS THEY WERE. IF THE IDEAS PRESENTED BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE ARE ERRONEOUS, COME TO THE FRONT LIKE MEN AND PRESENT CANDIDLY YOUR BIBLE EVIDENCE WHY YOU CANNOT SEE THIS POINT AS THEY DO. THIS IS YOUR DUTY. NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR IDEAS INVESTIGATED. DO NOT STAND IN THE POSITION YOU DO AS LEADERS IN THE SABBATH-SCHOOL AND RESISTING THE LIGHT OR VIEWS AND IDEAS PRESENTED BY MEN WHOM I KNOW TO BE AGENTS WHOM THE LORD IS USING. YOU making of none effect as far as you can their words, and NOT COMING YOURSELF TO THE LIGHT LIKE CHRISTIANS COME TO THE WORD TO INVESTIGATE IT TOGETHER WITH HUMBLE HEARTS, NOT TO INVESTIGATE THE BIBLE TO BRING IT TO YOUR IDEAS, BUT BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE BIBLE. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DO THIS. {1888 528.5}

THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF THIS FENCING ABOUT WITH NO REAL GENUINE DESIRE TO KNOW EVERY JOT OF EVIDENCE THAT CAN BE PRODUCED UPON THE POINTS WHERE THERE IS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. IF YOU WORK IN THIS WAY, IT WILL NOT BE TO YOUR HONOR OR CREDIT. You have the example of the Jews how they treated everything that did not harmonize with their opinions of doctrines. They settled the matter that they had the truth on every subject and could be instructed in no point, AND IN THE PLACE OF PRODUCING REASONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT TO SHOW THAT CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE IN ERROR, THEY WOULD NOT HEAR HIM AND CONDEMNED HIM, AND MISSTATED HIS POSITIONS AND HIS DOCTRINES...THE PRIESTS AND RULERS SENT MEN CLAIMING TO BE JUST MEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CATCHING HIM IN HIS WORDS OR THAT SOMETHING WOULD DROP FROM HIS LIPS THAT WOULD JUSTIFY THEM IN THEIR PREJUDICE-- WORDS THAT THEY COULD PRESENT CLOTHED IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT THAT THEY COULD INTERPRET AS THEY CHOOSE TO PRESENT TO THE PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN WAY AND MAKE CHRIST APPEAR AS A DECEIVER, A HERETIC. THESE JEWS WERE NOT DOING GOD'S WORK, BUT THE WORK OF THE ENEMY OF ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS." {1888 529.1}

WHAT DOES "FENCING" MEAN?

1. The art of using skillfully a sword or foil in attack or defense; an art taught in schools.

"...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 THOROUGHLY; NEITHER CAN WE AFFORD TO REJECT ANYTHING THAT BEARS THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD; but WE SHOULD BE TEACHABLE, meek and lowly of heart. 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 we are in the faith..." {RH, December 20, 1892 par. 1}

"SOME HAVE FEARED THAT IF IN EVEN A SINGLE POINT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THEMSELVES IN ERROR, OTHER MINDS WOULD BE LED TO DOUBT THE WHOLE THEORY OF TRUTH. THEREFORE THEY HAVE FELT THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED, THAT IT WOULD TEND TO DISSENSION AND DISUNION. BUT IF SUCH IS TO BE THE RESULT OF INVESTIGATION, THE SOONER IT COMES THE BETTER..." {TM 105.2}

IS IT WRONG NOT TO DILIGENTLY INVESTIGATE A SIDE I OPPOSE?

"...HIS SIN WAS NOT THAT HE DID NOT RECEIVE THAT WHICH HE SINCERELY BELIEVED TO BE ERROR, BUT THAT HE DID NOT INVESTIGATE DILIGENTLY AND GAIN A KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HE WAS OPPOSING..." {2T 695.1}

“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...YOU SHOULD STRIVE EARNESTLY IN YOUR INVESTIGATIONS TO AIM AT NOTHING LESS THAN A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF EVERY POINT OF TRUTH...” {CSW 31.2}

HOW TO SHOW TRUE LOVE TO OUR BRETHREN THAT HAVE AN OPPOSING SIDE WE DON'T AGREE WITH:

“...WE DO NOT LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST HAS ENJOINED UPON US...YOU SHOULD LOVE YOUR BROTHER, AND SAY, “I AM WILLING TO INVESTIGATE YOUR VIEW. LET US COME RIGHT TO THE WORD OF GOD, AND PROVE BY THE LAW AND THE TESTIMONY WHAT IS TRUTH.”{RH, August 27, 1889 par. 3}

NOTE: We should study together with anyone we are not in agreement with because when you study by yourself, you may see things you don't agree with, but you don't hear their reasoning as to why they believe contrary to you. When you study together, you have an opportunity to hear their reasonings, which we are **COMMANDED TO DO**. THIS IS NOT A SUGGESTION BY JESUS, BUT A COMMAND THAT WE ARE TO STUDY TOGETHER THIS WAY.

“THE WORD OF GOD IS SUFFICIENT TO ENLIGHTEN THE MOST BECLOUDED MIND, AND MAY BE UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE WHO HAVE ANY DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND IT. BUT NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THIS, SOME WHO PROFESS TO MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THEIR STUDY ARE FOUND LIVING IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO ITS PLAINEST TEACHINGS. THEN, TO LEAVE MEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT EXCUSE, GOD GIVES PLAIN AND POINTED TESTIMONIES, BRINGING THEM BACK TO THE WORD THAT THEY HAVE NEGLECTED TO FOLLOW.” {3SM 31.1}

WHEN THE PIONEERS AND SISTER WHITE COULDN'T AGREE, THE SPIRIT WOULD TAKE HER OFF IN VISION HER VISIONS WOULD GIVE THE CLARITY AS TO WHAT THE TRUTH WAS

“At that time [after the 1844 disappointment] ONE ERROR AFTER ANOTHER PRESSED IN UPON US; **MINISTERS AND DOCTORS BROUGHT IN NEW DOCTRINES. WE WOULD SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES WITH MUCH PRAYER, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD BRING THE TRUTH TO OUR MINDS. SOMETIMES WHOLE NIGHTS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES AND EARNESTLY ASKING GOD FOR GUIDANCE. COMPANIES OF DEVOTED MEN AND WOMEN ASSEMBLED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE POWER OF GOD WOULD COME UPON ME, AND I WAS ENABLED CLEARLY TO DEFINE WHAT IS TRUTH AND WHAT IS ERROR.** {3SM 31.4}

AS THE POINTS OF OUR FAITH WERE THUS ESTABLISHED, OUR FEET WERE PLACED UPON A SOLID FOUNDATION. WE ACCEPTED THE TRUTH POINT BY POINT, UNDER THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. I WOULD BE TAKEN OFF IN VISION, AND EXPLANATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN ME...LIGHT WAS SHINING ON US IN CLEAR, DISTINCT RAYS.” {3SM 32.1}

THE SOP SHEDS LIGHT ON ANY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WE MAY HAVE REGARDING ANY DOCTRINE:

“AS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HAVE ARISEN IN REFERENCE TO INTERPRETATIONS OF SCRIPTURES AND METHODS OF LABOR, CALCULATED TO UNSETTLE THE FAITH OF BELIEVERS IN THE MESSAGE AND LEAD TO DISUNION IN THE WORK, THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY HAS ALWAYS THROWN LIGHT ON THE SITUATION. IT HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT UNION OF THOUGHT AND HARMONY OF ACTION TO THE BODY OF BELIEVERS...”{ LLM 34.1 }

THE TESTIMONIES ARE NOT AN ADDITION TO THE WORD OF GOD

“BROTHER J WOULD CONFUSE THE MIND BY SEEKING TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE LIGHT GOD HAS GIVEN THROUGH THE TESTIMONIES IS AN ADDITION TO THE WORD OF GOD, BUT IN THIS HE PRESENTS THE MATTER IN A FALSE LIGHT. GOD HAS SEEN FIT IN THIS MANNER TO BRING THE MINDS OF HIS PEOPLE TO HIS WORD, TO GIVE THEM A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF IT.” {3SM 30.6}

ANOTHER QUOTE REGARDING THE TESTIMONIES:

SISTER WHITE IS CALLING THE TESTIMONIE THE “Scriptures”

“I TOOK THE PRECIOUS BIBLE AND SURROUNDED IT WITH THE SEVERAL TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, GIVEN FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. HERE, SAID I, THE CASES OF NEARLY ALL ARE MET. THE SINS THEY ARE TO SHUN ARE POINTED OUT. THE COUNSEL THAT THEY DESIRE CAN BE FOUND HERE, GIVEN FOR OTHER CASES SITUATED SIMILARLY TO THEMSELVES. GOD HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU LINE UPON LINE AND PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT. BUT THERE ARE NOT MANY OF YOU THAT REALLY KNOW WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE TESTIMONIES. YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SCRIPTURES. IF YOU HAD MADE GOD’S WORD YOUR STUDY, WITH A DESIRE TO REACH THE BIBLE STANDARD AND ATTAIN TO CHRISTIAN PERFECTION, YOU WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED THE TESTIMONIES. IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE NEGLECTED TO ACQUAINT YOURSELVES WITH GOD’S INSPIRED BOOK THAT HE HAS SOUGHT TO REACH YOU BY SIMPLE, DIRECT TESTIMONIES...”{2T 605.1}

SHE CALLS THE SOP/TESTIMONIES THE “WORD OF THE LORD”

“God has spoken in reference to yourself. That which you term light from heaven, He has pronounced darkness, and the visions born of this error, He calls a delusion. Will you believe this testimony? WILL YOU HEED WHAT THE LORD HAS SPOKEN THROUGH SISTER WHITE, OR WILL YOU CAST THE WORD OF THE LORD BEHIND YOU? WILL YOU QUOTE THIS TESTIMONY AS READILY, AND MAKE CAPITAL OF IT, AS YOU HAVE OF TESTIMONIES OF REPROOF GIVEN YOUR BRETHREN WHO HAVE ERRED IN SOME THINGS? “O CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL” { 2SM 82.1}

ARE WE NOT TO USE HER WRITINGS OVER CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS?

“...I request that my writings SHALL NOT BE USED AS THE LEADING ARGUMENT TO SETTLE QUESTIONS OVER WHICH THERE IS NOW SO MUCH CONTROVERSY. I ENTREAT OF ELDERS H, I, J, AND OTHERS OF OUR LEADING BRETHREN, THAT THEY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO MY WRITINGS TO SUSTAIN THEIR VIEWS OF “THE DAILY.” { 1SM 164.1}

IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ME THAT THIS IS NOT A SUBJECT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. I am instructed that our brethren are making a mistake in magnifying the importance of the difference in the views that are held...The true meaning of “the daily” is not to be made a test question. {1SM 164.2}

NOTE: She was saying not to use her writings in arguments that are not a subject of vital importance
The subject of the King of the north/Eastern Question and others are vital subjects