

## **Despise Not!**

### **...A SIN THAT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN!**

My heart aches as I see the happenings taking place among us and around us. Everywhere you go "good SDA" members earnestly tell you – "We are not to be quoting from the Spirit of Prophecy writings, we must use the Bible and the Bible only for our doctrines," Of course there is some truth in this—our faith must be founded on the Bible—the existing writings of God's Holy Spirit, BUT the Bible says, "Despise not prophesyings" "Try the spirits" "Hold fast that which is good" "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, there is no light in them." BUT after we have checked a prophet out and the work of this prophet is proven and passes All tests— Then what are we to do?? "Believe His prophets— so shall ye prosper!"

Friends, the Bible warns us—"The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus". "And the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy" Please, my brethren! Open your eyes! If we get up in the pulpit and teach that we can't keep the law and will be sinning until Jesus comes, and we push aside the Spirit of prophesy, and talk about- "Ellen White's writings. And how she was uneducated and is now out of date," and that "we have better sources of information now." Then, we are not the remnant!!! I can't emphasize this enough!!

Friends, We are at war!! What greater advantage could an enemy have that to get you to put aside all the weapons you have and to welcome him into your fellowship!

God never changes! The Word of God never changes! What the Holy Spirit writes is forever! New truth NEVER replaces the old but ALWAYS builds on the true foundation. If so-called 'New Light' or 'Truth' is out of harmony with what is revealed in the past through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, then it is a SATANIC DELUSION— it is not 'truth'.

Friends, the reason why there are ministers and teachers out there telling you in various ways to lay aside your Authorized Version of the Bible, and the Spirit of Prophecy writings and let them explain the 'truth' to you , is because their theories are not TRUE— they are the doctrines of men, Nay! They are the doctrines of DEVILS!

Why were the volumous writings of the Spirit of Prophecy given to us? Because friends, God loves us, He knew Satan would pull out all stops in an effort to destroy us; He wants us to be saved! So he sent us DETAILED INSTRUCTION, and volumous warnings. These writings REVEAL Satan's strategy and it is no wonder he wants you to turn from them and lay them down. Yes soldier, That old gun you have is obsolete, throw it away, See come over to me and I will give you a new one, See, isn't it pretty? Now use it against your fellow believers, those stupid ones who won't throw their old guns away. No one or all of us together is any match for the cleverness and subtlety of Satan! Our only safety is to KNOW what Satan's plans are and that is revealed in the spirit of prophesy.

The Greek word in the text in Revelation translated 'have' means to 'cling to' to 'adhere to'. It means to apply that truth to your life and by God's Grace NEVER let go of it! The remnant are not those who have the testimony of Jesus on the book shelf, NO, NO they have it in their hearts. They have God's law and his testimony in their hearts and lives and they won't let go of it for anything! You want to be

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with that little group, those who will go through and be saved? Then don't listen to those who say 'Bible only' and "Throw away all the old stuff and listen to me" When you hear that, get up and RUN!

Friend, This is a dangerous ground to be on, it is no trifling matter—To criticize the work of God's messenger is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit!

Recently, a friend of mine attending a conference camp-meeting heard entire sermons preached with the sole purpose of criticizing and condemning the faithful Authorized Version of the Bible and exalting new translations. If you look around you will hear this everywhere. Let us take a quick look at some facts.

1: There are two main streams of scriptural manuscripts; one was used by the true church who fled into the wilderness; This is the stream of manuscripts that eventually became the Authorized version of the Bible. This stream was the one that when printed by Gutenberg in German, spearheaded the Reformation where truth shot forward like lightening and the great Roman church received her deadly wound.

The second class of manuscripts is very small and began when Constantine was determined to unite Heathen Paganism with Christianity. Parts of two out of fifty bibles he ordered to aid in this, have survived under the care of the great hybrid Roman Church spawned by them. On These two Manuscripts hang the NIV and almost ALL the modern English versions. Don't let anyone tell you that people who cling to the Authorized KJV just refuse to speak modern English! NO, NO! Its because the same manuscripts that mated the Christian church with the Heathen sun worshippers are being used again to do the same thing and mate the protestant people with the great whore, the Roman church! Again Satan is tricking us into throwing down our swords and giving us weapons that work for our enemies, against us!

2: The Authorized Version from the true manuscripts is the one under who's influence the light of the reformation and the gospel went all around the world. Respect for rights and freedom and life followed the reading of this class of scriptures. Missions reached out into darkness and heathenism was pushed back dramatically. Education was brought to the ignorant and where education flourished, the Authorized Bible was revered. Children used it as their primer, the aged as their solace, and even the infidel trembled before its counsels. The principles of human rights and freedom, separation of church and state and the liberty to worship that our western countries were based on, had their origin in the influence of this Bible. The great Advent awakening, the 3 angels' messages and the Seventh-day Adventist church all came out of this version. The great revivalist preachers, Wesley, Sturgeon, and so on thundered its counsel from the pulpit and to the masses and where ever people heard its words lives improved, diligence and sobriety were uplifted, and FREEDOM was honored.

Also Rome's power was weakened! She knew if her deadly wound was to be healed and she was to again control the masses, she had to DESTROY the influence of the received text, foundation of the Authorized Version! And so she attacked, through the means always most successful for her ways, HIGHER EDUCATION! The Jesuit teachers infiltrated the protestant schools of Britain and elsewhere and subtly brought about the clamor for "MODERN TRANSLATIONS". Down through the lines this influence filtered until now even the 'people of the book' walk about parroting the lies they have heard from the "Educated Ones" , who are parroting it from teachers, who are parroting it from Jesuit instructors!

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3: Friends, when we look at the record of the Authorized Bible, at its 'fruits of righteousness', at how the Holy Spirit mightily used it. I ask you, Is it not Blasphemy to vilify that revered volume? Is it not Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? A thing is either of God or of the Devil— there is no other category— if it is of God, how dare we vilify it? And who could be so blind as to say it is from the devil? Jesus warned the leaders of His time on earth, when they tried to say the miracles He wrought in the name of the Father, were from the devil, that they were blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Are not leaders who vilify the scriptures God gave to the world and the messages of the Spirit of Prophecy doing the same?

What do we see in the world today? The influence of the True scriptures is rapidly fading. The world is 'Wondering after the Beast' and all the Protestants don't know how to protest any more. Freedom is fading fast, friend, and the new 'dark ages' is right before us as ignorance and helpless dependence on human leaders carpets the earth. Brethren, Wake up, Strengthen what is ready to die, before you blindly march into the darkness of the Whore's New Dark Ages!

### **Ignorance**

Those of us who, by God's Grace and Mercy, have walked this earth for more than a generation or two, have a vantage point from which to view many things taking place today over time. I am aware that it has always been the cry of Grannies and Grampas that "Things just aren't what they used to be when I was young." But perhaps, also, this very cry should be a warning sound to the younger generations.

The Bible predicts continual degeneration of morals until the end, and the "time of the end" as described in Peter's epistle and else-where grates ominously upon our ears as we hear of the corruption of all things that make life worth living- Love, Truthfulness, Courtesy, Kindness, Helpfulness, Family Affection and Filial Obedience.

The 'Dark Ages' were dark for one main reason, the Holy Scriptures were denied to the people and in their place superstition and fantasy reined. Learning was at a low ebb, and the monks and priests that were supposed to educate and guide the people, for the most part told them fearful, superstitious tales to secure more strongly their own power over them and were themselves slaves to gross ignorance. The unregenerate heart enjoys fantasy and mysticism and these leaders often were admired for their story-telling ability.

The people being totally ignorant of the scriptures made it so easy for the religious leaders- they could tell the people anything and assure them that it was the very God's-truth and they knew no better. In Europe in those times all types of knowledge was downtrodden and only in the 'Church of the Wilderness' was agricultural and architectural, medical and scientific knowledge kept alive.

God's true people have always been a bastion of true knowledge. In the schools of the early Irish Church, all kinds of useful, practical knowledge was taught and practiced. Far from making His people superstitious and ignorant, God's Word read and practiced always has produced a wise and knowing people - industrious and skillful.

Today we have schools all over the place but what do we see happening? True knowledge is rapidly waning. Again we have a situation where many, as they hear of different Bible translations and "scholarly debates" are beginning again to leave the study of the Word to those who 'know" and so the average person is as ignorant of what the Bible contains and teaches as were the dear, old, ignorant,

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dark-agers. This ignorance, I tremble to say is even making inroads into those once known as the "People of the Book"

Even fifty years ago, children were encouraged to pursue studies of history, science and practical knowledge. Silly stories, fairytales and fantasy, although too much with us even then, were still not considered the fare that school studies were based upon. TV educational shows were mostly grounded in reality. What do we see now? I once sat in a doctor's office where a TV was left on and was amazed to watch an educational presentation all about the 'Tooth-Fairy'! Vital knowledge?? Children are growing up in a world swamped in fantasy- whether it is the cute kind such as care bears and little unicorns or the ugly, violent, super-hero and horror kind. Most young children can tell you all about the details of all of the recent movies and TV serials and cartoons but can many even tell you anything about the Bible? Mother's are up on the 'soaps' but do they know anything real about the spiritual and nutritional needs of their families? Dad knows the teams and the 'big games' but does he know his place as spiritual leader of his family?

Sports is the only religion that many are exposed to and for some the Eastern Buddhism of the martial arts is looked to as it teaches 'discipline'. But what kind of discipline??

We think we live in an highly educated age but statistics show that illiteritism is rampant. True understanding of practical skills is vanishing. The educational institutes offer degrees in such superstitious devil doctrines as Astrology, witchcraft, ESP, Satanism, Voodoo, Hypnotism and psychic healing and 'occult' knowledge. Touch For Healing, an occult methodology, is openly practiced even in SDA hospitals. I have heard people say it is like the middle ages- but they are wrong! Even in the middle ages these things were not taught in the universities!

Modern Man and his children are choosing to live in a world of fantasy and ignorance. This is what is coming in as real scriptural knowledge goes out.

The average school child today although he may know about computers, seldom can do more with them that play mind corrupting games, he may know about all kinds of technology, but does not understand the true concepts behind the gadgets he plays with. Hard work is considered a bad joke and the day to day chores that make our lives pleasant are 'Boring' and to be shunned unless you can get a machine that will do it for you. Even learning is laughed at and it is not considered 'cool' to study or to be wise.

I often have though as I looked at pictures out west of the hardy homesteaders and their hardworking children of what would a boy in those days have thought if he were transported into our days and put with the fantasy drowned, entertainment dependent, dreamers of today?

I fear that we are headed full speed again into the dark tunnel of superstition and ignorance where true knowledge is pathetically rare and people only look to and depend on their leaders for guidance and spoon fed information- information that suits the purposes of those providing it and not those receiving it - locked into some kind of perpetual childishness where the movements of a sphere of rubber or an inflated piece of leather is of more importance than the way to Eternal Life. Where fantasy has so pervaded the mind that it is unable to grasp the truth even when it is available - surely this is the most pitiful condition of all!

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