



ELLEN G WHY?!

PART 3 · SPECIFIC CLARIFICATIONS

Advanced Material



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"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history" (Jan 29 1893, GC Daily Bulletin)

THE TESTIMONIES

THREAT-CON ALPHA

Step 1: "One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner **will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit**" (3SM 84.3).

🌀 "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**" (Letter 50, 1906 | 3SM 83.5).

🌊 "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 make bold assertions, as did Elder Canright, and misapply the prophecies and the Scriptures to prove falsehood. 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" (Letter 109, 1890; 3SM 83.3-4).

⬇️ "It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith of God's people in the Testimonies. Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. When the Testimonies, which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction" (4T 211; LDE 178).

🕒 "Satan is ... constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. **The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God.** "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony" (Letter 12, 1890; 1SM 48.3).

😡 "There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is satanic. The workings of Satan will be to unsettle the faith of the churches in them, for this reason: Satan cannot have so clear a track to bring in his deceptions and bind up souls in his delusions if the warnings and reproofs and counsels of the Spirit of God are heeded" (Letter 40, 1890; 1SM 48.4).

💡 "I have tried to do my duty to you and to the Lord Jesus, whom I serve and whose cause I love. The testimonies I have borne you have in truth been presented to me by the Lord. I am sorry that you have rejected the light given.... Are you betraying your Lord because in his great mercy he has shown you just where you are standing spiritually? He knows every purpose of the heart. Nothing is hid from Him. It is not I whom you are betraying. It is not I against whom you are so embittered. It is the Lord, who has given me a message to bear to you" (Letter 66, 1897; 3SM 84.1-2).

😬 "Regarding the testimonies, nothing is ignored; nothing is cast aside; **but time and place must be considered** (1SM 57.2).

👉 "I said, "If any of the citizens of Battle Creek wish to know what Mrs. White believes and teaches, **let them read her published books**" (RH Jan. 26, 1905, par. 19). "And now to all who have a desire for truth I would say: Do not give credence to unauthenticated reports as to what Sister White has done or said or written. If you desire to know what the Lord has revealed through her, **read her published works.** Are there any points of interest concerning which she has not written, do not eagerly catch up and report rumors as to what she has said" (5T 696.1).

Copy That ... "My copyists you have seen. They do not change my language. It stands as I write it" (Letter 61A, 1900).

"But my writings have not stopped. They go out as I have written them. No words of my copyists are put in the place of my own words. This is a testimony that cannot be controverted" (MR 926, p. 78).

"There are those who say, 'Someone manipulates her writings.' I acknowledge the charge. It is One who is mighty in counsel, One who presents before me the condition of things ..." (Letter 52, 1906).

📄 "All the messages reproduced in this volume were **delivered in public and stenographically reported**, or were prepared with that purpose in view. ... although there were not tape recorders in Ellen White's day, **a person may get the true "feel" of Ellen White as a speaker by reading this book**" (1SAT i.3).

Temptation Mt 4 vs Lk 4! **INRI?** Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; Jn 19:19 **Perfect or Merciful?** Matthew 5:48 vs Luke 6:36

CHANGES

🕒 “Now, Brother Smith, I have been making a careful, critical examination of the work that has been done on the Testimonies, and **I see a few things that I think should be corrected** in the matter brought before you and others at the General Conference [November, 1883]. But as I examine the matter more carefully I see less and less that is objectionable. Where the language used is not the best, **I want it made correct and grammatical**, as I believe it should be in every case where it can be without destroying the sense. This work is delayed, which does not please me. . . . My mind has been exercised upon the question of the Testimonies that have been revised. We have looked them over more critically. I cannot see the matter as my brethren see it. **I think the changes will improve the book.** If our enemies handle it, let them do so. “I think that anything that shall go forth will be criticized, twisted, turned, and boggled, but we are to go forward with a clear conscience, doing what we can and leaving the result with God. **We must not be long in delaying the work.**” “Now, my brethren, what do you propose to do? **I do not want this work dragging along any longer. I want something done, and done now**” (Letter 11, 1884).

📖 **Marian Davis:** “She does her work in this way: She takes my articles which are published in the papers, and pastes them in blank books. She also has a copy of all the letters I write. In preparing a chapter for a book, Marian remembers that I have written something on that special point, which may make the matter more forcible. She begins to search for this, and if when she finds it, she sees that it will make the chapter more clear, she adds it. The books are not Marian's productions, but my own, gathered from all my writings. Marian has a large field from which to draw, and her ability to arrange the matter is of great value to me. It saves my poring over a mass of matter, which I have no time to do. So you understand that Marian is a most valuable help to me in bringing out my books” (Letter 61a, 1900; 3SM 91-92).

✉ Dear Brother [F. M.] Wilcox:

Sanitarium, Cal., July 25, 1911

“A few days ago I received a copy of **the new edition of the book Great Controversy** ... , recently printed at Mountain View, and also a similar copy printed at Washington. The book pleases me. I have spent many hours looking through its pages, and I see that the publishing houses have done good work. ... When I learned that Great Controversy must be reset, I determined that we would have everything closely examined, to see if the truths it contained were stated in the very best manner, to convince those not of our faith that the Lord had guided and sustained me in the writing of its pages. **As a result of the thorough examination by our most experienced workers, some changing in the wording has been proposed. These changes I have carefully examined, and approved.** I am thankful that my life has been spared, and that I have strength and clearness of mind for this and other literary work” (3 SM 123-124).

DETAILS

📖 **Textus Receptus ... Luke 23:42** “Then he said to Jesus, “**Lord**, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

DA 750.3: “While the leading Jews deny Him, and even the disciples doubt His **divinity**, the poor thief, upon the brink of eternity, **calls Jesus Lord**. Many were ready **to call Him Lord** when He wrought miracles, and after He had risen from the grave; but none acknowledged Him as He hung dying upon the cross save the penitent thief who was saved at the eleventh hour. 751.1 **The bystanders caught the words as the thief called Jesus Lord.**”

Rev 22:14 KJV “Blessed are they that do his commandments” οἱ ποιοῦντες τὰς ἐντολάς αὐτοῦ hoι ποιουντες τας entolas autou
NIV “Blessed are those who wash their robes” οἱ πλύνοντες τὰς στολὰς αὐτῶν hoι plynontes τας stolas autōn

EGW: “None who have had the light of truth will enter the city of God as **commandment breakers**. **His law** lies at the foundation of His government in earth and in heaven. If they have knowingly trampled upon and despised **His law** on the earth, they will not be taken to heaven to do the same work there; there is no change of character when Christ comes. The character building is to go on during the hours of probation → **Rev 22:14 KJV quoted!** (*The Review and Herald*, August 25, 1885).

👤 Background Check

DA 530 “In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived.”

① **John Cumming**, D.D., F.R.S.E. of London: *Sabbath Evening Readings on the New Testament - St. John*, John P. Jewett Co. of Cleveland, OH, 1896: “In him was life,’—that is, original, unborrowed, underived. In us there is a streamlet from the Fountain of Life; in him was the Fountain of Life. Our life is something we receive, something that the Giver takes back again to himself,—over which we have no control, and for which we must give God the account and the praise. But in Jesus was life underived, unborrowed.”

② **William E. Channing**, “Unitarian Christianity” (!), 1819: “We earnestly maintain...that our Father in heaven is **originally**, essentially, and eternally placable, and disposed to forgive; and that is **unborrowed, underived**, and unchangeable love is the only fountain of what flows to us through his Son” (*The Works of William E. Channing*, 1882, p. 371).

③ **Ellen White, 1896:** “In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour. ‘This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent’ (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world” (Ms2-1896; ST April 8, 1897).

④ **DA 530 ... ML Andreassen:** “This statement at that time was revolutionary and compelled a complete revision of my former view—and that of the denomination—on the deity of Christ” (*Without Fear or Favor*, p. 76).

⑤ **MM 7 (Letter 309), 1905:** “In Jesus is our life derived. In Him is life, that is original, unborrowed, underived life. In us there is a streamlet from the fountain of life. In Him is the fountain of life. Our life is something that we receive, something that the Giver takes back again to Himself.”