"Confusion"
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"Time is late and you are not ready. This publication comes to you not in the name of man, but in the name of God. You may do with it as you wish. To read it along with your Bible and prayer will mean victory and eternal life. To dispose of it blindly will only mean to you that soon, very soon you will be pleading to obtain one of these little insignificant pieces of paper. But upon receiving it the overbearing reality will sweep over you that you are lost. A foolish virgin." A 1984 tract by V.W.H.

Now come on, this is 1987, right, and in 1985 you pick up a piece of paper like this that gives that kind of statement, would you fear that? Huh? If you found a piece of paper that made a threat like that would you be afraid of it?

Man: Something to think about. Vernon: Well, I mean it just simply says that you better read this piece of paper or your going to be in trouble right? Man: Probably not.

Vernon: Probably not. You'd pick it up, "Well, this guy...that's not Christianity, that..." and you'd throw it away wouldn't you? As the prophecy says, "truth falleth in the street", right? That's what people do with pieces of paper that they don't agree with, the first few lines.

"The church and state confederacy is right upon us and you are not ready..." Ibid.

Like Mr. Brother Falwell. Pat Robinson [Robertson]. You know Adventists don't know what these men are doing these days. In Washington D.C. there was recently a meeting held and whose standing up for truth today? You had guys from the Plain Truth... what's that program? It is Written, standing in the background with their thumbs in their mouth, you know. And Mr. Falwell is yakking on about, you know, bringing the Mosaic law and its principles into active Christian America and stuff, calling it "Christian America", right? Since when?

"The first point that we want to make is that there is a seventh angel's message, just as there is a third, second and first. We should know as Adventists that Revelation, chapter 10, first applied to the first angel's message." Ibid.

Right? Angel comes down with a book open?
"This message was given by William Miller 1833. He also gave the second angel's message prior to 1844. The points thus stated are facts that all Seventh-Day Adventists should know. The Third Angel’s message was presented by Ellen G. White in the fall of 1844. This message gave to the people of God the seal of life contained in the fourth commandment, Sabbath. These three angel’s messages were given to the world to show that the judgement for the dead had begun, that all cases from Adam on were being investigated to see who had lived out the faith for their time." Ibid.

Let’s talk about faith. The faith of Adam, is it our faith? Does God say to you today, don’t eat of that tree? We don’t even know what kind of tree it was, do we? We might be eating of it... it might have been an apple tree after all, you know. The bible doesn’t say that. Might have been a pear tree or something. Maybe we’re eating of it everyday? Because I’m sure I know a lot about good and evil. You see? But that’s not present truth. You don’t see me in here sitting down and saying, "Well, do you know there’s fixing to be a flood", do you? But is that truth? It was truth for Noah’s day, it was the life and death truth. Peter makes it very clear. He says that the Spirit that rose Christ from the dead was the same Spirit who, in the days of Noah, when the ark was preparing, preached to the people about the flood. Hmmmm, does that mean that the spirit of Christ was in Noah? And if you rejected Noah who did you reject in that day? You reject the Word of God. You see? Paul says that they, they knew in Romans, Paul says that they knew those that which commit such things that they were committing were worthy of death. But not only did they do these things, these sins that they did, disobedient to parents, right? Parents, our children are worthy of death aren’t they? You see? Paul says they are. But not only did they do these sins they had friends that did it too. Sounds like me today. But that was present truth in the days of Noah.

How about in the days of Abraham, what was his present truth? He went around telling people...huh?

Man: Come out of Babylon.

Vernon: Well, he came out of Ur for sure but they thought he was crazy. You know, take his wife and quit the job and, you know, sell the TV set and all that. He got up and packed up. What a nut! You know, be realistic, there was people in his day too just like us. [He] went around saying that God had spoken to him. Well everybody had a god. You see? I get this from the Baptists all the time...

Baptist: Well, you know we have the same God. Vernon: No we don’t! Let’s get one thing straight, we don’t have the same God! I worship a different God than you do! Baptist: Well that’s, that’s blasphemy! Don’t you believe in Jesus Christ? Vernon: No, I don’t! Baptist: Uh ho ho!

Boy that scares them. But that shuts it right off right then and there. Remember the lady in front of the K-mart store one time? I said...
Vernon: Ma’am, ma’am, please, will you listen to me please. I may be a lost brother, will you listen to me to know where I’m coming from? Lady: Well, I say you sure are lost! Vernon: Well, please. I’ve done some research. And I found out that the name Jesus Christ is an English translation of a Greek word, and that actually the Messiah’s name was Yeshua or Joshua and that in the Dark Ages when they translated what happened was, as Daniel the prophet foretold, they would cast the name of God to the ground. You see? And his tabernacle, would cast it to the ground, change the truth into a lie and that it would prosper. And simply what I am trying to say ma’am is this: that the name Jesus Christ is from the Greek ee-ay-soos christos which means ee-ay-soos christos. Christos or Christ means anointed one. You see John the Baptist didn’t have two names, John Baptist. He was John the baptist, the baptizer. His name was John. His last name wasn’t Baptist. Though we sometimes say John Baptist right? That’s why people get names, Carpenter, Painter, Smith, because that’s what there occupations were. Jesus Christ wasn’t named Jesus Christ. The Christ meant anointed one, in Hebrew it’s called meshiyach or messiah. [The] English word for meshiyach is messiah. So see, if we don’t learn these things we get all kinds of weird ideals [ideas] in our brain don’t we?

So I told this lady, I said...

Vernon: You know, remember Hercules? Remember Hercules, he used to run up Mount Olympus? Well, he used to run up to Mount Olympus to talk to this guy up there that used to throw lightning bolts at people named Zeus, the grecian war God Zeus, of which Daniel makes very plain that he honors a god of forces, as the margin says, a god of war, military.

This is what the pope and them did. You see? They worshiped a strange god whom their fathers knew not, and exalted him, and magnified him. You see? The most strongholds of places of war. Now you know there’s been more people killed in the name of Jesus Christ than any other name in history, more than in the name of Moses! Is that true? We as Adventists know that don’t we? Inquisition, everything? Remember the cross, NIVI and all that? Catholicism. Yeah, if you don’t believe in Jesus Christ, you see, your a goner, their Jesus Christ, ee-ay-soos christos. But God does wink at our ignorance, doesn’t he, because when I came to the Lord, who did I pray to? Jesus Christ. Right, but you know there is a time when you got to put away the milk and you got to eat meat and there’s a time when you need to listen and learn and weigh everything that’s said to the law and the testimony. And even if his name was Jesus Christ, the Revelation says to the Philadelphia church, those who overcome will receive the seal of God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Christ’s new what?

Steve: Name.

Now is that a prophecy? When’s it fulfilled? Do you know Christ’s new name? If his original name was Yeshua, then according to the prophecy, it’s not going to be later on is it? So the point is whether Yeshua, or whether Jesus Christ. Who do we believe? Well, Jesus
said, for the sake of argument, "Woe unto us that believe not all that the prophets have written", and you know something, in 1987, like in 1985 when this letter was first presented, do you know that even amongst Adventist ministers they'll tell you point blank, "I know what the prophecies teach, we don't have time to study that." Though Daniel 11 and 12 says, "the wicked will do wickedly and none of the wicked will understand." Do you understand Daniel 11 and 12? Ask yourself, don't look at someone else, judge yourself, do we as Seventh-Day Adventists understand Daniel chapter 11 and chapter 12? Then we must be... "but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel", the bible goes on to say, "the mystery of God should be finished." What's in that book that the angel has? What are those three thunders? Four thunders? Five thunders?

Steve: Seven thunders?

Seems like Revelation always goes with seven eyes, seven candlesticks, seven horns, seven this, seven plagues, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven, seven. But there's only three angels.

Lori: Are you on tape? Vernon: Questions, that's what we are here for. Lori: Did you want me to save the questions until the end or... Vernon: No you interrupt me. Lori: Okay, what I, I'm just not clear, I just missed maybe because when... kid... what are you saying? That we shouldn't pray to the person Jesus Christ or are you just talking about his name?

Well, Paul says we're supposed to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. That's what he says. But I'm just simply agitating you, you see? I want to see who gets mad, who becomes offended for a word in other words. I have a very hard job to do. You see, I'm a false prophet and I want you to prove it. Okay?

Woman: Fair enough.

Now we are in a position today to where much knowledge is increased, we know Christ is coming soon. But Sr. White says God will have a people that will uphold the Bible and the Bible only as the only rule of faith. I'm just simply stating that there is in Revelation, chapter 10, a message that John, of which we know was of God. We don't know who I am, or who you are. But we know John was of God, and John says that he saw this angel, and the angel had a little book open, you see? We can agree on that. That's wisdom because that's what it says. "And seven thunders uttered their voices." Now whether symbolic or not symbolic, it says seven thunders uttered their voices, and John says, "I was about to write but a voice spake unto me saying seal up those things and write them not." I want to know Steve! What did John hear that I'm not permitted to know? You see? That's the question. Well, the key is this, the bible says in the next verse that John saw "the angel, who stood upon the earth and upon the sea, lift his hand towards heaven and swore by the God that created heaven and earth and everything that there should be time no longer." See, peoples probation closes before they die. Like in 31 A.D., let's learn a lesson, because it is finished. Who was it finished for? You see? God was finished with the Jews. Did they think so? Jesus was on his way to the
cross. The women were crying, you know, like emotions get involved. He says, "Women weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your own children." He saw that which they rejected to see, the future. You see? Christ wanted them to know the wisdom of God, that which is to be. Peter says prophecy is "a light that shines in a dark place until", when? "The day dawn and the daystar arise in your heart. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation because it came not in old time by the will of men, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Right? Which means no scripture is given by private theory, which means no private theories can explain it! But when inspiration, the power of God, opens it up to us, then we understand clearly. Ah! "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, the mystery of God", what those thunders uttered, "should be finished." It deals with the book, the book in the angel's hand. You see? What's in that book? What's in that book the angel has? "Well, you see, this is the book of Daniel." Excuse me sir. Daniel? Is that a little book with twelve chapters? Well, Obadiah has how many chapters?

Man: One.

Who's to have the authority to say it's the book of Daniel when there's so many other small books with...Zephaniah, three chapters, Joel, three chapters? Well, wait a second. What if Obadiah teaches the same thing that Daniel teaches? What if Amos and Hosea and Malachi even teach the same thing that Daniel teaches? Then wouldn't that little book, Obadiah, be the same as the book of Daniel if they teach the same thing? Who's Gog and Magog? "Well, everybody says today that's Russia. Well, actually it's this English speaking nation..." Doesn't the bible say, "have I not spoken unto thee by all my servants the prophets?" So instead of guessing who Gog and Magog is, I'm stupid enough just to go back to the prophecies and see what they say. You see? But then the Revelation says, "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel", which means no matter how smart you may or not be, in the days of the voice of the third angel, your not going to know. In the days of the voice of the fourth angel or fifth angel or sixth angel your not going to know, because God says, "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel as he declared to his servants the prophets."

So I'm ready, God willing, by the grace of God that's given to us at this time, I'm ready to open up and to look into what the prophecies have taught, that we might know what they teach so we can be persecuted against.

Lori: Can I ask you a question before you get started? Then I won't interrupt you.
Vernon: Sure. Lori: I had a study with Steve and Dale, Carol and the pastor on Thursday, and Steve had said a statement that I had a little problem with and I want to get clear in my mind so, you know, as I go along, because I, if I'm thinking about that I'm not going to be totally with you. So what the statement was, was something that your going to have to finish it for me. I can start it out. It was, "We as Seventh-Day Adventists, I don't know if we as Seventh-Day Adventists can say we have the Spirit of Prophecy." Steve: Oh, we were talking about the concept of what is Spirit of Prophecy and we've used it as a cliche and gotten to the habit of saying we have the Bible and the
Spirit of Prophecy and we put it on a person that’s no longer with us called Ellen G. White. Lori: Right. And you said because she wasn’t here... Vernon: Let’s answer this, Okay? Steve: Okay, here goes. Lori: Did you say something about...since they...if you don’t...having a private interpretation...I’m not clear on what you said that’s why... Steve: Yeah, okay watch. Vernon: Here you go. Here you go. Here you go. [holding up a bible] We have the Spirit of Prophecy the Baptists say. Lori: Right. Vernon: There it is. I like prophets like that, they don’t get on my case. Lori: [Laughing] Steve: [Laughing] You got the idea? Vernon: We have Christ and His righteousness right here. What do you need? Lori: Open Him and read Him I would guess.

Vernon: Well, hold on a second, but when I read that I say it means this. You say it means something else. "Sr. White says we are not supposed to eat butter and cheese and milk." "No, Sr. White says there may come a time we may not eat these foods, but God will reveal it." You see? So me and you are clobbering each other with what Sr. White has to say. Well, why don’t Sister White tell us what she wants to say. Sr. White says, "I don’t give a rap what Sr. White says!" Sr. White says, "If you cannot prove from the bible, do not quote Mrs. White!" Remember that statement? And the man that was quoting that, was quoting that from the pulpit, and he started quoting Mrs. White and he couldn’t prove it from the Bible.

Woman: Okay... Vernon: So I said, "Brother, excuse me sir," I said...

Vernon: Brother, who gave Sr. White the authority to explain about the time of trouble and to quote from Jeremiah 30? Brother: Well, you don’t know? Vernon: Well yes, I know but do you know? Brother: Why, inspiration! Vernon: Then how come she took Jeremiah 30 out of context according to your explanation?

When I read Jeremiah 30, it’s very clear to me, and if God’s people are to go through that time of trouble, as it is written, then who is this guy that has a yoke on their neck, and who is David, and who is the guy that approaches unto God afterwards? Huh? They don’t know! You don’t either! [Laughs]

Lori: [Laughing] Your right! Let me read something to you... Vernon: But do you see the point? Look... Lori: I think. Vernon: This is what the Baptists say. They don’t need Ellen G. White or William Miller. They’ve got these prophets right here. Lori: Okay. What I was stumbling on is the private interpreter part. Okay? And I just want to read, this is the fifth volume of the Testimonies? Vernon: Mmmm hmmm. Lori: I’m going to read one paragraph, and then tell you what I think, and maybe you can tell me if I’m not catching your point, I don’t know, okay?

"Those who look to the Scriptures to find discrepancies have not spiritual insight. With distorted vision they will see many causes for doubt and unbelief in the things that are really plain and simple. But to those who take God’s word with reverence, seeking to learn His will that they may obey it, all is changed. They are filled with awe and wonder as they contemplate the purity and exalted excellence of the truths revealed. Like
attracts like, like appreciates like. Holiness allies itself with holiness, faith with faith. To the humble heart and the sincere, inquiring mind the Bible is full of light and knowledge. Those who come to the scriptures in this spirit are brought into fellowship with prophets and apostles. Their spirit assimilates to that of Christ and they long to become one with Him." 5T, p. 705

So what I gathered from this is that when we open the scriptures with a humble spirit, not opening it to disprove, but when we open it asking the Lord to help us to understand to give us that light and knowledge that we need, because we can't understand, that each individual is capable of doing that.

Steve: Well, let me ask you a question, just like I've asked for the last, well, as long as I can remember. With all my wanting and trying and frustration and grunting and moaning and everything else, I haven't come one iota or step closer to understanding Daniel, chapter 10 and 11. Same with the seven trumpets, same with Zechariah, chapter one, the horses in the myrtle trees, chapter 5, the ephah and the woman and the lead and so forth. So what I've found is this: I've understood from Vernon and so forth and that what he has presented from the scripture and it's been very plain and simple but it comes down is this: where is Isaiah right now? Woman: Dead. Steve: Dead, right? So if you read the whole book of Isaiah could you tell me and explain to me what Isaiah was talking about? Man: If God revealed it to you. Vernon: That's right. Steve: Ah! There you go. That's a good a answer. Vernon: Then what are you going to do? Steve: First...yes. Woman: What are you going to do with what God revealed to you? Vernon: Then what are you going to do? Woman: Compare it to the bible. Man: Share it. Test it. Vernon: Well, if God revealed it to you there's no need for you to test it. Man: Test everything. How do you know that God gave it to you? Vernon: Well, you know. Man: You've got to test even yourself! Vernon: Because Isaiah couldn't test it by anything. Man: Couldn't test what by it?

Vernon: He couldn't test his message by the scriptures because it was totally contrary to the laws of Moses, of which the prophet Luke says, we call him a prophet because, first of all, through inspiration he wrote, as John, the law came by Moses but truth and grace came by Jesus Christ. Here's a man named Christ, he's at a well, he's at a well. And here comes this Samaritan girl. Now Christ was the law in the flesh, he kept it. Not the law in the stone. "Give me a drink." "Why do you ask a drink of me, a Samaritan woman? Are not thou a Jew?" Right? He said, "Woman, if thou had known the gift of God," if you had known the prophecies, "thou would have asked of me and I would have given thee living waters." Wise guy. "Sir, how can thou give me those living waters, thou hast nothing to draw them with." "Go call your husband." "Well, I don't have a husband." "Thou hast well said thou hast not a husband, for thou hast had five husbands, and the man your with right now is not your husband. In that thou sayest thou hast no husband or not you tell me the truth." "Sir, I perceive thou art a prophet. We know that Messiah cometh." "I'm him." Off she went. Now, there's a woman that lied unto God. Did the law kill her? She lied to God. She lied to man. Go call your husband, she wanted living waters right, and she thought he was talking
about something down in the well. He said "the waters that I give a man shall drink and never thirst again." You see? But what was that water? What did Christ have that could fill the souls need to go from faith to faith, from light to light. She said, "come see a man that told me everything that ever I did." What was the gift that Christ portrayed to that woman of that generation? The spirit of wisdom from on high, inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy. Sr. White: "Dear Brother A, Dear Brother B, I have been shown." They came to her, "who told you that?" Still unbelief. The story of a man that Sr. White wrote him a letter. Right? "I’m not going to read this, who does she think she is?" Boxed it away. Years, and years, and years later, after the man went through all this suffering and everything, after the man went through all this anxiety, divorce, and everything, up in the attic one day, "what’s this? Ah, that letter! Well, what did it say?" She writes down everything that he’d go through because he’s such an unbeliever in the gift of inspiration. But nobody wants anybody to know what their doing in the dark unless we’re children of light. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness because their deeds were evil." In other words, do you know Daniel chapter 11 and 12? You’re being called out on the carpet now. Do you understand that mystery? If you don’t, the bible testifies that you must be wicked, whether you are an Adventist, whether you are an angel yourself, if you don’t know these mysteries, of which Gabriel says "none holdeth with me in these things but Michael your prince." What is Daniel, chapter 11 all about? Chapter 10 tells you point blank "I will now show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth."

Lori: Excuse me, I’m sorry, but I’m very simple minded and I want to just kind of get back to what, you know, I just want to ask a question, because you had said something about, if God reveals it to you, you know automatically, and you said that Isaiah didn’t have the bible to test. God spoke audibly a lot of times also to these men. He doesn’t speak audibly to us. He has spoken to us through the Spirit of Prophecy, Mrs. White, Ellen G. White, Vernon: He spoke audibly to her. Lori: Pardon me? Vernon: He spoke audibly to her. Lori: And we’re told in the scriptures to test the spirits. I just want to make sure that you agree that you are to test the spirits if a voice or something talks to you, or you have a dream or a vision, that you ask God to reveal to you if this is from him or if... Vernon: What if the voice says, "Sure it’s from me dummy, who do you think it’s from?" Lori: Well, He doesn’t speak that way. Man: You don’t test the spirits by what it says to you, you test the spirits by the word of God. Vernon: Okay now, Isaiah. Let’s get down to Isaiah, chapter 8, real clearly now. Okay? Let’s get some things straight because Steve was to make a preparation. We understand, those who’ve been studying, that inspiration is a gift from God and "the Lord God will do nothing but he reveal his secret unto" who? People: The prophets. Vernon: So if anything is revealed to us today, it must be in perfect harmony with the testimony of the what? People: Prophets. Vernon: Because the angel of Revelation 10, of which the Revelation tells us is to come down, has what opened? People: A book. Vernon: So what your agreeing with, I agree with, it had better be in the book, clearly. Man: Can I read something real quick? Vernon: Sure. Man: From 5T also. It’s about the mysteries of the bible.
"The word of God, like the character of its divine Author, presents mysteries which can never be fully comprehended by finite beings. It directs our minds to the Creator, who dwelleth "in the light which no man can approach unto." It presents to us His purposes, which embrace all the ages of human history, and which will reach their fulfillment only in the endless cycles of eternity. It calls our attention to subjects of infinite depth and importance relating to the government of God and the destiny of man. The entrance of sin into the world, the incarnation of Christ, regeneration, the resurrection, and many other subjects presented in the Bible, are mysteries too deep for the human mind to explain or even to fully comprehend. But God has given us in the Scriptures sufficient evidence of their divine character, and we are not to doubt His word because we cannot understand all the mysteries of His providence." 5T, p. 699. That seems to me to say that... Vernon: Let's all go home. Man: ...the mysteries of the bible are in the scriptures. Vernon: Right, let's all go home in other words. Man: Well, if your saying that some things are not in the scriptures that has to be revealed through a prophet, that disagrees with... Vernon: Like Ellen G. White explains clearly about Paul, she explains clearly how Paul went up, and had his head cut off, not in the bible, you can't prove that from the bible. It's not written in the bible. She explains it clearly. She explains about Saul, the way Saul thought. Read all her writings. You see? But she's our idol, she's our prophet. Lori: But we need to test her too, I, you know, if it's not.. Vernon: How can you test her though? Lori: Well, on those things that, you know, okay so, Paul's head was cut off, I never read that one before, but so she saw the leaf fall from the tree, and Adam and Eve cried, but most things that even she says in her writings, I'm sorry I can't quote where, but it says that there is given sufficient evidence in the scriptures and in her testimonies to carry us through. Now I'm not saying... Vernon: To the end of time she says. Lori: That's right.

Vernon: She said that everything we need to carry us to the end of time is contained in the third angels message. And what does the third angels message tell us? Testimonies to Ministers, page 475, "Someone is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah." She says we are proclaiming the first, second and third angel's message, preparing for that other angel who's to come and join the third angel to give power and force to the third angel's message. That's sufficient, prepares us for the additional message to come. Okay? Now see, we're going to be in problems because, see, there's a power of light and a power of darkness. Now watch. This is an educated man [Steve]. Maybe some of you are educated. I am not, but I will say this, I will agree that the prophets of the bible are true, though I know what I'm talking about. And you don't even know what Daniel 11 teaches. And you don't even know what the book of Hosea is teaching. Especially what Malachi has to say. Why will you stand up and justify men of whom you don't even know what their doctrine is? And you're as bad as the Baptist is in this. One guy jumps me one day because he saw my bible, I laid it on the ground. He goes, "What! You say your a prophet and you put your bible on the ground. And you write in it! Man, that is the holy word of God!" Well, the brother was beyond control. I said, "Brother please, listen, listen." I said, "Brother, do you think Luke wrote, 'Saint Luke nine, feeding of the five thousand?' Do you think he wrote all the marginal references in here?" I said, "Brother look, this book is cigarette paper." You see? Let's get real. You see?
Lori: Listen, now I'm not, I'm not trying to say that there won't be new light, or that you don't know it. But I believe I heard you... Vernon: Sr. White says there will be. Lori: That's right. But what I'm seeing, what I had a problem with, is that when Steve, the word just "private interpreter" just stuck in my mind, and then when I was reading this, it said that every individual can come to the scriptures, and will be assimilated with Christ... But did it say that. Did it say that? Steve: No it didn't. You read that again. Lori: Okay. Maybe I didn't, I missed it, but I thought it said... be assimilated with the prophets and the apostles. Vernon: You see, here's the thing about private interpretation... Okay... And so when he said... I thought, well, I can't even... So we never needed Martin Luther. We never needed Martin Luther. We never needed John Knox. We never needed Wesley, Campbell, or Miller, or Ellen G. White because... Not if we were to study the bible like we should. Well then, maybe we need people to be risen up to make us study the bible. Maybe that's what... maybe I'm a thorn in your flesh. Maybe I'm here to get you to start studying so you can all come together and say "look what I found," we all harmonize, we speak the same thing. You see? And we all know what to do now. One guy's up there hollering, "health reform." Another guy's hollering, "Education." And all three guys are fist fighting each other because one is the most important than the other, you see? To them. There personal convictions... So they got the Holy Ghost, don't they? Okay, let me read what I read... Okay, go ahead. ...just a small part of it and then you can tell me if that's what you heard or... You tell me. Lori: ...whatever. Okay? Alright, I will. It said to, at the beginning, it said, I'm sorry, I said individual, It said, "those who look to the scriptures to find discrepancies have not spiritual insight." And I'll just read the whole thing. "With..." Can I say something real quick though? Sure.

Hmmm, the bible agrees. Matthew 24 says, "learn the parable of the fig tree," verse 32, "when his branch is yet tender ye know that summer is nigh." Mark, chapter 13, this inspired writer says, "learn the parable of the fig tree," verses 28, "when her branch is yet tender ye know that summer is nigh." Hmmm, what's the other one now? Luke, I like Luke, he was a gentile. It says here, "Behold the fig tree," verses 29, 21, Luke 21:29, "and all the trees." Okay Matthew, let me get this story straight now Matthew, uh, "his branch?" Now wait a second, now Mark, what, "her branch?" Now Luke come here now, "the fig tree and all the trees?" and they're all telling us about the signs of the coming. "Now when they shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand, so likewise, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

Okay... So Matthew, Mark and Luke... but hold on a second. Lori: All right.

...in the greek, that's what it is. Masculine gender, feminine gender, and then neuter gender with a bunch of other trees attached. Now is this a discrepancy. I can prove
from the prophecies that it is not. There are four books of the law of Moses, why? God has great and secret mysteries, that only God himself could reveal, because they're so plain once you see them. But God will not have any man of learning exalt themselves above God's own power and wisdom. So in the writings of the prophecies we find that Paul says, "even the hidden mysteries which were hidden since the foundation of the world, which were not made known to the sons of men as they are now commonly reported of by" who? "The holy apostles and prophets." You see? So in other words, we become a church who learns more about the bible then anybody else in the world, to where we can stand back and say, with sound doctrine, "Well, doesn't Isaiah teach this? Oh, and by the way, Zechariah confirms by saying, well, okay, you don't want to buy that, so we go to Hosea. Hosea also sees this" and blah, blah. Before you know it, your adversary is saying, "Is that all you do is quote scripture?" And you don't have to say "Sr. White says" anything. Because Sr. White says "a lesser light presently shining to a greater light," "declaring from ancient times," God says, "things not yet done." "The end from the beginning." "If it makes times things not yet done seem my counsel shall stand." So I don't want to justify a bunch of guys who claim they see something, if they don't harmonize. But if I read this statement, I can go win that hundred-thousand dollars, because the bible does contradict itself, oh, bite my tongue, according to men, if I was to read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John don't name any fig trees, does he? But with inspiration, by the writings of the prophets, we can find out why there's a "he" tree and a "she" tree and the "fig tree and all the trees" because all the prophets teach these trees.

Lori: Okay, I agree with you on that point and I'm clear on what your saying, if you, since you went back and asked them and they couldn't answer. But what I'm saying is that when, still I'm hung up on private interpretation... Well, explain this to me then, sweetheart... Lori: Okay... Vernon... ...look explain this to me. Why does it say "he" tree in Matthew, a "she" tree in Mark... Lori: Okay... Vernon... ...and "all the trees" in Luke. Explain it to me. Lori: You answer mine first and I'll answer yours second, all right? "Those who come to the scriptures in the spirit are brought into fellowship with prophets and apostles." Now I'm saying, you mean I couldn't take my bible, and ask God to... Vernon: How many years you been doing it... Lori: ...to reveal to me... Well, not as many as I should have... I'm sorry to say... Vernon: Well, what's God revealed to you so far... Lori: Okay, now wait. I said I'd answer your questions after you answer mine, wait a minute... Vernon: Okay, I'm sorry... Lori: Okay... Steve: It's being answered with a question if you think about it. Lori: Well, let me get it out first, and then, and then I'll deal with that one, but what I'm saying is that if I take my bible, and I pray, and I ask God to reveal to me... Sister White had written and in the, you know, the bible says "now is the time to work out your salvation" isn't it? Well, what if there was no, I mean we need to have the Holy Spirit be able to convict us of truth on our own. Because if there wasn't, what happened to the times when there were no prophets, people were... Vernon: Dead and lost weren't they? Lori: Well then, we were dead and lost as far Sr. White when she was here... Vernon: "Without a vision the people perish" the scripture says, right? Lori: Yeah, but I'm saying, you know, at the time Sr. White was still alive and the church was already not doing what they were supposed to be doing. By rejecting Waggoner and Jones. She says, "Not one more ray of light will come to this church."
Lori: Yeah. So Adventists no nothing more about the bible then they did in Ellen G. White's day. And even less, because now their denying... Man: Not everyone rejected it though. Vernon: ...the very foundational doctrines. What now? Man: Not everyone rejected it. Vernon: Uh... Man: There's many people today who don't reject it. Vernon: Waggoner and Jones message? People: Yes. Steve: David, no one even knows Waggoner and Jones message. Vernon: Did you know... Woman: How do you know that? Vernon: Because Ellen White says it. We're going to get some... Woman: So you don't believe her... [text uncertain] Vernon: Oh, we do! Woman: You do. Vernon: But there's a reason. Sr. White says, "the angel folded it's wings and went back to heaven, but will come back again and receive just as much ridicule and rejection." Woman: ...reveal to you to reveal that. [text uncertain] Vernon: Well, it's in the scriptures. We're dealing with Galatians. One of the contentions was the law of Galatians was not nailed to the cross pertaining to the ceremonial law. That's what Waggoner and them were contending over. Daniel says the man of sin would change times, plural. Not one time, the Sabbath, but times and laws. [The] question of the bible student? What times, what laws? I want to know! What's in that book, Revelation 10? The mystery of God. What did God declare to the prophets? Eventually, we're going to find out because we're going to read the prophets. You're going to read them to me, and I'm going to say, "what does that say?" Your going to say, "well it says what it says." Lori: Okay, so if I earnestly study... and I ask God... Vernon: You'll never get this message. Lori: ...well. I won't? Vernon: No. David: Only you can give it? Vernon: Does that offend you? Lori: No, I'm just, I'm trying to correlate... David: Uh huh. What? The Waggoner and Jones message only you can give? Vernon: No, no, no, no. Hold on a second. Lori: Wait a minute. Just a second. Wait a minute. Can I say something here? I'm just trying to correlate, see, I have always been a person that has believed that if you pray, and you study, because the scriptures say that, and so does Sr. White, that He will reveal the, this is called in fact the mysteries of bible, to you. And so, when Steve said it was of private interpretation, it's not, because the Holy Spirit convicts you and then that doesn't make it yours, it makes it the Spirit's, right? Steve: You know something. I spent about, let's see... Lori: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Steve: Okay. Lori: Before you go on, is it, I mean just, I need, I need to know...

Vernon: Let me read this, it's from James White. It's in a pamphlet called "Word to the Little Flock" that James White and Sr. White, your familiar with these men, Joseph Bates, put together? Let's read what he had to say, seeing he was one of our founding fathers and Sr. White documented this, okay? It says...

"The thirteenth chapter of Revelation and the first five verses of the fourteenth, is one connected chain of past, present, and future events, down to the complete redemption of the 144,000. Then the sixth verse commences another chain of events, which carry us down through the history of God's people in this mortal state. John had a view of the beast and his image, as recorded in chapter thirteen and how natural it would be for him to view on a little further, and see the 144,000 who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, standing on Mount Zion with the Lamb, etc., as recorded in chapter fourteen, verses one
through five. So I think the division should be between the fifth and sixth verses of the fourteenth chapter; and the sixth verse commences a series of events relative to the successive messages..."

Look: "...to the successive..." What does it mean to succeed?

People: Follow.

Vernon: "...successive messages," plural, "of holy Advent truth." Meaning messages about holy advent, meaning what? Christ's second coming. "All classes of second advent believers agree..." There was a first advent, sunday keepers. Second advent were also sunday keepers, right? "...that the angel brought to view in the sixth and seventh verses of this chapter, represents the advent message to the church and world." Which was the first and second angel, right? "If this is true, then all five of the angels brought to view in this chapter, represent five distinct messages, five distinct messages, prior to the advent," meaning prior what? Before. "...five distinct messages, prior to the advent or we are left without a rule to interpret this chapter." In other words, no need to talk about the first, second and third angel if we don't consider all the angels in this chapter. That make sense? I think James White was pretty wise. Okay?

Woman: ...some things he was wise...

Vernon: Sr. White said "that he had buckets of inspiration compared to her barrels," right? And that was in a day when women weren't esteemed to highly, so you know, he might of gotten mad at that statement. So now, "The work of the second angel was to show to the Advent host that Babylon had fallen, and as a large portion of them did not learn this fact until the power of the MIDNIGHT CRY waked them up, just in time for them to make their escape from the churches before the tenth day came on..." Which is the tenth day of what? What's the sounding of the trumpets for?

Man: Day of Atonement.

Vernon: October 22nd, 1844 and Christ entered into the Most Holy Place, and those who weren't prepared for the event were still trying to pray to Christ in the first apartment, which he no longer heard their prayer, and they were spewed out, you see? "It follows, that the second angel brought us to the seventh month, 1844. The third angel's message was, and still is, a WARNING to the saints to "hold fast," and not go back, and "receive" the marks which the virgin band got rid of, during the second angel's cry. And has not the true message for God's people, since the seventh month..." which that's when atonement was, the seventh month, right? "...been just such a warning? It surely has. And I cannot agree with those who make two messages of the cry, "Babylon the great, is fallen," and the voice, "Come out of her my people," for every sermon that was printed, or preached on this subject, contained them both in one message." Part of the second angel, you see? Now what about this? Anyway, it says, "It is plain that we live in the time of the third angels' message. The last two messages are
messages of prayer. We shall no doubt better understand them at the time of their fulfillment." A Word to the Little Flock. p. 11.

So how is the third angel fulfilled? Here is a little snotty nosed girl, right? Huh? And everyone gets...some guys got mad, "You mean God won’t reveal it to me?!" That’s the work of the devil! Satan got mad at that. "Well, if God wants me to know it, God will tell me!" Right? Remember Korah, Dathan and Abiram?

Woman: ...they rose up against Moses for...

Vernon: You see? See, when God speaks to you, you do not misunderstand. When God tells you something, you see it so realistically, you can’t explain it in human words. And when Israel was at Sinai, when Israel was at Sinai, this is the way the law was given to them in its clarity and the event was so magnitude that they couldn’t bear it. So they said, "you let God speak to you Moses and then you tell us." You see? Because, this is the way human minds work. You see? "Do you have any money in your pocket?" "No, I don’t have any money in this pocket." You see? "Oh I’m broke!" "Daddy, well can I have a tricycle?" "I’m sorry son, I’m broke." Yeah, "I’m broke, out of my checking account, but I’ve got ten-thousand dollars in my savings account." You see? But in the days of Christ, a light was made manifest, that God does know the mind of men, and Sr. White says, "when the straight testimony is revived then the church will go forth in strength again." Do you want God to tell what your doing at night? But is that even a test anymore? Look at Sr. White, look at all those volumes...[end of side one]...information. Good old Paul says, you know, "though I be absent from the body, yet am I present with you in spirit, beholding your conversation." Paul was right there with them, seeing what they were doing. Now that’s a religion that the world does not want today. You see? Because it’s a straight testimony, the true and faithful witness. You see? But above this God chooses a better way. In this message, God wants us not to so much see ourselves, or what someone says we are, but God wants us to see what he is. "Who would set the thorns and briers against me in battle?" God says. The thorns and briers, you know who they are? "I will go through them together," God says, "I will burn them together. Or let him take hold of my strength." What is God’s strength? What holds the heavens and earth into existence, do you think? What has made this, and this, and this machine, and this machine, and this machine? The truth, as it is in Christ. The testimony of Christ is the spirit of prophecy, and don’t you think that we should, at this time, by beholding these things, know more of what this has to say? That’s the point we’re making, and it takes a long time, doesn’t it?

Lori: Okay, that’s my point. Shouldn’t, shouldn’t I get down on my knees... Vernon: But you can’t read it...you’ll never get the message. Lori: Why? Woman: Excuse me, I just want to ask you something. Vernon: Yes. Okay. Woman: You might think I have the spirit of the devil, don’t you know but we really prayed before we came and I feel like we always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us into truth. We’re told, not just the Spirit of Prophecy, but the bible, that in the end times seducing spirits will come in. Vernon: Doctrines of devils. Woman: And to deceive even... Vernon: ...if it were so
possible... Woman: ...the very elect. Okay. But, so if we question...what you had said some guy, comes in and says and gets all mad "Well you can’t interpret it to me? Well, I’m mad about that." You know, if somebody is sincerely seeking and asking, you know, "has God led you?" You know? "Did God just reveal it to you?" You need to allow that person to ask questions to see, you know, it’s not that they have the spirit of the devil or that, you know their... Vernon: So I’m being reproved now, right? Woman: I don’t know, I don’t know what your being, but I’m just saying, you know... Vernon: In other words, Sr. White says, they will say to this messenger, "Let me so you how to teach your message." Woman: No. You know what? I have...I heard about that some people were sharing, you know, that, about what you’ve been sharing, and I wish that we could have been here all this time, because I have nobody to talk about what you’ve been talking about, because I don’t know, but I would like you to stand up, and give the message that God has given to you, totally, from the beginning to end. I wish you could do it right now, you know and, from the beginning to end. No, "We’ll get around to it, we’ll do this," you know, "later, we’ll talk about that." Give us the message that God has given to you, for us. None of this, "Don’t believe this, don’t believe that," that you know, I want, if God has given you truth...then I want you to start. [Vernon:]

Sound good. People: Amen! Sounds good. Steve: I’m glad you requested that. Vernon: Okay. Woman: And I, and also I don’t feel that you have answered my sister’s question yet, but...she needs... [laughing] Vernon: You know why? Let me say this. Woman: ...in my mind because, like I said, I’m fearful and I feel that if God has a truth for his people, for my mind, I know that I’ll be able to understand it, you know, and so... Carol: It’s brought into fellowship with apostles and prophets when you search the scriptures like she said, well then, we can know...I’m not, you know...I believe that the...that when Noah was given a message, that those eight people didn’t just say, "Oh yeah, Noah?" They got down and they prayed and they said, you know, because who had seen rain before? If there’s something, we have to test it. Vernon: Now, does the scripture, does the scripture give us that information? Carol: Well, no. It doesn’t give us that they hadn’t either. But what I’m saying is... Vernon: Does Sr. White tell us what they confronted themselves with? Carol: No. Vernon: Sr. White says, that even his own sons were unbelieving. But because of Noah’s fidelity in obeying God’s command, God in his mercy saved his children. Carol: But, but I knew...wouldn’t, you know, wouldn’t we have to get down on our knees and take this and, and test it to the law and then the Lord and then the Spirit will... Vernon: "Despise not prophesying," Paul says. "Prove all things." Right? Carol: Okay, so what...let me ask the question one more time. So if we take, I just have to get it straight from the horses mouth, if you will excuse this, that if I take the bible, and I go home, and I take the bible, and I get on my knees, and I ask the Lord in earnest, in humbleness, to come and show me the truth, to lead me not into temptation, but to deliver me from evil, and deliver me from falsehoods that have been, like you said, here and there, and all over, that he won’t do that? Is that what I’m saying? That I have to listen here, before I could go home and take this book and be, is that what I, I don’t understand? Is that what I’m hearing? Man: He’s saying he has something to say that you don’t know. Vernon: Exactly, thank you Brother. Man: But the question, the only question I have is does that mean we can’t look...you mean we...would it be
wrong after you told us to search for ourselves... Vernon: No! Exactly not. [People start mumbling and talking.] Man: That’s what your encouraging...

Vernon: Now let me, now let me say this... Now, silence please, okay? Because we have to get in order now, okay? I have the floor, okay? I’ve come all this distance. In the days of Paul, Paul contended because nobody knew what Paul had to say. It was a mystery at that time. The mystery of godliness, the mystery of God’s wisdom hidden since the foundation of the world, which the wise men of this world did not receive, Paul says. Otherwise they would not have fulfilled prophecy, they would not have killed the son of glory, right? I’m saying to you at this time, that there is a seventh angel’s message. You say, "What!" In other words, your going to go home now and your going to say, "God, I’m shaken. Is there a seventh angel’s message?" And you read, "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel." The word has spoken to you that is written. The angel comes down and I’ve answered it several times. Now the point I want to make is this, Christ told the deceived people things over, and over, and over again, but it didn’t sink in. They had lived an experience for years, which was after the order of men, and not after the continual revelation of truth. They had never been under a prophet before. They had never been instructed by a messenger of God and they did not know the deep things of God, they knew the traditions of men. So yes, everything that you are fixing to be shown, from the scripture, divorce it me, but as you behold the scripture your question between you and your living God now is this, "Is this the truth, as it is written here? Do I see it as it says? Or has some imperious interpretation been given to it?" If you, in your own mind, know that you are living to the light that you have, and you see what this is saying, then there’s no other foundation that can be laid, but that which is in Christ, and Christ is the Word of God. They rejected a living man, because they rejected the written word. The same with William Miller. Had they known there was a first angel’s message, they might have listened to the man who claimed to have the first angel’s message. Had they known there was a second angel’s message they would have realized that confusion, Babylon and confusion becomes a part of those who have not the spirit of truth, which brings unity amongst believers. Isaiah testifies this of it, "they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."
And they’ll see clearly. When all the prophets, what they’ve spoken, is fulfilled, the picture is their, one picture! That is the truth, that what must be. You see? "Declaring from ancient times things not yet done." Okay? So that’s what we’re saying. We’re saying that we are going to show you Daniel chapter 11, and chapter 12, not by what I say, but by the testimony of each individual prophet. Who is the northern army? We quote, as Adventists, all the time, Joel 2:23, former and latter rain, wonderful! What is this in the margin, teacher of righteousness? How come in chapter one there’s this army come upon God’s land? Who is that army? Why does chapter two say "I will remove the northern army from the midst of thee?" What army? Why is it in Daniel chapter 11, and chapter 12, the king of the north comes into the land to utterly take away many? "He shall plant his tabernacles between the seas and the glorious, holy mountain. But he shall come to his end and none shall help him. For at that time shall Michael stand up." What does Ecclesiastes 12 mean, the great wise one, when he says, "He shall rise up at the voice of the bird?" Who is the bird? What’s this prophecy about the sun, moon and stars being darkened? How come Joel talks about "it’s a day of darkness and gloominess?" Zephaniah also confirms the same truth. You see? What do the prophecies
teach? In times past you’ve been permitted to be ignorant. But this time, I say, it is testified
by the prophets, that "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel the mystery of God shall be
finished as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." And your not going to be judged
because your sinners, because every one of you are sinners. But should you reject the light of
truth, which God is shedding to show you the plan of his salvation at this present time, then
you will not be written in the book, that you nothing about. Does that make simple sense?

Lori: Okay, what... I'm going to ask one more question and then, and then I'll let you
group. I've taken up too much of your time already. But I just want to ask one question,
because maybe I'm thickheaded, but I'm still not finding this. Do you believe that this is
the Spirit of Prophecy [bible], this is the Spirit of Prophecy [E.G. White], and when I am
on my knees asking God to reveal it to me that in earnest and His time that it will be
revealed? Vernon: You may not, by asking God, understand the mysteries of God. God
will do nothing but he reveal his secret unto his servant the prophets. Woman: And give
his Spirit to whom he will. Vernon: Should you, should you receive an enlightened message
from God, you'll be sitting here, and I'll be sitting out there. But I'll, they'll be one dif-
ference. I won't be doing... Lori: Okay, let me rephrase it. Let me... Woman:
Won't be doing what? Lori: What we're doing. Let me rephrase my question. What,
what... Man: he'd accept what your saying... Vernon: No, listen now. Brethren, listen.
Please, please, please. You know... Lori: ...you want me to rephrase it to you?
Because I don't think you understood what I'm saying. Vernon: No, God understands
clearly, but let's see what the prophets say. Lori: Okay, let me rephrase it. What if I
took my bible, what, I want to know what, okay, your saying with truth that's not
revealed yet. Okay? Let's not talk about that. Let's dwell on something that has been
revealed. Can I take my bible and the Spirit of Prophecy and find out, maybe it's a
truth that hasn't been revealed to me. I'm, I, the way I took what Steve said, is that I can't
do it unless somebody tells me, a prophet. What I want to know, not this thing, not
Daniel 11 or any of it. Can I take my Bible, go home, and study about the third angel's
message, and have it revealed to me? Vernon: Let... Lori: Is this the Spirit of Prophecy
and this the Spirit of Prophecy? That's what I'm asking. Maybe I didn't make it clear.
Vernon: Okay sister, look. When you say the third angel's message, what are you
saying? Lori: Well I, I... Okay let's talk about Noah's ark. I'm not trying to be...
Vernon: No, no, no. Please. Now this is what causes confusion. How many
books did Ellen G. White write? Lori: Brother, I still don't feel that you've answered my
question. Man: Excuse me sir. I, I'm sitting here and listening. I'm listening to the argu-
ment that I don't like. Now I, I... to me I want you to answer her question, maybe in a
yes or a no form, because it's upsetting me. Vernon: No! Okay? Are you getting upset.
Okay? Lori: I just wanted an answer. I just... I just felt like I needed an answer.
Vernon: No! Lori: Okay. Vernon: Now, do you understand why? Woman: Because he
revealeth his secret to the prophets and your the prophet so...

Vernon: Ellen... Listen. Ellen G. White herself fought with men everyday, you know why?
Because they, in her day, would not receive the testimony of which she see revealed by the
prophets. Everything she wrote went back to scripture. These men got upset, because things
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did not go their way. Can I read to you some things from the New Testament of which Paul himself emphasized and warns people of? You see?

His continual revelation in the book of Corinthians is the...[There is an interruption at this point]...okay. Look...

Woman: We really would, I'd like to hear the message. Lori: Okay, I'm not... Steve: Lori keeps asking the question though. Vernon: Let me say this much... Lori: I'm done. I've got my answer. He said no...what is "no" based on? Steve: Yeah, Yeah. [to the next speaker] Woman: Let's just face it I know my mind, you know I know my mind when I'm tired and we sit a long time and talk. I get, sometimes I get confused and I've heard some good things about what's been going on here too and I really like to know what the message is about.

Vernon: Okay. If you would like to know, let's start from the beginning. In 1985 I was in Israel. Okay? And since that time, that I was in Israel, there is not a bible scholar or theologian that can put the truth down now. But these men do not understand the writings of Ellen G. White, nor do they understand their own writings. The brochure... I was going to avoid reading this, but I'm going to read to you from Sr. White's own pen. This is how God is going to purify the church. It's a subject which the ministry and people have not involved themselves in the research of. It's a subject of Christ coming and taking the unbelieving out of the midst of his people, bodily. Now you don't know about that, do you? Who's ever read about Ezekiel 9?

Man: Is it in one of her published writings?

Vernon: Right here. This is manuscript 31A, 1894, manuscript 106, 1909.

"I've been instructed to give a message of warning to our church in Oakland and Berkeley. Many who profess to believe the truth for this time are unconverted in heart. I have been shown that many whose names are in the church books are unprepared for the coming of Christ. There are whole families who are deceived in regard to their spiritual fitness to stand the test of the judgement. Many who love self indulgence and who murmur at the straight testimony of the Laodicean message are ignorant of how sinful their actions really are..."

Proverbs says, "When you go to the house of God, be more ready to hear, than to make the sacrifice of fools, for they know not that they sin. You see?

Now if Christ was sitting here personally today, the man Christ, and we knew it. Because we in our own selves would judge, "Well, if he was here today," we'd be so ready to hear everything that he said, like Mary. But somebody off the streets coming, professing to have a prophetic message, by the spirit of prophecy, "Now wait a second." You see? But here's Mrs. White speaking, and she says that some in her day have not yet bowed down, and humbled themselves to the straight testimony.
"...but in the judgement they will be ashamed of their course of ingratitude and rebellion against the One who has borne so long with them, who has not cut them off in their sins. No confession, No weeping will then avail for those who have spoiled their record." Ibid.

All were delivered out of Egypt, weren't they? And Paul in Hebrews reminds them of this and even in Corinthians. But who led them, visibly, out of Egypt? The worst sinner in the camp. Right? Even his own sister was involved in this crime. They thought that God could lead them out of Egypt, but not into the promised land. They always stumbled at the stumbling stone. Satan says, "I will listen to God, the Father, but I will not listen Christ!" And the same voice has echoed since the beginning of time. Even a little child with his father who's an alcoholic, when the father says, "Son, don't do as I've done," is that the voice of the devil? God causes the rain to fall upon the righteous and the wicked, right? Truth is something that's truth, regardless of what channel it comes through. Even Hosea, who had two prostitute wives, right? Even God's spirit constrained Baalam to speak nothing but the what?

People: Truth.

And today you have a person that says, "I want to harmonize all the prophets, that we may see eye to eye." And I'm saying that, in your own experience all these years, you've not yet learned about Daniel 11 and 12. My question is, have you not been asking God for light? I says here...

"Many who claim to be the disciples of Christ will be numbered among those who would not repent, but who deceived their souls unto their eternal ruin. The evasion of truth will not give courage..." Ibid.

Now, the evasion of what?

"...will not give courage to any soul in the day of judgement to open his lips in self defense." Ibid.

Now, like I said, I might be the devil, how will you know?

Person: Test you, from the scriptures.

But you can't test what I have to say unless you hear what the burden of the message is. You see? We've been talking about, the importance of, well, we know what the church is today. The church is what we are, in confusion. We are the church. And someone just simply offers to you the ability to know chapter 11 and 12 of Daniel, of which it says, "And they who are written in the book shall be delivered." Well, I would want to listen! Because if he's a crazy guy, he's a crazy guy. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. But if he's able to open up all that the prophets have written, maybe this is the fulfillment of what was written by Ellen White, a message to give power and glory to the third angel. What greater message
would that be, than one that reveals the scripture of truth, to where you can go to any Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic and say, hey! You know? Sr. White says don’t quote Sr. White so I’m going to say what she says, a lesser light shining to...Don’t you believe these guys? [referring to the prophets of the bible]

"Then the books will be opened that bear the record of the works of every individual."

Ibid.

What did they not want to hear? The straight testimony, right?

"I’m instructed to say that the Lord regards false professors as rebels against Him. Though their actions bring reproach to his name, oh that their murmurings might be turned to self reproach and their complaining to repentance."

Here Ellen G. White was, a poor little girl with a broken nose, right? Defaced, with a gift that was able to show men their true position before God, as God sees it. Not this excuse, like Tammy Baker, "Well God knows my heart!" Yeah, God knows her heart. But does she know what God thinks about it? You see what we’re saying? "The Lord God will do nothing, until he reveal his secret, unto his servants the prophets." She has the bible, she’s read what Paul says about women adorning themselves in modest apparel, shamefacedness. She knows what Peter says. But evidently the spirit that leads her is not the spirit that lead those prophets.

Woman: But Tammy could have known what the Lord thought about her heart if she would have read about the law and what, you know, if she’d opened the scriptures and found out. Maybe she hasn’t opened them...

Vernon: She says she has, but she asked God, and God told her it was all right for her to do that. Woman: Well then we, we can test then and say that that’s wrong.

Vernon: Well, same with Oral Roberts, you see? And these guys well we know they don’t keep the Sabbath. So we keep the sabbath, "We’re better than they are." You see?

"God has sent messages from his word to the souls who are living careless lives and who are ashamed of their wrong course of action. I heard the words spoken, "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, {that} the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? {there is} no searching of his understanding." Isa 40:27-28. If the careless, self-indulgent souls would seek the Lord and confess their sins they would see how their unconverted lives lead others astray."

Ibid.

Now what were they rebelling against? Why is Sr. White writing this for? Why is she writing this for? To arouse the people in 1909.
Lori: Brother, I’ll tell you what, with your answer to my question, I’m, I’m bothered. I’m bothered to the point that I’m burdened. I, maybe I need to go home and take it in prayer you know. But I can’t stay and listen, I’m sorry. It’s just, I mean that, if I can’t take the word and know, how can I even test what your saying? I mean, how would I… Vernon: That is true, isn’t it. Woman: Yes it is. Lori: So I’m, I’m sorry. I can’t listen. I, maybe, maybe at another time I can hear the tapes. Woman: But you don’t even know what he’s going to say. Lori: Well, but he’s already said I can’t know, if I search the scriptures, how am I supposed to say he’s right. Vernon: Well… Woman: There was only one Moses. There wasn’t a thousand Moses’s Woman: But he said that once he’s told you that you can prove what he says by the scriptures. Yes he said… Steve. Right. Exactly, I… Lori, you must have missed it. [A lot of commotion at this point.]

Vernon: You see, sister, the truth of it is, is this. You don’t understand the difference between the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of men. A preacher would never tell you, young lady, this and that and this and that about yourselves, and I won’t because you won’t be able to bear it. But one thing we’re trying to emphasize is that we need a living voice in the church today. Now if I was to tell you that I’m in prophecy, you would say, “blasphemy!” If I was to tell you that Zechariah wrote of me, you’d say “that’s uncouth!” Then how would you know that Zechariah wrote of me? Let’s turn to Zechariah, chapter two. Let’s see what this prophet claims to see. This is one of the many prophecies which is a testimony of who?

Man: Jesus Christ

Vernon: Isn’t that what the bible says in Revelation? Now here’s a prophecy… Lori: I’m sorry. Vernon: I’m sorry too. Lori: You know maybe, maybe if this is my problem, but… Vernon: Yes, sweetheart, it is your problem. Lori: Okay, then you know, I… Vernon: But let me say something in all love. Man: Listen here, it’s not her problem. It’s also a few other peoples problem…

Vernon: Brother, brother, look. You haven’t listened, and your letting your feelings overcome you, and the bible says "there are those who remove themselves sensually, not having the spirit," you see? Which means, when we let our feelings get in the way, we’re not thinking sound judgement. I have said, let’s read Zechariah two, and we’re now opening the bible to Zechariah two, and you want to leave?

Woman: You have a critical spirit. Lori: But what I’m saying is if I go home and I read Zechariah two again, if I go home… Vernon: You will get nothing from it. Lori: But, no listen. When I go home and I take this to the Lord and I say is this right you just told me I can’t test it.

Vernon: I’ve just stated that you may test it if you hear what I have to say, because then as your here you are as the Ethiopian, of whom God sent who? Philip to. "Sir does thou knowest what thou readest?" "No, there’s no man to teach me." And Philip the inspired messenger showed the Ethiopian the truth. Even the great apostle Paul had to go through God’s
system, through the porter, to where he was shown by the apostles already established what his mission would be, and then he received the Holy Ghost. Now, in the days of Ellen G. White...

Lori: ...that he will reveal unto the prophets and when I asked if... Vernon: I quoted... Lori: ...I could take this and test it, you said, "No." You said that I couldn’t take the truth and test it to the, to the... Vernon: Would you explain to her what I said? Steve: No, that wasn’t it Lori I, I think they all heard. I don’t know what happened. Lori: I don’t either. But I mean it’s still in my mind. Steve: Maybe we should play the tape, it’s being taped, so if we played it back, maybe you could, I don’t know what happened, you missed it, but... Lori: Okay. When I said that the we will be assimilated into the apostles and prophets, if we take our scriptures, and we ask for the Holy Spirit to lead us, this is what I was asking, and he said that, no, I wouldn’t get this message. Vernon: This message. Lori: But then when I said, "Can I take this to any other message?" And he said, "No".

Vernon: I said yes! I said, "As in the writings of the prophets." I just got through saying that if I myself were to tell you by my own voice that I am written of by the prophets, you probably wouldn’t listen.

Steve: You misunderstood what he was saying. Vernon: And I want you to understand now, let’s read Zechariah two, shall we? Steve: Yeah, let’s try it. Vernon: Let’s read it. Let’s don’t let the devil have an advantage. Steve: Right. Lori: Well, you know that’s what I mean if I’m going to learn new truth then if I... Vernon: Especially present truth. Lori: If, if the... Vernon: Listen what Zechariah says. Steve: Let’s at least try it. Man: She heard you say "no," to something. I don’t...

Vernon: Several times. Now, Zechariah, chapter two, we’ll begin at verse one. Here’s a prophet. He’s going to tell us of a vision that he had, okay? "I Lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand." This man has a what in his hand?

People: Measuring line.

Vernon: "Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what {is} the breadth thereof, and what {is} the length thereof." Now this person is concerned about what?

Lori: I’m sorry, I just can’t stay. I’m sorry. [She leaves] Vernon: [After a long pause, the door slams shut.] Now, we ready for a bible study? Woman: Amen. Vernon: Happens every time. Steve will tell you. Okay?

[End of First part]