

Truth And Lies

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Foreword

Dear Reader, before we begin, it should be noted, that it is vitally, meaning life and death, important to understand that there is but one truth, and, at the same instance, there is also a multitude of lies, which, both have and still co-exist in the world. Thus, the term “truth” in the singular context and the term “lies” in the plural are being especially applied within the above subject title. We will now investigate what these two terms, truth and lies, mean in greater detail herein the study following.

What Is Truth?

Jhn 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Jhn 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, **What is truth?** And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition. AA 11.3

When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No aftersuppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. **Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth.** One will arise, and still another, with new light which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. CW 31.2

Our condemnation in the judgment will not result from the fact that we have been in error, but from the fact that we have neglected heaven-sent opportunities for learning what is truth. DA 489.5

Truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense; but it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form. EW 96.1

The prophet declares a truth by which we may test all doctrine. He says, “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). Although error abounds in the world, there is no reason why men need remain in deception. **The truth is plain, and when it is contrasted with error, its character may be discerned.** All the subjects of God’s grace may understand what is required of them. By faith we may conform our lives to the standard of righteousness, because we can appropriate to ourselves the righteousness of Christ. FW 97.1

True sanctification is a Bible doctrine. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian church, declares: “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” And he prays: “The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.” 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23. The Bible clearly teaches what sanctification is and how it is to be attained. The Saviour prayed for His disciples: “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.” John 17:17. And Paul teaches that believers are to be “sanctified by the Holy Ghost.” Romans 15:16. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? Jesus told His disciples: **“When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13.** And the psalmist says: **“Thy law is the truth.”** By the word and the Spirit of God are opened to men the great principles of righteousness embodied in His law. And since the law of God is “holy, and just, and good,” a transcript of the divine perfection, it follows that a character formed by obedience to that law will be holy. Christ is a perfect example of such a character. He says: “I have kept My Father’s commandments.” “I do always those things that please Him.” John 15:10; 8:29. The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification. GC 469.2

The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. GC 597.2

It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example. We should day by day study the Bible diligently, weighing every thought and comparing scripture with scripture. With divine help we are to form our opinions for ourselves as we are to answer for ourselves before God. GC 598.2

Jesus Is Truth

Jhn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Jhn 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth.**

God’s Word Is Truth

Jhn 17:17 Sanctify them through thy **truth: thy word is truth.**

Psa 119:43 And take not the **word of truth** utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Jesus Is The Word

Jhn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jhn 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Here we can see numerous examples of what the Bible defines is the truth. The truth is Jesus and the Word of God. Jesus is the Word also. He was the living Word when He walked among men on this earth and as His Word never changes for it is everlasting, therefore, He is still the living Word.

In the Hebrew language the word truth, or, emeth, was formed by the first, thirteenth and last (or, twenty-second) letters of the Hebrew alphabet — Aleph (1st letter), Mem (13th letter) and Tav (22nd letter).

The Hebrew alphabet, consisting of 22 letters in total, which, noteworthily, is a symbolic number identifying Divinity and humanity, has number values, as well as, letters — Aleph (1), Mem (40), Tav (400) = 441 or 144. Thus, Jesus, Whom not only is the Master Linguistic as the living Word, also, is the Wonderful Numberer, by means of combining and communicating in alpha-numerical language, emphasizes to us the importance of the 144,000 whom will know and understand truth.

First, Middle, Last

Jesus, amongst the many other names given to Him through the Bible, is also known as the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End and the Alpha and the Omega, as shown above, associated with the word truth, in the book of Revelation. Therefore, His name, which also is a representation of His character, are revealed in Revelation.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Three Angel's Messages

Additionally, found in the book of Revelation, is the mention of the Everlasting Gospel of the Three Angel's Messages, or, the truth, which God's remnant church, the 144,000, also, identified in Revelation, are to proclaim in this final generation.

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Thus, the three Hebrew letters of the word truth and the three angel's messages are synonymous in meaning and purpose. They both are the same in terms of contextually symbolic usage.

What Is/Are Lies?

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Pro 14:5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

Isa 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

Isa 28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

Isa 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Hab 2:3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, **and not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Dan 11:27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak **lies at one table**; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

Zep 3:13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

Jhn 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Jhn 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, **and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Jhn 8:45 **And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.**

Jhn 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? **And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?**

Jhn 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: **ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**

Rom 1:25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, **which God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, **in which it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

1Jn 2:21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, **and that no lie is of the truth**.

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, **but do lie**; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, **or maketh a lie**: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

There are also different instances in which the Bible identifies what is/are lies, as aforementioned. A lie is referenced in the Word of God as being the total opposite to the truth. Lies, or, another term, falsehood, is not and can not be of God. Because, as we earlier learned, Jesus is truth, therefore, He cannot lie. He is the Word and It never lies nor can It. Out of the various Biblical references above stated, we will highlight a particular few, although, of course, all are just as relevant as each another. For the interest of this specific study, with a more prophetic focus, we will be looking deeper into the following; Habakkuk 2:2, 3, Isaiah 28:14-17, Daniel 11:27 and 2Thessalonians 2:10-12.

Habakkuk 2:2, 3, Isaiah 28:14-17, Daniel 11:27 and 2Thessalonians 2:10-12 have been specifically extracted from the long list of Bible passages addressed due to their entire contextual reading, in other words, they have more than one term, not only lie or lies, therein the same text which are worth taking note. We will explore these in more depth as we continue on in this study.

The Vision Will Not Lie

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the **vision**, and make *it* plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it.

Hab 2:3 For the **vision** *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, **and not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

It cannot lie for God cannot lie and the vision is of God. His Word instructs us of these things and His Word is truth. If God has spoken a thing we can be sure that that thing will come to pass. The Word of God is a promise, not merely written words in a fictional story book, waiting to be fulfilled. Also, the promise is sure for those whom wait for it, as recorded by Habakkuk.

What Is The Vision?

Dan 8:13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Among these prophecies was that of Habakkuk 2:1-4: “I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov’d. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the **vision**, and make it plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it. For the **vision** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.”

As early as 1842 the direction given in this prophecy to “write the **vision**, and make it plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it,” had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a **prophetic chart** to illustrate the **visions of Daniel and the Revelation**. **The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfillment of the command given by Habakkuk**. No one, however, then noticed that an apparent delay in the accomplishment of the **vision**—a tarrying time—is presented in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, this scripture appeared very significant: “The **vision** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.... The just shall live by his faith.” GC 392.1

The Bible was designed to be a guide to all who wish to become acquainted with the will of their Maker. God gave to men the **sure word of prophecy**; angels and even Christ Himself came to make known to **Daniel and John** the things that must shortly come to pass. Those important matters that concern our salvation were not left involved in mystery. They were not revealed in such a way as to perplex and mislead the honest seeker after truth. **Said the Lord by the prophet Habakkuk:** “Write the **vision**, and make it plain, ... that he may run that readeth it.” **Habakkuk 2:2**. The word of God is plain to all who study it with a prayerful heart. Every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth. “Light is sown for the righteous.” Psalm 97:11. And no church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure. GC 521.3

Their faith was greatly strengthened by the direct and forcible application of those scriptures which set forth a tarrying time. As early as 1842, the Spirit of God had moved upon Charles Fitch to devise the **prophetic chart**, which was generally regarded by Adventists as **a fulfillment of the command given by the prophet Habakkuk**, “to write the **vision** and make it plain upon **tables**.” No one, however, then saw the tarrying time, which was brought to view in the same prophecy. After the disappointment, the full meaning of this scripture became apparent. Thus speaks the

prophet: “Write the **vision**, and make it plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it. For the **vision** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” [Habakkuk 2:2, 3.] 4SP 241.2

Our calculation of the prophetic time was so simple and plain that even children could understand it. From the date of the decree of the king of Persia, found in Ezra 7, which was given in 457 before Christ, the 2300 years of Daniel 8:14 were supposed to terminate with 1843. Accordingly we looked to the end of this year for the coming of the Lord. We were sadly disappointed when the year entirely passed away, and the Saviour had not come.

It was not at first perceived that if the decree did not go forth at the beginning of the year 457 B. C., the 2300 years would not be completed at the close of 1843. But it was ascertained that the decree was given near the close of the year 457 B. C., and therefore the prophetic period must reach to the fall of the year 1844. Therefore the **vision** of time did not tarry, though it had seemed to do so. We learned to rest upon the language of the prophet: “The **vision** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” Habakkuk 2:3.

God tested and proved His people by the passing of the time in 1843. The mistake made in reckoning the prophetic periods (note: plurality in the particularly selected words, denoting more than one prophetic time period, i.e., the 2300 years and the 2520 years prophecies, as projected on the 1843 and the 1850 charts) was not at once discovered, even by learned men who opposed the views of those who were looking for Christ’s coming. Scholars declared that Mr. Miller was right in his calculation of the time, though they disputed him in regard to the event that would crown that period. But they, and the waiting people of God, were in a common error on the question of time.

Those who had been disappointed were not long left in darkness; for in searching the prophetic periods with earnest prayer the error was discovered, and the tracing of the prophetic pencil down through the tarrying time. In the joyful expectation of the coming of Christ, the apparent tarrying of the **vision** had not been taken into account, and was a sad and unlooked-for surprise. Yet this very trial was necessary to develop and strengthen the sincere believers in the truth. LS 58.1

Above quoted, it is evident that the vision is one of a prophetic nature, moreso, based on prophetic time (457-1843/44, or, 2300) and as outlined within the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. This vision was commanded by God to be produced on tables, or, charts. These charts are the 1843 chart and the 1850 chart published in the years of 1842 and 1850. Those charts were a fulfillment of the prophecy of Habakkuk 2:2, 3. They were given to God’s people by God Himself as a guide or map to lead and direct them into all truth.

The Vision Is The Charts

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the **vision**, and make *it* plain upon **tables**, that he may run that readeth it.

Therefore, considering all the evidence provided herein, there are only two options, you can either accept that the vision is the charts and this is truth, or, you can reject this is as a lie. As we just have been studying, the group that chooses the truth of the charts will be among the remnant church of God which are the number comprised of the 144,000 as talked about in Revelation. However, the other group that choose to reject the charts as a lie will be lost forever for eternity. Historically speaking, there has always ever been two classes of worshippers or believers, one class whom obey God and His Word and one class whom disobey Him and His Word. This is still how it is today.

Rome Establishes The Vision

Dan 11:14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: **also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision;** but they shall fall.

In Daniel 11:14, the “robbers of thy people” are Rome. This can be demonstrated historically, as well as, from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. This phrase, robbers of thy people, was initially discussed by Uriah Smith in his book, Daniel and The Revelation, wherein speaking to Daniel chapter 11, he interprets them to be ancient Rome, in reference to their rise of the Roman Empire in the history of the king of the North, or Seleucid, and king of the South, or Ptolemaic, kingdoms. in which, they, Rome, attained world dominance through greed, violence and corruption. This is not only based on the historical record of Rome however, as this history will be repeated again, for Rome never changes.

Where There Is No Vision

Pro 29:18 **Where *there is* no vision, the people perish:** but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

Hos 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,** that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

When God's vision of truth, which we have been addressing, are the truths contained on the 1843 and the 1850 charts, is set aside or rejected, by default, error or lies take their place, as it is impossible to be believers of both at the same time, Similarly, as the above Scriptures state the people that do not accept, which, would imply it must first have been given by God, the vision, or the knowledge of truth, will die. This will be the

ultimate fate of the rejection of truth for any. On the other hand, acceptance of the vision will bring life to all whom believe. The LORD here makes it absolutely clearcut, that this is a life and death truth, on the basis of if you accept or reject it.

Refuge of Lies

Isa 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.

Isa 28:8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

Isa 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

Isa 28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

Isa 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Speaking Lies At One Table

Dan 11:27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

The above Scripture could be sorely interpreted as being based on an internal church level, even though it is to a degree. However, it is in fact concerning the external world affairs of this country, the United States of America, and its role in end-time Bible prophecy.

There are periods which are turning points in the history of nations and of the church. *In the providence of God, **when these different crises arrive, the light for that time is given.** If it is received, there is spiritual progress; if it is rejected, spiritual declension and shipwreck follow. The Lord in His word has opened up the aggressive work of the gospel as it has been carried on in the past, and will be in the future, even to the closing conflict, when Satanic agencies will make their last wonderful movement. From that word we understand that the forces are now at work that will usher in the last great conflict between good and evil—between Satan, the prince of darkness, and Christ, the Prince of life. But the coming triumph for the men who love and fear God is as sure as that His throne is established in the heavens.* BEcho August 26, 1895, par.

That They Should Believe A Lie

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned **who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Terrible were the trials that were to beset the true church. Even at the time when the apostle was writing, the “mystery of iniquity” had already begun to work. The developments that were to take place in the future were to be “after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.” Especially solemn is the apostle’s statement regarding those who should refuse to receive “the love of the truth.” **“For this cause,” he declared of all who should deliberately reject the messages of truth, “God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”** Men cannot with impunity reject the warnings that God in mercy sends them. From those who persist in turning from these warnings, **God withdraws His Spirit, leaving them to the deceptions that they love.** AA 266.2

The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord, Satan will work “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;” **and they that “received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,” will be left to receive “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11.** Not until this condition shall be reached, and the union of the church with the world shall be fully accomplished throughout Christendom, will the fall of Babylon be complete. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future. Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ’s true followers are still to be found in their communion. There are many of these who have never seen the special truths for this time. Not a few are dissatisfied with their present condition and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected. As these bodies depart further and further from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the difference between the two classes will widen, and it will finally result in separation. The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are “lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.” Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. **When those that “believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:12), shall be left to receive strong delusion and to believe a lie, then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord that remain in**

Babylon will heed the call: "Come out of her, My people" (Revelation 18:4). GC 389.3

Those who are unwilling to accept the plain, cutting truths of the Bible are continually seeking for pleasing fables that will quiet the conscience. The less spiritual, self-denying, and humiliating the doctrines presented, the greater the favor with which they are received. These persons degrade the intellectual powers to serve their carnal desires. Too wise in their own conceit to search the Scriptures with contrition of soul and earnest prayer for divine guidance, they have no shield from delusion. **Satan is ready to supply the heart's desire, and he palms off his deceptions in the place of truth. It was thus that the papacy gained its power over the minds of men; and by rejection of the truth** because it involves a cross, Protestants are following the same path. All who neglect the word of God to study convenience and policy, that they may not be at variance with the world, **will be left to receive damnable heresy for religious truth. Every conceivable form of error will be accepted by those who willfully reject the truth.** He who looks with horror upon one deception will readily receive another. The apostle Paul, speaking of a class who "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," declares: **"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."** 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. With such a warning before us it behooves us to be on our guard as to what doctrines we receive. GC 523. 2

Those who believe and teach the truths of God's word in these last days, meet with similar opposition from unprincipled persons who will not accept the truth, and who do not hesitate to prevaricate, and even to circulate the most glaring falsehoods in order to destroy the influence and hedge up the way of those whom God has sent with a message of warning to the world. While one class make the falsehoods and circulate them, **another class are so blinded by the delusions of Satan as to receive them as the words of truth.** They are in the toils of the arch-enemy, while they flatter themselves that they are the children of God. **"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."** LP 60.1

One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, says of those who have had great light: "They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition." "Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. **I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear:** but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." **"God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie," "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," "but had pleasure in unrighteousness."** Isaiah 66:3, 4; 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 10, 12. The heavenly Teacher inquired: **"What stronger delusion can beguile the mind than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation and that God accepts your works,** when in reality you are working out many things according to worldly policy and are sinning against Jehovah? **Oh, it is a great deception, a fascinating delusion, that takes possession of minds when men who have once known the truth, mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof; when they suppose that they are rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, while in reality**

they are in need of everything.” God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. But many are crying, “Peace and safety,” while sudden destruction is coming upon them. Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven. When purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing. 8T 249.2

In Paul’s second epistle to the Thessalonians, he exhorts us to be on our guard, and not depart from the faith. He speaks of Christ’s coming as an event to immediately follow the work of Satan in spiritualism in these words: “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**” **In the epistle of Paul to Timothy, he foretells what will be manifested in the latter days. And this warning was for the benefit of those who should live when these things should take place. God revealed to his servant the perils of the church in the last days. He writes, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy,** having their conscience seared with a hot iron.” RH April 15, 1875, par. 7

The last great crisis is upon us. The working of the man of sin is revealed. “The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth,** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.... Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” RH July 25, 1899, Art. A, par. 15

In his second epistle to the Thessalonians, he warns them that the second advent of our Lord will be preceded by the working of Satan,” with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” Because the**

children of men reject the plainest teachings of his word, and trample upon his law, God leaves them to choose that which they desire. They spurn the truth, and he permits them to believe a lie. They refuse to yield to the convictions of the Holy Spirit, and Satan, transforming himself into an angel of light, leads them captive at his will. If men were but conversant with the word of God, and obedient to its teachings, they could not be thus deceived; but they neglect the great detector of fraud, and the mind becomes confused and corrupted by the deceptive arts of men, and the secret power of the father of lies. ST May 18, 1882, par. 12

All who possess reasoning powers can know for themselves what is truth. Those who pray and search for light, will receive light. The reason why so many are groping their way in the fog of error is, that they take the assertions of men, instead of searching the word of God for themselves. “To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Worldlings and superficial Christians will accept nothing which interferes with their selfish love of pleasure; hence they are willingly ignorant of the truth which would save their souls. **Satan works with all his deceptive art to present pleasing fables before the people, and he takes thousands in his snare.** The advocates of truth in our day should not expect their message to be received with greater favor than was that of the early Reformers. Nay, rather, they should expect greater difficulties and more determined opposition than were experienced by Luther and his fellow-laborers. **Satan’s hatred for the truth is the same in all ages; but as he sees that his time is short, he makes one last mighty effort, by signs and lying wonders, to deceive and destroy, not merely the unbelieving world, but the great mass of professed Christians who have not received the love of the truth that they might be saved.** In the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul declares that the second coming of Christ will be preceded by “the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**” There was a present truth—a truth at that time of special importance—in the days of Christ, of Paul, of Luther; there is a present truth for the church today. But truth is no more desired by the men of today than it was by the Jews in the time of Christ, or by papists in the days of Luther. **Therefore Satan, working now with tenfold greater power, succeeds as of old in blinding the eyes of men and darkening their understanding.** ST June 21, 1883, par. 15

The only safety now is in searching for the truth as it is revealed in the word of God, as we would search for hid treasure. The great and important truths for this time will prove as an anchor to hold God’s people amid the perils of the last days. But the mass of mankind despise God’s word, and prefer fables. They receive not the “love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” ST November 13, 1884, par. 7

Through the Papacy he has manifested his character, and brought out the principles of his government. Of this power the apostle Paul says: “Let no man deceive you by any

means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.... For the mystery of iniquity doth already work.... Shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming, even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth,** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” ST May 28, 1894, par. 10

All of the above statements are resolute regarding the class of people that reject the plainly revealed truths of God’s Word, they will receive from Him strong delusion that they should believe a lie. This is the current case and condition of the nominal Seventh day Adventist Churches as a whole whom have rejected the charts as truth and in their place have accepted a lie. Except they repent and return to their foundations, the 1843 and the 1850 charts or the old paths of Adventism, that made the church back then what God called it to be, the remnant church, which keep the Bible commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy, they will perish.

Repent And Return To Receive The Rest And Refreshing

Isa 28:12 To whom he said, **This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.**

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, **Stand ye in the ways,** and see, **and ask for the old paths, where is the good way,** and walk therein, and ye shall find **rest** for your souls. **But they said, We will not walk therein.**

Act 3:19 **Repent ye therefore,** and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 3:20 **And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2Co 11:4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached,** or **if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.**

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel:**

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.