Class 1: Does God Have Secrets?

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-- Prophets of Old --

(Amos 3:7) "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

(Proverbs 3:5) "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Slide-2

Know that, "...the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it."

Not only is the availability of the information stated, but there appears a warning to all of us if the message is disregarded. Hearing God's voice, the prophet Hosea (4:6) writes; "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..."

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(Ecclesiastes 1:9) "That which hath been it is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

(Proverbs 25:2) "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."

(1 Corinthians 2:7) "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:"

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-- Ellen G. White --

Following the bitter disappointment of 1844, E. G. White gave in a series of proclamations; assured that God's plan was in place and proceeding as planned: "We hear the footsteps of an approaching God."³

¹ Ellen G. White, <u>The Great Controversy</u> (Mountain View: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), page 390

² Ellen G. White, <u>The Great Controversy</u> (Mountain View: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), page 60

³ Evangelism, page 219

"My heart is filled with anguish when I think of the tame messages borne by some of our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear. The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world."

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"Interwoven with prophecies which they had regarded as applying to the time of the second advent was instruction specially adapted to their state of uncertainty and suspense, and encouraging them to wait patiently in the faith that what was now dark to their understanding would in due time be made plain. Among these prophecies was that of Habakkuk 2:1-4...5"

(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 reproved. 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." My interpretation: I will watch and listen closely from the highest vantage point to receive God's messages, and will correct my character faults so that I am ready to hear. The Lord answered; in order to read my messages, do the following: Enter each letter of the Bible into a cell within a table. The messages will then be able to be read (very easily) vertically and diagonally. There is one contingency: The messages will be able to be read beginning at the correct / appointed time.⁶ Slide-7

-- Modern Day / End-Time Prophets --

"The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world.... The instrumentalities to be used are those souls who gladly receive the light of truth which God

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⁴ <u>Testimonies for the Church</u>; Volume Eight, pages 36-37

⁵ Ellen G. White, <u>The Great Controversy</u> (Mountain View: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), page 392

⁶ For specific details on this information, please visit: http://www.bellresearchlab.com/

communicates to them. These are God's agencies for communicating the knowledge of truth to the world. If through the grace of Christ His people will become new bottles, He will fill them with the new wine. God will give additional light, and old truths will be recovered, and replaced in the framework of truth; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph. As Christ's ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,—Christ our righteousness."

"When new light is presented to the church, it is perilous to shut yourselves away from it.

Refusing to hear because you are prejudiced against the message to the messenger will not make your case excusable before God.... And to speak with contempt of those whom God has sent with a message of truth, is folly and madness.... They are not to make up their minds that the whole truth has been unfolded, and that the Infinite One has no more light for His people."

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"New light will ever be revealed on the word of God to him who is in living connection with the Sun of Righteousness. Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. The diligent, prayerful seeker for truth will find precious rays of light yet to shine forth from the word of God. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God. But light is not given simply to be a strength to the church, but to be shed upon those who are in darkness. The people of God are to show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Christ has said of His people, 'Ye are the light of the world,' and it is the mission of the light to shine out and illuminate the darkness."

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⁷ Sons and Daughters of God, page 259

⁸ Counsels on Sabbath School Work, Page 32

⁹ Counsels on Sabbath School Work, Page 34

"One class is watching and waiting for their Lord, while the other class is waiting for what Lucifer may perform of his wonder-working power." 10

(Matthew 13:47-50) "...So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire."

"God has been pleased to communicate His truth to the world by human agencies, and He Himself, by His Holy Spirit, qualified men and enabled them to do this work. He guided the mind in the selection of what to speak and what to write. The treasure was entrusted to earthen vessels, yet it is, nonetheless, from Heaven."

"Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. . . The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness" 12 "In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. . . God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the function of His Spirit than by the outward training of scientific institutions." 13 Slide-10

"To souls that are earnestly seeking for light and that accept with gladness every ray of divine illumination from His holy Work, to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory. . . Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them."

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern." Some will not accept the new information provided by God:

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¹⁰ Manuscript Releases; Volume Eight, page 105

¹¹ Ellen G. White, <u>The Great Controversy</u> (Mountain View: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1911), Page # vi.

¹² Ellen G. White, <u>Last Day Events</u> (Nampa: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992), p. 203.

¹³ Ellen G. White, Last Day Events (Nampa: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992), p. 204.

¹⁴ Ellen G. White, <u>Last Day Events</u> (Nampa: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992), p. 206.

¹⁵ The Great Controversy, page 606

"In the manifestation of that power which lightens the earth with the glory of God, they will see only something which in their blindness they think dangerous, something which will arouse their fears, and they will brace themselves to resist it. Because the Lord does not work according to their ideas and expectations they will oppose the work. 'Why,' they say, 'should we not know the Spirit of God, when we have been in the work so many years?'—RH Extra, Dec. 23, 1890."16

"The third angel's message will not be comprehended, the light which will lighten the earth with its glory will be called a false light, by those who refuse to walk in its advancing glory.—RH May 27, 1890."¹⁷

"The third angel's message reveals the great saving truth for this time. Its truths are constantly unfolding, and it is God's design that even the children and youth shall understand intelligently what God requires, that they may distinguish between righteousness and sin, between obedience and disobedience."--Manuscript 67, 1909, page 3.

"When the third angel's message closes, mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. They have received 'the latter rain,' 'the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,' and they are prepared for the trying hour before them . . . "18 Slide-12

"... Believers will be given evidence that the Word of God, the warnings He has given, are being fulfilled right among us. Some may make light of these messages, misinterpret them, and say untruthful things, which lead others' minds astray."

"It would be impossible for us to state just how this additional light would come. It might come in a very unexpected manner, in a way that would not agree with the ideas that many have

¹⁶ Ellen G. White, Last Day Events (Nampa: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992), p. 211.

¹⁷ Ellen G. White, Last Day Events (Nampa: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1992), p. 211.

¹⁸ The Great Controversy, page 614

Manuscript Releases; Volume Seven, pages 192 & 193

conceived."20 "Unless those who can help are roused to a sense of their duty, they will not recognize the work of God when the loud cry of the third angel shall be heard."21

"I have been shown that unbelief in the testimonies has been steadily increasing as the people backslide from God. It is all through our ranks, all over the field. But few know what our churches are to experience. I saw that at present we are under divine forbearance, but no one can say how long this will continue. No one knows how great the mercy that has been exercised toward us. But few are heartily devoted to God. There are only a few who, like the stars in a tempestuous night, shine here and there among the clouds."22 Slide-13

"There is yet much precious truth to be revealed to the people in this time of peril and darkness, but it is Satan's determined purpose to prevent the light of truth from shining into the hearts of men. If we would have the light that has been provided for us, we should show our desire for it by diligently searching the word of God. Precious truths that have long been in obscurity are to be revealed in a light that will make manifest their sacred worth; for God will glorify His word, that Slide-14 it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it."23

Manuscript Releases; Volume Thirteen, page 334
Manuscript Releases; Volume Two, page 19
Testimonies for the Church; Volume Five, page 76
Counsels on Sabbath School Work, page 25