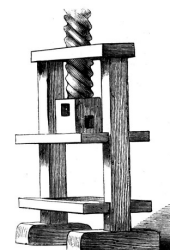




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"Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands"

—ISAIAH 42:12

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings! Enclosed are several tracts that should be of special interest to Seventh-day Adventist leaders. On each of the topics discussed, be sure that an honest examination of the Scriptures has been made, as well as careful research into the writings of the early Church Fathers, and as you will see, prominent SDA literature has been researched and is documented, such as: *Questions on Doctrine*, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe*, *The Great Controversy*, and *The Clear Word Bible*.

Over the years, whenever SDA writings (books, tracts, etc.) has found its way into my hands, I've given it a fair reading and carefully weighed every point of view in the light of Scripture and accurate historical data. When our faith is firmly grounded in the Word of God, we should count it both a privilege and a challenge to enter into dialogue with another believer that may not necessarily agree with us on all points, in order not only that this friend in the faith may be enlightened by our views, but that we in turn may perhaps genuinely profit from that which is shared with us.

We have published much literature concerning the errors of the Jehovah's Witnesses over the years. While our work in that area has helped many people, it has not benefited very many Jehovah's Witnesses themselves. Why? because they reject it outright with a "cocky" assurance that they have "all the truth," and they don't need to listen to what anyone else has to say. They're taught by their leaders that everything that is not published by the Watchtower is "of the devil." And not only this, but a fundamental belief of all Jehovah's Witnesses is that God is using none but their organization today, that they *only* are God's people, and His "truth" comes through the Watchtower's *Governing Body* in Brooklyn, New York, and no where else. They thus keep themselves locked in this cultic delusion, not realizing their faith is not in the Word of God, but in the words of **men** — the *Governing Body*. For if it were in the Word of God, they would have liberty to be like the wise Bereans, who, after hearing gladly what was preached unto them, they "searched the Scriptures daily" to see whether those things were so (*Acts 17:11*). They heard what was said, and weighed it carefully by the Word of God. The Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to do this.

I've said this about the Jehovah's Witnesses in order that we might examine our own selves, to see whether we also have similar cult-like tendencies — this same arrogant attitude of following without question the words of men, **our church leaders**, instead of objectively weighing their teachings by the truth of God. If you refuse to read these tracts that have been graciously given to you — carefully researched material, even from your very own SDA Statements of Faith — then either you're not a serious-minded person at all, or you do indeed possess characteristics just like the Jehovah's Witnesses, having both an insulated and isolated mindset, and are willing to accept whatever interpretation on the Scriptures **your church leaders** give, because you're convinced that they (and they alone) have "the truth of God," and you need not ever bring anything they say into question. This is the error and ruin of the cults. And if this is your position, and you refuse to honestly look at these tracts and give them a fair reading, then you have no right to call yourself a true "**Bible**" student — you are a "**Seventh-day Adventist**" student. In other words, you receive your Bible teaching exactly as the Jehovah's Witnesses do — *channeled to you* through a very specific group of **men** — not the men of the *Governing Body* in Brooklyn, but nonetheless **men** — the men who form the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church! Yet the duty of every Christian is clear — we are to "prove all things" (*1 Thess 5:21*) by "searching the Scriptures" to see "whether those things are so."

If you find the manner in which something is presented in these tracts to be a bit coarse, we pray that this will not hinder your further reading; but we would ask that you exercise a bit of forbearance and forgiveness towards us in this. All is given in a spirit of Christian love. I am,

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

Dan Shanks