

Monday Lesson states;

“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 His 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.”—Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 26

Simple question; Do we truly believe that EGW was one of these messengers from the Lord?

Tuesday;

God hates false witness (*Exod. 20:16*) and cannot lie (*Heb. 6:18*). He is called a God of truth (*Ps. 31:5, Isa. 65:16*). In a similar manner, the Holy Spirit is called **“the Spirit of truth”** (*John 14:17*).

In the passage quoted in Tuesday’s lesson we see that Jesus is speaking. He says;

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Is the Comforter in vs 16 the same as the Spirit of truth vs 17? Yes.

The Prophet of the Lord says;

“The Saviour is our Comforter. This I have proved Him to be.” 8MR p. 49 July 16, 1892

Yes, Sister White is a true prophet and in line with the Bible, as she agrees with the proof text in vs 18. Here Jesus is speaking, and He proves who the comforter is, just as Sister White does above.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Wednesday;

The Holy Spirit is a Teacher who desires to lead us into a deeper understanding of Scripture and to a joyful appreciation of the Bible.

Who is the greatest teacher this world has ever had?

It is of the greatest consequence that we understand what we are placed in this world for. We are not here to glorify self or to seek our own pleasure, but to glorify our Father which is in Heaven, and to carry on the work begun by **the great Teacher of righteousness**. {ST, November 3, 1887 par. 9}

When he whom angels worshiped, he who was rich in honor and glory, came to earth, and found himself in fashion as a man, he did not hold himself aloof from the unfortunate, nor excuse himself from the hard, self-denying path he had entered upon as a teacher of righteousness. "I came," the divine Teacher said, "to save that which was lost." {SW, July 9, 1903 par. 8}

God doesn’t do things by half measures, he sent the best Teacher this world has ever known. He is Jesus, and through Jesus Spirit, He Jesus, teaches us.

Thursday;

The Holy Spirit, who has revealed and inspired the content of the Bible to human beings, will never lead us contrary to God’s Word in any way.

Dose this include our Pioneers and Sister White? Yes.

But didn't they have a different understanding of the Holy Spirit than has the SDA Church today?

Some people claim to have received special "revelations" and instructions from the Holy Spirit that go against the clear message of the Bible. For them the Holy Spirit has attained a higher authority than God's Word. Whenever the inspired and Written Word of God is nullified and its clear message is evaded, we walk on dangerous ground and do not follow the leading of God's Spirit. The Bible is our only spiritual safeguard. It alone is a reliable norm for all matters of faith and practice. "Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself."—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 671.

Ellen G. White has made it abundantly clear that "the Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested."—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 9.

The Holy Spirit is never given to replace the Word of God. He, rather, works in harmony with and through the Bible to draw us to Christ, thus making the Bible the only norm for authentic biblical spirituality. We can be sure that when someone comes making claims that are in contradiction to the Word of God, that person is not speaking the truth. We can't judge hearts or motives. We can, though, judge theology, and the only standard we have to judge it with is the Word of God.

The statement above is true, and describes the men that changed the SDA Fundamental beliefs. It is interesting to see satan turn his accusations onto those who are still standing on the platform of eternal truth, when the accusation should belong to those who have adopted the 'New Theology'.

Friday;

"The Scriptures a Safeguard," pp. 593–602,

I read the passage suggested in the GC above and it certainly instructs us to rely on the Holy Spirit for understanding. But I also came across this quote in there. Are our SS lessons prepared by the learned or Theologians?

Many a portion of Scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been taught in the school of Christ. One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's Word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. An understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness. {GC88 599.2}

"We want the Holy Spirit, **which is Jesus Christ.**" {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18}

Inspiration of the 1800's is still Inspiration today.