

The subject of speculation regarding God's personality we will not venture to express, except in the language of the Word which represents His personality. There is to be no discussion over this question lest God would give unmistakable revelation of what He is that would extinguish the one who dares venture on the holy ground in his speculative theories, as some ventured to do in opening the ark to see what was in it as its power and how God was manifested. The men were slain for their curiosity science. {Ms223-1902}

I say, and have ever said, that I will not engage in controversy with any one in regard to the nature and personality of God. Let those who try to describe God know that on such a subject silence is eloquence. Let the Scriptures be read in simple faith, and let each one form his conceptions of God from His inspired Word.

{Lt214-1903}

I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God. Many of the curious who attempted to open the ark of the testament, to see what was inside, were punished for their presumption. We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens. {Lt224-1903}

One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in Living Temple. I say, "They are unexplainable." But the sentiments expressed plainly reveal that you have not a true knowledge of God. What we most need is an experimental knowledge of God, as He is revealed in His Word. Such knowledge would enable us to see our imperfection of character and our ignorance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we would be afraid even to touch the subjects that are handled blindly in Living Temple. {Lt232-1903}

I was cautioned not to enter into controversy regarding the question that will come up over these things, because controversy might lead men to resort to subtleties, and their minds would be led away from the truth of the Word of God to assumption and guesswork. The more that fanciful theories are discussed, the less men will know of God and of the truth that sanctifies the soul. {Lt232-1903}

God is never to be understood by any human being. His ways and His works are past finding out. In regard to the revelations that He has made of Himself in His Word, we may talk. But when it comes to talking or writing of God's person and presence, let us say, "Thou art God, and Thy ways are past finding out." {Lt232-1903}

The teaching regarding God that is presented in Living Temple is not such as our students need. Those who seek to define God are on forbidden ground. We are to enter into no controversy regarding God—what He is and what He is not. He, the Omniscient One, is above discussion. Those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith. {Lt240-1903}

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I had a conversation Sabbath morning last with A. T. Jones. I told him if he would at any time allow his own mind to take in all the Doctor's propositions, he would find himself ensnared. Well, I had much to say, and I have continued to pray for Dr. Kellogg. He may after a time be afflicted bodily, and if he is it may be the salvation of his soul. {Lt299-1903}

I am instructed to say to you that it is not best to dwell upon the spiritualistic sentiments, the strange, misleading theories which have for years been coming in among us. {Lt175-1904}

If you try to handle these subjects, you will be led to repeat the sophistries of Satan, and thus you will help Satan to present his false theories to the people. Resolve never, never to repeat error, but always to teach the truth. Fill hearts and minds with the solemn, sacred truth for this time. {Lt175-1904}

Years ago I was instructed to tell some of our most able ministers that in repeating the arguments and sophistries of the opponents, they were putting into the minds of their hearers arguments that some would use against the truth; for as objections to the truth are presented, Satan's angels make impressions on the minds of some who hear. {Lt175-1904}

And I have been shown that we are not to enter into controversy over these spiritualistic theories, because such controversy will only confuse minds. These things are not to be brought into our meetings. We are not to labor to refute them. If our ministers and teachers give themselves to the study of these erroneous theories, some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. It is not the work of the gospel minister to voice Satan's theories. Go steadily forward, building up the old waste places, and restoring the foundations of many generations. Present the truth, sacred, sanctifying truth, and let the seducing theories of the enemy alone. Give him no ground on which to plant the seeds of these theories. I was warned to enter into no controversy over these matters. Let not our ministers or teachers or students give their lips to the repeating of the enemy's sophistry. {Lt175-1904}

I am warned that the less our ministers handle the subject of pantheism, the less they will help Satan to present his theories to the people. Let the truth for this time be kept before them. Never, never repeat the spiritualistic sentiments, the strange, misleading theories which have for years been coming in. {Lt179-1904}

The Lord has a message for our ministers to bear, but He does not call them to speak on the subjects upon which the minds of some have been dwelling. Those who do this place in minds seeds that will germinate and spring up to bear fruit.

Thus people are educated to catch up the sentiments of Satan and give them publicity. {Lt179-1904}

Let the repetition of Satan's falsehoods be kept out of our papers. What we need in our papers is the gospel message that will save souls. "O Zion that bringeth good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain! O Jerusalem that bringeth good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God." {Lt179-1904}

Keep your eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and by beholding Him you will be changed into His likeness. Talk not of these spiritualistic theories. Let them find no place in your mind. Let our papers be kept free from everything of the kind. Publish the truth; do not publish error. Do not try to explain in regard to the personality of God. You cannot give any further explanation than the Bible has given. Human theories regarding Him are good for nothing. Do not soil your minds by studying the misleading theories of the enemy. Labor to draw minds away from everything of this character. It will be better to keep these subjects out of our papers. Let the doctrines of present truth be put into our papers, but give no room to a repeating of erroneous theories. {Lt179-1904}

After looking upon the pleased, interested countenances of those who were listening, One by my side told me that the evil angels had taken captive the mind of the speaker. He said that we were to stand as guardians of the churches, but that we were on no account to enter into discussion on these subjects with those who hold pantheistic theories. He said that just as surely as the angels who fell were seduced and deceived by Satan, so surely was the speaker under the spiritualistic education of evil angels. Lt259-1904

I am bidden to tell our ministers to enter into no discussion over these theories. Let them alone. When engaged in discussion over these theories, their advocates will take words spoken to oppose them and will make them appear to mean the very opposite of that which the speaker intended them to mean. Some have been studying these matters for a long time and are prepared to present them and to lead souls to adopt them. I am now commissioned to tell our people to beware. Lt259-1904

Let the world go into spiritualism, into theosophy, into pantheism, if they choose. We are to have nothing to do with this deceptive branch of Satan's work. The pleasing sentiments of pantheism will lead many souls into forbidden paths. God forbids His servants to leave their fields of labor to enter into a discussion of these sentiments. The last testimony published opens to our people the danger of these theories, and the testimonies published in the future will urge still more strongly the necessity of lifting up and carrying high the banner on which are inscribed the words, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." God's people are to let no one take this banner from their hands. I am instructed that false

theories will be presented, and that some in the medical missionary work, who have been wavering, will yield up the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Lt259-1904

I was instructed that at this time and on this occasion it is not best to speak on the subject of pantheism or to read quotations from authors who write on this specious, deceptive error. The statements made in Testimony, volume 8, are sufficient to correct the error. These statements will do more to enlighten minds than all the theories or explanations that our ministers may put forth concerning this matter. Dwell on present truth, on Christ's second coming. It is not the duty of our ministers to try to handle pantheism; for to do this, they must repeat the sophistry of Satan. Let this subject alone, and talk the truth. Fill hearts and minds with the solemn, sacred truth for this time. {Lt377-1904}

I am warned that the less our ministers handle the subject of pantheism, the less they will help Satan to present his theories to the people. Let the truth for this time be kept before them. Never, never repeat the spiritualistic sentiments, the strange, misleading theories, which have for years been coming in. {Lt377-1904}

I was told to tell Elder Andrews and Elder Waggoner to present Bible truth. I was told to tell them that in their discourses they must not present the objections of their opponents. And I have been shown that we are not to have any controversy over these spiritualistic theories, because such controversy will only confuse minds. These things are not to be brought into our meetings. We are not to try to repudiate them. The more they are handled, the faster they will grow. Keep these subjects out of our papers. Let them alone. Let the doctrines of present truth be put into our papers, but give no room to a repeating of erroneous theories. {Lt377-1904}

God has not given any minister the commission to unravel Satan's theories by entering into controversy regarding them. Hold up the truth; magnify the truth—"It is written." Our people do not appreciate as they should the saving power of the atonement. They do not understand as they should the meaning of the words, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." Our ministers need not go over Satan's false theories in order to save the people from error. Let them magnify the truth. {Lt377-1904}

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personality of God. You cannot give any further explanation than the Bible has given. Human theories regarding Him are good for nothing. Do not soil your minds by studying the misleading theories of the enemy. Try to draw minds from everything of this character. {Lt377-1904}

The great Teacher held in His hand the entire map of truth. In simple language He made plain to His disciples the way to heaven and the endless subjects of divine power. The question of the essence of God was a subject on which He maintained a wise reserve, for their entanglements and specifications would bring in science which could not be dwelt upon by unsanctified minds without confusion. In regard to God and in regard to His personality, the Lord Jesus said, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." Christ was the express image of His Father's person. {Ms45-1904}

Our ministers must be very careful not to enter into controversy in regard to the personality of God. This is a subject that they are not to touch. It is a mystery, and the enemy will surely lead astray those who enter into it. We know that Christ came in person to reveal God to the world. God is a person, and Christ is a person. Christ is spoken of in the Word as "the brightness of His Father's glory, and the express image of His person." {Ms46-1904}

After looking upon the pleased, interested countenances of those who were listening, One by my side told me that the evil angels had taken captive the mind of the speaker. He said that we were to stand as guardians of the churches, but that we were on no account to enter into discussion with those who hold pantheistic theories on these subjects. He said that just as surely as the angels who fell were seduced and deceived by Satan, so surely was the speaker under the spiritualistic education of evil angels. {Ms64-1904}

I was astonished to see with what enthusiasm the sophistries and deceptive theories were received. The influence of this talk gave him encouragement to call for a council of our brethren at Battle Creek for a further examination of these seducing sentiments. I was bidden to warn our people on no account to send their children to Battle Creek to receive an education, because these delusive scientific theories would be presented in the most seducing forms. The matter has been working in Dr. Kellogg's mind in such a way that he thinks he is to be a channel to infuse other minds with great light regarding certain scientific problems. He will be led to take words and sentiments from my books and present them as being in harmony with his theories. But the Lord has forbidden us to enter into any discussion with him; for he is becoming more and more deceptive, through the influence of evil angels clothed in beautiful garments of light. {Ms64-1904}

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the very opposite of that which the speaker intended them to mean. Dr. Kellogg has been studying these matters for a long time and has been preparing himself to present his ideas and to lead souls to adopt them. I am now commissioned to tell our people to beware. {Ms64-1904}

We have more than a royal road to heaven. We have a divine one. Take your position. The more you handle these subjects of unbelief, the more sorrow they will bring. We are not even to consult with the powers of satanic agencies. We are constantly in every place to make straight and thorough work in repeating the words of Scripture. Keep the affirmative. {Ms124-1906}

We are now to labor unceasingly to get the truth before Jew and Gentile. Instead of going over and over the same ground to establish the faith of those who should never have accepted a doubt regarding the third angel's message, let our efforts be given to making known the truth to those who have never heard it. God calls upon us to make known to all men the truths that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. Ms125-1907

God is speaking to His people today as he spoke to Israel through Moses, saying, "Who is on the Lord's side?" My brethren, take your position where God bids you. Leave alone those who, after light has been repeatedly given them, have taken a stand on the opposite side. You are not to spend precious time in repeating to them what they already know, and thus lose your opportunities of entering new fields with the message of present truth. Take up the work which has been given us. With the Word of God as your message, stand on the platform of truth and proclaim the soon coming of Christ. Truth, eternal truth, will prevail. Ms125-1907