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What Proof Is There That the Meetings With Martin & Barnhouse In the 1950-60's Can Be Compared to What Took Place in 1844?



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Conclusion: Those who rejected the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Angels Messages were left in darkness.

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# The Spirit of Prophecy sums up what the 1<sup>st</sup> Angels Message is, all in ONE paragraph!



In the typical system,—which was a shadow of the sacrifice and priesthood of Christ,—the cleansing of the sanctuary was the last service performed by the high priest in the yearly round of ministration. It was the closing work of the atonement,—a removal or putting away of sin from Israel. It prefigured the closing work in the ministration of our High Priest in Heaven, in the removal or blotting out of the sins of his people, which are registered in the heavenly records. This service involves a work of investigation, a work of judgment; and it immediately precedes the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; for when he comes, every case has been decided. Says Jesus, "My reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." [Revelation 22:12.] It is this work of judgment, immediately preceding the second advent, that is announced in the first angel's message of Revelation 14:7: "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his Judgment is come." {GC88 352.2}

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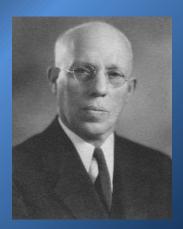
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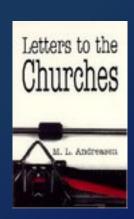






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"Here is the story of how these new doctrines found their way into the denomination as reported by Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse... The fact that this report has been in print for nearly three years and no correction or protest has been forthcoming from our leaders would strongly argue that they accept the truthfulness of the account." "Mr. (Walter) Martin went to Washington to the Adventist headquarters where he got in touch with some of the leaders...Mr. Martin "immediately perceived that the Adventists were strenuously denying certain doctrinal positions which had been previously attributed to them. Chief among these were the question of the mark of the beast, and the nature of Christ while in the flesh." Pages 7 & 8.

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- "The subject that took up much of the time at the conference was that of the sanctuary...Dr. Barnhouse says...that the assumption that Christ "had a work to perform in the most holy before coming to this earth...is a human, face-saving idea....Mr. Martin and I heard the Adventists say, flatly, that they repudiated all such extremes. This they said in no uncertain terms." Page. 15

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• (The GC's Response) "This will place you in plain opposition to your church, and will undoubtedly bring up the matter of your relationship to your church." Page 44. "I could not believe this when I first read it. Here I was, for fifty years an honored member of the church, having held responsible positions. But if I dared hold "views divergent from that of the responsible leadership of the denomination", I became a member of the "wild-eyed irresponsibles" who constituted the "lunatic fringe" of the denomination; and without a hearing I was ordered to cease my activity or feel the "brakes" applied. If I did not now have the documents before me, I would have difficulty in believing that any "sane leadership" would attempt to stifle criticism and make threats against any members who seek to hold views divergent from that of the responsible leadership of the church. Had it come to this? Rome went but little further." Page 45.

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"This is a most interesting and dangerous situation. As one official who was not in favor of what was being done stated to me: "We are being sold down the river." What a sight for heaven and earth! The church of the living God which has been given the commission to preach the gospel to every creature under heaven and call men to come out of Babylon, is now standing at the door of these churches asking permission to enter and become one of them. How are the mighty fallen! Had their plan succeeded, we might now be a member of some evangelical association and not a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist church any more, in secrecy "sold down the river". This is more than apostasy. This is giving up Adventism. It is the rape of a whole people. It is denying God's leading in the past. It is the fulfillment of what the Spirit of Prophecy said years ago:

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• 1966 - In Ministry Magazine of March, 1966, Leroy Froom states: "Today the old largely negative approach--emphasizing chiefly the things wherein we differ from all other religious groups--is past, definitely past." Also in the same magazine in June, 1966, Howard Weeks states: "If in expectation of a larger prophetic role amid these trends Adventists should gird up their evangelistic lions they would find themselves in step with other evangelicals who share their concern...The Adventist church today is better prepared to make common cause with these other evangelicals than at any previous time in its history....The denomination is more definitely oriented than ever to the historic evangelical concepts....The heavy, sometimes bellicose, emphasis on the law and the Sabbath in times past undoubtedly struck more raw nerves...in contrast today, with a clear assert of the denomination's evangelical heritage...a new era of evangelistic emphasis and membership growth..."

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- 1971 Review and Herald publishes Movement of Destiny, by Leroy Froom, in which he states: "He (Christ) was perfect in His humanity, but He was none-the-less God; and His conception in His incarnation was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit so that He did not partake of the fallen, sinful nature of other men."

 1975 - General Conference President--Neal C. Wilson--states under oath in Court: "Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint, and the term 'hierarchy' was used in a pejorative sense to refer to the papal form of church governance, that attitude on the church's part was nothing more than a manifestation of widespread anti-popery among conservative protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist church is concerned." Reply Brief for the Defendant, p 4, case #C-74-2025 CBR. March 30, 1975.

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• If there is a point of truth that you do not understand, upon which you do not agree, investigate, compare scripture with scripture, sink the shaft of truth down deep into the mine of God's word. You must lay yourselves and your opinions on the altar of God, put away your preconceived ideas, and let the Spirit of heaven guide into all truth.--Review and Herald, Feb. 18, 1890. {TM 476}

Why will not men see and live the truth? Many study the Scriptures for the purpose of proving their own ideas to be correct. They change the meaning of God's Word to suit their own opinions. And thus they do also with the testimonies that He sends. They quote half a sentence, leaving out the other half, which, if quoted, would show their reasoning to be false. God has a controversy with those who wrest the Scriptures, making them conform to their preconceived ideas.--Ms 22, 1890, pp. 5, 6. (Diary, Jan. 10, 1890.)

**Education** is the inculcation of ideas which are light and truth. Everyone who diligently and patiently searches the Scriptures that he may educate others, entering upon the work correctly and with an honest heart, laying aside his preconceived ideas, whatever they may have been, and his hereditary prejudices at the door of investigation, will gain true knowledge. But it is easy to put a false interpretation on Scripture, placing stress on passages, and assigning to them a meaning, which, at the first investigation, may appear true, but which by further search, will be seen to be false. If the seeker after truth will compare Scripture with Scripture, he will find the key that unlocks the treasure house and gives him a true understanding of the Word of God. Then he will see that his first impressions would not bear investigation, and that continuing to believe them would be mixing falsehood with truth. {TDG 43.3}

Although the Jews had long waited for the coming of the Messiah, yet when he came, they would not believe on him. They followed Christ from place to place, in order that, if possible, they might catch some word from his lips to misstate, misconstrue, and publish abroad, giving it a meaning that had neither been expressed nor intended. Thus the way of Christ was hedged up by men who claimed to be just and holy men. They were suspicious of Christ because his teaching did not agree with their preconceived ideas and opinions, and if they acknowledged Christ to be right, at the same time they acknowledged themselves to be in the wrong. The work of Christ testified to his divine mission and character, and marked him out as the light of the world. He bore the divine credentials, but, filled with self-righteousness, they would not permit themselves to believe in his heavenly authority. Blinded by prejudice, they could not discern his true character. They turned from the voice of the true Shepherd, and listened to the suggestions of the enemy of all righteousness. {ST, April 25, 1895}

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Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. Return unto the Lord, gather up the rays of light that have been neglected, comply with the conditions laid down in the Word of God, and then by faith claim the promises. Jesus will be present; and He will give you blessings which all the treasures you possess, be they ever so valuable, would not be rich enough to buy.... Ms 8, 1882, pp. 3-9. ("Campmeeting Hygiene," May 5, 1882.)

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I desire my personal preferences to have no special influence in determining where the Conference shall be held; for unless specially convinced by the Spirit of the Lord that it is my duty to be present, I will not attend, no matter where the meeting may be held. If I knew that I should have to attend the Conference, I might express my preference for Healdsburg as the location; for I could drive over, and have my horse and carriage there to use at any time, and to return when necessary. {PC 124.4}