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Dear Brethren:

I do not accept the pioneers of the Millerite movement understanding of a twofold makeup of the godhead, any more than I accept the pioneer understanding that Sunday was the day of worship. We have set forth many presentations outlining the erroneous position that was held by the majority of the pioneers, so I will simply give a brief thought or two on the subject. My many presentations on this subject is a matter of public record. John is on Patmos because he is being persecuted for upholding the Bible and also the Spirit of Prophecy.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Revelation 1:9; 19:10.

John as a symbol of the persecuted one hundred and forty-four thousand, who was exiled on Patmos for his obedience to not only the Bible, but also to the Spirit of Prophecy, which is the testimony of Jesus, as surely as the Bible is the testimony of Jesus.

Search the **scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which **testify of me**. John 5:39.

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy agree with each other.

"I have kept in all my journeys that should come before the people if essential, even if I did not write another line. I want that which is deemed worthy to appear, for the Lord has given me much light that I want the people to have; for there is instruction that the Lord has given me for his people. It is light that they should have, **line upon line**, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. This is now to come before the people, because it has been given to correct specious errors and to specify what is truth. The Lord has revealed many things pointing out the truth, thus saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it.'

"The Bible must be your counselor. **Study it and the testimonies** God has given; for **they never contradict his Word**.

"**If the Testimonies speak not according to the word of God, reject them**. Christ and Belial cannot be united." *Selected Messages*, book 3, 32.

If both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy agree with each other and never contradict themselves; then the next question must include, 'how it is that they are correctly studied?' The previous passage answers that question when it states, "I want that which is deemed worthy to appear, for the Lord has given me much light that I want the people to have; for there is instruction that the Lord has given me for his people. It is light that they should have, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little."

We are to study Inspiration "line upon line." We are to approach our study by understanding, accepting and then by demonstrating our acceptance by basing our understanding on the obvious meaning of how it reads.

"The truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness by learned men, who, with a pretense of great wisdom, teach that the Scriptures

have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. These men are false teachers. It was to such a class that Jesus declared: 'Ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God.' Mark 12:24. The language of the Bible should be explained **according to its obvious meaning**, unless a symbol or figure is employed. Christ has given the promise: 'If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine.' John 7:17. If men would but take **the Bible as it reads**, if there were no false teachers to mislead and confuse their minds, a work would be accomplished that would make angels glad and that would bring into the fold of Christ thousands upon thousands who are now wandering in error." *The Great Controversy*, 598.

We are informed of the inspired word which encompasses both witnesses of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy with faith which accepts every word contained therein.

"Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion." *Education*, 123.

There is no hint in that statement of any statement of inspiration that any portion of the inspired record has been somehow corrupted, but there are those who do infer or directly teach that very corrupted idea, as just cited, "truths most plainly revealed in the Bible have been involved in doubt and darkness **by learned men**, who, with **a pretense of great wisdom**, teach that the Scriptures have a mystical, a secret, spiritual meaning not apparent in the language employed. **These men are false teachers.**" An age-old controversy within Christian history is found in the first book of John.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 1 John 5:7–9.

Supposedly "learned men" who are "false teachers" insist that the way these verses read, and the obvious meaning is not correct, for it directly rejects their satanic ideas about the threefold makeup of the godhead. Truth is established upon the testimony of two or three, and the Spirit of Prophecy is a second witness to John's record in the three verses of first John chapter five.

"The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. There are **three living persons of the heavenly trio**; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will co-operate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ." *Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 7, 62, 63.

Matthew provides a third witness.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**, and of the **Son**, and of the **Holy Ghost**: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19, 20.

The Bible does not contradict itself.

“He who has a knowledge of God and His word has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He does not test the Bible by man’s ideas of science. He brings these ideas to the test of the unerring standard. He knows that God’s word is truth, and **truth can never contradict itself**; whatever in the teaching of so-called science contradicts the truth of God’s revelation is mere human guesswork” *Testimonies*, volume 8, 325.

Both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are to be studied “line upon line,” “just as it reads” beginning with the “obvious meaning” in the passage. Neither sacred witness contradicts the other.

“God never contradicts Himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks. [1 John 1:1–10 quoted.]” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 162.

The obvious meaning, when taken just as it reads is that line upon line the godhead consists of three living persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Satan knows this and, in his attempt, to set a kingdom in this world that he might manage according to his will, he brings about three counterfeit powers of the godhead in the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. This is a settled understanding of *Future for America*, and we have put line upon line of this subject into the public arena, so in agreement with the Bible I am no longer allowing myself to get drawn into that controversy.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself. Titus 3:9–11.

Let each man be fully persuaded in his own mind, but as for me and my house we do not seek to teach ideas that stand in direct opposition to the obvious meaning in either the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy. We are choosing to pen this statement for those who may have interacted with teachers who are claiming that they are in some way connected with or supported by *Future for America*. This issue is currently sounding in the Latin world, and it is impossible for us in the United States to confirm or deny accusations of men who claim to be associated with us that teach the pioneer view of the godhead in direct opposition to the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. We have repeatedly heard these accusations brought against Jorge Alberto Alvarez Ramos, and they have come from more than one Latin nation.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Timothy 4:3–5.

If the accusations levelled against Brother Alvarez are true or false I cannot know, except by circumstantial evidence and second-hand witness. Yet there is enough agitation over these things that Brother Alvarez should now heed to the counsel of Paul, and “make full proof of his ministry.” It is in his realm of influence that these accusations need to be resolved, not *Future for America*. Even if we here and our ministry was certain the accusations were true, we would have

no way to exercise any type of discipline, for Jorge Alberto Alvarez Ramos has no connection with our ministry, other than he professes to teach what we teach.

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