

A lesser Light to lead men and women to the greater Light

Ellen G. White :

“Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light.” – Evangelism, p. 257

Let us again read carefully the above statement by Mrs. White ! She said that due to little heed is given to the Bible, that the Lord God has given us a lesser light, which is the Spirit of Prophecy or the third angel’s message of Revelation 14, to lead us, men and women, to the greater light. There are indeed three main things to know from the statement, namely : (1) The Bible, that seemed too little heed given to it by our people, (2) A lesser light, which is the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White herself, and (3) The greater light.

Though the main objective of the statement is that the Bible should again be heeded and obeyed, she did not straightly as yet mention the Bible to be the great light. She was just saying that the Lord had given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light. That is, if we could be honestly admitting the lesser light to be the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White, or the message of the third angel of Revelation 14, then we must unavoidably admit too, that before we could be brought to the Bible as a truly great light, that is to enlighten the whole earth with its glory in the time of the end, we must first be led to the greater light. To this end Mrs. White ever said :

*“The question has been asked me, “Do you think that the Lord has anymore light for us as a people ?” I answer that he has light **that is new to us**, and yet it is precious old light that is to shine forth from the word of truth. We have only the glimmerings of the rays of the light that is yet to come to us. We are not making the most of the light which the Lord has already given us, and thus we fail to receive the increased light; we do not walk in light already shed upon us.” — Review and Herald., vol. 2, p. 399.*

*“There is yet much precious truth to be revealed to the people in this time of peril and darkness, but it is Satan’s determined purpose to prevent the light of truth from shining into the hearts of men. If we would have the light that has been provided for us, we should show our desire for it by diligently searching the word of God. Precious truths that have long been in obscurity are to be revealed in a light that will make manifest their sacred worth; for God will glorify His word, that it may appear in a light in which **we have never before beheld it.**” – **Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 25.***

*“There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error.” -- **Counsels to writers and editors, p. 35.***

The precious truths, such as the prophecies of the old Testament, the parables of Jesus in the New Testament, and the book of Revelation, which for a long time have been in obscurity, are to be revealed in a New Light that make manifest their sacred worth, for God will glorify His word, that it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it. Before the precious truths being revealed to be comprehended in our midst, how could it be said of the Bible to be the great Light ?

How is the Spirit of Prophecy to lead us to the greater Light

John the Revelator in his prophetic words ever said :

*“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” -- **Revelation 18 : 1.***

As a prophet and founder of our Church Mrs. White has interpreted the prophetic word of John as follows :

*“Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory..... This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel’s message in 1844.” -- **Early Writings, p. 277.***

“Angel” in the book of Revelation stands for several objects. The crying angel symbolizes a message, such as the first, the second, and the third angel of Revelation 14. The silent angel always symbolizes a people or a leadership, such as the angel of the Laodicean Church, which symbolizes The General Conference of SDA and all its ministers in the world.

We all have been familiar with the third angel’s message, which is the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White, the prophet. But why are we always neglecting to know the additional message of the fourth angel of Revelation 18 : 1. Which she mentioned in the Early Writings, p. 277 ? The Spirit of Prophecy of the third angel’s message alone cannot enlighten the earth, even the fourth angel message of Revelation 18 : 1 by itself cannot accomplish much to have the earth enlightened, because it is just the greater light. Not the great Light. So the combination of those two messages in THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY to meet the prophetic word of Revelation 19 : 10 margin, would have accomplished the whole work of enlightening the earth, beginning in our own Church of Seventh-day Adventists. And then we would be able to walk in the light of the whole Scriptures as did David of old, when he said: *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”* – **Psalm 119 : 105.**

Let not the leadership of the Laodicean church mislead themselves by pretending to have comprehended the Spirit of Prophecy of Mrs. White, as long as they still rejected the new message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 presented them by Victor T. Houteff ever since 1929. Even if they persist to reject to acknowledge Houteff and his message, they should have given us the substitute of the message and the name of the messenger whose prophetic name is Elijah the prophet (Malachi 4 : 5). And if they dare say that Elijah the prophet is not as yet come, they also have to honestly admit their lacking the knowledge of the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White, due to the fact that the third angel’s message alone cannot enlighten the earth. How could you have the capacity to teach the Spirit of Prophecy of the third angel’s message successfully, without the power and force of the fourth angel of Revelation 18 : 1 ?

Whatever men may say, we have to admit that only one more message of truth is to come to unite with the third angel message of Ellen. G. White, and then the whole Bible would have been fully comprehended, and the whole earth enlightened, prior to the coming of the Lord Jesus.

We are now living in the last end of the time of the end. Due to the fact that there is to be only one more message to proclaim in this time, then it is the same message prophesied by the prophets of old, even by the parables of Jesus, which is now identified by several names as follows :

- (1) The fire (the Spirit) and the sword (the Word) of the Lord : in Isaiah 66 : 16. “For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with (not to kill) all flesh : and the slain of the Lord shall be many.”
- (2) The knowledge and the doctrine : in Isaiah 28 : 9 – 11.
“Whom shall he teach knowledge ? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine ? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.....

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little : For with a stammering lips and another tongue will h e speak to this people.”
— Isaiah 28 : 9 – 11.

From the fact that the prophecy of Isaiah as well as the other prophecies belong to the Laodicean church, then the “knowledge” and the “doctrine” must consequently mean the last message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1. And this last message could be understood only by those Seventh-day Adventists who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts (of their mothers, the ministers, who have baptized them into their church membership). This is also to signify that the ministers (the angel of the Laodicea) are against the knowledge and the doctrine. And they are to be the greatest enemy against Houteff and his message up to this very moment.

Since all the prophets have prophesied the same history of the world, then the same event in the history will be prophesied by most of the prophets, one supplemented the other, precept upon precept, line upon line, from here a little and from there a little. And this last message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 will be spoken **to this people** (of Seventh-day Adventists) by someone with a stammering lips and another tongue. This is to identify Bro. Victor T. Houteff, who was an American citizen of Bulgarian descent. Another tongue means not the language of the prophet Isaiah, nor of the Bulgarian, but English. With a stammering lips identified Houteff as not of the American origin.

- (3) the things to come : In John 16 : 13.

(4) The sealing message of the 144.000 : In Ezekiel chapter 9.

(5) The Judgment of the Living : In Malachi 3 and 4

(6) The message of the angel of Rev. 18 : 1.

(7) The message of the Shepherd's Rod : in Micah 6 : 9. :

“The Lord’s voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name : hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.”

The only R O D that should be heard in this time of the end is the Voice of the Lord through the Shepherd's Rod message by Bro. Victor T. Houteff.

(8) The Spirit and power of Elijah : Malachi 4, Test. To Ministers, p. 475

“Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. “ **Somebody** is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say : “*You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.*”

This is the antitypical Elijah the prophet who has come in the person of Bro. Houteff. His message will be rejected by the General Conference and most of its ministers all over the world. And thus the prophecy has now been fulfilled.

(9) The golden oil in the bowl of the pictorial prophecy of Zachariah 4.

(10)The gold, white raiment, and eye-salve : In Rev. 3 : 17.

(11)The Call for a Spiritual Revival and a Spiritual Reformation. : Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.

(12)THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY : in Rev. 12 : 17 ; 19 : 10 margin.

(13)The extra oil in the vessels (not in the lamps) of the five wise virgins of Matthew 25

(14) And still many others

Never for a moment think that the coming of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 and its messenger would be heartily welcomed in the churches. Sister White ever since has warned us in the following words:

“Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: ‘Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.“ **Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah,** and when he appears, men may say : “*You are too earnest, you do not*

interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.” – Testimony to Ministers, p. 475.

“The prophets of God were hated by the apostate Israel, because through them their hidden sins were brought to light. Ahab regarded Elijah as his enemy, because the prophet was faithful to rebuke the king’s secret iniquities. **S o t o d a y** (in this time of the end) the servant of Christ (Victor T. Houteff) the reprove of sin, meets with scorn and rebuffs (from General Conference and its ministers). Bible truth, the religion of Christ struggles against a strong current of moral impurity. Prejudice is even stronger in the hearts of m e n n o w (most Seventh-day Adventists) than in Christ’s day.” – **The Desire of Ages, p. 587.** (In brackets added)

“Prophecy must be fulfilled,” and it has been fulfilled ever since Houteff and his Shepherd’s Rod message came in 1929 up to now.

The Spirit of Prophecy as a lesser light will have to lead us first to the knowledge of the greater light of the message of Revelation 18 : 1. Then the combination of both messages in the so-called THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY will be the great light of the Bible that is to enlighten the whole earth up to the close of probation in the heavenly sanctuary.

Several requirements should first be met before the newly greater light could be received

The servant of the Lord said :

- (1) “Only those who are living up to the light they have (the lesser light of the Spirit of Prophecy) will receive greater light.” – **Testimonies to Ministers, p. 507. (In brackets added)**
- (2) “Were Jesus with us today, He would say to us as He did to His disciples, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.” (John 16 : 12).” – **1 Selected Messages, p. 403.**
- (3) “There is but one course for those to pursue who honestly desire to be freed from doubts. Instead of questioning and caviling concerning that which they do not understand, let them give heed to the light (the Spirit of Prophecy) which already shines upon them, and they will receive greater light. Let them do every duty which has been made plain to their understanding, and they will be

enabled to understand and perform those of which they are now in doubt.” – **The Great Controversy, p. 528 (In brackets added).**

- (4) “I am authorized from God to tell you that not another ray of light through the Testimonies will shine upon your pathway until you make a practical use of the light already given (the Spirit of Prophecy).” **Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 666.**
- (5) “The work of health reform is the Lord’s means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church.This work bears the signature of heaven, and will open doors for entrance of other precious truths.” – **Counsels on Diet and Food, p. 77.**
- (6) “The truth that God has given for His people in these last days (the Spirit of Prophecy) should keep them firm when there come into the church those who present false theories. The truth that has stood firm against the attacks of the enemy for more than half a century must still be the confidence and comfort of God’s people.” – **Colporteur Ministry, p. 3.** (in brackets added)

The Shepherd’s Rod + The Spirit of Prophecy = The Great Light of the Bible

It has been a principle held in the Bible that every new light would not discard all the lights that ever came before it. That is the reason why that with the coming of the message of the Shepherd’s Rod of the Revelation 18 : 1 as the new light ever since 1929, the message then united with the Spirit of Prophecy of the third angel message of Revelation 14 in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY of Revelation 19 : 10 (margin), to become the GREAT LIGHT of the BIBLE.

So as King David ever said : “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*” – **Psalm 119 : 105.**, we all in this time of the end should have also said, that the BIBLE that is now fully interpreted into THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY is to enlighten us, even everyone of us, as a lamp unto our path and a light to show our future up to the great deliverance of our people to the kingdom in the Palestine. John the apostle further said :

“In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. And the

Word was made flesh, and dwell among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” – **John 1 : 1, 2, 14.**

Since the beginning the WORD was to represent Christ, and He was always with God the Father. So it is in this time of the end, the BIBLE as the WORD, which was fully interpreted into THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, it cannot stand apart separated from the LAW of the Ten Commandments, that represents GOD the Father. This should be truly understood, because. THE LAW would be heeded and obeyed by our people only when all the Rules of Implementation thereof have been provided us in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The Spirit of Prophecy is the third angel message of Revelation 14, which also include the first and the second angels messages

Those three messages were prophesied by John the Revelator in the following words :

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come : and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

”And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand., the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.....” -- **Revelation 14 : 6 – 9.**

(1) In regard to the first angel :

We all know for sure that we are now living in the time of the end, in the period of the Laodicean Church, which is the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The prophetic Church before is the Philadelphian Church during the time of the servant of the Lord : William Miller from 1831 to 1844. It

was William Miller who proclaimed to the world the second coming of Jesus to fall on October 22, 1844. Though his proclamation was not fully right, the message was not wholly rejected by the Lord. This is seen from the following statement by Mrs. White when she said :

“Jesus did not come to the earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the sanctuary by purifying the earth by fire. I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods; prophetic time closed in 1844, and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary at the ending of the days. Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the sanctuary was and the nature of its cleansing.” --- Early Writings, p. 243.

“Angels of God accompanied William Miler in his mission. He was firm and undaunted, fearlessly proclaiming the message committed to his trust. **“Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.” – Early Writings, p. 232.**

(2) In regard to the second angel :

”And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”— Revelation 14 : 8. What is meant by Babylon that is fallen, the servant of the Lord Mrs. White said :

“Concerning **Babylon, the symbol of the apostate church**, He says to His ministers of Judgment, “Her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.” -- **Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 179.**

The second angel’s message was foretelling the fall of all Christian churches in 1844. Since the fact that Jesus failed to come at the time anticipated as that proclaimed by Miller and his message, most Christians of the world of the time suffered deeply anguished and disappointed. The spiritual condition of the people of that situation was later to meet the fulfillment of the proclamation of the second angel’s message, which has likened them to the fallen Babylon. Babylon originated from the tower of Babel in the olden times after the flood, where their situations were so confused and in chaos.

(3) In regard to the third angel

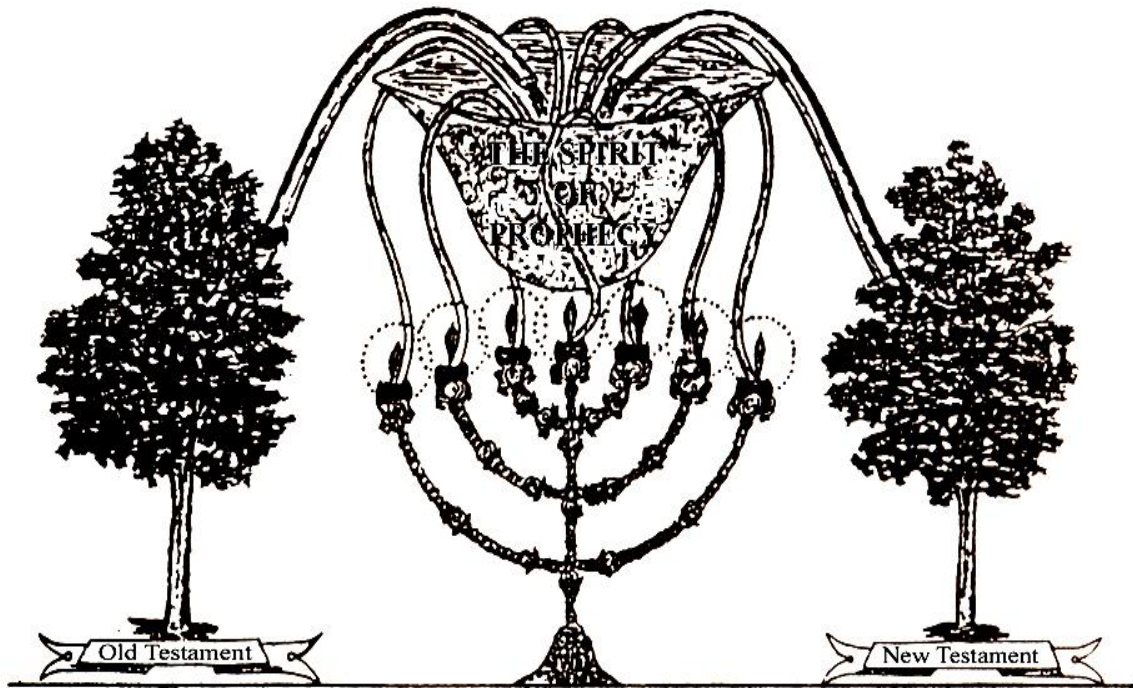
With the fall of the Christian world into the Babylon-like situation of the time, then at the same time emerged unto the stage of history the pioneers of the Laodicean Church, consist of Sister Ellen G. White and

her associates. Thus it is, that ever since that time in 1844 the Christian world had to appear in two divided images : Christians of the Church of the Laodiceans of God on the one side had come up with their faith based upon the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy (by Sister EG. White), This is shown from their **logo** depicting the three angels of Revelation 14 flying in the midst of heaven. Whereas on the other side, the nominal Christian Churches of the time returned to the Bible and the Bible only as the basic of their religions. These two images of Christian faith have been developing up to this moment. Following the characteristics of each of them, the nominal Christian Churches have been developing into such unnumbered sects, that is still reiterating the same teaching on the second coming of Jesus Christ in the air, whereas the Christians of the Laodicean Church of God were again divided into several groups as follows :

- (1) General Conference of SDA and all its staunch followers, returned to the BIBLE, thought to be the only Great Light to be the foundation of their faith. This is clearly seen from their **new logo** to succeed the old one depicting the three angels of Revelation 14 flying in the midst of heaven to proclaim the message of the Spirit of Prophecy. Since only relying on the BIBLE whereas the mysteries of so many prophecies and the parables of Jesus were still not interpreted in their midst up to now, the General Conference of SDA seemed to have been fallen into the same pit, shared by the nominal Christian Churches, and then to proclaim the same old message of the second coming of Jesus, following in the path of the Babylon-like Christians of the past in 1844.
- (2) Whereas those who embraced the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1, as the greater light, that united his voice with the third angel message of Revelation 14 in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY to be the Great Light. This group had named themselves the General Association of Davidian SDA with their Headquarters in Waco, Texas, USA.
- (3) Several other groups of DSDA, fragmented from the main Headquarters in Texas, after the demise of their leader Bro. Victor T. Houteff in 1955.

Under the light of the prophecy of Zechariah chapter 4

Let us observe carefully the chart on the prophecy of Zechariah chapter 4, as presented to us by the servant of the Lord Bro. Houteff here below.



1844

"READ AND STUDY THE FOURTH CHAPTER OF ZECHARIAH!"

Testimonies to Ministers, p. 188.

This prophecy was first interpreted for us by Mrs. Ellen G. White the prophet. This is clearly seen from her own statement addressed to the ministers of Seventh-day Adventist in the following words : "READ AND STUDY THE FOURTH CHAPTER OF ZECHARIAH!"—Testimonies to Ministers, p. 188. Zechariah chapter 4 is a prophecy, that is just interpreted in the time of the end, to be understood by the Laodiceans or Seventh-day Adventists. It is impossible for Mrs. White to issue such an instruction before the mystery of the prophetic words first be revealed by herself. Thus it is, how the lesser light of the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. White had ever led us to the greater light of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1.

When the greater light of the message of the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 came in 1929, the prophecy of Zechariah 4 was again deliberated under the greater light of the Shepherd's Rod publications by Bro. Victor T. Houteff. And due to the fact that the greater light of the message has been rejected on and on ever since the outset in 1929, then the prophetic words of Zechariah 4 : 6 began to be fulfilled, that it must be

proclaimed more in force today than ever before. Thus said the Lord as follows :

“This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” -- Zechariah 4 : 6.

Zerubbabel represents somebody or everyone of us in this time of the end, in the Laodicean Church of Seventh-day Adventist, represented by the candlestick. The word of the Lord unto us, saying, Not by might (of the preacher and his sermons), nor by power (of the Organization of the General Conference through the Sabbath School Lessons), but by the (written testimonies of My Spirit), thus saith the Lord of hosts. This is the reason why the servant of the Lord had also this to say :

“In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles (in the Bible). In these days (in this time of the end) He speaks to them by the t e s t i m o n i e s o f H i s S p i r i t. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue.” -- **Evangelism, p. 255, 256 (In brackets added).**

The Testimonies of God’s Spirit in this time of the end are to be found first in the lesser light of the Spirit of Prophecy of Mrs. White, and later in the greater light of the Shepherd’s Rod publications by Victor T. Houteff. As the angel of Revelation 18 : 1 has first to unite his voice with the third angel of Revelation 14 to share with him the power and force to his message, then the combination of the angels’ messages will be found in the so-called the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

This is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY in the golden bowl of Zechariah prophecy.

The BIBLE with all its mysteries therein, has now been revealed through the angels’ messages, in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, to be the Great Light to enlighten first our own people, and then the whole earth up to the close of probation in the heavenly sanctuary.

No one of us would ever deny the BIBLE to be the Great Light, but it is now the fact, that the BIBLE will be the Great Light only now when all the mysteries therein have been interpreted and revealed in the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

To the Law and to the Testimony

The **Bible** contains the Basic Law and the By-laws of the Kingdom. The By-laws contain the Rules of Implementation of the Basic Law. Though the Basic Law is immutable, the By-Laws with all the Rules of Implementation are changeable up to the end of time. So the Rules of Implementation of the Ten Commandments, that have been developed up to this time of the end, are to be found in the Testimonies of Jesus Christ, which is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. In his prophetic word Isaiah said : “ *To the law and to the testimony : if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is **no l i g h t** (neither lesser light nor greater light) in them.*” – **Isaiah 8 : 20.**

Since the beginning of time, from the everlasting in the past to the everlasting in the future, the Ten Commandments as the Basic Law and the Rules of Implementation in the Testimonies of Jesus Christ, were never before separated from each other. John the apostle said, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.*” — **John 1 : 1, 2.** God the Father was represented by the Basic Law, and God the Son by the WORD in the Bible. The SPIRIT OF PROPHECY is the supplement of the WORD in the Bible.

THE BIBLE

THE LAW

THE WORD

John 1 : 1, 2, 14

All Truths

John 16 : 13

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Prophecy

of the message of
The Third Angel of Rev. 14

Things to Come

John 16 : 13

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2. The Parables of Jesus
3. The Book of Revelation

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Bro. Victor T. Houteff

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THE SPIRIT of PROPHECY
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