

...harmony with the direct statements of the Bible than that of those who decreed against them.

4. Constituting themselves a tribunal for the trial of heretics, and excluding from their fellowship all who would not assent to their creeds. Not content to debar such from church privileges in this world, they declared them subjects for the lake of fire.

5. Having thus kindled a hatred in their own hearts against all who did not conform to their creeds, they next invoked and obtained the aid of the civil power to torture, and kill with sword, with hunger, with flame, and with beasts of the earth, those whom they had declared unfit to remain in the world.” {Loughborough; *The Church Its Organization, Order and Discipline*, pgs. 76-77}

“Most of the founders of Seventh-day Adventism would not be able to join the Church today if they had to subscribe to the denomination’s Fundamental beliefs.” {Knight; *Ministry Magazine*, October, 1993, pg. 10}

“The Bible, and the Bible alone, is to be our creed, the sole bond of union; all who bow to this Holy Word will be in harmony. Our own views and ideas must not control our efforts. Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible.” {White; *The Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1885}

There Can Only Be One!

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The Mystery of Babylon Revealed

“This Protest opposes two abuses of man in matters of faith. The first is the intrusion of the civil magistrate; And the second, the arbitrary authority of the Church. Instead of these abuses, Protestantism sets the power of conscience above the magistrate; And the authority of the Word of God above the visible church.” {Jones; *Ecclesiastical Empire*, pg. 767: Quotation of J.A. Wylie’s writing of the Protest from which came the word ‘Protestant’}

“God could have destroyed Satan and his sympathizers as easily as one can cast a pebble to the earth; but He did not do this. Rebellion was not to be overcome by force. Compelling power is found only under Satan’s government. The Lord’s principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God’s government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power.” {White; *Desire of Ages*, pg. 759}

“That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan’s deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God’s government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His

character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan.” {White; *Desire of Ages*, pg. 22}

“Wherever the power of intellect, of authority, or of force is employed, and love is not manifestly present, the affections and will of those whom we seek to reach assume a defensive, repelling position, and their strength of resistance is increased. Jesus was the Prince of Peace. He came into the world to bring resistance and authority into subjection to himself. Wisdom and strength he could command, but the means he employed with which to overcome evil were the wisdom and strength of love...” {White; *Gospel Workers*, pg. 312}

“To direct the child's development without hindering it by undue control should be the study of both parent and teacher. Too much management is as bad as too little. The effort to "break the will" of a child is a terrible mistake. Minds are constituted differently; while force may secure outward submission, the result with many children is a more determined rebellion of the heart. Even should the parent or teacher succeed in gaining the control he seeks, the outcome may be no less harmful to the child. The discipline of a human being who has reached the years of intelligence should differ from the training of a dumb animal. The beast is taught only submission to its master. For the beast, the master is mind, judgment, and will. This method, sometimes employed in the training of children, makes them little more than automatons. Mind, will, conscience, are under the control of another. It is not God's purpose that any mind should be thus dominated. Those who weaken or destroy individuality assume a

responsibility that can result only in evil. While under authority, the children may appear like well-drilled soldiers; but when the control ceases, the character will be found to lack strength and steadfastness. Having never learned to govern himself, the youth recognizes no restraint except the requirement of parents or teacher. This removed, he knows not how to use his liberty, and often gives himself up to indulgence that proves his ruin.” {White; *Education*, pg. 288}

“The Church is founded upon the bishops(Elders), and every act of the church is controlled by these same rulers.” {Jones; *The Great Empires of Prophecy*, pg. 403: Cyprian, “St.”}

“Neither have heresies arisen, nor schisms originated, from any other source than this - that God's priest is not obeyed: whom if according to divine teaching the whole fraternity should obey, no one would stir up anything against the college of priests: no one would rend the church by a division of the unity of Christ” {Jones; *The Great Empires of Prophecy*, pg. 404: Cyprian, “St.”}

“Whence you ought to know that the bishop(Elder) is in the church, and the church in the bishop(Elder); and if any man be not with the bishop(Elder), he is not in the church.” {Jones; *The Great Empires of Prophecy*, pg. 403: Cyprian, “St.”}

‘Five Steps to Apostasy’

“1. Forming a creed, expressing their faith in man-made phrases instead of adhering to the word of the Lord.

2. Making that man-made creed a test of fellowship, and denouncing all as heretics who would not assent to the exact wording of their creeds.

3. Making the creed a rule by which all heretics must be tried. Many were thus declared sinners whose faith was more in