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MELCHISEDEC

W.A.Colcord's statement regarding
Melchisedec, written May 28, 1935.

> Replying to yours of May 21, I will say that Sister White at the interview referred to, expressed no view regarding the identity of Melchisedec.

From what she first wrote on the subject, one might easily conclude she held him to be Christ, but she later wrote that Melchisedec was not Christ, but a representative of the Holy Spirit in the earth. But she never told who he really was.<

Later, writers like your mother and Elder Reaser came out and said he must have been the "Adam" of some other world. But that did not clear the subject from difficulties, for every "Adam" of every world has had to have a "beginning of days." Heb. 7:3.

Allowing Hebraisms to have their natural significance, the Book of Jasher tells the plainest who Melchisedec was of any book I know. It says, "The same was Shem."

Shem was from the old world that perished in the flood. After the flood he lived as King and Priest at Salem, later called Jerusalem. He outlived Abraham and until Isaac was 110. To the patriarchs he seemed like one "without beginning of days or end of life." His priesthood stood out alone by itself. Paul calls him a "Man." Ever since I read the book Jasher, back in 1891 and 1892, when I was secretary of the General Conference, and discovered 22 parallels between this book and "Patriarchs and Prophets," I have had no question who Melchisedec was.

Now will you please be good enough to answer one question for me. Who is stirring this question up and causing you to write these letters to me?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W.A. Colcord.