

Letter: W. C. White to L. E. Froom, May 11, 1932 [Extract] {1988 EGWE, MMM 344}

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W. C. White to:

Elder L. E. Froom
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Dear Brother Froom,-

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Now regarding the questions presented in your letter of April 29, I am sorry to be obliged to express the opinion that I think Elder Westphal memory regarding statements made that at a certain time the Lord was on a point of turning from His people to others who would give the message of Righteousness by Faith, is not correct.

In reply will say that it looks to me like a history of inferences with a memory of facts. There is no doubt in my mind but what Sister White in bemoaning with brokenness of heart the slowness of our people to accept the message regarding Righteousness by Faith, made very sad statements regarding the future of our people if they did not repent. But my memory does not grasp any statement about the Lord turning to other people. I think this is an inference and I would not dare use it and I advise you not to use it.

At the present time there are here and there earnest men who are trying to bring our people to repentance by making statements of a sort you have referred to me, and other statements as to what might have been if our people had improved their opportunities. I am confident that the people making these statements think they are dealing with history and they think that the consideration of such statements will bring our people to repentance. I very much doubt if any true repentance will come from extreme statements regarding what might have been if our people had more perfectly fulfilled their duty.

There is no doubt in my mind but what there is occasion of brokenness of heart and I fully believe that the Lord will not permit his work to go down in unbelief.

I do believe that he will watch over it and that our movement will continue to the end and that those who stand by it will be on safe ground. At the same time I think we should be very cautious about making statements from memory as to what Sister White has said.

Sincerely your brother,

(Signed) W. C. White

Letter: F. H. Westphal to W. C. White, Jun. 29, 1932 {1988 EGWE, MMM 346.1-2}

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Dear Brother:

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I received a letter from my son Dr. C. E. Westphal from Puiggari. F. C. E. R., Argentina, S. America from the River Plate Sanitarium. In this letter he invites me to send you one dollar for a group of manuscripts you sent to him. Enclosed you will find the one dollar check so please credit him and he will keep the manuscripts.

While I am writing you I want to call attention to a few things or thoughts I mentioned to Brother Froom the secretary of the Ministerial Association in a letter to him. He said he wrote to you about it and you repudiated and challenged them and said that it would be difficult to prove them true. I have no ax to grind or any special project to bolster up.

I will relate what I remember of the 1888 General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. It rings in my ears still how Sister White earnestly appealed to the conference to accept the message of justification by faith. She used some very strong terms such as the following: Don't think that wisdom is going to die with you! The Lord has men all prepared to step right in and carry the message to success. God is not dependent upon you to finish his work in the earth. She said that she had almost lost confidence in humanity and the Lord seemed to be on the point of taking the blessing of carrying the message to the world out of the hands of our people and raising up others to do the work.

Now I do not know if she had reference only to the leaders or the entire people. She said that she earnestly prayed to the Lord and the Lord assured her that he would not let this work go down in infidelity but that he would guard it and the organization would stand until the end and that those who would stay by the organization would be on safe ground.

She said that she was carried in vision from room to room where the delegates were located in Minneapolis and heard their conversation and ridicule of the message of justification by faith. They said that Sister White was growing old and getting childish and that the young men Jones and Waggoner had her under their thumb and had influenced her to uphold them in what they were teaching.

Do you remember anything about this matter and is there anything written that bears on the subject at all?

Sincerely your Brother in Christ.

(Signed) F. H. Westphal