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God is Spirit. To have a revelation from God in writing, it is axiomatic and necessary that it be in words. The Scriptures' being the Word of Truth necessitates individual words in the Word being true. If the lesser is not true, the greater, or whole, cannot be true.

Biblical research requires a willingness to unlearn and a desire to check, recheck, and learn from the internal accuracy of God's Word. The Bible does not CONTAIN the Word of God, it IS the Word of God. The internal evidence of the Word speaks more loudly and clearly for itself than any man can speak on or in its behalf. If the Word is not what it claims to be, "the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15), then we have no true revelation in writing.

The Bible is its own best proof of inspiration and truth (2 Peter 1:21). If the Bible is not what it claims to be, we ought to forget it, for it would be unworthy of our time, consideration, and attention for truth.

Biblical research students endeavor with their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength—their whole being—to discover what God has truly written and revealed. They read the Scriptures, study them to understand and enjoy them, and then teach them, that others who hunger and thirst after righteousness may know.

In our times few people endeavor to truly search the Scriptures and rightly divide them to stand approved before God. Rather they look in the Book to endeavor to substantiate their own beliefs and traditions.

All the Scriptures basically are addressed to Israel (Judeans), to Gentiles, or to the Church of God. However, many Christians have spiritualized scriptures that are not addressed to them; they have many times applied these scriptures to their own lives and superseded the proper interpretation of the verses. They've found something addressed to Israel that they like, so they act as if it's addressed to the Church of the Body to which we belong.

Things that are addressed to us, with our name on them, are written specifically to and for us. Therefore, the interpretation and application have to be determined in light of that. Scriptures have to be interpreted in light of to whom they are written.

In Biblical research you endeavor with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength to do what Ezra of old did when he "opened the book" (Nehemiah 8:5-8). Let it speak, hear its voice, and let it give the understanding thereof, that believers again may know the will of God.

The majority of religious minds are disturbed by Biblical research because it unsettles their traditional beliefs and thinking. Thus, in Biblical research, the more difficult the subject dealt with, the more detrimental the consequences of error and the more adamant and adverse the majority of religious minds.

Biblical research endeavors to teach those who desire to believe the Scriptures as the Word of Truth and who have the will to study, understand, and enjoy them.

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