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## *The Omega of Apostacy*

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Ellen White called attention to the alpha of apostacy in which pantheistic views were presented in Kellogg's books. She warned of a greater deception that was coming called the omega that was designed to make a people unready for the coming crisis.

In order for the last great work of deception to be carried out the deceiver undermines the foundation of the church. This he does successfully so that many with whom great light was at their very fingertips disregard the warnings and fall into the ranks of the enemy. This has been achieved over many years by many false teachers leading to the most critical point of the church's history.

'In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Emmanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will, come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." {CET 228.1}

The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, "as when a standard-bearer fainteth." Isaiah 10:18. But their apparent retreat was but to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle, and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer. {CET 228.2}

At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," was gloriously triumphant. The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established.' {CET 228.3}

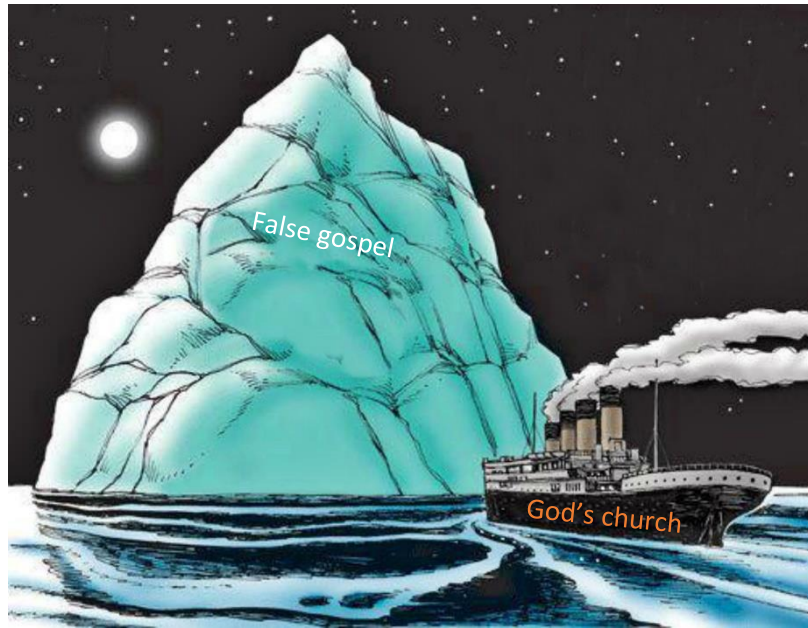
1. "The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded." —*Selected Messages*, book 1, pp. 204.

What are the principals of truth? This is the foundation for truth that would be discarded. The very foundation is the gospel, the means of salvation for the church and its message to the world and is that which would prepare a people for receiving the Holy Spirit, for the sealing of God's people necessary for translation and prepared for the second coming of Christ.

2. "The truth will be criticized, scorned, and derided." —*ibid.*, p. 201. Some call it perfectionism but reality is what most are referring to here is what is being labelled perfectionism rather than what perfectionism really means. Perfectionism means one claims to be perfect when only God can make such a call and the closer, we come to Jesus the more we distrust ourselves and see our failings and look to Him. God has called us to bring our life into harmony with Him, by striving to have a closer and closer union with Him so the mind is transformed by the Word and the Spirit of God to have the mind of Christ. The thoughts and feelings that were alien to the gospel once and part of the culture of the world, now become in harmony with Christ. This is striving to be in perfect union with God has been criticized, scorned, and derided. There is general confusion in regard to the gospel.

Comments in regard to perfection, last generation theology and living without a mediator before translation are all under attack. In relation to this matter E G White dreamed of a ship on collision course with an iceberg long before the titanic incident, which she said illustrated what was then the alpha of apostasy and today we face the omega of apostacy. Christ had said in Matthew 24 that this gospel that is the very foundation to the church's existence must be given to all the world and then the end would come. However, the foundation has been slipping away at the very time God's people need power of the Spirit to face the looming Sunday law and a time of no buying or selling. The time since 1888 and message concerning the humanity of Christ has come under bitter opposition from that time, with growing consequences over 100 years later.

'Shortly before I sent out the testimonies regarding the efforts of the enemy to undermine the foundation of our faith through the dissemination of seductive theories, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a



gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder to the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collisions, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.' {1SM 205.3} (Must have been an icebreaker not the titanic. The image of course is figurative)

3. It will "make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin." —*Ibid.*, p. 204.

The ideas pertaining to salvation, that is the gospel has been made of no effect by preaching another gospel. One gospel is practical in its transformation of the thoughts and feeling but the other is passing the person off as saved without the necessary changes but just solely reliant on the work of Christ. It denies in part or in full the power of God to restore the mind of the Christian to His original intention at Eden. If love does not actuate a change of heart there is no salvation. Love or the heart is tested by the works or fruit – that which the person does and says.

4. "Our religion would be changed." —*Ibid.* Has the religion been changed. Every wind of doctrine has been blowing that suits the thinking and rational of men and their possibilities but not what the scripture says. This has mushroomed since Desmond Ford has taught in theology classes and has

permeated the ministry and the gospel is a highbred version that has evolved as the nature of Christ and people's conclusion of this matter effected their ideas of the gospel. "Our early *Bible Readings For the Home Circle* sold by colporteurs stated Christ assumed our fallen nature. Newer versions ignore the subject totally."

5. "The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it." —*Ibid.*, p. 205. The Sabbath is the issue of the coming confrontation on which religious liberty will be fought. For many with unsound foundations, compromise will not be difficult.

6. "The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error." —*Ibid.*, p. 204. The gospel whose work was to change thoughts and feelings, to bring a person to practical godliness, is accounted as error with comments such as 'justification is the only way you can have perfection in this world.'

7. There would be a "supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith." —*Ibid.* The reformation referred to here, I believe is still to occur on the cusp of the Sunday law legislation being announced.

8. "A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced." —*Ibid.* Intellectual philosophy is what the gospel has morphed itself into. In other words, it's not a practical change of heart.

9. The new philosophy would "rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science." —*Ibid.* The gospel is a science and a false gospel is a false science.

10. It would seek to weaken the preaching of the Second Advent by teaching "that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention." —*Ibid.* As the crisis looms the church is cradled into false security, unprepared for an overwhelming surprise.

11. "Books of a new order would be written." —*Ibid.* The books of a new order had lead to Desmond Ford's theology and permeate into prophecy and the pillar teachings of the church. Every wind of doctrine is blowing.

12. "A new organization would be established." —*Ibid.* A hierarchical system was created with a mentality to disfellowship many who were concerned about the change of the church's direction. It is one important reason why the Spirit is not given with power to His people. The national Sunday law will reorganise the church after the order God intended.

13. "Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement." —*ibid.*, p. 205. Like people try to make protest against government forces, so many were left powerless from their opposition to abuses inside the church with false theology.

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. {FLB 336.7}

