

Box 24

Nice, California

June 13, 1961

Dear Sister

Thank you for the prompt response to my inquiry. You state:
"The editor of the index hardly feels that this statement harmonizes with Sister White's clear teaching on this subject." As the question I raised involve the question of fundamental doctrine, I am submitting other material from Sister White which it seems to me harmonize with the lines I sent. The principle involve is whether God was to be reconciled to man, or whether the reconciliation was entirely on man's part.

There seems to be a conflict between the S. D. A. Commentary and Sister White. It appears that Elder ^[Hicks (?)] Hieke, who I understand wrote the comments on the book of Romans, believed with some Protestant leaders that it was not necessary to teach that God needed to be reconciled to man. These verses are shown on the enclosed sheet, taken from the Commentary. ^{Other} ~~While~~ Protestant leaders do not hold these views.

On the opposite side of the sheet a few statements from the pen of Sister White repudiating the view held by the Commentary. There is a vital difference between the two teachings. I have quoted only briefly as this is not the place to discuss the matter. The Index in the Commentary under the word Reconciliation, of man, not of God. This idea is also found in the new Bible Dictionary.

Now it seems to me that our new Index should call attention to the fact that it is as necessary that God be reconciled to man, as well as man to God. I can understand however, that it is quite impossible to reveal all that the Spirit of Prophecy has said in all points.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Signed: