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Dear Brother Wieland:

I was pleased to have the opportunity of spending a few hours with you and sharing the larger picture of the development and vicissitudes of the Advent faith.

I have been pondering one of your closing expressions on denominational humbling of heart over the episode of 1888. I believe the counsel that I gave you was sound. I do not believe I would seek an opportunity of presenting your viewpoints or discussing them with a group. Over a period of considerable experience I have found that that has not been very profitable and I am quite sure it would not be in this instance.

Brother Wieland, if this is a burden from the Lord, He will lay it upon other hearts. He has not called you to carry this alone. Many men have made a most earnest and careful study of this whole area--J.W. Westphal, W.W. Prescott, A.O. Daniells, Oliver Montgomery, A.W. Spaulding, A.O. Tait, Taylor Luntz, H.W. Lowe, R.A. Anderson, Norval Pease, and I have done a bit of research in it, as you know.

I do not recall hearing one of these men express the conclusion that you have reached. I believe that you should be careful about pitting your personal viewpoint against the judgment of a large group of loyal and able men. Furthermore, those more completely acquainted with the content of the E.O. White materials know nothing of a statement by Mrs. White that coincides with your viewpoint. I am puzzled as to why you feel so confident that your conclusions are correct.

I know, having once committed yourself that it isn't to change, but I think you are well advised to demonstrate your loyalty to the movement, your confidence in its triumph, and leave some of these problems with the Lord to work out in his own way.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and I assure you of my personal interest in you and your future.

Most sincerely,

L. E. Froom

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