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which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

I have been trying to cultivate that spirit for twenty or thirty years past, Doctor, yes more than that. That is a part of the language of He who spake as never man spake. It is the truth, and all of us must come to that, and how soon that will bring peace among the troubled waters

I do not believe Sister White will sustain the course they have been taking, and the views they entertain towards you; but I haven't a doubt but what they think they are just following the instructions of Sister White precisely.

In these times of commotion, when everything is going with a rush, I tell you it takes a good deal of grace from God to keep our balance as true Christians, and I am so glad that I have not got to be made responsible for what others do, but they have got to be responsible for their own acts. I have simply got to be responsible for what I do, and God is the Judge of all. I leave the taking of vengeance to Him to whom it belongs, and do not propose to dabble in that line of business.

As you indicate in your letter, they cannot do you any real damage. No man can do me any real damage, even if he should kill me. My reward would be sure. Many a better man than I has died for doing right. God permitted it. They will shine in immortal glory as martyrs for the Truth's sake.

So far as Sister White and you being in perfect agreement is concerned, I shall have to leave that entirely between you and Sister White. Sister White says there is not perfect agreement. You claim there is. I know some of her remarks seem to give you strong ground for claiming that she does. I am honest and candid enough to say that, but I must give her the credit until she disowns it, of saying there is a difference too. And I do not believe that you can fully tell just what she means. Those scriptures which she quotes so much of late, "We must eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, and all that Scripture there, I have often thought had I been living and heard those remarks right from Christ, I should, in my way of thinking, have been in great danger of looking at them as something so passing strange that I could not have endorsed them, and I doubt not the Saviour used them to give those who were wanting some reason to disown Him a chance. He says distinctly, in that connection, that those words were to be understood in a spiritual sense. Sister White, I suppose, means that also. It is the only way I can understand the words. It is to be really a partaker of Christ's spiritually as literally as we would eat His flesh and drink His blood. His spiritual nature should be imparted to us, really and actually. It is necessary to any genuine conversion. This I fully believe. God dwells in us by His Holy Spirit, as a Comforter, as a Reprover, especially the former. When we come to Him, we partake of Him in that sense, because the Spirit comes forth from him; it comes forth from the Father and the Son. It is not a person walking around on foot, or flying, as a literal being,