

It was about 2004/5 that I put up a hand drawn version of the 1843 chart on my wall. I used to see the 2520 in the upper right corner and wonder what it meant but I never went further. Then in 2006/7 I started watching presentations from various watchmen on the wall, and they introduced me to the meaning of the number. My reaction was joy to finally understand why the 2520 was on the chart and what it meant for me as a Seventh-day Adventist. In 2008 I attended the Ozark prophecy school, which was all about the 2520 for the most part. I was so impressed that I immediately started www.the2520.com because the truths were so deep, you can spend your whole life learning it and never know it all.

For me the 2520 is not about numbers, it's about people. Nowhere else do you see more malignantly dysfunctional characteristics exposed than you do when the 2520 is debated. One side will build a whole fortress out of dry sand and tell everyone around him or her that their fort shall surely stand and you need not worry about your peace and safety while you stand inside. The other side sees the weak fortress and will spend much effort trying to tear down the sand walls without much care for the people inside. Fierce battles often erupt while the glory to God is often forgotten making both sides losers. Neither side listens to the other; they skim over the words of their opponent and with a false sense of security fire off an answer without any prayerful thought and study.

Watching this battle has certainly solidified my faith in the correctness of the 2520. Consider this, if the 2520 is error then how does it rank so high in priority? Why do whole conferences raise the battle cry against it? There are errors all around us in Adventism today, I'm sure anyone reading this can name quite a few, so why does the 2520 get such a violent and fervent response? I have asked "What is in the belief of the 2520 that is so dangerous?" and no one has an answer to give. The only answer I can find is from the pen of God's messenger in Testimonies for the Church Vol. 2 page 359: "It is a time when Satan seems to have almost perfect control over minds that are not fully consecrated to God." Satan has been working hard in using both sides to destroy this vital gem of truth, he knows that the 2520 is the truth that strongly validates the Seventh-day Adventist movement and proves that it was founded by the hand of our Creator!

We all need to learn how Christ wants us to meet opposition and act according to His will. In Romans 14:5b we are counseled to "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." and we must not overstep our boundaries to push anyone in any direction. In an article called Meeting Opposition found in Testimonies for the Church Vol. 9 page 147 we are told this: "Often, as you seek to present the truth, opposition will be aroused; but if you seek to meet the opposition with argument you will only multiply it, and that you cannot afford to do. Hold to the affirmative. Angels of God are watching you, and they understand how to impress those whose opposition you refuse to meet with argument. Dwell not on the negative points of questions that arise, but gather to your minds affirmative truths, and

fasten them there by much study and earnest prayer and heart consecration. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, and let bright rays shine forth, that men, beholding your good works, may be led to glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In His dealings with Nicodemus Jesus virtually says: "It is not controversy that will help your case: it is not arguments that will bring light to the soul. You must have a new heart, or you cannot discern the kingdom of heaven. It is not greater evidence that will bring you into a right position, but new purposes, new springs of action. You must be born again. Until this change takes place, making all things new, the strongest evidences that could be presented would be useless. The want is in your own heart; everything must be changed, or you cannot see the kingdom of God." {TM 368.1}

I am personally persuaded, in my own mind, that there are vital truths for us today that can be found by studying the 2520. These truths tell me that God does judge, that He expects obedience and that He will punish those who willfully disobey His commands. These truths tell me that God separated out a remnant church from the apostate protestant faiths to be His gathered people that are called to give the final gospel cry. These truths tell me that God has a master plan that He has put in place since this earth began and at no time is He not in control. Most importantly, these truths reveal God's true character to me so I may learn of Him and be saved.