

Here Dr. Barnhouse very clearly states that the Seventh-day Adventists should not be regarded as heretics, but that they should be regarded as redeemed brethren and members of the Body of Christ. Since Dr. Barnhouse regarded the Seventh-day Adventists as redeemed brethren and members of the Body of Christ, he expresses his prayer that they will further consider the points in which they differ from the other members of the Body of Christ, and thus promote their own spiritual growth and that of their fellow Christians as well.

Another champion of this new school of thought is Mr. Walter R. Martin. Mr. Martin was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1951. He is a member of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, and the Evangelical Theological Society. He is the founder and Director of The Christian Research Institute which is located in Wayne, New Jersey. Mr. Martin is currently completing his doctoral study at New York University in the field of non-Christian religions that had their beginning in America. He has written books, booklets, and miscellaneous tracts in this field, and he has lectured in this field in the United States, Europe, and Asia. One of the books which Mr. Martin wrote is entitled, The Truth About Seventh-day Adventism. This book was written after approximately a two-year period in which Mr. Martin carefully studied Seventh-day Adventism, and consulted, questioned, and interviewed various leaders of this denomination. In the section entitled, "Conclusion" of this book Mr. Martin says:

We hope that many who have looked upon Adventists as dangerous non-Christian cultists will revise this view. In the providence of God, and in His own good time, we trust that evangelical Christianity as a whole will extend the hand of fellowship to a group of sincere, earnest fellow Christians, distinguished though they are by some peculiar views, but members of the Body of Christ and possessors of the faith that saves.²

²Walter R. Martin, The Truth About Seventh-day Adventism, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1960), pp. 236, 237.