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Scope and Content

Raymond Forrest Cottrell (1911-2003) was one of the leading theologians and intellectuals of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination during the last half of the 20th century. He served as a pastor, missionary to China, college professor, associate editor of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary series, associate editor of the Review and Herald magazine, and a book editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. He retired in 1977 but remained very active in theological discussions. He was a founder and contributor to Adventist Today until his death.

This is a very extensive collection of well over 250 scholarly papers, the vast majority of them written by Cottrell. There are papers covering the topics of hermeneutics, exegesis, church polity, governance, and history, Daniel, Revelation, Ellen White, science, plus many others. Cottrell surely had a wide range of interests and seemingly an input on almost every subject which became current in the second half of the 20th century. Nearly all of the papers are unpublished meaning they were designed for limited circulation. Many of the papers were prepared for distribution to a church sponsored study group or committee such as the Bible Research Fellowship or the Biblical Research Institute.

Perhaps one of Cottrell's greatest contributions to the Adventist Church was his work on the authoritative Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary series. As mentioned above he served as the associate editor of the series along with editor Francis D. Nichol. Besides editing many thousands of pages of other peoples work he wrote about 2,000 pages. The Commentary articles are not signed. Cottrell provides a list of the various authors and what books of the Bible they contributed to on the project.

A significant work of Cottrell’s which is not well known is his Eschatology of Daniel. It is at number 222 in the inventory. It was never formally published. Cottrell says the manuscript awaits a climate of openness and objectivity in the church, which is essential to a fair examination of the facts."

Arrangement

The papers were originally arranged by Cottrell himself. We retained his comments about many of the papers. This can be seen in the following Inventory. This commentary often provides invaluable insight into the context in which a paper was prepared. His arrangement followed a topical approach with the following major sections:

- Corporate Bible study in the church
- Hermeneutical methodology
- Applied hermeneutics
- Ford and Rea affairs
- Ellen White and Biblical hermeneutics
- Church polity, governance, and history
- Science and the Bible
- Unclassified.

These sections contained over 200 papers in Cottrell's arrangement. In addition to the classified papers there were a large number of unclassified works as well as papers not in the inventory originally supplied by Cottrell. During processing, the Center for Adventist Research personnel attempted to classify many of these previously unclassified papers. Several things were done. Previously unclassified papers were placed at the end of each subject section. Consequently, the call numbers for these papers are not always in sequential order. Brief descriptions of the unclassified papers have also been added; longer comments written have been written in italics to distinguish them from Cottrell's remarks. They also have been given an alphanumeric number in the register inventory. For example, 219a, 219b, etc.
The numbering can be slightly confusing until you understand what it all means. Here is an example and an explanation:

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Provenance

Raymond F. Cottrell originally donated the collection to the Loma Linda University Department of Archives and Special Collections. The date of that donation is not known though it was after 1996. In 2005 the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research asked the Loma Linda University Department of Archives and Special Collections to make a photocopy of the collection. This was done.

It should also be noted that at the time of Cottrell's original donation to Loma Linda that some of the documents listed in Cottrell's inventory were missing from the collection. Such instances are noted by the heading "Empty folder" in the register.

Use

All users of this collection are required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulations specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and the “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. The suggested citation for this collection is:

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THE KEYNOTE OF MY LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

In retrospect the keynote of my forty-seven years of active service to the church and twenty-five in active retirement is reflected in the Apostle Paul’s admonition to Timothy: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2: 15), first by example and then corporately with and for the church. Let us begin with papers designed to encourage the church in corporate study based on sound principles of exegesis.

Papers Related to Corporate Bible Study in the Church

Box 1 Folder A
Biographical material. (Not included in the original collection).

Box 1 Folder B
Original Collection Inventory. Inventory supplied by Cottrell. (28 pp., n.d.).

024000 Box 1 Folder 1
1. “The Bible Research Fellowship: A Pioneering Seventh-day Adventist Organization in Retrospect” (25 pp., 1978). Requested by Adventist Heritage for its 5:1 summer 1978 issue. Bible Research Fellowship (BRF) was the first professional organization of Adventist college religion teachers (1943-1952). At their 1940 quadrennial meeting in Takoma Park they voted to share the results of their study, and benefit from one another’s constructive criticism. The Seminary was to take the initiative in forming such an organization, and annual dues of two dollars was collected from those present. The Seminary did nothing for three years, however, and in 1943 the religion teachers at Pacific Union College took the initiative in forming a local organization they called the Bible Research Fellowship, which met one Sabbath afternoon each month to hear and discuss one or more papers prepared by members of the group. Dr. L. L Caviness, teacher of biblical languages, was pater familias of the group and I the secretary. Hearing of BRF, one by one the other college religion faculties asked to participate and conduct their own monthly meetings- considering the same papers. Eventually other church leaders joined the Fellowship, including I 7 General Conference personnel, and world membership grew to 250. My complete collection of BRF papers is on file in the Heritage Room of the James E. White Memorial Library on the campus of Andrews University.

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2. “The Bible Research Fellowship: Its History and Objectives” (12 pp., 1950). A paper read at the 1950 college religion teachers’ quadrennial meeting at Pacific Union College, following which a vote of appreciation for the Fellowship was taken.

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3. “The Bible Research Fellowship” (6 pp., 1951). Prepared for Ministry magazine. Included are excerpts from a number of appreciative members of the Fellowship in various positions of leadership.

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4. “Facts About the Bible Research Fellowship” (21 pp., Dec 16, 1951). Lists topics considered and writers over a ten-year period. In defense of the Fellowship when criticized by the president of the
5. “Let us Have An Associate Secretary for Biblical Research in the Ministerial Association” (6 pp., 1951). A brief paper, to be sure, but one that has had important results. In 1950 W. H. Branson as president of the General Conference wrote a letter to church leaders around the world warning them against the Bible Research Fellowship as a renegade organization because it operated independently of the General Conference around the world. Efforts on our part to explain and clarify proved fruitless. My ultimate solution to the problem was for the General Conference itself to conduct the work of the Fellowship, and thus on behalf of the Fellowship I made the proposal in this paper which I sent to three personal friends: L. E. Froom, retired founder of the Ministerial Association, R. A. Anderson, its incumbent director, and W. E. Read, head of the Defense Literature Committee, on behalf of the Fellowship. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but the 1952 Autumn (now Annual) Council voted the Biblical Research Committee into existence, with W. B. Read as chairperson and specific directions to continue the work of the Bible Research Fellowship. In view of my simultaneous transfer from Pacific Union College to the Review and Herald Publishing Association to edit the Bible Commentary I was voted a charter member.

6. “A Draft Proposal for an Adventist Institute of Biblical Studies” (30 pp., August 31, 1966). All GC committees are reconstituted following each GC session. This proved disastrous for the Biblical Research Committee because new members naturally wanted to go over again projects the committee had already completed. Continuity of membership was urgently needed. Following the 1966 GC session I presented this paper to newly elected President Robert H. Pierson. It went into effect in 1975 with BRC becoming BRI—an institute rather than a committee. Inasmuch as Pierson had been out of North America for 30 years I included a brief history of biblical research in the church during those years.

7. “Architects of Crisis: A Decade of Obscurantism” (40 pp., 1984). During his thirteen years as president of the General Conference, however, Elder Pierson set systematically about restoring the corporate Bible research of the church to its level at the time he left in 1936 for overseas duty. He repeatedly stated, on committees and in personal conversation, his policy that administrators and not Bible scholars be involved in making biblical and doctrinal decisions for the church. Implementing this policy, the 1969 Spring Meeting of the GC eliminated the Bible scholars of the church en masse from the Biblical Research Committee. Vigorous protests from the Seminary, however, averted implementation of this policy. Before the next meeting of BRC, however, he achieved a similar result by appointing a number of non-scholars to BRC. This paper reports thirty-one incidents over the years 1969 to 1979 in which Pierson was able to control BRC in harmony with his policy, which precipitated the misguided way in which the church related to Desmond Ford and Walter Rca at the close of the decade. This paper explores in considerable detail the way in which Gordon Hyde and Gerhart Hasel played significant roles in implementing Pierson’s policy with respect to biblical studies. Official biblical study and theology of the church today are still under the control of the principles and policies they established.

8. “Bible Research and Theology in the Church” (28 pp., 1975). An up-to-date overview.


10. “Bible Research in the Church to 1977” (35 pp., 1977). One of several similar papers during the 1960’s and 1970’s in an endeavor to alert the church to major changes taking place as a result of
Elder Pierson’s policies.


11. “The Adventist Theological Society and Its Biblical Hermeneutic” (49 pp., 1992). A personal friend of mine and an ATS leader confided in me that the principal objective in forming ATS was preservation of Gerhart Hasel’s influence on Adventist biblical hermeneutics when he was demoted from being dean of the Theological Seminary. This paper reviews the Pierson-Hyde-Hasel conspiracy in considerable detail, and analyzes his and the ATS hermeneutic.


13. “The Adventist Theological Society and the Church” (7 pp., n.d.)


15. “A Contextual-Linguistic Analysis of Daniel 7” (26 pp., 1963). A paper presented to the super-secret ad hoc GC Committee on Problems in the Book of Daniel. This committee was appointed by R. R. Figuhr and the GC Officers in response to a questionnaire I addressed to every college Bible teacher and others versed in Hebrew, who responded unanimously that there is no linguistic or contextual basis for the traditional Adventist interpretation of Daniel 8: 14. My complete file of the forty-five papers considered by the committee is on file in the General Conference Archives. Three papers mentioned in the official list never came before the committee. This committee met intermittently from 1961 to 1966, when it adjourned sine die without reaching a consensus.


17. “Questions on Doctrine: A Historical-critical Evaluation.” (28 pp., 1991). This paper, presented following a 1989 reception for Walter R. Martin in Loma Linda, reviews the eighteen colloquia between Martin and Donald Grey Barnhouse in 1955-1956, in which they explored Adventist doctrine for a book on cults Martin was in the process of writing. The result was that Martin removed Adventists from his category of cult.

18. “Questions on Doctrine: Footnotes to History.” (10 pp., 1989). Background incidents in the preparation of Questions on Doctrine (QOD) for publication, my participation in the process, the storm of criticism that followed publication, and my role in the process of QOD going out of print.

19. “The Annual Council Statement on Methods of Bible Study” (5 pp., 1987). After the GC-appointed committee had completed its work, ATS-oriented BRI staff members added a preamble incorporating ATS concepts unacceptable to Adventist the majority of Adventist scholars.
21. “An Evaluation of Certain Aspects of the Martin Articles” (32 pp., 1957). At the conclusion of the Martin-Barnhouse series of colloquia Martin decided to leave Adventists out of his book on cults and to publish a separate book on Adventists. But he wanted an official book he could cite as evidence to classify us among evangelical Christians. In other words our book must come out before his. It was then decided to gather and unify our responses to his questions into book form. But we needed some idea of the form of his comments. Accordingly an editorial committee of three persons was appointed to prepare what became *Questions on Doctrine*. Wanting some idea of the nature of his comments, the editorial committee asked me to review all that he and others had written on the subject in order to estimate the nature of his remarks. I read everything that had appeared in evangelical publications and summarized it in this paper.


24. “A Reliable Method of Bible Study” (23 pp., n.d.).

25. “An Evaluation of Dr. Gerhard Hasel’s Hermeneutic” (4 pp., April, 1973). Every paper to be presented at the 1974 North American Bible Conferences was reviewed by BRI in advance. I took vigorous exception to a lengthy section of his paper in which he promoted a personal idea unacceptable to the committee as a whole, and in nine places ridiculed all who did not agree with him. Given the opportunity, he refused to make any changes. I requested the opportunity to spell out our objections, and prepared this paper which I read at our evening meeting. In view of the fact that he was to be presenter of the conference theme—biblical hermeneutics—it was important that changes be made. As a result he was required to delete the offensive section and all nine places where he ridiculed those who disagreed with him.


27. “A Perspective on Polarization and Paranoia in the Church” (7 pp., n.d.).


30. “A Quest for Recognition of Sound Methods of Bible Study” (3 pp., 1953).


32. “A Suggestive Structure for Biblical Research in the Church” (3 pp., 1968).


Papers Dealing With Hermeneutical Methodology


40. “Principles of Biblical Interpretation” (30 pp., 1953). This paper was assigned by the newly established GC Biblical Research Committee, of which I was a member, as a guide for people submitting papers to the committee for consideration. Simultaneously an ad hoc GC Committee on Problems in Biblical Interpretation was meeting intermittently to consider some twenty-five Bible passages in which the newly published Revised Standard Version deprived Adventists of KJV proof texts considered important to the Adventist belief system. It was therefore considered appropriate to publish my article in the book Problems in Bible Translation, in which the ad hoc committee presented its report. Reading my paper prior to publication G. C. President W. H. Branson took exception to four hermeneutical procedures because he said they would disqualify him from studying the Bible, and he peremptorily rejected the paper. Ellen White specifically commends all four. Accordingly I added Ellen G. White comments throughout the paper.

41. “Historical Conditioning in the Bible and the Writings of Ellen White” (93 pp., 1971). Written on assignment for the Biblical Research Committee. Replete with illustrations of the human factor in the revelatory-recording process. Its emphasis on the human factor came as a surprise to many, one
of whom complained “If I believed that I would not be a Seventh-day Adventist.” Accordingly, the following paper in which Ellen White concurs and adds other human factors in the revelatory-recording process.

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42. “Principles of Biblical Study and Interpretation” (7 pp., n.d.) in which Ellen White identifies a wide range of human factors in the revelatory-recording process.

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44. “Reliable Principles of Bible Study” (22 pp., 1988)

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45. “Adventist Biblical Interpretation in the Twentieth Century” (17 pp., nd.).

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46. “The Role of Biblical Hermeneutics in Preserving Unity in the Church” (18 pp., n.d.).

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47. “Group Dynamics in Biblical Research” (34 pp., n.d.).

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49. “Conditional Prophecy in Relation to Apocalyptic” (6 pp., n.d.).

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50. “A Church in Crisis” (74 pp., 1977). A Series of six articles in the Adventist Review in January and February 1977. A detailed account and evaluation the doctrinal crisis that split the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in December 1976. The series was based on several years of daily reports in Religious News Service, on extensive literature provided by the Synod, and personal interviews with David Preus, president of the Synod, and Dr. John Tietjen, president of Concordia Theological Seminary and leader of the schismatic group. I invited both to read and criticize each article prior to publication. The Evangelican Lutheran periodical Perspective reprinted the first five articles in a special edition with the comment that it was the best evaluation of the crisis to appear in print. (The sixth article focused on lessons Adventists could learn from the Missouri Synod experience.) My interest in the LCMS crisis was motivated by the fact that the same factors were at work in our church, but that the SDA theological climate did not permit open discussion of them. Article 6 of the series attempted, tactfully, to draw lessons for us Many thinking Adventists have told me that they got the point.

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55. “Reliable Principles of Bible Study: with the battle of 1888 over the law in Galatians as a case study.” (22 pp., n.d.).

56. “A Reliable Method of Bible Study: with special attention to Daniel 8: 14 and the Investigative Judgment” (23 pp., n.d.).


58. “Rightly Explaining the Word of Truth” (12 pp., n.d.). With I Corinthians 14 as an example.


64. “Principles of Biblical Study and Interpretation” (7 pp., n.d.).

65. “Sola Scriptura” (3 pp., 1986)


This section consists of biblical hermeneutics applied to specific topics or passages of Scripture.
82. “On Isaiah 7:14” (39 pp., 1953). My specific assignment for the committee Problems of Biblical Interpretation. See “Principles of Biblical Interpretation” above. Instead of the KJV “virgin” the RSV reads “young woman,” thereby calling in question the use of Isaiah 7:14 as a messianic prophecy and Matthew’s use of it as such.

83. “The Role of Israel in Old Testament Prophecy” (24 pp., 1955). During the process of editing volume 4 of the SDA Bible Commentary I suggested to Elder Nichol the need for such an article as a guide to the study of the Old Testament prophets, which have been subject to a plethora of weird interpretations. and he assigned me the task of writing the article which appears on pages 25 to 38 of volume 4. Drawing on a card file of more than five thousand classified entries compiled during the process of teaching the class Old Testament Prophets compiled while teaching the class Old Testament Prophets at Pacific Union College, I wrote the article that appears on pages 25-38 of volume 4. To this I added copious Spirit of Prophecy references so the reader would know that she approves my interpretation of Scripture. Elder Nichol accepted the article without changing a word but added the parenthetical caveat on page 38: (“This rule does not apply to those portions of Daniel that the prophet was hidden to “shut up” or “seal” or to other passages whose application Inspiration may have limited to our time.”)

84. “The Old Testament Perspective of Salvation History” ( 16pp., 1987). The Old Testament prophets represent Israel as remaining the covenant people and chosen instrument for the salvation of the world throughout history, with the eschaton occurring at or soon after the close of Old Testament times. Chapter 4 in The Eschatology of Daniel. This and the preceding document are closely related.


86. “An Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 14” (51 pp., 1973). Prepared for the 1973 GC Charismatic Committee which convened at Camp Cumby Gay in Georgia and lasted one week. A thorough linguistic-contextual study leads to the conclusion that the tongue speaking at Corinth was charismatic, not a foreign language. The committee as a whole agreed despite Hasel's insistence on it being a foreign language. As chairmen of the committee Gordon Hyde limited each person presenting a paper to thirty minutes, but gave Gerhard Hasel two full hours to present and defend his paper. With a sincere desire to fully understand the biblical hermeneutic on which Hasel based his conclusion, one noon hour I invited him to go with me on a long walk in the woods, during the course of which I discovered the basis for his hermeneutic, according to which he can come to a conclusion contradictory to the context. He assumes a theory of inspiration equivalent to verbal dictation, but avoids that term. On this basis he assumes, further, an overriding unity of Scripture according to which one passage may be read into another passage even though the context indicates otherwise. He reads the tongue speaking of Acts 2 (which he considers a clear passage) into 1 Corinthians 14, which he considers ambiguous despite the fact that context indicates otherwise.


92. “Pioneer Views on Daniel 11 and Armageddon” (29 pp., 1948). It was popularly believed that Uriah Smith’s book *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation* presented the pioneer view that Daniel 11:45 refers to Turkey as king of the north and the battle of Armageddon in Revelation 16:12 to a literal battle on the plain of Megiddo. Aware that the pioneers thought the papacy to be the king of the north and Armageddon a spiritual battle between the forces of good and evil, I made an exhaustive study of early Adventist literature on the subject, which formed the basis of this paper.

93. “Notes on Daniel 11 and Armageddon” (132 pp., 1951). In 1951 the GC Defense Literature Committee gave extended study to the battle of Armageddon. Its chair, W. E. Read, a personal friend, requested documents I had written on the subject. In response I compiled and prepared eleven bound copies of notes and papers on the subject, one for each member of the committee. Its published report (*Ministry*, March 1954, pp 22-27) cites this document and “Pioneer Views” and adopted their point of view.


96. “Daniel 8:14, Ellen G. White, and Sola Scriptura” (27 pp. 2000). A paper designed for and sent to Jan Paulsen and perhaps thirty others in November 2000, with the objective of identifying the problems in the traditional interpretation of Daniel 8:14 and creating an interest on the part of church leaders in finding a solution to them. Courteous replies but apparently no interest. Paulsen gave his copy to Angel Rodriguez, director of the (3 Bible Research Institute in mind, to evaluate and said that his reply would serve as his reply too. Probably with the 1980’s six volume Daniel and Revelation Committee report in mind Rodriguez replied that the GC had already studied and responded to all of the problems. I secured and studied the six volumes carefully only to find that they did not consider any of the problems to which my paper had called attention.

97. “A Contextual Exegesis of Daniel 8:14” (22 pp., 2001). This paper was designed to spell out in greater detail the fact that the context precludes the traditional interpretation.
98. “Daniel 8: 14 According to Its Context” (12 pp., 2001). This paper demonstrated that every factor in Daniel 8: 14 is specifically identified and explained in chapter 8 itself.

99. “The Sanctuary Doctrine—Asset or Liability?” (49 pp., 2001). A definitive evaluation of the entire subject designed to lead some responsible persons in leadership positions to initiate an official study of the anomalies in the sanctuary doctrine and a corresponding revision of Article 23 of the 27 fundamental beliefs. This paper was presented to the San Diego chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums on February 9, 2002.


103. “Gleams of the Golden Morning” (12 pp., n.d.).


106. “Parallels to Revelation 17” (20 pp., 1955) Presented to the Bible Research Fellowship.


109. “Crisis Ahead” (10 pp., n.d.).

110. “Zechariah’s Message for the Church Today” (11 pp., n.d.).

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118. “Chronology of the Passover of A.D. 29” (9 pp., n.d.).

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122. “Historical Development of the Doctrine of the Person of Christ” (11 pp., n.d.).

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123. “Observations Concerning the Manuscript Historical Development of the Doctrine of the Person of Christ” (6 pp., n.d.).

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125. “Crisis and Victory” (31 pp., 1944). A composite paraphrase on coming events, combining some 850 statements from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. First published at PUC; then by the Pacific Press.

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128. “John 1 to 6” (160 ms. pp.). Emergency writing, to replace an unusable manuscript. The original manuscript was totally unacceptable; consequently certain chapters were assigned to each of the editors.

129. “Will Someone Please Page the Three Angels?” (7 pp., n.d.).


130.b. “Quotations from the SOP Regarding the Books of Daniel and Revelation” (13 pp., 19–) SOP compilations, possibly by Raymond Cottrell.

130.c. “The Book of Revelation: Why we should study it” (2 pp., October, 13, 1956) SOP compilations, possibly by Raymond Cottrell.
To our people, what should result from a thorough study of the books of Daniel and the Revelation at the present time? A great revival. (5 pp., 19–) SOP compilations, possibly by Raymond Cottrell.

"Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" (9 pp., 1957). By Arthur L. White.

"How can I Know Truth" (11 pp., n.d.)

"Christ Explains (in Matthew 24) the Prophecy of Daniel" (13 pp., n.d.).

"The 144,000 During the Seventh Plague" (7 pp., n.d.)

"The Time of Jacob's Trouble" (2 versions: first, 7 pp., second [2 copies], 5 pp., 1952).

"Minority Report The Committee on Daniel" (5 pp., April, 1966)

"Select References on the Messianic Role of Israel" (7 pp., n.d.)

"Christ in the book of Hebrews" (5 pp., n.d.)

"Sound Doctrine and Bible Teaching" (13 pp., n.d.)

"Bible Prophecy in Perspective" (16 pp., n.d.)

"Principles and procedures for In-depth Study of the Bible" (4 pp., n.d.)

"The Tip of an Iceberg: Biblical Authority, Biblical Interpretation, and the Ordination of Women in Ministry: A Synopsis of the Book by C. Raymond Holmes" (8 pp., 199–).

"Hermeneutics" (2 pp., n.d.) A list of articles on the subject of hermeneutics written by Raymond Cottrell.

130.s. "The Role of Israel in the Old Testament Times" (3 pp., n.d.).

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130.u. "The Importance of Context in Bible Study" (1 pg., n.d.).

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The Ford and Rea Affairs

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132. "The Sanctuary Review Committee and Its New Consensus" (49 pp., 1980). A report of Glacier View, on assignment by Spectrum for its 11:2, Autumn 1980 issue, pp. 2-26. Based on complete shorthand notes covering every speech in the morning Study Group 2, of which I was a member, and in the plenary afternoon and evening plenary sessions.

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133. "Group Dynamics at Glacier View" (24 pp. 1987). An evaluation of proceedings of the Sanctuary Review Committee at Glacier View, with emphasis on the interplay between administrators and Bible scholars.

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135. "A Hermeneutic for Daniel 8:14" (38 pp., 1980). Invited by the GC as one of the official Glacier View documents. Curiously, this and the preceding document were omitted from a list of the official documents later printed in Ministry.

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136. "Glacier View and the Church" (49 pp., n.d.).

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137. "A Post-mortem on Glacier View" (21 pp., n.d.).

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141.b. “Chronology of Antiochus Epiphanes” (1 pg., n.d.)

236.cy “Letter from Group of 17 SDA College and University Teachers.” (1 p., June 13, 1981.). Letter from 17 S.D.A. teachers who met in Atlanta, GA to discuss the “current divisiveness” in the church in the aftermath of Glacier View. Does not include accompanying statement of concerns.


Ellen White and Biblical Hermeneutics

142. “The White Lie” (11 pp., 1984). A synopsis and evaluation of the book. Walter Rea, the author of “The White Lie”, has been a personal friend since his student days in my classes at PUC. Contrary to first impressions Rea is not implying that Ellen White lied; his “lie” has to do with the way the church has made use of her writings.


144. “Historical Conditioning in the Bible and the Writings of Ellen White” (92 pp., 1971). Included above, but a major section on Ellen White. (Same as #44).

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149.b. “It is not for you to know the times and the seasons” (4 pp., n.d.) SOP compilations, possibly by Raymond Cottrell. In DF 74, “Food for Worms” Conference of 1856

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149.f. “Do we Discard the Bible by Endorsing the Visions?” (3 pp., Jan 13, 1863) By Uriah Smith.

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149.g. “Ellen G. White’s Position on the Relation of Her Work to the Bible” (Third in a series ‘The Search for the Pattern of Religious Authority in the Seventh-day Adventist Church’). (52 pp., 19–) By Raymond Cottrell: not in Jewel.

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149.i. “Unity in Expressions of Belief and Teachings versus Publication on Conflict Views as seen through the eyes of Ellen G. White” (15 pp., May 1968), by Arthur L. White: not in Jewel
149.j. "The Shut Door" (6 pp., April, 1853) article by James White, in Review & Herald, April 14, 1853: not in Jewel.


149.l. "Find the Guiding Principles" (5 pp., n.d.) by Raymond Cottrell: not in Jewel.

149.m. "Questions from Australia on which Counsel is Sought" (22 pp., November, 1956) by Ellen G. White Publications: not on Jewel.


149.o. "E. G. W.'s Counsel" on a number of issues, consisting mostly of compilations:
- "On the Question of Insurance" (39 pp., March, 1956). A set of documents by several authors, the lengthiest by Raymond Cottrell.
- "Secret Vice: Ellen G. White's Statements Concerning Secret Vice in Chronological Sequence". (29 pp., n.d.)
- "Christian Temperance". (3 pp., n.d.)
- "Sensuality in the Young". (11 pp., n.d.)
- "An Appeal to the Church". (6 pp., n.d.)
- "An Indulged Daughter". (8 pp., n.d.)
- "Social Purity". (6 pp., n.d.)
- "Is this Nation yet to be Humbled?". (4 pp., August, 1951). By D. E. Robinson.
- "The Attitude of Prayer". (2 pp., 1897). Excerpts from Ms. 84b, 1897.
- "Should a Christian Vote?". (2 pp., n.d.). By W. H. Adams
- "Unpublished Statements Concerning Labor Unions". (7 pp., n.d.).
- "Tribute to Ellen White". (1 pg., 19-). By Dr K. G. Hance, dean of the graduate school of Michigan State University, delivered during the Loma Linda University Chapel convocation.
- "Warning to Battle Creek". (17 pp., December, 1890). Letter by Ellen G. White, 13 pp., and additional materials.


024752 Box 14 Folder 1
236.av "Concept of Her Relationship to the Bible." (4 pp., n.d.). Spirit of Prophecy statements relating to the relations of Ellen G. White and the Bible.

024738 Box 13 Folder 12

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024753 Box 14 Folder 2
236.aw "Ellen White’s Concept of Her Relation to the Bible." (1 p., n.d.). Twelve Spirit of Prophecy statements.

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024195 Box 7 Folder 26 Empty Folder.

024196 Box 7 Folder 27 Empty Folder.

024197 Box 7 Folder 28 Empty Folder.

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155. “Full Division Status for North America” (23 pp., April, 1982).


166. “Crisis in the Church” (16 pp., c. I 981). With the aftermath of Glacier View, Desmond Ford, and Walter Rea in mind.


024216  Box 8  Folder 9  Empty Folder.


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024220  Box 8  Folder 13  Empty Folder.


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024222  Box 8  Folder 15  Empty Folder.

177. “Fatal Flaw at Waco” (7 pp., 1993).

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024224  Box 8  Folder 17  Empty Folder.

179. “History and Fatal Theology of the Branch Davidians” (6 pp., n.d.).

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180. “Davidian and Seventh-day Adventist Biblical Hermeneutics” (8 pp., nd.).

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183. “A Preliminary Draft Constitution for the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists” (two versions: a 15 pp., and a 6 pp., both n.d.).

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185. “A Proposed Amendment Concerning Relationship to the World Church and Authority” (3 pp., n.d.).

024231 Box 8 Folder 24 Empty Folder.

186. “Memorandum to Members of the Constitution Committee” (5 pp., n.d.).

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189. “Cross-Cultural Relations in the Southeastern California Conference” (3 pp., n.d.). For the Constitution Committee.

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190. “Commission on Justice Subcommittee: Report to the Conference Executive Committee” (5 pp., n.d.). Covering operation of the Justice Commission it had appointed.

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194. “Two Flaws in Adventist Church Polity and How to Correct Them” (3 pp., n.d.).

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024241 Box 8 Folder 34

196. “Will Someone Please Page the Three Angels” (4 pp., n.d.).

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024243 Box 8 Folder 36

198. “Carefully Formulated Statements” (5 pp., n.d.). My evaluation of the statements proposed by three GC leaders.

024244 Box 8 Folder 37

199. “Ordaining Qualified Women Ministers in Southeastern California” (96 pp. n.d.).

024245 Box 8 Folder 38 Empty Folder.

200. “Gender Equality in Pastoral Ministry” (5 pp., n.d.).

024246 Box 8 Folder 39

201. “NAD Removes Women’s Ordination From Its Agenda” (3 pp., n.d.).
201.p "SECC Considers New Wage Scale for Workers" (3 pp., 1987?)

024264 Box 9 Folder 18
201.r "A Time for Renewal" (4 pp., 197-). Organizational re-structuring, Lutheran Church in America.

024265 Box 9 Folder 19
201.s "Letter by Professor Timothy L. Smith to Raymond F. Cottrell" (3 pp., September, 1982). Professor Timothy points out errors in Cottrell's paper "Comparative Church Polities".

024266 Box 9 Folder 20
201.t "Bible Principles Concerning the Use and Allocation of the Tithe" (3 pp., n.d.)

024267 Box 9 Folder 21
201.u "The Adventist Mission to the World" (3 pp., n.d.)

024268 Box 9 Folder 22
201.v "Questions About the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists" (7 pp., Sep., 1993) AAF presentation, San Diego Forum.

024269 Box 9 Folder 23
201.w "Waco: Fact versus Fiction". (1 pg. n.d.).

024814 Box 14 Folder 63
236.df "Tithe Trust Fund." (1 p., n.d.). Request made by the Gender Inclusiveness Commission to the Southeastern California Conference Executive Committee to establish a fund for ordaining "qualified persons," irrespective of gender.

Science and the Bible

024270 Box 9 Folder 24

024271 Box 9 Folder 25

024272 Box 9 Folder 26

024273 Box 9 Folder 27

024274 Box 9 Folder 28

024275 Box 10 Folder 1
207. "Inspiration and Authority of the Bible in Relation to Phenomena of the Natural World." (32 pp., 1986). Requested by the Association of Adventist Forums for its geology field
conference based at West Yellowstone. Chapter 15 in *Creation Reconsidered*, a compendium of papers presented at the conference.

024276 Box 10 Folder 2

024277 Box 10 Folder 3 Empty Folder.

024278 Box 10 Folder 4
210. “Authority of the Bible and Natural Phenomena” (12 pp., 1988). Requested as the first in a series of Sabbath morning lectures on various aspects of science and the Bible, in the Randall Visitors’ Center, Loma Linda University.

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024281 Box 10 Folder 7
213. “The Open Space in Orion” (7 pp., n.d.).

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024284 Box 10 Folder 10

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024286 Box 10 Folder 12
218. “A Seventh-day Adventist Perspective on Creation Science” (6 pp., n.d.).

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024288 Box 10 Folder 14
219.a “Astronomy Today: New Techniques Make Science Fiction Obsolete” (5 pp., n.d.)

024289 Box 10 Folder 15
219.b “Comments of R. F. C. on Marsh’s letter” (2 pp., n.d.) by Raymond Cottrell:

024290 Box 10 Folder 16
219.c “The Geoscience Research Institute” (p 63-71, n.d.)
024291 Box 10 Folder 17

024292 Box 10 Folder 18
219.e “Letter from Raymond Cottrell to R. H. Brown” (3 pp., June, 1975)

024293 Box 10 Folder 19
219.f “Questions Related to the Big bang Theory” (2 pp., n.d.).

024294 Box 10 Folder 20
219.g “Cosmic Connotations of Genesis 1:1, 2, 14-19” (2 pp., n.d.) by Raymond Cottrell: not in Jewel.

024295 Box 10 Folder 21 Empty folder.
219.h “Whither: Adventism Creationism?” (11 pp., n.d.)

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219.i “Paradigm for Reconciling Phenomena of the Natural World and the Bible Account of Creation” (1 p., 198-?) by Raymond Cottrell: not in Jewel.

024297 Box 10 Folder 23
219.j “Structural Chart for Genesis 1:1–2:3: Introduction” (1 p., n.d.) by F. E. J. Harder

024298 Box 10 Folder 24
219.k “Eras of Life on Earth” (1 p., n. d.) author unknown.

024299 Box 10 Folder 25
219.l “How the Creator Operates His Universe” (1 p., n. d.) author unknown

024300 Box 10 Folder 26

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024301 Box 10 Folder 27 Empty Folder.

024302 Box 10 Folder 28

024303 Box 11 Folders 1 thru 3 (No folder 4 and 5.).
222. “The Eschatology of Daniel” (725 pp., 1996). A contextual, linguistic, and historical exegesis of the prophecies of Daniel; Jewish and Christian interpretation through the centuries, and the issue posed by the traditional Adventist interpretation of Daniel 8:14. The manuscript awaits a climate of openness and objectivity on the church, which is essential to a fair examination of the facts. Might be boring to people not versed in Hebrew.

024304 Box 11 Folder 6
“Miscellaneous Materials about Daniel.” Articles, paper, covering a wide range of topics, including criticisms of the Adventist position regarding its interpretation of Daniel 8:14 and over one hundred pages of word studies.


225. “Letters to Dick Regarding Mormonism” (55 pp., 1954). At his request, exploring the history and teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

226. “The Bold Journey of Apollo 11” (3 pp., 1969). Article for the Youth’s Instructor. I was at Cape Canaveral for the lift-off of Apollo 11 and Apollo 16.


229. “God Does Have a Church” (3 pp., 1970). Article for These Times.


235. Syllabus for the Life and Teachings of Jesus (115 pp., 1929).


236.a “Found: One Lost Day” (3 pp., n.d.) article, possibly for R & H.
236.r "A Skeptics Prayer". (1 p., Aug 9, 1985) by Elvin Hedick.

024723 Box 12 Folder 33
236.s "The Gospel According to Paul" (2 pp., n.d.)

024724 Box 12 Folder 34
236.t "The Apostle Paul's Commitment to his Mission" (2 pp., n.d.)

024725 Box 12 Folder 35
236.u "This Generation Will not Pass" (2 pp., n.d.)

024726 Box 12 Folder 36

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236.w "The Eschatology of Daniel 2" (17 pp., n.d.)

024728 Box 13 Folder 2
236.x "The Eschatology of Daniel 7" (49 pp., n.d.)

024729 Box 13 Folder 3
236.y "The Eschatology of Daniel 8" (99 pp., n.d.)

024730 Box 13 Folder 4
236.z "The Eschatology of Daniel 9" (96 pp., n.d.)

024731 Box 13 Folder 5
236.aa "The Eschatology of Daniel 10-12 " (137 pp., n.d.)

024732 Box 13 Folder 6
236.ab "Ellen G. White on Christian Perfection" (6 pp., n.d.) SOP compilations, possibly by Raymond Cottrell.

024733 Box 13 Folder 7

024734 Box 13 Folder 8

024735 Box 13 Folder 9
236.ae "Confession or Creed?" (39 pp., n.d.) Discussion of the subject including an historical overview of the issue among Seventh-day Adventists.

024736 Box 13 Folder 10
236.af "Ellen White's Literary Indebtedness" (7 pp., n.d.) Notes from various sources on the subject, providing an overview of the issue.

024737 Box 13 Folder 11
236.ag "A Partial List of Seeming Discrepancies in the Bible." (2 pp., n.d.).
"Finding the Grace Place." (p. 12, May-June 1997).
"First Women's Resource Center Opens at La Sierra." (p. 13, May-June 1997).

024748  Box 13  Folder 22

024749  Box 13  Folder 23

024750  Box 13  Folder 24
236.at  "Types of Mind." (6 pp., n.d.). Comparison of the "practical mind" in its natural state and the trained and mature "disciplined mind."

024751  Box 13  Folder 25
236.au  "Toward A Definition of the Term 'Liberal'." (5 pp., n.d.).

024754  Box 14  Folder 3

024755  Box 14  Folder 4
236.ay  "Prophecy Conditional." (1 p., n.d.). Taken from Review and Herald, May 25, 1876.

024756  Box 14  Folder 5

024757  Box 14  Folder 6

024758  Box 14  Folder 7
236.bb  "The Question of Infallibility." (1 p., n.d.). The first page of an article on inspiration.

024759  Box 14  Folder 8
236.bc  "For Introduction to S.S. on Isaiah." (1 p., n.d.).

024760  Box 14  Folder 9
236.bd  Sabbath School Lesson Notes (4 pp., 1998).

024761  Box 14  Folder 10

024762  Box 14  Folder 11
236.bf  "THE 62nd SEDER." (2 pp., n.d.).

024763  Box 14  Folder 12

024764  Box 14  Folder 13
236.bh  "What It Means to be a Christian." (1 p., n.d.).
"God's Covenant with Ancient Israel." (2 pp., n.d.)


"Prophetic Perspective of the New Testament." (1 p., n.d.)

"Untitled document on God's purpose for Israel." (3 pp., n.d.)

"Bible Prophets and Prophecy." (1 p., n.d.)

"Christian Character and Personality." (1 p., n.d.)

"Translating Psalm 23 Into Life Experience." (1 p., n.d.)

"A Personality Portrait of Peter." (1 p., n.d.)


"Jeremiah and His Four Friends." (1 p., n.d.)


"ID of the Word ‘Law’ in Galatians 3:24 as an Example of Historical Method." (1 p., n.d.)

"Significant Variant Readings in the Isaiah Scroll." (9 pp., n.d.).

"Millennial Madness." (2 pp., n.d.).

"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." (1 p., n.d.)


Selected Scriptures from Matthew 1, Isaiah 7 & 8. (1 p., n.d.).


“When You Pray For A Loved One.” (1 p., n.d.).

“When You Pray for Health and Healing.” (1 p., n.d.).


“A Preliminary Conspectus for an Organization to Be Known as Forum Books.” (3 pp., n.d.).


“Writing Aptitude Test.” (4 pp., n.d.).

“Lexical and Stylistic Practice at the Review and Herald.” (4 pp., n.d.).


“Loyalty.” (3 pp., n.d.). Theme for Week of Prayer readings.

236.cs "Change." (3pp., n.d.). Paper addressing need for church to adapt to meet changing times.

236.ct The Advent Hope In Scripture and History." (2 pp., May 9, 1987.).


236.da "Job: Trust Without Understanding Why" (1 p., n.d.).

236.db "Bible Contradictions." (1 p., n.d.)

236.dc "Escape From A Semantic Jungle." (3 pp., n.d.).

236.dd "The Nature and Interpretation of Bible Prophecy." (2 pp., n.d.).


236.df "Role of Israel." (2 pp., n.d.). Compilation of Spirit of Prophecy statements.


236.dl "FRIENDS." (1 pg., n.d.). Quotes and a poem on friendship.
024821  Box 14  Folder 70
236.dm  “Jesus Meeting Temptation.” (1 pg., n.d.). Spirit of Prophecy statements on how Jesus met temptation and how we meet it.

024822  Box 14  Folder 71
236_dn  “Email on Loma Linda Consultations.” (3 pg., February 3, 2000.). Email from Erv Taylor to Raymond F. Cottrell outlining the correspondence between Taylor and John Baldwin regarding a scholarly dialogue of SDA scholars. Dialogue was held at Loma Linda University on February 9, 2000.

024823  Box 14  Folder 72
236_do  List of Documents by R. F. Documents. (2 pp., n.d.).

024824  Box 14  Folder 73
236_dp  “Orphaned Pages.” Individual pages “orphaned” from the complete document; pages not corresponding to other files.

Presentations to the San Diego chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums

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