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Elder L. E. Froom, Editor
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Dear Brother Froom:-

In response to the queries in your letter of the 30th ult. let me say, very briefly that, in my opinion,

- (1) having the spirit of prophecy is not synonymous with being a prophet.
- (2) nor can one who rightly expounds and proclaims prophecy be said to "have the spirit of prophecy."
- (3) Nor does Joel 2:28 imply any wide spread manifestation of prophecy in the last days.

That is simply negative!

My conviction is, that Rev. 12:17 with 19:10, means that in the Remnant church there will be revived the active exercise of the prophetic gift; and that that has been manifested in the writings of Sr. E. G. White, which will be a living testimony to the end of time. By heeding them, we "have" or "hold" the spirit of prophecy.

I think that Joel 2:28 is a prediction of what should happen in "the last days," which began with the Christian era ("Acts 2:16,17 "the last days"; Heb. 1:2 "these last days;" Heb. 9:26 "the end of the world") and that it has been abundantly fulfilled in christian history, taking the christian dispensation as a whole. Of course there may be special divine communications here and there, if the Lord will, but I personally do not think this passage warrants the belief that "other prophets" will arise to serve in any way as Sr. White's successors.

Sincerely your brother,

(Signed) *H. C. Lacey*