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Dear George:

I am in receipt of your note asking that your name be dropped from the WTS roll because members are required to subscribe to the doctrine of inerrancy.

I appreciate your sentiments in the matter, and know that many others wish the statement were not there. If I read the signs correctly, sentiment is increasing in favor of a revision of the statement. I think that either the WTS will put pressure on the NHA for a revision of the doctrinal statement or WTS will disassociate herself officially from the NHA. But this will take a little time.

You can be much more effective in helping to bring this about if you retain membership in the Society than if you are on the outside. Consequently, I beg of you to reconsider your action and stay with us until we bring the issue to a conclusion. We need your help.

I hope that you understand that I personally adhere to the doctrine of inerrancy as the most tenable position. I do recognize, however, that so far it is only a theory. Since Scriptures do not state it, I think we do wrong to demand its acceptance of those who do not see as we do. We need to move to the sure footing of the inspiration and authority of Scriptures while continuing to investigate the matter of inerrancy in the autographs.

I hope that you will retain your membership in the WTS.

Cordially,

Ralph
W. Ralph Thompson