we work so hard to win people to our church. If some of our teachers
do not believe what the church teaches, the honorable thing for
them to do is to get out—not to stay in and undermine the faith of
others.

Now it is not our business to decide who is on which side. What
we need to do is to teach our people to study the Bible and the Spirit
of Prophecy for themselves rather than, for example, depending so
much on tapes for their understanding of what is right and wrong.
We need to concentrate on the tremendous potential God has
granted each one of us. Not only does He forgive our sins, He also
cleanses us from sin and makes it possible for us to live pure and
holy lives.

The ATS must challenge the members of the Seventh-day
Adventist church to measure up to the potential God makes pos-
sible. We are His workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus for
good works.
God-given understandings of truth and make them as plain and as meaningful as possible to our fellow believers, without in any way seeming to apologize for doing so.

Third, we say “without apology,” because we have attempted to do a thorough job in applying correct methods of interpretation (hermeneutics) to the scriptures we discuss. We do not expect that everyone will agree with all the viewpoints expressed in our articles, nor do we want our readers to conclude that the articles represent “official” positions of the Society. But we offer the articles believing they represent thorough-going Bible study, worthy of serious consideration.

And we’d like to add that it is our sincere desire to maintain a positive attitude, free from attacks against any individual or segment in our church.

These are our ideals. If we do not quite measure up, please be patient with us. Like all new organizations, we’ll have our growing pains. But we do pray that God will use us to present our Adventist biblical theology without any apology.