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Editor's Note

One day last summer my three-year-old son ambled up to me with his head hanging down, dragging his brand new plastic bat. Crouching down, I tenderly coaxed him to tell me what was wrong. He leaned up against my chest and confided in tones of defeat, "Dad, this bat is too narrow." I was somewhat surprised at his use of the relatively sophisticated term "narrow." Thinking that it may have been an uninformed usage I asked, "Cody, what does narrow mean?" He paused for a moment and glanced around the room as if searching for the answer. Then cocking his head to the side, he answered, "Well—it means you can't hit the ball."

You may know more about something than you or others may credit. Don't be afraid of speaking about what you know or think you know. We appreciate your comments and suggestions and will be printing selected letters in each issue. The name, city, and state will appear with each selection unless otherwise requested.

Help to keep us from becoming "unable to hit the ball" or as some put it, "narrow." Send us your thoughts. This is your magazine, so please feel free to help us meet your needs and represent the truth as it is in Jesus.

Vince Christensen, Managing Editor

This is certainly a magazine that I needed at this time. During the last two years we have gone through some very trying situations which have caused my husband and me to slip slowly away. This magazine has certainly jolted me back and deeply convicted me that I need a determined change in my life.

Name Withheld
Rockford, Illinois

This is not a request for a subscription to your magazine. The purpose of this letter is to inquire why you feel impelled to print another magazine in addition to the *Review*, *Signs*, *Liberty*, *Listen*, *Ministry* as well as others which are basically aimed at Adventist readers?

It seems to me that the messages introduced in the introductory issue, which came to my home yesterday, have been and will continue to be well covered in the *Review* as well as the *Ministry* magazines.

Don Lemons
Canon City, Colorado

I just finished reading the best commentary I have ever encountered on fanaticism [in the first issue of *Our Firm Foundation*]. Vince Christensen has really captured the essence of fanaticism in his article, wherein fanaticism is described as being the state where a truth becomes *the* truth. In regard to the so-called deliverance ministry (the ministry of casting out demons) fanaticism is a very relevant subject. Ellen White herself encountered persons who were fanatics on the subject, who were convincing spiritually healthy people that they were possessed, and then performing a "deliverance" on them. That was surely fanaticism, for no sane, balanced person would actively seek a confrontation with a being (Satan) who was the highest of all created beings. The moral here is, don't go looking for trouble. (But a Christian doesn't have to run from it if it comes knocking either.)

Unfortunately, another form of fanaticism is rearing its ugly head. This is the reverse of the first type, where a person or persons take the opposite view, that since fanaticism is possible in the Deliverance Ministry, the ministry is totally wrong and must be stamped out.

Bob Vun Kannon
Chino Valley, AZ

Dear Ron:

I am glad, that in your plans for seeking to bring revival and reformation among God's people that you are taking a positive approach and dealing with doctrines and issues rather than with people and churches.

I have just had a glance at your new paper, *Our Firm Foundation*. . . . I was well impressed with your format and your approach. . . . You mixed in a good number of articles from the pen of Ellen White, which is good. I didn't see anything that was negative. This will appeal to a lot of good, solid Seventh-day Adventists, and if you retain this philosophy and this approach I think that the Lord could use you for good.

When you get started you will run into opposition and there will be the temptation to retaliate. I am praying that the Lord will give you special grace and wisdom to know how to avoid that stance. . . .

Let's pray for each other that the Lord will guide and direct us. . . .

May the Lord guide and direct you.

[Elder] Robert H. Pierson,
Hendersonville, NC

Thank you so much for the Introductory Issue of *Our Firm Foundation*. How refreshing to find a magazine sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist laymen that rings true as a bell to the message. Please send me 10 copies to give to our church members.

Pastor,
Nevada

I appreciated receiving your initial copy of the magazine, *Our Firm Foundation*. Certainly it is well presented and I think will have a very positive influence upon the needs of the church in these days. Some of the material you have chosen, including that from the Spirit of Prophecy, is most timely for our day and age. I am certainly glad you have it out [the magazine].

I am also glad to know that you plan to emphasize the area of medical missionary work. This is critical to the finishing of God's work. However, I do hope that you will not neglect to have an article in each issue dealing with the area of education.

Sincerely yours,
Colin Standish
President
Hartland Institute

Please enter my subscription for *Our Firm Foundation*. I pray God's blessing on your endeavor. I received a spiritual blessing from your initial issue. May each heart and life be stirred with repentance, renewal, and revival. Surely He is coming soon.

Jon Thompson
Oregon

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Sparks, NV

