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Dear Brethren:

Will you please give me some information which might help me? I am a firm believer in the Spirit of Prophecy; but I am stumped when it comes to some things, such as a teen-age son, a graduate of one of our academies (I had 15 years of my 16 years of education in Public Schools, so I have felt fortunate that our son could go to our denominational schools!), and one who has never caused us any trouble (and still isn't), but I just had no answer for him one day when he said to me, "Well, Mom, I believe Sister White's writings when she says, 'I saw' or 'I was shown', etc., but that is it!!"

Now, what I am wondering is (quoting from the preface to Third Edition of Testimonies, pp. iii, iv) why this statement, "In the earlier visions the words 'I saw' were very frequently inserted. As the writer considers this repetition needless, and as they constitute no part of the record of what was seen, they are sometimes omitted."--Why did the Publishers feel they had the right or authority to do this? Also, please give me an answer for my son. Thank you.

Sincerely,