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## From The President's Diary



## The Holy Bible

OW APPROPRIATE THAT ONE OF THE GREAT EMPHASIS OF HARVEST 90 is for everyone to become - reimmersed by prayer and study in the Holy Scriptures. Availability of Scriptures is taken for granted. In the past 175 years, here in North America, close to one billion copies of Scripture have been distributed with some portion being sold every five seconds. Worldwide, it is printed in over 1,235 languages and dialects.

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In 1455 the Gutenberg Bible was bound in two massive folio volumes totaling 1,282 pages. It is estimated that 150 original copies were printed on paper in Latin, and another 35 on velum. From the slow, tedious beginning we now have mass distribution by the

Forty-seven complete or nearly complete copies of the Gutenberg Bible are now in existence. Contrast that with the English translation of Tyndale who published 18,000 (some say 50,000) copies in 1525. Today two copies are left. Satan was angered and great persecution sought to destroy Tyndale's work.

Here are the four grand, immovable pillars of Scripture:

- 1. Miracles flowing from Divine power.
- 2. Prophecies from Divine understanding.
- 3. Doctrines from Divine goodness.
- 4. Penman characterized by Divine purity.

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Ellen White, Vol. 1, page 17 says it all. "Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads, and stop your criticism in regards to its validity, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost."

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