How God Talks to Business People (and Others)

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New Testament Greek

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The Language of the Street

God Meets People Where They Are
The Four Gospels

There’s More Than One Right Way to Think

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
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The Incarnation of Jesus

Divine
Human

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Daniel 2 and 7

Two Visions, One Topic
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Two Prophets
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Dan 2:28

(To Nebuchadnezzar) “Your *dream* and the *visions of your head* as you *lay in bed*...”

Dan 7:1

“Daniel saw a *dream* and *visions of his head* as he *lay in his bed*.”
Daniel 2 and 7

To the Pagan King:
The Form of an Idol

To the Hebrew Prophet:
The Story of Creation

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More Than One Right Way to Think
The Scriptures were given to men, not in a continuous chain of unbroken utterances, but piece by piece through successive generations, as God in His providence saw a fitting opportunity to impress man.

The Bible . . . does not answer to the great ideas of God; for infinite ideas cannot be perfectly embodied in finite vehicles of thought.
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The Bible (episodic, case studies)

Bible rarely speaks directly to our challenges

Broad Financial Principles (tomorrow)

Rules out some options
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When God talked about Montana
Adventists Are Leery of Impressions

Satan as an angel of light
(Gal 1:8-9; 2 Cor 11:14-15)

Contrary to Scripture

Contrary to how God made you

Self-promotion and self-serving
Four Types of “Voices”

God’s
Satan’s
Inner turmoil (fog)
External pressure
How to Know God’s Voice

Practice Listening

Notebook

Experiment

Observe results (toothbrush)

Gradually discern God’s “accent”
Safeguards

Scripture
Accountability
Journaling (know thyself)
Book of Providence
70% rule
One of My Providences

From Preaching to Seminary
The End