

### **1110. Objectivity, Anecdote Illustrating**

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The *New Yorker* published a cartoon which showed a harassed salesman in a bookstore confronted by a determined matron demanding “an unbiased history of the Civil War from a Southern point of view.” With the best intentions in the world to achieve objectivity, those who write the history of Christianity can hardly claim a greater degree of success. There is, in church history, a Roman Catholic point of view, an Eastern Orthodox point of view, a Protestant-Anglican point of view (with Calvinist, Lutheran, and Anabaptist refinements), and none of us ... can escape from the one in which we are at home.

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<sup>1</sup>Neufeld, D. F., & Neuffer, J. (1962). *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Student's Source Book*. Commentary Reference Series. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association.