

Review EAAH (Dave Hansen)

Elder Garza has long had a passion for hermeneutics and advancing its study among our Apostolic brethren. “Establishing An Apostolic Hermeneutic” is the long anticipated product of this passion. Establishing sound principles for interpreting the scriptures is an essential part of every minister’s responsibilities. In this treatise, the author takes the reader on a journey of discovery, helping him lay down a solid foundation that will help guide the reader in understanding the importance of Apostolic doctrine and how that doctrine should be established.

Beginning with his thorough examination of the student, leading us through understanding our biases and helping us reject the incorrect premises of false religion, Elder Garza leads the reader in establishing sound hermeneutical principles derived from the scriptures. Once this is accomplished, he concludes with an explanation of the principles of interpretation needful for establishing sound, biblical, Apostolic doctrine.

This is a careful work. Elder Garza has taken great pains to, as much as is possible, eliminate his personal bias from this writing. This writing will not tell you what to believe, nor will it establish any specific apostolic doctrine. There are many other works that accomplish that. What this work accomplishes is something equally important and perhaps even more foundational. It teaches the reader how to, on their own, interpret the scriptures based on the scriptures with little outside bias. Every student of the scriptures will be well served to read this work.

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