

Man of Wisdom

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John,

I have been telling you that your written E-mail responses are unclear and more time is required by you to carefully structure your ideas in order to clearly express yourself. Since you are writing to me and since I am the one whom you are trying to reach, you should respect this advice and receive it —if not as the Lord’s counsel—as my personal prerogative. As a teacher in righteousness, called by the Lord, I, while trying to represent Him, express this to you without being insulting. So, when you relayed to me that you felt offended from my counsel, I apologized for not being gentler. But the counsel is still necessary, and it still stands none-the-less. This is made manifest by your recent charge against me where you claim that I disparaged the *Rod* and that I wrongly attributed VTH’s statement to you. The 22-Apr-2006 quote that you claim is from the *Rod* does not even have quotation marks around it. Therefore, by rules of literacy, it is your (plagiarized) statement. When you are quoting someone, place these symbols (" ") at the beginning and the end of your citation if it is a direct and unadulterated quote. Also, be sure to supply a reference (tract number, and page).

Yet, it makes no difference. Despite your vociferations, I have full confidence, from the *Rod*, that I am deploying its work exactly as the Lord desired. To disagree, you need to find a Bible-validated statement therein, which effectively say, “*no inspired teaching can ever contradict this work*”. Instead of such a statement, he, VTH, quotes Micah 6: 9 profusely and demands that you adhere to every word. Remember, Micah says, that —not the church, nor the people, not the saints, nor the world, not even Davidia, but—the man of wisdom shall see the Lord’s name. Thus it cannot be disputed: The Bible shows, and the *Rod* affirms, to us the central and key success to result from “*the Lord’s voice crying unto the city*”: it is to uncover to Davidia, the Lord’s identity, to reveal His name. This was even promised by the Lord, Himself, to be David’s commission —to build a house for His (Christ’s) name. I see His name clearly; you do not —so who in reality is wrongfully deploying the *Rod*? The following statement is the one which you attribute to VTH: “*Any explanation of a prophecy which adds to or takes from any part of relevant scripture in order to harmonize the interpretation, can only be false. When the Spirit of God interprets the Scriptures, He does not in any way need to alter any part of them in order to make the explanation.*” Your presentation of this statement is illegal by *Rod* definition as shown below. Before I discuss that, I must ask you why you are telling it to me? Did you do so to uphold the notion of the non-scriptural, Papal theme of the Triune God? Or was your purpose to ignore the very tight and coherent Bible evidence supplied to you by the MSC? Was it to refute Paul’s counsel about partial prophecy? Or were you trying to side step the SOP’s “Bible-first” mandates? Whichever of these reasons accounts for your purpose of deploying that statement, all are rendered inapplicable. To illustrate, consider your resistance to Paul’s (Heb 6, 1 Cor 13, *Eph four*) statement which the Holy Spirit has revealed to us that Paul taught milk, and not meat, and He (the Holy Spirit[HS]) commanded us to abandon the principle doctrines of Christ when strong meat is served. By his teaching thusly—like it or not—the HS is potentially removing all of Paul’s doctrines from what quote VTH has to say: they become non “relevant” Scripture for an advanced discussion about Christ. So whatever was your reason for the quote, being inapplicable to our discussion, it is still a very dangerous spiritual pacifier, a losing argument, one which is guaranteed to reinforce slumber and seal you in your sleep. My reply to it in the prior E-mail still stands. I said, “*this seems like a very plausible statement, too bad it is unscriptural...*” But even if it were Biblical, it should be applied to you and

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your behind-the-scene cohorts. For it is you and the Triunitarians who are the ones subtracting from the Bible “relevant Scripture” in violation of that very counsel. You completely ignore *Deut 18, Heb 5 & 6, John 4* (the testimony of the woman at the well), the list goes on. To the contrary, by God’s grace, I harmonize all the Scripture and the SOP. Proof of this is simple: the MSC has never —**not on one single occasion**—failed to answer any SOP, Bible, or personal opinion supplied to impeach its work. The same cannot be said of you. The Lord has also allowed me to give the church her first opportunity to stand tall amidst her detractors and refute the charge of Polytheism and cultism. His revelations have brought full harmony to the Bible. The only problem is that it requires someone, like you, to cast away “your cherished fables” —EGW

“The word of God is plain. It is a straight chain of truth. It will prove an anchor to those who are willing to receive it, even if they have to sacrifice their cherished fables. It will save them from the terrible delusions of these perilous times.” —EG White, 4B SG, p 104.3.

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“...the Lord chose others who would receive the bright beams of the sun of Righteousness and would advocate truths that were not in accordance with the ideas of the religious leaders. And then these leaders, in the blindness of their minds, give full sway to what is supposed to be righteous indignation against the ones who have set aside cherished fables. They act like men who have lost their reason [insane men]...The will not open their eyes to discern the fact that they have misinterpreted and misapplied the Scriptures...” —EG White, *Testimony to Ministers* p. 70 [brackets added] ***quoted at least 5 times in the *Rod* and therefore part of every word which we are commanded to examine.

Back to the so called *Rod* statement: Instead of thanking me for doing your work of following the commands of the *Rod* by proving everything from the Bible and holding fast to only those *Rod*-based themes which past that test, you have become very angry and embittered. You criticize my (the golden bowl) deployment of the *Rod*; yet, you embrace your very own approach: that of exalting the *Rod* by debasing it. Apparently, your abidance in the *Rod* is a spiritual escapade of ignorance, of ignoring its written mandates. The Lord, said, **“If you love me keep my commandments”** —John 14; 15. Since He inspired the *Rod*, should we not deploy the same standard to measure our love for it? Therefore, I must ask you and those who are behind the scenes helping you, the following question: in compliance with VTH’s expressed command, what *Shepherd’s Rod* pronouncements have you tested by Scripture and resultantly have invalidated? I suspect that your response will be a numbed and shocked gape or a blank and a speechless gaze; so let me then pose a second question to jolt yourselves from that benumbing stupor. Why are you and your friends determined to be phonies by pretending to uphold the *Rod*? How is it that you feel justified as *Rod* believers by ignoring *Rod* instructions? By this pretentious approach, are you not spiritually exactly the same as the Lukewarm Laodiceans whom you condemn? VTH did not commission his adherents to base their faith upon his work. He said,

“Although the doctrine of the Kingdom may not appear quite so complete under the lens of Sister White’s writings as under the lens of the Rod, one dare not thus superficially reject either, but must the more studiously compare both views of the doctrine under the super-lens of the Bible. He must keep in mind that we are not given license to harmonize the Bible with any other writings, but are charged to measure all others by it.” —VT Houteff, 2Ans. p. 74.

Do you and your behind-the-scene comrades really think that you can win salvation and please the Lord by ignoring this sage counsel and exalting VTH over Christ? You will never succeed in salvation with that plan. So again, I urge you to cast aside your non-scriptural ideas, follow EGW & VTH’s counsel, and walk in Bible light. As you begin to walk in the light remember the Christ communicated, God-the-Father revealed, Holy-Spirit inspired, Paul-the-Apostle preached, and VTH embraced theme of growing the gentile church: that until the perfect day, all NT-era prophecies from the Apostles forward, are all potentially labeled by each of these authorities as partial prophecies scheduled to be done away.

Now, since VTH quotes this Pauline formula for understanding prophecies (see 2 TG 32: 18, 3A 59), and since God, the Father, through Christ, the Son, using the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, to instruct VTH, the prophet, so that you, the Bible student, may prove all things, then why have you and your friends emboldened yourselves to simply ignore this counsel describing “partial

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prophecy”? VTH also quoted the Pauline principle of abandoning the milk, the principles of the Doctrine of Christ, in your journey towards perfection (see TR 14p 36 & 37). Why have you chosen to be “unsafe and insane” by ignoring this theme of the *Rod*. It says,

“And now the only safe and sane procedure is to read closely every page of the solemn message contained in the Shepherd’s Rod publication. Let not a line escape your attention. Study every word carefully and prayerfully. Be earnest and diligent in your perusal of Truth, and prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”—VT Houteff, 5Ans. p29.

I implore you to heed my counsel today. Please accept the Lord’s carefully crafted plan to save humanity. There is no better way. The Lord had to institute partial prophecies and then countered them with Bible-based strong meat testimonies in order to save you and to test what manner of spirit you are. I know that it may be humiliating. You have invested years of study, and you think that your efforts qualify you for special and elevated status in the Church. Then a humiliating jolt to your ego comes: someone points you to a higher standard, the Bible, one which you have ignored, and you feel that you have to begin your studies all over again. As a result of pride, the Devil tempts you to believe that you are back at square one along with all of the other members in the church. This is a dastardly bruise to one’s pride. But you can overcome; you can learn from the tutelage of the “man of wisdom” now and exchange your work for the righteousness of Christ.

Finally, beware of unwholesome influences. There may be some out there who hate Israel and desire to see them suffer under eternal banishment from God. Those spiteful individuals may pretend that they do not see the evidence given by the MSC. They may argue against the clear Bible themes of the duality of Jesus. They may insist that Jesus did indeed pre-existed His conception. They may assume this posture—not because of scriptural evidence, but—because their hearts are stone cold towards the children (the 144,000) which the Lord has purposed to give them. Look how 100 years ago Uriah Smith and the other publishers from the R & H responded from the pen of EGW’s inspiration when she pointed the church to the southern fields: in spite of their love for her inspiration, they threw her work into the trash. Do you think that the secular advances in civil rights done in American society over these past 100 years has been the catalyst to make their hearts to have grown more tender? Can secular, civil-rights leaders do what the SOP could not? I guess it is possible. But I guarantee you that many (of all races) will respond the same way today with the Bible because they hate Israel more than they love God. Thus did the Lord very wisely design to resolve this antipathy towards the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by sending Elijah (David) to “*turn the hearts of the fathers to the children...*” —Mal 4: 6. We as Adventist, especially Davidians, have been called to give birth to the 144,000. We are the “fathers”; they, the 144,000, are the “children”. Let us turn away from this contention, stop the fighting, and turn the hearts of Davidia to where God demands, towards the children. Maybe now is the time for change, but this leap in spirituality has always been a glaring short fall of Branch Davidian leadership throughout its history. I say this because I know of your connections to their efforts. Their founders, being indigenous Texans, have always placed a deep-southern emphasis on their understanding of the *Rod*. I know of witnesses who can affirm that their open and bold (verbal) teachings seem to harmonize, more with Uriah Smith, than with the Bible. But you, my brother, do not have to skew your sentiments to harmonize with theirs. Do not be like Israel, when Moses, at age 40, tried to liberate them: do not take the side of Pharaoh, against Moses especially when he is fighting off your oppressors. The *man of wisdom* demands that you stake your loyalty with the Lord and let Him bring to you your liberation. Therefore, you must cease immediately from ignoring this Bible counsel and stand by the servant of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Derek

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