

The Mustard Seed Advent, 02-June-2006

Sigh to Decry the Abominations

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Dear group,

Hopefully all have read brother Penniers' appeal for unity of the faith in his recent E-mail message of 02-Jun-2006 at 12:26 AM. To effect this unity, he quotes VT Houteff (VTH) and AT Jones (JW). I agree with his desire for unity. In affirmation of this appeal and to use the illustration of the heavenly celestial bodies, I agree that EGW's & VTH's work was a powerful blast of light during a midnight of darkness analogous to the full moon as it brightens our path during the night. God in wisdom gave us this lesser light and it shines only as it reflects the Sun (AKA: the SON, the Word). But VTH & EGW gave us hope of a day when even greater light will shine. They pointed us to Isaiah's prophecy which clearly speaks to our day, the day "when the towers fall". As all now know, there have never, in the history of the world, been towers of such majestic magnificence and soaring heights as the three towers which fell on Sep-11-2001 (911). Thus, those of us who have obeyed the command of the Lord issued through VTH and read every word, can look forward to clearer light today; for this is the day which VTH, reflecting Isaiah's light, spoke of when "...*the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold*" —Isa 30: 26, [see 1TG, 32:21]. Therefore, brethren, we no longer need to grovel in the imprecise reflections of the moon; today, we have a brighter reflection. All who truly honor the work of VTH, & EGW (see CG 568) having prayed for this day can now celebrate our keener vision. As for (JW), we only accede to their inspiration because they were recommended to us, just like the rest of the Adventist ministry, by EGW. Therefore, they are a reflection of a reflection of the Sun.

Sadly, the lateness of the hour also manifest that we are approaching the advent of the Slaughter of *Ezek 9*. for more than 70 years we Davidians have warned the brethren of this day and of the urgent need to receive the protective seal. Unfortunately, perhaps because of the imprecise reflection of the SOP, the moon, we failed to fully understand how *Ezek 9* is to convey upon us that "mark" of protection. We did not obey the counsel of VTH & EGW; we failed to read every word and validate it from Scripture. Thus we have overlooked the simple word in that text, "**ALL**". Ezekiel says "...*set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for ALL the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.*"—Ezek 9: 4. In our discourse with the nominal Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) brethren, we opened up the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP), the works of EGW & VTH, and, purely upon that basis we have declared that the church was in jeopardy of falling under the judgment described in *Ezek 9*. Purely upon that "moon-reflected" foundation, we denounced their sermons, we rebuked their music, we objected to their fundraising efforts, we blasted their dress codes, we condemned their diets, we protested their doctrines, we have even been accused of disrupting their Sabbath-school teachings. We did all these things and more solely from the belief that the SOP testimonies articulated the "abominations" which we must decry to receive the seal. However the brighter light which shines today, shows that even darker stain are upon our own garments, and that we have become hypocrites for ignoring our own cherished abominations. For, as Isaiah continues his study of the events to occur in this post 911 epoch, he also shows, a few chapters over, that fearfulness will surprise the hypocrites" in Zion, the church —

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Isa 33: 14 [cited in 1TG 34 p 13-14]. This hypocrisy applies directly to Davidia, the brethren with the most light and, therefore, the greatest opportunity to become hypocrites.

What is the source of our hypocrisy? It is our idolatry: we have denounced our brethren for their violations of SOP principles; yet, we have egregiously violated important counsel applicable to us from the same source. We think that we can, in our march towards glory land, isolate ourselves from Laban figuratively and yet take with us, his sin. We have been told to never exalt the SOP above the Bible and to always employ the Bible—not SOP—as the foundation for all doctrines. Yet, we have ignored this theme and have refused to apply the SOP, in this case, to ourselves. Like Rachel did with Laban's idol when she excused herself from his careful examination by feigning "the custom of women" being "upon (her), likewise has Davidia also committed the same duplicity and deception. We too have taken into our possession the very sin which we have, again in Rachel fashion, allowed our brethren to be accused of, and we have done so pretentiously. While Laban was allowed to search all others in Jacob's entourage, Rachel lifted herself above that standard and did so by feigning a worthy function: that of female waste elimination. We have employed the SOP to search out the sins of our brethren but have ignored the expressed command of the SOP to search us out. And have done so with a holier than thou demeanor exploiting isolation feigning a desire to cleanse ourselves. By so doing we have failed to decry "ALL" the abominations in the church, we give exception to the ones which we favor. We have become hypocrites because we condemn our brethren from the SOP; yet, we are in the grossest violation of it. Brother Steve Penniers E-mail is the classic case in point: He quoted AT Jones to affirm the non-scriptural, Constantinian-canonized theme that Jesus pre-existed. Then, thinking to add validity, he quotes VTH. In so doing, he ignores the following facts:

1. Bible evidence clearly proves that Jesus was conceived (begun) in the womb, and that He was begotten.
2. The Comforter, delivering a message to the NT church spoken through Paul states that all New Testament prophets, including Paul himself, "prophecy in part".
3. VTH, by quoting this reference in his work and commanding us to read every word, embraces this theme of partial prophecy.
4. The Comforter also delivered a message through Paul telling us that the NT church, did not "need" strong meat but was in need of "milk"—Heb 5: 12— and that milk was all that the Christ, being ever mindful to give humanity what it requires, would, through the Comforter, teach them until they matured: thus Paul taught them milk doctrines—1 Cor 3:1, 2.
5. Through the same inspirational process, Paul said they were not able to fully, from the light reflected by their moon, discern between good and evil—thus making understandable the embrace of Constantinian theology by VTH, EGW, JW, etc pertaining to the nature of Christ—until they became consumers of strong meat. (Further showing the true force of the abomination committed when one violates their counsel by exalting their work over the Bible).
6. When, according to inspiration, they began to consume strong meat—not just meat, Isa 28—at that time they will leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ and move on unto perfection.
7. VTH quotes this Comforter-inspired, Pauline theme in his work, told us to read every word of his writings and demanded that we not let a line escape our attention. Also, he did not, by the power of his inspiration, seek to re-define the phrase "*leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ*"; he affirmed its validity as Davidic doctrine even though ignored by most. Thus by our sighing and crying to indict the church for her rejection of the Rod and the SOP, those Davidians who have read that work and have ignored its commands become bipartite criminals; they are twice the villains and double the hypocrites
8. VTH said, "*...the only safe and sane procedure is to read closely every page of the solemn message contained in the Shepherd's Rod publication...Study every word carefully and prayerfully...and prove all things; hold fast that which is good*"—VT Houteff, 5A 29. He never told you to hold fast to all of his teachings, only those things proven to be good. Since the only document that we have to prove is the Bible, then to it we must measure the Rod. Therefore no other statement in his work can trump this command. It applies to all that he has written: it applies to quotes from the Timely Greetings, from the Tracts, from the Answerers, from the Volumes, etc.

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9. VTH and EGW, in their work told us to expect, from Scripture, in the “perfect day”, the day of unity, to receive greater definition pertaining to the nature of Christ, to learn of the complete Savior.
10. Thus for Davidic leaders to point to VTH, JW, EGW or any other inspired “milkologist” to counteract Bible revelations, makes them —not bipartite but—tripartite criminals to inspiration. They reject the limits which the SOP placed upon it’s very own work, and do so while they decry the abominations of the church as defined by that same SOP. This egregious violation makes it urgent that our sighing and crying efforts be re-directed towards such blind leaders; they are the source of disunity because they reject the very theme which VTH and Paul pronounced would unite us, a fuller, more complete knowledge of Christ.

Also, how many times have we Davidians pelted our nominal SDA brethren with the command to try the Spirits, to prove all things? We have done so to urge them to read our literature. Yet, how few of us have fully and attentively read the literature placed in our homes by the MSC, a Davidian theological outpost. Brethren, the church will never become reformed if the reformers themselves have fallen into a deeper pit of rebellion.

So I leave you with these two quotes from the SOP to show that when we mature, we will gain greater knowledge of the nature of Christ:

“How are you to know that you are accepted of God? Study His word prayerfully. Lay it not aside for any other book This book convinces of sin. It plainly reveals the way of salvation. It brings to view a bright and glorious reward. It reveals to you a >>>COMPLETE SAVIOR<<<...Since you are to stand or fall by the word of God, it is to that word you must look for testimony in your case. There you can see what is required of you to become a Christian.” — EG White, *Testimonies for the Church*, V1 p 163.

“*Inspiration makes it plain that God’s plan is that the Church should ever be growing both in knowledge and perfection till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the FULLNESS OF CHRIST; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. Since the Church has not yet attained the standard set forth in this verse of Scripture, it is obvious that she needs to have greater knowledge of Bible religion than she has at the present time. Being far from having reached such unity of faith, of knowledge, and perfection, we see the need as clear as crystal: WE AS CHRISTIANS NEED TO START GROWING. Otherwise the season of such growth will pass and we shall be left but dwarfs, not having advanced far enough to be eligible for a home in the kingdom. Then shall it come to pass that all such unmaturing Christians shall bitterly cry out, ‘the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved’*” —VT Houteff, 1TG 51 p 6 & 7.

None should doubt that VTH & EGW and all the founding fathers believed that Jesus pre-existed, they believe this in a day when they prophesied in part, a time when the Bible did not shine seven fold. But today we have no excuse for continuing to wallow in their shortfalls. Let us today exalt the Bible to its proper station in our lives.

Sincerely,

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