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Walt,

You sent an EGW reference in your last E-mail that has caused some to prematurely celebrate. It is indeed a good quote from EGW. It says,

**"The Bible must be your counselor. Study it and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict His Word."**—Letter 106, 1907. {3SM 32.3}" —Your E-mail, emphasis belongs to your quote.

In spite of your assumption that the "testimonies of God" refers to the SOP delivered to us by EGW and not the revelations which Christ will raise again in the last day, this reference still affirms the primacy of the Bible. Let us assume that EGW was referring to her own work, the reference still shows that, when all the testimonies of God —not just those things delivered to us by EGW—are given, they will not contradict the Bible. To illustrate, consider how VTH's testimony in the late 1930's expanded beyond EGW's and even beyond his very own early concept of the Kingdom: both presumed, against all that the Lord Himself pronounced during His three-and-one-half year ministry, that the Kingdom referred to the second coming. In fact, EGW proclaimed that Jerusalem would never be rebuilt (EW, p. 75) a testimony which clearly contradicts the Bible. Later, VTH began to see from Scripture that the emergence of the Kingdom, in Palestine, before the second coming was a valid doctrine. Thus, we could only assume, just as the Lord explained in *John 16*, that He reveals light as we could bear it, and that God was not finished testifying to us when EGW wrote her above statement. Consider also the example of vegetarianism: a discipline enforced amongst Adventists to prolong life and health, yet, a practice which clearly contradicts Christ's very own testimony, for He promised to serve flesh in the Kingdom. How could this be when the testimonies must never contradict the Bible? Was Lucifer correct to assert that Christ cannot be trusted; must we only trust Christ, the Vine, when His testimony is modified by His lesser-light branches? —God forbid. If the speech of Christ could not be correctly articulated when He directly walked with His disciples —causing Him to promise to serve flesh in the Kingdom— then how can we trust his speech 2000 years later when it is indirectly revealed to us from the Holy Spirit, through EGW & VTH? Such glaringly contradictory statements by inspiration can only be explained as the MSC has so done: It could only be the result of partial prophecy, just as VTH certified when he quoted 1Cor 13: 8-12 and commanded us to read every word in the *Rod*. Furthermore, it can only be the result of the expression used by EGW above, the Testimony of God, to refer to the testimony given in the last day, the day of perfection, when that which is in part was promised to be done away, to quote VTH and Paul again.

Now all can celebrate the MSA because it neatly validates the SOP and Christ; it is the only document to ever prove that the SOP is in full harmony with the Bible, as the Bible has defined that we should expect prophecies in the NT era. Proof of this can be seen regarding the apparent contradiction between EGW, VTH, and the *Testimony of Jesus* over the issue of vegetarianism. It shows that both EGW and VTH, during the days of Adventism yesterday, a time included within the full span of the *Antitypical Day of Atonement*, enforced vegetarianism; only the MSC has shown that such a discipline can be both scriptural and non-scriptural during that special day. It shows the Bible theme of soul affliction during the *Day of Atonement* indicating that in the antitypical day the same imposition would be enforced, a requirement so serious that those who fail to do so are condemned to no longer walk with the church triumphant —see Lev 23: 29. Therefore, EGW's promise that the Testimonies will never contradict the Bible is an affirmation of the MSA and its

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successful work to show partial prophecy and the day when the “milk of the Word” will be abandoned. By fitting EGW’s and VTH’s work into that context, we clearly see that they harmonize with the Bible; for the Bible shows that all prophecies in the NT era will fail until the last day, the perfect day, the day of the MSC.

All honest Davidians know of Adventists who have tried to be vegetarians, some after as long as 60 or 70 years of struggle, and after all that effort, they have failed. If nothing else can so do, this fact proves that the discipline of vegetarianism is indeed a soul affliction. Today, there is no need to become vexed over this point because the *Antitypical Day of Atonement* represents a period of time which spans several generations all the way until the last day. The manner in which early Adventists have sought to comply with that requisite, can be legally different than the way they will afflict themselves with this generation, the last. Each generation will have a fast, a soul affliction, appointed to them by Christ, and those who failed today, will “**be cut off from among (God’s) people**”. Below is what the Lord required of us yesterday:

**“God requires of His people continual advancement. We need to learn that indulged appetite is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement and soul sanctification. With all our profession of health reform, many of us eat improperly. Indulgence of appetite is the greatest cause of physical and mental debility, and lies largely at the foundation of feebleness and premature death. Let the individual who is seeking to possess purity of spirit bear in mind that in Christ there is power to control the appetite.”**

**“If we could be benefited by indulging the desire for flesh foods, I would not make this appeal to you; but I know we cannot. Flesh foods are injurious to the physical well-being, and we should learn to do without them.”** —EGW, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 9, p. 156: 2, See also Derek West, 4.1, *Murky Bogs*, p. 125

Clearly EGW affirms in the above reference that flesh eating is prohibited because it yields sickness and early death. This theme has been resounded by her in many places and cannot be denied. Thus, the question must be posed and included in this analysis, if the Lord extends to His people an alternate remedy for eternal health, as He did with Elijah, then the need for vegetarianism would be canceled. In the last generation, the people who live at the close of the *Antitypical Day of Atonement*, are commanded to change their fast, their self-affliction, from a fast involving the denial of food to another one which the Lord has chosen to meet the legal requirement of soul affliction. For according to *Isa 58*, in the day of the triumphant church, the last day, as the epoch of Atonement is closing, life without death along with restored health is to be our reward, merely by embracing the Lord’s testimony; thus, vegetarianism, as a formula for health reform, has been rendered obsolete. Therefore, with the Lord’s newly elected fast, the one that He has now chosen—a fast which has proven for some to be even more arduous than a strict vegetarian diet—is that of charity towards His downtrodden people, Jerusalem, the sons of America’s former slaves. In this fast, we will receive our eternal health. The proof text for this theme is found in the writings of EGW, VTH, and now the MSC; thus, just as promised, the testimonies of God do not contradict the Bible. *Isa 58* says,

**“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and shew...the house of Jacob their sins...Wherefore have we fasted say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul (obviously this is the Antitypical day of Atonement), and thou takest no knowledge?...Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul?...Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?...Then shall thy light break forth as the morning (the church triumphant), and thy health shall spring forth speedily...”**—*Isa 58: 1-8*; quoted in the Bowl

Clearly, God’s eternal house, the House of Jacob, the house to rule the Kingdom, has in its history of success two types of fasts. The one is called to a halt at the end, and another fast, that of kindness to Jerusalem, the oppressed, is to be chosen. This maneuver is promised to bring that house its glory; it becomes a bright light to the world. Thus, EGW’s fast, the soul affliction in which she and VTH imposed is acknowledged by the Lord; yet, it is done away. In this sense and in the sense that the day of Adventism calls for a fast, one not clearly specified, it is both scriptural and non-scriptural. But even still, it is the MSC which clears the contradiction and brings the SOP in harmony with the Bible. For this reason, even if EGW was making such a claim about her very

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own writings, saying that they never contradict the Bible, we would still be required to follow her most dominant theme and establish all of our doctrines —not from such a claim, but— from the Bible. Davidia’s refusal to heed this Bible-based, EGW & VTH repeated, counsel represents her darkest of sins which must now be condemned by the MSC as it cries aloud and spares not.

Lest you think that the MSC itself violates this principle when it speaks of “partial prophecy” and “milk doctrine”, you are mistaken; for even milk doctrine harmonizes with the Bible as proven by the MSC’s treatment of the doctrine of clean meats; it is just that deeper meaning can be extracted from it so as to give us a strong meat application.—see CSW 35 & TM 105. When this occurs, we must follow the Lord’s mandate and leave the milk and embrace the strong meat, a more powerful rendering of the same text. Yet, your rebellion against new light which contradicts yesterday’s manna, begs the following question: How can anyone profess to believe in EGW’s inspiration, if they ignore the thrust, the key theme, the overriding message which she delivered, that of Bible primacy over the SOP? When the brethren show you EGW’s statement that Jerusalem will never be rebuilt, do you accept that and reject VTH’s Bible-founded themes? If no, then stop the hypocrisy now by giving the light which is shining today, the MSC’s light which shows how God’s testimonies never contradict His work, the same gravity. What makes your pretentious elevation of EGW so laughable is not just that you ignore her most dominant theme: It is that you ignore many of the doctrines that have been brought forth to you from her work and which corroborates the MSC’s teaching. For example, EGW declares that American slavery was a sin of the darkest dye, 1000 times worse than the sins committed in any heathen land. Yet, neither you, nor Jeannie, nor Nancy, nor any Davidians until the MSC has included within your doctrines, the lingering impact of Slavery. You sigh and cry, as commanded by the *Rod* against the abominations in the church which offend you the most; however, you conveniently ignore this offence, the most egregious of sins, the continued humiliation of the Sons of America’s former slaves. You ignore EGW’s statement which shows that our (America’s) treatment of the sons of America’s former slaves fulfills the parable of the good Samaritan making the SDA Churches in America guilty of that crime of neglect. You ignore EGW’s statement that the Kingdom Call, stating “... **Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you...**” will be made by the sons of America’s former slaves. You ignore EGW’s statement that such men will be made like Christ or, as EGW put it, “**will become partakers of the divine nature.**” The list of ignored themes goes on and on; yet, you dare to pretend to believe her works. By the way, all of the above claims can be validated not just by EGW, but as well by the Bible. Perhaps this is the time for you and the forum, Walt, to make a decision, the decision to be men of Israel by standing tall for the Word, or the time to do the opposite, to run to the rocks to hide you from the face of him that sitteth on the MSC throne.

I mentioned 81 references from the works of EGW which show her emphasis on the Word above the Testimonies, or, to put it another way, references which show her recommendation of the primacy of the Bible. The number has grown to 83 and I have stopped counting. The following are three more:

### **EGW, BIBLE-PRIMACY REFERENCE, 18:**

“**The Word of God tells us how we may become perfect Christians and escape the seven last plagues... God has been trifled with by professed Christians, and when His Holy Word shall judge them in the last day, they will be found wanting... That is the standard; their motives, words, works, and the manner in which they use their time are all compared with the written word of God (not the SOP), and if they come short then, their cases are decided forever.**” —EGW, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 126, parenthesis added

Consequently, to cite just one issue, vegetarianism, how dare any teach that failure to practice that discipline will keep them from the Kingdom of heaven according to EGW’s above statement. Such violates the testimony unless it can be sustained from the Bible.

### **EGW, BIBLE-PRIMACY REFERENCE, 22:**

“**Flee to the neglected Bible; the words of inspiration are spoken to you: pass them not lightly by. You will meet every word again, to render an account whether you have been a doer of the**

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**work, shaping your life according to the holy teachings of God's word.”** —EGW, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 508

Resultantly, all should now recognize the true Elijah as defined by the *Rod*. He is the one who points you to the Bible—not the SOP—to show you how to pass the judgment (See VTH, GCS, 19:0, 1,2). The MSC is the only one in Davidia to ever point you in that direction. It does so by echoing EGW’s above testimony that you will be measured by the Bible in the Judgment. By the way, speaking of Elijah, while he was communing in the wilderness and being fed by the ravens, what diet would you have served him? Christ, knowing that he would be taken alive from the earth, no longer having any threats to his health, chose to violate Davidic protocol and fed to him flesh and did so twice a day. When our assurance of life and health is likewise guaranteed, can we not expect the same? If your answer is no, please supply your Bible evidence.

### **EGW, BIBLE-PRIMACY REFERENCE, 82,**

**“The Spirit was not given —nor can it ever be bestowed— to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the Word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. . . . Isaiah declares, ‘To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them’ (Isa. 8:20).”** —*The Great Controversy*, Introduction, p. vii.

This reference also neatly proves that the “testimonies” referred to in Isa 8: 20, represent Bible engendered and pronounced testimonies, the *Testimony of Jesus* as has been shown earlier, and not the SOP.

Below is a misguided comment given on the forum by E, presumably SEM. This is a statement which requires a careful address. She delivers the following anti-SOP and anti-Bible reference:

*“Davidians understand that the Bible directs us to the Rod (Micah 6:9), and the SOP (Rev. 12:17 and 19:10), so the SRod and SOP must be our guide to those things that need interpretation: ‘Thus the Scripture interpreted by Inspiration, is the only testimony that can be, ‘the testimony of Jesus’ -- truth without error.’ --2 SR 285.”* —Imevam, E-mail, 17-Oct-07, 4:53PM

From this statement given to us by SEM from the work of VTH, it is made to appear as if he understood the meaning of the *Testimony of Jesus*, and, of course, SEM, ever anxious to be calmed in her slumber, snaps at this bait without regard to the mandate which VTH gave all Davidians regarding his entire message. His command is articulated in 5A, p 29. Of course, it is expected that one who happens upon a new-light doctrine which disagrees with their preset opinions would be tempted to ignore that SOP, prescribed protocol regarding his very own work. Such is especially the case with references from the *Shepherd’s-Rod* books, volumes one and two. VTH, many times in the progression of his own message advanced greatly from the doctrines contained therein to the point of what some may consider to be glaring contradictions. As shown earlier, he did not even understand the Kingdom and many other concepts written within those books. Manifestly, he was the greatest practitioner of his own 5A, p 29 advice; he proved his very own work from the Bible and changed his doctrine accordingly as the scroll unrolled. Furthermore, in 5A, p 29, VTH demanded that all prove the *Shepherd’s Rod* message by the Bible. In case it has not yet dawned upon SEM, books one and two are part of that message. Today, as we follow the Lord’s command and VTH’s command and example, as we search the Scriptures to forge our doctrines about eternal life, we see that the *Testimony of Jesus*, once received, guarantees a man eternal life (see John 4-12), a benefit which neither VTH nor EGW received; thus, they could not have received that testimony. We also see that the Lord promised to conceal His very own testimony until the last day when He would raise up a man to teach it and to distribute it. This fact precludes both EGW and VTH from being that person who was to live in that last day when Christ’s three-and-one-half year testimony was to be raised up and clarified. Also, the *Testimony of Jesus* could not have been revealed during the time of VTH & EGW simply because the Lord Himself refers to it as a reminder of the words spoken to the disciples while He, Christ, was yet with them (John 14: 25). Such a reminder was described as the Comforter’s central commission. Finally, the *Testimony of Jesus* could not refer to the writings of EGW nor VTH because *Rev 12* shows that such testimony seals the saints and preserves them eternally; clearly a benefit which neither of them received during their ministry.

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Added to all the above, one fact stands even taller than all others: neither VTH nor EGW gave any clearer theme about the Lord's nature since the days of Constantine and his dirty renditions of Christ; consequently, because the very *Testimony of Jesus* promises that we will all be taught of God (John 6:45) in the last day, and because the very *Testimony of Jesus* reveals that no one knows the Father nor the Son except the man to whom Christ reveals Himself (Luke 10: 22), then VTH, being a devout Constantinian and Tri-Unitarian could not have been the man to whom Christ referred, the one to be raised in the last day. Again, he taught no new light about the nature of Christ, His name, or the nature of Father, and beyond that, he told us to look into the future for revelations on those issues. Finally, VTH clearly shows in his work that he was not the **LAST-DAY** man to whom Christ referred, the man whom Christ would raise to recite His testimony, and he did so in 14T, 37-43 —a *Rod* reference which the forum conveniently chooses to shun as they hypocritically applaud their devotion to the SOP and seek to guard its light by their power of ignorance to that very same light. In that reference, VTH clearly and unequivocally explains that Davidia was to expect a day of unity and perfection, a day when we will gain an increased knowledge of the Son of God, Christ. In that day he further shows that the “real Christians” will emerge. It is the day of Christian maturity when the saints know how to say “my Father and my mother”.

Walt, I know how deeply you and SEM pretend to believe the work of EGW; thus, perhaps if I cite to you a confirming reference from her, you will convert your public profession into reality. She explains that the *Testimony of Jesus* was a hidden treasure in the Bible, one which the saints needed to search and seek out, a truth that we need to understand as our only safety. She further manifest that during her day, it was not well studied or believed. She said.

### **EGW, BIBLE-PRIMACY REFERENCE, 30**

**“The only safety now is to search for the truth as revealed in the word of God, as for hid treasure. The subjects of the Sabbath, the nature of man, and THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS are the great and important truths to be understood; these will prove as an anchor to hold God's people in these perilous times. But the mass of mankind despise the truths of God's word and prefer fables.”** —EGW, *Testimony for the Church*, Vol 1, p. 300

Clearly, from this text, we see that SEM is in error, the *Testimony of Jesus* is not that which we call the SOP such thinking is her very own fable.

Additionally, SEM attempts to find refuge in the logic that the Bible recommends to us the *Rod* and she cites the book of Micah. However, this will prove to be a self-structured snare, one that will only successfully catch the righteous who now may honestly and genuinely doubt the legitimacy of the MSC but who will embrace it shortly. Micah 6: 9 says the following: **“*The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it*”** —Micah 6: 9, supplied words omitted. The Bible speaks of wisdom personified. It makes wisdom a person, one who can both see the Lord's name and hear His voice. When this text is cited in the *Rod*, the supplied words are retained proving that wisdom begins with the work of a singular man; thus is he called the “man of wisdom” by VTH and King James. *The Shepherd's Rod* message leaves us with the following rendering of the very same text as follows: **“*LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it*”**. Clearly both texts admonish the SDA church, the last gentile church, to hear a message entitled the *Rod*. *The Shepherd's Rod*, being the only message in history to fulfill that requisite, must exemplify a fulfillment of the command given in Micah 6: 9. We can now know for a certainty that the city must represent the SDA Church, Laodicea, since it is the last of the seven, gentile churches before the Kingdom; since non others have, it is the last church before the Kingdom to potentially become a target of the Lord's “Rod” of correction. We can also affirm this point from another angle: Never in history has a message entitled the *Rod* been unfolded, a message which people need to be coaxed to hear against their determined resistance until 1930, the day when the *Rod* message was unfolded to the SDA Church. Finally, it is the *Rod* which was poetically described to comfort David, when

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he declared, “**the LORD is my Shepherd... thy rod and thy staff they comfort me**”. Quite befittingly, the adherents of the *Shepherd’s Rod Message* are called “Davidians”. This theme being kept in mind, we know that it is the message that will allow Davidians to become fearless, as Christ commanded during His three-and-one-half years when He issued the never-beforehand-instituted or obeyed command to His disciples to “fear not”. For this reason, ancient David’s poetic resolve will be fulfilled with Mustard-Seed Davidians, they will become bold and without fear, for like the type, even the fear of death will not grip them, as ancient David further proclaimed,

**“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me... thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever”** —Ps 23: 4.

Such a proverbial prophecy could only be fulfilled—not in the days of VTH when the *Rod* was first announced, but—in the days of the *mustard seed*, the “last day” promised by Christ, when the righteous, those Davidians passing through the valley of deaths shadow who recognize that Christ is “with” them. They are the ones promised to be made invincible to death.

Where is the valley of the shadow of death? Since the fall of man, earth has been the only place in the universe to experience such a thing; therefore, this valley represents the human passage from that day, the first day when man fell into sin until the “last day”, today when we are guaranteed the presence of Christ, the Lord, and resultantly, made invincible to the sting of death. During that span of 6000 years, humanity’s greatest fear has been death for earth was making its passage from the fall of Adam to the Mustard-Seed Advent (MSA), the day of victory over death. David today needs no longer to fear, Christ is **WITH HIM**:

**“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode \*\*\*WITH\*\*\* him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the WORD WHICH YE HEAR is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me. THESE THINGS HAVE I SPOKEN UNTO YOU, BEING YET PRESENT WITH YOU”** —John 14: 21-25

Clearly we can now see how Christ, the Shepherd—not just the comforting *Rod* which David so likewise cherishes— will be “**WITH**” Antitypical David when he passes through the valley of the shadow of death as poetically described in *Ps 23*. He and his garrisons become the first men/women to fully embrace the *Testimony of Jesus*, the same testimony which Christ promised to raise again in the last day, the very commands and words spoken to the disciples of Jesus while He was “yet **WITH** them”. The hidden presence upon Jesus will likewise be with David and the end-time disciples, the *mustard seed*, today. So thoroughly educated in righteousness will he become, as he, also known in *Isa Seven* as, Immanuel, learns to discern between good and evil. To put it another way, his unique mastery of the *Rod* causes his head to become anointed with oil or Holy-Spirit-revealed truth. Beyond that, he keeps the words of Christ, causing Christ to do that which He did for both Moses and Elijah, He “manifests” Himself to David as promised in *John 14* cited above. But be not mistaken, this power to choose the good and refuse the evil does not come from the *Rod* only; it also comes from hearing He “*who hath appointed (the Rod)*”. This message of enlightenment from Christ (the One Who appointed the *Rod*) is the “extra oil” which the men of wisdom, the wise virgins, must have. Thusly does David’s cup run over; for to have an overflow symbolizes that you have an excess, you have the extra oil. When you have this blessing, you receive Christ at His invisible return; He will be **WITH** you to shepherd you, a thing which the foolish virgins could not accomplish. Armed with this formula, the *Rod* and He “who hath appointed it”, a Davidian is guaranteed an eternal life of joy: **‘goodness and mercy will surely follow you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever’**.

Therefore, by Christ promising to be “with” the man who embraces His word, we have the assurance of this union or marriage between Christ and David revealed directly from the saving *Testimony of Jesus*, the same testimony which EGW affirms above, in Bible-primacy reference 30, that is to anchor God’s people in perilous times. Indeed, in times like these, you need an Anchor.

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As you quickly venture back to re-read, please note that this EGW prophecy, the one which shows that people will despise the *Testimony of Jesus* in preference to fables, has today become authenticated: merely examine the forums rejection of the Lord's special testimony as they seek the perverse charms of Constantinian fables, the unscriptural and fabled notion that Jesus pre-existed His conception as Christ. They likewise refuse to embrace the notion that Christ is with David, His *mustard seed*. But there is even more excitement to be announced coming directly from *John 14*, from the lips of Jesus. It gets even more shocking: for not only will Christ abide **WITH** this man who keeps His word or His testimony, the man who hears the *Rod* and who also hears *He who hath appointed it*, but he additionally receives the Father. Remember Him, He is the One whom Jesus/Christ prayed to as God; He, Father, is the One, again according to the highly-credible *Testimony of Jesus*, Who scripted the words which Christ commanded Jesus to speak; He is the One Whom Christ said was more good than Himself (Matt 19: 17); it was Father Who taught Christ every miracle that He, Christ, knows and He is promised to teach Christ even more miracles so that we may marvel —see John 5: 19-24. 'Father, Oh Holy Father, thank you for your miraculous revelations and testimony! Thank you for divesting this generation of the Constantinian fable, the dirt, which taught the non-Biblical theme of Tri-Unitarianism; thank you for also revealing the nature of Christ. Thank you also for your promise to abide with your *mustard seed*'. Amazingly, both Christ and Father make their abode with David. This explains why he, David, is also-known-as Immanuel; for it means ♦♦GOD♦♦ "**WITH**" us. The Comforter likewise will abide with David, for the very next verse after John 14: 25 makes such a promise: "*but the Comforter...whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you*" —John 14: 26. Therefore, even though the *Rod* message, the Lord's voice, was proclaimed from 1930 until 1955 and beyond, it is only now, with the advent of the *mustard seed*, that we can hear the second of a two-pronged communication to the city, we can hear Christ, the very One whom *Micah six* indicates appointed the *Rod*, as well. VTH assured us of as much. He said,

*"The Lord declares that His voice is crying to the city (to the church), and that the men of wisdom shall see the name, and shall hear the Rod and Him who hast appointed it."*

*"Manifestly, this Rod is capable of speaking and of being heard, thus the command 'hear ye the Rod.' So far as we know, the only rod that has ever spoken is 'THE SHEPHERD'S ROD.'..."*

*"I for one cannot overlook, neglect, or reject the Lord's counsel in this matter. I must hear the Rod and Him Who has appointed it if I expect to have a home in the Kingdom." — I Timely Greetings, 27, p. 7 \*\*\*All Caps belong, especially the ones indicating deity associated with "Him" and "Who", Parenthesis also belong*

Evidently, by merely heeding His testimony given through Jesus 2000 years ago —a theme not emphasized by VTH— we are hearing Christ. Only thusly can a man fully embrace the message of the *Shepherd's Rod*. This is our only escape from the proverbial *valley of the shadow of death*. Only this combination of the Shepherd and the *Rod* will allow us to fear no evil, not even sickness from consuming Christ-defined, clean meats, an evil which the SOP yesterday warned would cause us injury and even death. Such a warning was merely a shadow of death for the saints today, the men who will escape from death valley.

Members of the forum have incessantly complained that this message is too impolite, too severe, or too unloving. Such complaints could only arise as a result of the exposure of their sins. The reason why they are jolted by this message is due to their self-righteousness, the thinking that they are alright and not all wrong; in other words, they are completely ignorant of their crimes against the Lord. Some of the crimes are as follows:

- **Just as Christians have taken Christ out of Christmas, Davidians have taken the Shepherd out of the Rod.**
- **They have unwittingly taken the side of, heaven's formerly highest angel of light, Lucifer, in the Great Controversy. This has been done by exalting earth's highest prophets above Christ and removing Him as their shepherd.**

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- They have turned their hearts against their children, Jerusalem, the sons of America's former slaves, and seek to give birth to a people who are already spiritually born (baptized), the Lukewarm Laodiceans. They commit this sin by assuming that the 144,000, the nation to be born at once, will come from the church as it is currently constituted.
- They have ignored the *Testimony of Jesus* and the commandment given during His personal ministry on earth. This is manifested by their refusal to be "good Samaritans" and rescue the people who were attacked by the Christian nations and left in the gutters of America half dead.
- They have, like Judas, betrayed their Lord by seeking to cover His work by that of the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP); thus, they too seek to dip their bread in sop, the Lord's very own sign to show a traitor.
- They have violated the principle of *Five Answerer*, page 29 by refusing to read every word in the *Rod* and then proving it by the Shepherd, the Word.
- They ignore the divine commission of antitypical Ezekiel as expressed in *Ezek two & three* by ignoring the requirement to embrace every word in the *Rod* message to consume all-of-that roll and then take extra precaution to avoid copying the ignorant behavior of the lukewarm angel of Laodicea.
- They have refused to sigh and cry against all the abominations in the church and the land (Vol 5, p 209:3) especially the years of SDA oppression of the blacks within her ranks and her silence regarding America's affliction of the same people.

The list goes on and on. In describing these sins the MSA is merely heeding its command to sigh and cry, or more specifically, to lift up its voice like a trumpet and show to Davidia her sins. This plea does not go to all in Laodicea, only to those with the greatest light and privilege in the church, a people who have stood as guardians of the spiritual interest of the church, the house of Jacob; she needs to repent of her sins:

*"But that which causes me to tremble is the fact that those who have had THE GREATEST LIGHT AND PRIVILEGES have become contaminated by the prevailing iniquity. Influenced by the unrighteous around them, many, even of those who profess the truth, have grown cold and are borne down by the strong current of evil.... The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God.... The ancient men, THOSE TO WHOM GOD HAD GIVEN GREAT LIGHT AND WHO HAD STOOD AS GUARDIANS of the spiritual interests of the people, had betrayed their trust" —EGW, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 5, p. 209-211—  
emphasis added*

The MSC can do nothing else but warn its brethren in the strongest of terms, for they are the ones who will be first judged. It must obey the mandate to "*cry aloud, spare not!*" The command, "spare not", demands that the MSC cannot be sensitive to any one's feelings regarding their path towards Lucifer's kingdom, his eternal valley of death and evil. This commission, in essence, is the Shepherd taking the *Rod* across the proverbial fool's back (foolish virgins) before it is eternally too late.

Additionally, citations of the same text, Micah 6: 9, will prove that when the *Rod* message is proclaimed unto the city, that, in the 77 years in which it has been broadcasted, we have never really understood or carefully examined that text until now, the day of the MSA. Just as VTH explains in *SR, book II*, the *Rod* and the SOP are the Bowl, and the Bowl is the Word of the Lord to —not to everybody, but— only to Zerubbabel. In fact, the entire apparatus of *Zech four* is defined as the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel. The Candlestick will be his; he will be made ruler over the Lord's house. For it says, "*...I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon and seven pipes to the seven lamps... then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me... this is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel...*" —Zech 4: 2,5,6 We have traditionally understood that the two tubes were the writings of EGW and VTH; now we know that they deliver oil for the Bowl, a symbol of David and his cup, the Zerubbabel of today who will turn this oil into light. This point is clarified in Micah 6: 9 as it shows that the *Rod* message will never become a glory to the church until wisdom, or, according to the *Rod*, the man of wisdom, embraces the *Rod* message and is resultantly further educated to see the name of the Lord. It says, "*the LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and wisdom shall see thy name...*". Unequivocally, the name of the Lord, a name which none others have ever announced in

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all the 77 years of Davidian history until the MSC, will be declared in the *Shepherd's-Rod* era. It will come forth and do as the MSC has done: It will completely destroy the notion, held dearly by all of Christendom and especially Davidia, that Jesus pre-existed His conception. Thus, it distinguishes between Jesus and the invisible presence Who abode upon Jesus, Christ. It shows that Christ, Father, and the Comforter, contrary to popular belief, are separate and distinct individuals, and that Christ was Father's Spokesman, thus did He render unto us the commandments of God while He abode upon Jesus. It shows all these things by doing what was formerly considered impossible: it shows how we can pray to Christ as if He were God, and yet, not be guilty of polytheism as populist churches assert. Thus, as *Micah six*, shows, the man of wisdom has seen the Lord's identity and His name, giving greater evidence to SEM showing why the Bible must always reign supreme. And, since as described in *Micah six*, Christ, David's Shepherd, is the only Being who obviously appointed the *Rod*, then His life-saving testimony must be heard by, not just Davidia, but by all of the redeemed, everyone who desires to likewise become victorious over death's haunting shadow. Only now, today, can all understand that which EGW warned us about in the below Bible-first statement by her:

### **EGW, BIBLE-PRIMACY REFERENCE, 83**

**“Great truths which have been neglected and unappreciated for ages, will be revealed by the Spirit of God, and new meaning will flash out of familiar texts. Every page will be illuminated by the Spirit of truth. The Bible is not sealed but unsealed. The most precious truths are revealed; the living oracles are heard by wondering ears, and the consciences of men are aroused into action.”** —EGW, *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p.35

This entire issue of Bible primacy has surfaced because Davidians yearned to protect their special dietary fast, vegetarianism. Many appear to be offended by the MSC's emphasis on the *Testimony of Jesus* in which their Shepherd, Christ, promises to serve flesh in the Kingdom. Instead of seeking to protect yesterday's affliction, they should now begin to exalt Christ, even if it means that their own reputation must take a back seat. *John the Baptist* (John) recognized this tactic, making him great in the Lord's eyes. He said that Christ must increase and he must decrease. He was the first anti-Luciferian Christian. Looking back to the church's advances from the time of John until the time of Christ, we can easily see that they went through the same experience of dietary reversal. Christ, while hidden upon Jesus, commanded Him to speak of the following testimony:

**“For John came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children”** —Matt 11: 18,19.

Clearly, Christ dashed the popular Davidian deception which presumptuously teaches that a prophet will never contradict his predecessor. Such is purely and entirely a non-scriptural creation of human logic. All who are guided by such, Paul calls carnal and assigns to them the penalty of death —see Romans 8: 4-9. Rather than being eternally trapped in death's valley, we can all heed the Lord's mandate and lift our voices to decry this sin of humanism, the salvation by human logic, which Satan has slyly instilled among us, the House of Jacob. The same is true with the discipline of vegetarianism; its continued deployment is intended to make Christ's testimony to look foolish and to impeach His righteousness. To such the Lord reminds us of Micah 6: 9: He refers to “wisdom personified”. He proclaims that your logic can never validate His word; He changes His doctrine to meet the circumstances at hand; He says **“wisdom is justified of her children”**. Wisdom is not justified by human reasoning and logic, nor by human-defined rules of the prophets; rather, it is justified only by her children. We know by the Lord's very own parables concerning the Kingdom, the *10 Virgins*, the *mustard seed*, the *Nobleman*, etc. that wisdom personified is here today —else we would not have the lesson of the *Five Wise Virgins*. These men, like the disciples at Pentecost, are to shortly change the targets of their evangelism to save a different people, their children, the people towards whom Elijah desires that our hearts be turned. If the only ones to be saved were the disciples from the House of Judah to whom John ministered exclusively then perhaps the diet of locusts and honey would still be the diet of heaven's choice today. But this may

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surprise some: Father loves people more than He enjoys their self-appointed tortures, and He is willing to nullify your non-scriptural sacrifices in order to win more saints. We too will shortly be commanded to leave Laodicea and venture towards the Sunday-keeping churches, to direct our ministry to the Sons of America's former slaves therein contained, and to bring them in, under the administration of Joshua (a Levite, a man who is to work with David), to Zion, the SDA Church. Then, having seen our numbers swell beyond their own, and having witnessed the Lord's power manifested upon His Davidian disciples, and having shown them our reward for hearing the *Rod* and for hearing Christ, He can close the chapter on the Luke-warm Laodiceans; He can spew them out of His mouth. Before then the Lord will clean up Israel's diet to Bible standards, and provide them with miraculous healing, so as to send them forward to bring in the millions of second fruits. Most all of these will be non-vegetarians. This will delight Father more than a handful of eternal self-afflictors. True indeed, wisdom shall see His name and shall be justified of all her children.

The Woman of *Rev 12* represents the wisdom personified in *Micah six* and *Matt 11*. She is the wise virgins, the end-time disciples who heed the Shepherd and hear His *Rod*. Before the slaughter, she goes out to bring in the first fruits effectively stealing away the crowns which were disdained by the nominal church. This explains why the Lord, using the female pronoun to describe wisdom, says that she will be justified of her children. The children are the 144,000; both are saved from the Slaughter of *Ezek nine*. The text says, "*the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood... and the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ*" —Rev 12: 16-17. Such a tactic, that of rescuing millions of souls for Father's Kingdom, justifies our change in diet. During this year of jubilee, all will celebrate; there will be no occasion for self-affliction. Then, in the Kingdom, all will celebrate the victory over the grave and the dark shadow which it has covered the land. Why not join with me today, to help the Lord facilitate this grand day of joy. Help me by heeding the command given in Micah 6: 9, by hearing the *Rod*, and He who hath appointed it: Put the Shepherd back into the *Rod* movement.

Sincerely,

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