

### **Soul Train Conductor!**

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Dear Donna,

Again, I also applaud your desire to study the confederacy, and I celebrate with you the quote from 2 TG 34. That reference clearly shows heaven's commitment to the *Rod* 70 years ago. In fact, VTH clearly stated therein that "...***there is none other today than the Rod literature which God recommends you to hear.***" I hope that your E-mail will not cause any to ignore that very key adverbial modifier and important word, "**today**", for I am certain that inspiration was not haphazard in its deployment of the language. The word, "today", in that reference refers to 1948. Your commitment to VTH's work is commendable; yet I caution you: Such a sentiment is reminiscent of yesterday's Jews and their commitment to the law of Moses causing them to Crucify the Lord; or the multitude of disciple drop outs who, after the Lord preached the efficacy of consuming His flesh and blood, left His ministry; or the Millerite Adventists who left the Lord's small company in 1844; and finally, the SDA brethren who refused to advance beyond EGW and embrace the *Rod*.

I am sure that you have been advised from the many scriptural themes in the SOP which caution all of the danger of refusing to advance. When VTH was alive; they did not have commercial jet air planes; the automobile was a dinosaur compared to our modern vehicles; race relationships in America were barbaric; the stock market was a small percentage in trade volume compared to now; the now abolished Soviet Union was Communist and was America's greatest threat; Osama bin Laden was not born; America only had 48 states; men worked for pennies an hour; super highways were only a dream in the heads of a few civil engineers; women, as a custom, wore dresses and skirts while men wore pants; African-Americans were denied leadership positions in the SDA church and told to wait until Jesus comes for their rewards; traveling to the moon was a ridiculous, futuristic dream which most men swore would never happen; presidential candidates were selected by small committees in smoke-filled rooms; jogging was considered the best method of exercise, etc. The list goes on and one, but it makes the point: we need God to speak to us from His word today. Thus I ask you, have you ever read that quote from VTH found in 2 *Ans* 74, whereby VTH commanded, by the impress of the Holy Spirit, to never exalt any work, including the *Rod*, above the Bible? Times may indeed change; however, Father, being all wise is the only One who can guide us by His Word written in a past age to face continuous changes. This is His genius, and it is wrong to give that glory to another. VTH, although a brilliant angel of inspired light, does not compare to Father, the source of His inspiration, and He, Father, promised to lead His church step by step from His word as we can bear it. Therefore I call all today to cast aside their worship of VTH, a dead man: cease to think that he is Father, a power who can write a guide book into the future to satisfy the advancing needs and perplexities which the saints will meet in their unique ages to come. Worship God; only He knows the end from the beginning, and Christ is His anointed, the one through Whom He communicates to His creation. Thus does Christ say, "***My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me***" —John 7: 17. He also says, "***He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water***" —John 7: 38. Do you believe on Christ as VTH said, as EGW said, as Don Adair said or as the Scriptures hath said? Additionally, if Christ made such a profession about His doctrine, being the "**Anointed ONE**" —not the anointed two, three, man—then would not VTH be constrained to make the same profession? You, my dear sister, are not free to exalt above the Word, your favorite angel of light, even if he be ranked to the level of Lucifer, a position which VTH and EGW never enjoyed. You must trust Father to lead you to

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the Kingdom step-by-step, rung-by-rung, and none others. Otherwise, the summation of your Christian career will be over: you will be stalled in your Kingdom trail. Your stumblingblock will be that you have been diverted to abandon Christ and have taken the putrid path of the fallen angels making you a discredited *Luciferian Christian*. Yesterday, 70 years ago, the *Rod* was indeed the message which the Lord desired for us to study, not because VTH said so, but because the Bible affirmed. Therefore, consistency demands that we heed the themes which the Bible affirms for us today. Only thusly can we assure that we are genuine and “real Christians” and not *Luciferian Christians*, those who elevate their inspired angels of light above the Word.

Your failure to leave the grave of VTH speaks to your fundamental misunderstanding of the state of the dead. God, having a planet of nearly eight billion people, does not need to guide His children from the grave yard of deceased prophets. The “disciples indeed” today, according to Joel 2:2 will be the “**great people and the strong there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it...**” Thus the people yesterday, even the prophets, will need to sit at their feet and learn, not visa versa. Any man who has died, excepting the Only Begotten, can never be as great as the men who have, by the Word, escaped the grave. And since these men, according to Christ in *Matt 19*, are disciples who will sit and judge the 12 tribes today, the day of regeneration, then they are the people spoken of by Joel, and they are greater than the 12 tribes, the 144,000. They understand that there is no humiliation so great as the sting of death. You will be convinced of this all the more once you re-study the doctrine of *The State of the Dead*. EGW spoke to this theme with the following vision:

“I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead...; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the Sabbath has been changed, also OTHER UNSCRIPTURAL DOCTRINES...The people of God must be prepared to withstand these spirits with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything...Our minds must not be taken up with things around us, but must be occupied with the present truth and a preparation to give a reason of our hope with meekness and fear. We must seek wisdom from on high that we may stand in this day of error and delusion.”

“WE MUST EXAMINE WELL THE FOUNDATION OF OUR HOPE, FOR WE SHALL HAVE TO GIVE A REASON FOR IT FROM THE SCRIPTURES. This delusion will spread, and we shall have to contend with it face to face; and unless we are prepared for it, we shall be ensnared and overcome. But if we do what we can on our part to be ready for the conflict that is just before us, God will do His part, and His all-powerful arm will protect us. He would sooner send every angel out of glory to the relief of faithful souls, to make a hedge about them, than have them deceived and led away by the lying wonders of Satan.”

“I saw the rapidity with which this delusion was spreading. A train of cars was shown me, going with the speed of lightning. The angel bade me look carefully. I fixed my eyes upon the train. It seemed that the whole world was on board, that there could not be one left. Said the angel, ‘They are binding in bundles ready to burn.’ Then he showed me the conductor, who appeared like a stately, fair person, whom all the passengers looked up to and reverenced. I was perplexed and asked my attending angel who it was. He said, ‘It is Satan. He is the conductor IN THE FORM OF AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. He has taken the world captive. They are given over to strong delusions, to believe a lie, that they may be damned. This agent, the next highest in order to him, is the engineer, and other of his agents are employed in different offices as he may need them, and they are all going with lightning speed to perdition.’ ”

“I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in an opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united, bound together by the truth...”—EGW, Early Writings, p 87-88; emphasis (underline & small caps) added

Notice the redeemed, by virtue of EGW’s vision, sustained their doctrines from Scriptures and not from Saulistically deciphering their doctrines from the spirits of fallen (deceased) prophets. Notice also that they are not riding Satan’s soul train. Also notice, that they establish the foundation of their hope from no other source than Scripture. Be sure to also notice that Satan is not disguised as a small unpopular seed but as an angel of light (EGW & VTH). Finally, notice

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that such a company is small, according to Christ, as small as the Mustard Seed; yet, they are united, a foreign concept to carnal Davidia. Thus I must ask you, who is the conductor of your soul train ride?

Regarding the Assyrian Confederacy which you think that you yearn to understand, believe you me, the MSC has many things to teach about the confederacy. However, if you cannot receive the Bible-based, *Rod*-affirmed light which the MSC has been unfolding to date, then you will never agree to embrace the Bible themes of the confederacy. EGW put it very well:

**"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. WE WHO KNOW THE TRUTH should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise."**

—Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 28, emphasis (Caps and underline) added.

I hope that you like surprises because the Lord sure loves to give them!

Sincerely,

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