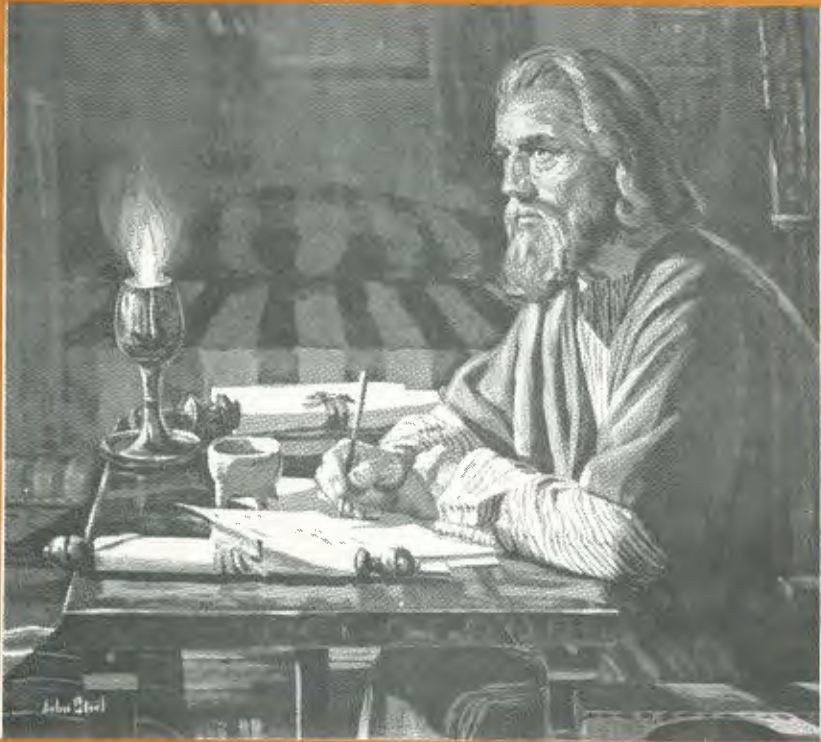


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"Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." Matthew 13:52.

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AM I SAVED?

ARE you? If you don't know *for sure* you are, then for sure you are not. So with all the gravity the question demands, settle it, "Am I saved?"

What is your answer to the question? Does it still hang on a peradventure? Or do you have "full assurance of faith" you are truly saved?

Were salvation a gamble, then God would be a gambler and unjust.

"The just shall live by faith," and "in full assurance of faith," Paul declared, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:8.

Paul's faith gave him "full assurance" that "a crown of righteousness" was "*laid up*" for him—that he was saved, and not for him alone but for "all them also that love His appearing."

If we do not know we are saved, then we know that we do not have enlightened faith, and that we are not saved.

How did Paul know he was saved? Because he *knew* he had, as he affirmed, "fought a good fight." And he added, "I have finished my course, I have *kept the faith.*" 2 Tim. 4:7.

If we do not know we are saved, with the same "full assurance" that Paul knew he was saved, then we are indulging the supreme folly of making life, salvation, and death a hopeless gamble.

Before you read further, Brethren, settle the question. If you can't settle it now, then the longer you leave it unsettled, in uncertainty, the more certain it is you'll leave it in uncertainty till time and chance are spent and hope is fled.

"Let not the question remain in perilous uncertainty. Ask yourselves earnestly, Am I among the saved, or the unsaved? Shall I stand, or shall I not stand? He only that hath clean hands and a pure heart shall stand in that day."—TM 443:2.

Settle the question before you go further. "Seek the Lord most earnestly, put away your sins, . . . Purify your souls by *obeying* the truth. Faith without works is dead. **PUT NOT OFF THE DAY OF PREPARATION. *Slumber not in the state of unpreparedness. . . . Let none leave their safety for eternity to hang upon a peradventure.***" Id.

Are you truly “purifying your souls by fighting the good fight of faith—by walking *very carefully* in all the light of present truth? Or are you just hoping you are?

“Let not the question remain in perilous uncertainty.” Id.

If you haven’t settled it, settle it now, once and for all, and rejoice in ever-abiding “*full assurance* of faith” that “at that day” you will be present and accounted for with Paul and “all them that also love His appearing,” when “the righteous judge” shall give each “the crown of righteousness” which is laid up for him.

Only if by virtue of the good fight of faith, you have the “full assurance” of that crown, will you endure to the end the trial of your faith, survive the shaking and purification, and go on triumphantly from Bashan-Zion to Gilead-Zion—saved, *eternally saved!*

“Then thou shall . . . be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.” Isa. 62:3.

“WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?”

A family on the verge of giving up the message because of their being unable to reconcile some V. T. Houteff statements with some E. G. White statements, sent in twelve pages of objections and questions, a response to which in part follows:

In the first place, Brethren, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy give no one license to try to establish redemptive truth from the Spirit of Prophecy. And that is what your twelve pages of points seek to do. And that is *all wrong*. One should never succumb to the temptation to do it. Jesus says, “Search *the scriptures*; for *in them* ye think ye have eternal life: and **THEY ARE THEY** which testify of me.” John 5:39. Objections concerning the Rod have to do with truth, and as Jesus is the TRUTH, the objections have, in the last analysis, to do with Him who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” John 14:6. And concerning all things pertaining to Him and eternal life, He charges us to “search the *scriptures*.”

In 1 Thessalonians 5:21, we are admonished, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” And that, of course, means to prove them from the Scriptures, and to hold to what the Scriptures prove to be trouble-free truth.

And “try the spirits” (1 John 4:1), means in likewise, of course, to try them by the Scriptures.

And of the Bereans it is written, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received *the word* with all readiness of mind, and *searched the scriptures daily*, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

And when God says, "Come now and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18), again, of course, He means to reason together from the Scriptures.

In Isaiah 28, verses 9 and 10, the Lord inspired Isaiah to ask and to answer the question: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

All this learning process and activity is, still again, of course, to be within the confines of the Scriptures, as all informed Adventists understand or should understand.

"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.

And "*this word*," of course, is the word of the law and the testimony of scripture. The testimony of whomsoever—whether of Paul, of Luther, of Miller, of White, of Houteff, or of anyone else—must "speak . . . according to *this word*"—the word of scripture.

There, in the main, is what the Bible teaches that God requires everyone to do when it comes to establishing full-orbed truth. And the Spirit of Prophecy is no less specific about it:

"Our *position and faith*," emphatically affirms Sister White, "*is in the Bible*. And *never* do we want any soul to *bring in the Testimonies ahead of the Bible*.—Manuscript 7, 1894."—Ev. 256:3.

Remember—NEVER.

But virtually all the reasoning contained in the twelve pages you have sent me, is based upon your understanding, not of what manifestly is the Bible's teaching but, of what you perceive to be the Spirit of Prophecy's teaching, on the points you present. Not only do the arguments you set forth in your several pages of questions and objections bring to the fore the Testimonies ahead of the Bible, the arguments scarcely bring the Bible forth at all. Whereas "the Testimonies of Sister White *should not*," as she emphatically declares, "*be carried to the front*. God's Word is the unerring standard. . . . *Let all prove their positions from the Scriptures and SUBSTANTI-*

TIATE EVERY POINT *they claim as truth from the revealed Word of God.*—Letter 12, 1890.”—Ev. 256:2.

This you do not do and no one can do in the effort to discredit God’s Rod.

“I take the Bible,” further declares Sister White, “just as it is, as the Inspired Word. I believe its utterances in *an entire Bible*” (1SM 17:3)—which thus includes and embraces *all the Kingdom and related prophecies*.

“I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, *which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures.*”—EW 87:2.

This you do not do but are *obliged* to do and *must* do if you are serious about doing right and about your soul’s salvation.

“The Bible, and *the Bible only is to be our guide.*”—*This Day With God*, p. 355:1.

I do not think that either the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy could make it any more plain and emphatic, at least need not do so, that we are *never to put the Spirit of Prophecy in front of the Bible*, as you folk consistently (though doubtless unintentionally) do in your twelve pages of points, in the effort to establish your anti-Rod position and thus vindicate your stand. Unfortunately, and it will be *tragically* if persisted in to the end, you have long and increasingly been doing this by allowing yourselves to accept and rest in what the blind angel of the Laodiceans construes to be Sister White’s positions on the several concerns you present. This is the most perilous procedure. I have tried for a long time to get you to realize this—that not only did Sister White not have all the light of Heaven on the Kingdom and some other matters, but also that her work was not that expressly of an interpreter but rather that of a teacher of righteousness. She herself stated that Elijah would come to do the work of interpreting the Scriptures, very little of which she was called upon to do, and that little was not on the fundamentals of the faith but, rather, was almost always to settle points of disagreement and contention over minor or out of season doctrinal concerns, except for her writings on the Investigative Judgment.

In numerous statements, she makes clear that her work was to deliver instruction in righteousness, reproof, rebuke, warnings, etc. Never does she represent herself as an interpreter of Scripture, as an Inspired voice revealing doctrinal truth. Ironically, though, many regard her as the latter and disregard her as the former. Where will you find church members who study the testimonies and counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy, and in all conscience

seek faithfully to follow them? But on every hand, in every church, the majority will bring the Spirit of Prophecy ahead of the Bible, even in contradiction to the plain teachings of the Bible, in establishing or buttressing doctrinal positions, especially in the effort to discredit God's Rod. This is not the way of salvation, folk. And I repeat, almost every point you have presented against the Rod is based upon your understanding or someone else's understanding of what you or they think to be Sister White's understanding of the underlying scriptures involved.

For example, you think that the resurrection of Daniel 12:2 cannot take place until Michael stands up (Dan. 12:1) at the close of probation for the world. Then upon this assumed premise, you proceed logically enough to argue that the statement in volume 7, page 17:3, cannot be fulfilled in probationary time. And I would certainly agree with you if your assumed premise were true. But it is as false as can be, as is seen from the following E. G. White statements:

1. "Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble [EW 85:3] that is coming—a *time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation* [specifically Daniel 12:1]—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his angels cannot destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them."—*This Day With God*, p. 69:4.

2. "In the time of confusion and trouble before us, a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation [referring again specifically to Daniel 12:1], the uplifted Saviour *will be presented* to the people in all lands, that all who look to Him in faith *may live*."—8T 50:4.

Now put against those two statements the following one:

3. "When this *time of trouble* comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. *This small remnant* [the 144,000—EW 114:2; TDWG 163:4; 5T 475, 476], unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshalled by the dragon hosts, make God their defense."—5T 213:0.

If this close of probation (in statement No. 3) is the final close for all mankind, then only 144,000—"this small remnant"—are going to be saved; and this is far from being what the Bible teaches in Revelation 7:9-17; 9:16, 17; Joel 2; Isaiah 66:15-21, and kindred scriptures. Again, "How readest thou" the Scriptures—and the Spirit of Prophecy?

Those who believe differently and who are therefore disposed to by-pass Sister White's statements on the subject, especially those who do not want to accept her writings, and who are ever hunting for hooks to hang their doubts upon, are certain that she contradicts herself in these statements. But does she? On the surface, it could appear so. But not when one understands the truth from the Bible. It is only when one puts one's subjective perception of the Spirit of Prophecy ahead of the manifest teaching of the Bible that it seems so. Clear and certain it is (1) that statement No. 2 puts the Daniel 12:1 time of trouble in probationary time, (2) that statement No. 3 seems to put it after probationary time, and (3) that statement No. 1 could be either before or after. And a good many more similar problems can be found with the Spirit of Prophecy than with the Rod.

When one accepts the proof from the Scriptures that there are two separate fellowships—Laodicea and Babylon—in end-time Christendom, and hence necessarily two closes of probation (9T 97:2), the first for Laodicea, the second for Babylon, and thus, to all practical intents and purposes, two ends of the world, as Paul's statement, "the *ends* of the world" (1 Cor. 10:11) can only be meaningfully understood, then one has the touchstone to reconciling most all of the seeming discrepancies between the Spirit of Prophecy and the Bible and thus between the Rod and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Bible makes very clear that "judgment *must* begin at the house of God." 1 Pet. 4:17. That is Laodicea. Thus it necessarily follows that when Michael stands up to deliver His people, He must start with those—Laodicea—who are judged first and hence are ready to be delivered first—the firstfruits of the harvest, the 144,000 numbered overcomers in Laodicea, those who have received the seal of Revelation 7 and the mark of Ezekiel 9, in addition to the Sabbath seal. These being the first fruits of the harvest, thus naturally their probation ends first, their judgment comes first, their deliverance comes first, their exaltation comes first, and the elimination of—the end of the world for—their enemies comes first.

Then it is that Jesus is lifted up in the person of these delivered 144,000 guileless servants, to draw unto Him that great, innumerable multitude of second fruits to be found in multi-sectarian Christendom—multi-voiced Babylon. When this great multitude of second fruits are harvested and in the barn—the Kingdom, and probation for the world is ended, then results the trouble from the seven last plagues, and finally the end of the world for all the wicked at Christ's coming.

Unless and until you can see that there has to be, as the Bible again and again evidences, and as the Spirit of Prophecy bears out, a close of probation for Laodicea, the church, followed by the Loud Cry, the Judgment of

the Living, the anger of the nations, and the time of trouble which results from the anger of the nations, climaxed by the close of probation for the world, you will never be able to reconcile the Spirit of Prophecy with the Bible and the Rod.

It is not the Rod, Brethren, that is in trouble, it is the blind angel in his Rod-opposing interpretations of the Spirit of Prophecy, which you present, who is in fearful trouble because he is rejecting the clear truth of the Bible and is thus committing the unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth.

Before passing on, I am moved to make a further effort to help you to be admonished to believe and abide by the Spirit of Prophecy's warnings in this critical area. Here, in the following passage, is a "must" that you *must* lay hard to heart if you are going to let the Lord rescue you from the perilous position you now occupy in accepting the blind angel's interpretation of what he thinks is Sister White's interpretation of the scriptures underlying the concerns you present:

"The enemy is on our track. We *must* be wide awake, on our guard against him. We *must* put on the whole armor of God [that is, heed every word—"in an entire Bible" (ISM 17:3)—that proceedeth out of the mouth of God]. WE MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. We *must* love and obey the truth for this time. THIS WILL SAVE US FROM ACCEPTING STRONG DELUSION."—8T 298:1.

Pertinent to our present concern, here, once again, are the instructions we "*must*" obey if we are to "save ourselves from accepting strong delusions":

"The Testimonies of Sister White *should not be carried to the front*. God's Word is the unerring standard. . . . LET ALL PROVE THEIR POSITIONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES and SUBSTANTIATE EVERY POINT THEY CLAIM AS TRUTH FROM THE REVEALED WORD OF GOD."—Ev. 256:2.

"*Our position and faith is in the Bible*. AND NEVER DO WE WANT ANY SOUL TO BRING IN THE TESTIMONIES AHEAD OF THE BIBLE."—Id., p. 256:3.

"THE BIBLE, AND THE BIBLE ONLY IS TO BE OUR GUIDE."—*This Day With God*, p. 355:1.

"I saw that the saints *must* get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they WILL BE OBLIGED TO MAINTAIN FROM THE SCRIP-

TURES.”—EW 87:2.

Those are the instructions we “*must obey*” if we would “save ourselves from accepting strong delusions.” And in obeying them, we will “hear . . . the rod, and Who hath appointed it”—“the Lord’s voice [crying] unto the city” (Mic. 6:9); “feed” upon the Rod now in antitypical Bashan (Mic. 7:14); and “pass under” [obey] the Rod; and thus be brought “into the bond of the covenant.” Ezek. 20:37.

THE SAME OR DIFFERENT COMINGS?

Question: “The coming of the Lord is pictured by the apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17, and the coming of the Lord on a ‘white horse’ with armies of Heaven arrayed against the belligerent armies of earth, as pictured in Revelation 19:11–21; are they one and the same event?”

Answer: Although describing different aspects of the great climactic event of the ages, the second coming of Christ, both 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 and Revelation 19:11–21 depict the same event. (Read Tract 15, p. 21:2; 22:3; and 24:1 on Revelation 19:12–21.)

THE VOICE OF AMMI AND RUHAMAH

JUST as we were ready to typeset this issue of the COMMUNICATOR, the mail brought the following letters (from two who are newly come to the light of present-truth), revealing the cruel spirit of prejudice which plagues our Laodicean brethren. As you frequent the throne of grace, please especially remember these brethren, also all the others newly come to the faith, and the many in the valley of decision and the many more looking in at the gate of interest.

May 12, 1982

Dearest Sister Bingham:

Some time ago, you asked about my experience. I have been having so many experiences. Some of them are terrifying. I will share one of my more pleasant ones with you.

I don’t know if you will remember the name _____. She is one of the persons you mailed the literature to. She has been trying to make trouble for me. She has been telling everyone that I am a “Shepherd’s Rod.” Folks have been approaching me in church and literally telling me out. This lady was washing my feet for communion and she was telling me, “You see these feet that God has given you, use them to do service for Him and not to make mischief.”

I listened to her, and when she was through I washed her feet and got away as fast as possible. She wanted me to come to her house for lunch but I wanted to have nothing to do with her.

_____ continued reporting until she complained to _____. I don't know if you know who she is. She is a Bible worker. She now works for Pastor _____. He is the Union evangelist. I used to be his secretary shortly after I became an Adventist. At that time I lived in Connecticut. I moved to New York, as they did shortly after. I had problems and wanted to speak with them. When Sister _____ got the news from _____, she found time to call me though. She was accusing me of making flesh my arm. She had heard I had left the church. I tried to explain that I had not left the church but had just started to learn what it means to be a true disciple of Christ; that I was just learning what Adventism is all about. She warned me and then prayed for me and we hung up.

I thought about the hypocrisy of the whole matter and was impressed to write her a letter. I did, pointing out from the Scriptures the things they had failed to teach me before they baptized me. I reminded her of the message they have rejected and how they are leading people astray, including myself before that wonderful change came over me. I told her we are instructed of the Lord to hear the Rod, but man, including herself, advises that we should not. On completion of my letter, I told her she should get back to me and we could study together and I would have the information she needed, mailed to her. She has not replied but she has been preaching against me in the churches, saying I sent her a ten-page letter and she was upset, but the part that made her cry is where I stated that she was leading people astray. They think I am a devil or demon possessed to be addressing a lady of her standing in such a manner. I did not make a lie on her. Whatever I enclosed in my letter to her was taken from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

The remarks that were made about me bothered me for a while but I have gotten immune to them now. That incident caused a lot of people to hear about the Rod message, as these opposers went from church to church preaching against it. That was an experience. There has been a lot more, but time will not suffice to tell them here.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Continue with the good works. May God forever bless your efforts.

Love you all.

Yours in Christ, (New York)

May 14, 1982

Dear Brother Bingham:

Kindly accept Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks for your lovely encouraging letter I have received. It gave me a lot of encouragement regarding my encounter with my Sabbath School Superintendent. As I mentioned in my previous letter to you, that by now I might be relieved from the teaching of the Sabbath School. It went just the way you stated. She did not even inform me, just asked someone else to take over the class. But I am not disappointed in the least, because if I have to teach the Sabbath School lesson, although it is inadequate, I am going to teach a "thus saith the Lord," and not what man concocts.

From the reading of your letter and talking to my Davidian brother, I realize that meeting with my Pastor would be of no avail, so I did not meet with him again.

A few Sabbaths ago while sitting in my same Sabbath School class, a sister put her hand on my shoulder, very lovingly, in her ignorance, and said to me, "Brother _____, I love you and your family very much, and I want to see you in the Kingdom. Don't allow Satan to turn you away from the truth." I said to her, "Why did you say that?" She said "You know why." I told her that I would like to talk to her. I requested her telephone number, which she gave me. When she gave it to me, she said, "Brother _____, I do not need any more light. I have all the light I need." I called her the same Sabbath evening, but she was not at home.

When the phone rang, her husband picked up the receiver and recognized my voice. We greeted each other. Then he said, "Brother _____, something terrible is on my mind." I said, "What is it Brother?" He said, "For about six weeks I have been hearing that you have gone over to the Shepherd's Rod. How did you allow that terrible thing to happen to you? The brethren have so much respect and regard for you as a bright light in the church, but the Spirit of Prophecy says some bright lights will go out." I said to him, "My dear Brother, I am very glad for your concern for me. But since you are saying in many words that I am misinterpreting the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy, let us get together soon, and do some studying, then you can point me to my error." He said, "Oh no, no!! When you people take up with that thing, nothing can bring you back. You are gone for good."

I said to myself, "Praise be to God, because He has a very good friend (myself) who got involved, and nothing can bring him back." I started to

say something to him. He said, "Hold on there, Brother. Let me tell you one thing. I do not want you to come in that church, and talk to anyone or give out any tracts to anyone. I am telling you once more. Please do not come in that church nor any other church in this area. Because we have new converts feeding on the milk and we don't want you to come there and confuse them. Now remember I told you!!"

He finally hung up the telephone. Two days afterwards, his daughter called, apologizing for her father's attitude towards me, and saying that he should not behave like that.

Brother Bingham, I would like you to pray especially for this man's daughter. I have been talking to her about this message, and she is showing some interest. I also talked to her husband, but he is not too interested. Her name is Sister _____.

Two weeks ago I wrote a letter to the Sabbath School Superintendent. Brother _____ assisted me.

This past Sabbath the President of the Conference visited one church, and preached to the top of his voice, "There is no more light! Hold onto the old time religion. If there were any more light, the Conference would accept it, then I would accept." And the people said, "Amen."

My impression is that because the Superintendent could not handle my letter to her, she called the President to take the fire off her. Although she has not answered me, I am about ready to send off another one to her, and one to the President.

I haven't the time to tell you of my experiences with my so-called brethren who claimed they have love, but anyone can see their hate for me. But I am so encouraged by the Holy Spirit in the promise of Luke 6:22, 23 and Isaiah 66:5.

Please pray for my family and me, especially for my wife because Satan is putting up a battle in our home.

I remain.

Your brother in Christ, (New York)

THE VOICE OF THE NATHANIELS AND NICODEMUSES

THE following three letters represent a small sample of the favorable responses received so far:

May 16, 1982

Having received your little book entitled "THE SANCTUARY TRUTH," and having read it from cover to cover and studied it, I can agree with its contents, for it agrees with our 1844 message, and the cleansing of the Sanctuary. A subject very dear to my heart.

The two "Thrones of God" and the "Daily" the 7th Day Sabbath, I can accept, although new to me.

Would you be so kind as to let me know if the above Universal Publishing Assn. is one of our Publishing houses? I only know of two in the U.S.A. the Review and Herald Publishing Assn. and the Pacific Press Publishing Assn. California.

Thanking you.

With Christian regards,

(Mrs.) _____ (Australia)

May 18, 1982

Thank you very much for sending to me the booklet "THE SANCTUARY TRUTH." It is very good.

I ask you kindly for 5 more, if possible, to send to me with your invoice. The money shall be sent by cheque to your address.

With kindest regards and wishing you the Lord's richest blessing, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Pastor _____ (Australia)

As a result of sending in over 700 names and addresses which one retired brother copied out and sent to the Office, literature was sent to these individuals, and we just received these encouraging lines from one sister:

May 17, 1982

Dear Brethren:

Thank you for your letter to me. This letter cleared up some matters that have gone on in the church. I could not understand how they could say they loved God and do things that hurt the body of Christ.

Although I have not gone to church in some time, I continually study in my home, as I want to know truth. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in giving me this chance. May God richly bless you as you continue to reach people who are reaching out in these times in which we find so few that want to stand on the "Solid Rock" of hope in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely, _____ (California)

P.S. Yes, please send the material. I want all the light that God has for me. Would you please send another letter to my mother whose address is _____.

THE VOICE OF LO-AMMI AND LO-RUHAMAH

No Appreciation

Take our name *off* your mailing, we do not appreciate your literature. Thanks.

If not it will be sent back to you to pay postage return.

Pastor _____ (Texas)

"Emphatically"

Please immediately and permanently delete our name from your mailing list. Your literature would be consistently destroyed.

Emphatically,

(Mrs.) _____ (California)

"Sneaky"

Please do not send me any more of your literature.

You are sneaky—you must be ashamed to print your editors—I am not ashamed of whom I believe as I am a Seventh-day Adventist and endorse the writings of Ellen White so please don't waste your literature as it goes in the trash can—I only want to let you know this as a friend as not to waste the postmaster (sic) time or yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) _____ (New Jersey)

P. S. Please don't answer I am not interested.

To our reply in common to these three letters was added to this sister's take-off request the following postscript:

P.S. I am sorry, too, Sister _____, that you feel that we are "sneaky." It is difficult to see what is "sneaky" about publications which carry their publisher's name and address. And now you have the editor's name—M. J. Bingham.

Like you, we are Seventh-day Adventists and unreservedly "endorse the writings of Ellen White." This, you will understand and appreciate if you will be fair to read with an open mind the enclosed publication in defense of the sanctuary truth.

Reply
(To all three letters)

Dear Brother/Sister:

We are sorry that you morally and intellectually feel at liberty to reject out of hand the publication vindicating the sanctuary truth. Perhaps it has not occurred to you that in God's sight "he that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." Prov. 18:13.

In the same mail with your letter, Sister _____, came the following letter:

Dear Friends:

A little booklet, THE SANCTUARY TRUTH, was in the mailbox to our son. Thank you for sending this booklet to him. Since "CUC" was on the cover, I presume you got his name from Columbia Union College.

Since the booklet was not sealed, I took the liberty to read it, and enjoyed it very much. It said so much in so little space. At first I was skeptical about "wasting time" on it, as I did not know of your publishing association, but was glad to find you on the "right side of the fence."

I am enclosing a check for \$5.00. Would you please send me as many copies as the \$5.00 would cover in cost.

Do you have any other publications—a list or a catalog?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) _____ (California)

If you accept the Spirit of Prophecy, Brother/Sister _____, I wonder if you have read the following passages of trenchant truth:

“The Lord sends light to us to prove what manner of spirit we are of. We are not to deceive ourselves.”—GW 302:0.

“To hold yourselves aloof from an investigation of truth is not the way to carry out the Saviour’s injunction to ‘search the Scriptures.’ ”—CSW 29:1.

“ . . . take pains that you may hear the reasons [one] the messenger may give, comparing scripture with scripture, that you may know whether or not it is sustained by the word of God. If you believe that the positions taken have not the word of God for their foundation, if the position you hold on the subject cannot be controverted, then produce your strong reasons; for your position will not be shaken by coming in contact with error.”—Id., p. 29:0.

“There is yet much precious truth to be revealed to the people in this time of peril and darkness, but it is Satan’s determined purpose to prevent the light of truth from shining into the hearts of men. If we would have the light that has been provided for us, we should show our desire for it by diligently searching the word of God. Precious truths that have long been in obscurity are to be revealed in a light that will make manifest their sacred worth; for God will glorify His word, that it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it . . . With humble hearts, subdued by the grace of God, you should come to the task of searching the Scriptures, prepared to accept every ray of divine light, and to walk in the way of holiness.”—Id., p. 25:1.

“Men, women, and youth, God requires you to possess moral courage, steadiness of purpose, fortitude and perseverance, minds that cannot take the assertions of another, but which will investigate for themselves before receiving or rejecting, that will study and weigh evidence, and take it to the Lord in prayer.”—2T 130:1.

It is my earnest prayer, Brother/Sister _____, that the Spirit of Truth may be able to encourage you to modify your attitude sufficiently to take the safe and sensible course of reserving judgment until you have weighed all the evidence the publications present in the defense and vindication of the sanctuary truth.

“Doth our law judge any man,” declared Nicodemus to the Sanhedrin,

“before it hear him, and know what he doeth?” John 7:51.

In the prayerful hope that you will sustain constraining reason for deciding to peruse THE SANCTUARY booklet, we are enclosing a copy herein, and shall be happy to restore your name to our mailing list upon request.

May the Spirit of Truth have *His way with you*.

Whose “Gripe”?

Please remove my name from your mailing list. I find your criticism of church leadership inconsistent with the statements you publish. Anyone can find something to gripe about if they look long enough. You found it in a 1975 quarterly—Congratulations.

Pastor _____ (Arizona)

Reply

Dear Brother _____:

Though I do not find fair-mindedness enhaloing your request that your name be removed from our mailing list, I thank you at least for writing. Sometimes, after one gets a stricture off of his chest, his mind is more disposed to reason. Come, Elder, let us try it.

I am sorry you have misapprehended the burden of the literature you have received, especially of THE BATTLE AXE, as a “gripe.” I don’t think I have to give you Webster on “gripe” to disassociate the burden of our publications from that miserable affection. Our concern is with the serious consequences attendant upon purveying and imbibing error, and especially as gross as that set forth in the November, 1975, Sabbath School Quarterly. We happen to be solid believers in the Spirit of Prophecy, Brother _____, and therefore to believe, on its authority, in the on-coming purification of the church—specifically that “the days of purification of the church are *hastening on* apace” (5T 80), when the church will be purged of all error and all purveyers of error.

“False doctrine is *one* of the satanic influences that work *in* the church, and brings into it those who are unconverted in heart.”—TM 47, 48.

“Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan.”—Id., pp. 409, 410.

“Page after page might be written in regard to these things [wrong principles]. Whole conferences are becoming leavened with the same perverted

principles. . . . The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.

“Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor.”—TM 372, 373.

“There is in error and unbelief that which bewilders and bewitches the mind.”—1SM 46:1.

“Error is *never harmless*. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is *always dangerous*.”—5T 292:2.

“We have reached the time when things are to be called by their right name.”—2SM 26:1.

“My message to you is: No longer consent to listen *without protest to the perversion of truth*. UNMASK THE PRETENTIOUS SOPHISTRIES. . . .”
—1SM 196:4.

It is a saddening thing, Brother _____, that an S.D.A. minister will feel disposed to label as a “gripe” and destructive criticism a critique of a delusive teaching that will shut the door of the Kingdom of God to those who suffer themselves to believe and teach it.

I am sorry that you misapprehend a vigorous defense of truth against error as griping criticism of the leadership. Leadership is ordained of God, and I respect leadership per se. But that fact does not in any wise justify my closing my eyes and muffling my voice concerning the Laodicean leadership’s wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked condition very adversely affecting over three million communicants. Such silence would inculpate one for cowardice and recreancy to trust.

Judged by your definition and use of the term “gripe,” Sister White had few peers and Jeremiah still fewer if any. For one to label THE MYSTERY STONE, THE LATTER RAIN, THE SANCTUARY TRUTH, and THE BATTLE AXE publications as “gripe,” and “criticism,” labels one as a re-tainer of vested interests. And that, historically, is the most perilous of allegiances.

I am hoping against hope, Brother _____, that the Holy Spirit will be able to encourage you to revise your attitude and position and very dispassionately and objectively reread the aforementioned publications. I am enclosing herein another, THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM. If after having perused it and, I hope, having reread the others, you still wish your name

removed from our mailing list, we shall cheerlessly oblige. In either case, please drop us a note as to your wish.

May the Holy Spirit have your earnest cooperation in enabling Him to inspire you to be "a man of wisdom" to "hear," "feed upon," and to "pass under" the Rod of God (Mic. 6:9; 7:14; Ezek. 20:37),

M. J. Bingham

URGENT REQUEST

EVER since the Lord blessed Brother David's efforts in Nigeria and Ghana, in getting the message to the brethren there, we have been receiving repeated appeals for financial help which, as you know, it is not in the province of the Association to render. We have done the best we could do in supplying the brethren with the Rod publications and with as many Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books as we have been able to acquire for distribution. But these have not made the needed financial contribution toward enabling the brethren there to be self-supporting in the work.

In response to a renewed appeal from Brother Kwarteng, the leader in Ghana, I asked him if the united efforts of the Association brethren, able and disposed to help financially should provide adequate means (1) for the purchase of light farm implements necessary for farming in their localities, (2) for seeds and plants, and (3) for water supply and land rental, would they put the Lord in it and make a success of it? The reply was a resounding affirmative appeal to come thus to their help. So I assured them that I would thus present the matter in this issue of the COMMUNICATOR.

Both Brother Kwarteng and Brother Marcus are earnest and competent leaders with earnest and competent helpers who, with Heaven's guidance and blessings, can and will together with their respective members make a success of the venture.

Following are portions of the latest letter received from Pastor Kwarteng:

Your letter of March 11, 1982, came into the hands of the Davidian brethren in Ghana and was very much appreciated. And I received the charts, but the Application for the Certificate of Fellowship is still in transit. But by the grace of God it will arrive here safely.

It has been my prayer to secure small places in the country with land for cultivation. All the brethren were praying to God earnestly for means to rent land for cultivation to support ourselves in the Gospel ministry.

Our problem was where to get means for such a project. Now I thank God. For He works in a mysterious way. So, Pastor Bingham, please carry forward your plans and determination to help Ghanaian brethren in the Gospel ministry to undertake such a project to secure land for cultivation. We thank God that our problems have been solved through this effort. With them, it is my prayerful hope that efficient means will be forthcoming.

As a result, I guarantee on their behalf that when the money for seeds, implements, etc., is received, it will be spent on nothing else but the farming project.

This project will be a physical as well as spiritual blessing to us in God's work.

Now we are praying earnestly to get arable land for the project, as well as praying to God to touch individual hearts to contribute to the project as you have already considered. So we are looking forward to God's help.

As to those who have requested Bibles, it is the habit of most Ghanaian boys and girls to ask for Bibles. Those requesting Bibles [not yet Adventists], we shall have studies with, and when they embrace the message, we will let you know.

[We have continual requests for Bibles, and will place as many as we receive for distribution. M. J. B.]

God in Christ reigns and they will work through us to accomplish their purpose in Ghana as well as through the continent of Africa.

Our regards to all Davidians abroad.

Yours in the Master's service,

King Kwarteng

Elder Achor, who is shepherding the believers in Rivers State, Nigeria, has for even longer been pleading for financial help to enable them to be self-sustaining and thus devote appreciably more time to advancing the message in their area and beyond. A troubled letter just received from Brother Achor follows:

March 7, 1982

Dear Brother Bingham:

Brother Bingham, may I suggest that you should cease from testing us if

you have been doing so because of the evil men you met first and in the past here in Nigeria.

Think and know on how many occasions I have written to you for financial aid to promote the work but yet no assistance. If you people had been helping financially, I would have money to travel to other parts of Nigeria to encourage others not to fall into the enemies' traps. D. Adair could not have gotten opportunity to gain ground in Cross Rivers State.

I wrote to you for finance so as to travel to Ghana to see the brethren there, and no answer until now. If others can be assisting their workers with money, what do you think will happen if the so-called Davidians in the Cross Rivers State who are not spiritually matured meet with a fake preacher with money? The answer is that they can easily turn to them or him. If you want the work here to be a progressive and successful one, you should plan for financial aid to enable me to go from state to state to give spiritual assistance and encouragement.

Cast away from your mind that we are involved with Adair. With all these explanations, you can know that he never visited us, but he visited the "raw eggs" who wrote in the past, before Brother David's visit to us, and who accused us of having food and water containing poisons. I say may God forgive them and open their eyes to see what Ezekiel 9 teaches.

The people that Adair visited are those agents used by that Old Serpent as his weapons. Note that those people would not even allow him to visit me because they knew that I would tell him nothing but the truth and thereby they would not achieve their wicked aim. May you be sure as from now that I will not entertain such people unless I have received a word or words from you or see that there is a big change in their lives. For your information, with the address of Adair you gave to me, I will write him, telling him that he is not a true Davidian and should not answer such name here in Nigeria with his followers unless he should change the name of their organization to avoid confusion, blackmailing the true people of God among the Davidians in Nigeria, because there is a big challenge between us and the church members. We do not want anybody to bring a disgrace, betrayal of trust, or misrepresentation.

Brother Bingham, know that the Association is like a mother or father to a child or children who will continue to feed and clothe them. Also, he or she will continue nursing them by schooling and solving other financial problems until such children have grown to stand on their own before the removal of hands of the father or mother, so you are now in between us. May I say that we do not know what you are thinking about us as to see the

growth of the work here. May I say that without the Association's financial support, the work will be very slow, but may God forbid.

You can reason and see certain things with me because I have been sending you monthly reports so as to see the sources of income and expenditure after tithe payment and the balance that remains if any, and to know how much I feed upon with the family or how much I put in the work for its progress. Remember that other offerings [for church expense] go to the mother church according to Brother David's instructions when he was here with us. Remember that I have reported to you how much I paid on the land for the study house, and now I have started buying sand, and a tipper of sand is over N60.00 and a bag of cement N7.00 and over. Consider my sufferings with the family as to see that the work is in progress and not backward as to know that we are living a life of starvation some days, but God forbid that this should continue, for I know He will provide means of livelihood.

I have hope and confidence that you can see the situation of things here with us so as to use your good offices to suggest how to rectify or remedy the whole issue. Remember that I made request for a motorcycle to enable us to do effective work, but the whole thing, I presume, died in a smoke of fire. We look forward to seeing what the Association has in mind and what to do about the work here in Nigeria.

Greet your wife, children, and our brethren there with you.

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,

G.C.U.M. Achor (Nigeria)

Bashan Brethren, how would you, in my shoes, with neither mandate nor means to exceed the charge of Ezekiel 4:1-3, respond to Brother Achor's troubled letter? Shall we start charging for all the publications in order to secure needed means to enable the Association to give at least some help toward advancing the work beyond the very costly endeavors of sending forth fishers and hunters? Or shall we wisely elect to go the all-around better route for all concerned—leaving it to you to share the missionary burden of coming to the help of the Lord in Nigeria and Ghana, the Philippines, India, and elsewhere, by doing your sacrificial utmost to make these brethren self-sustaining? Or are you prepared to assume the responsibility of leaving these brethren to make out the best they can, shifting for themselves? It is impossible for Bashan to shoulder the responsibility and expense. If you decline to shoulder it, then these brethren must be left to their own

resources. It is our fervent hope and prayer that all of you everywhere will make a "covenant with the Lord by sacrifice" to generate self-sustaining support for those who are burdened to hunt out the lost sheep in their own lands.

What we propose is equally to divide among the Ghana and Nigeria brethren all the contributions we receive toward the advancement of the work there.

It is our prayerful hope, Brethren, that we can report in the July-September COMMUNICATOR a substantial amount of sacrificial contributions to make possible the implementing of self-sustaining projects to advance the heralding of the Eleventh-hour gospel to God's children there, and that to this end, every Association member will, on the principle of love, sacrifice as much as possible to thus advance the cause for which Christ, on the same principle, sacrificed *all*.

Please let your response be as substantial as possible and as soon as possible. And designate your contributions—For African Self-Help Fund—and send them to Bashan.



BACK TO THE SOIL

IN previous issues of the COMMUNICATOR, we have encouraged readers to try some form of gardening, if they have not already done so; for from planting and caring for seeds, invaluable lessons are learned. If you are not an old timer, expert in growing radishes, this issue's gardening project will give you some help in getting your miniature radish garden started.

Window Sill Radishes

Radishes are one of the easiest root vegetables to raise. Following a few simple rules will give success in raising a good crop.

A Few Simple Rules

First of all, bear in mind that radishes *don't like heavy soil*. So try to obtain a potting mixture of light texture. Then, remember that there are three types of radishes—early, midseason, and late. So make certain you don't plant early radishes in the middle of the summer, for spring (early) varieties seldom produce good, edible roots in the hot months.

Next, keep in mind that too much water can be worse than not enough. The

rule of thumb here is to scoop up a bit of soil in your palm, squeeze it, then make a ball. If it sticks to your hand when you release it, chances are your soil is too wet. If the ball holds together but does not stick to your hand, it's in good shape. And if the soil won't make a ball at all, it's too dry.

Spring Radishes

Sow in early spring. March, April, and May are good months. Plant seed half-inch deep. Make rows 12-18 inches apart. Plants mature in 20 to 30 days.

Summer Radishes

These radishes can stand more heat than early or late radishes. Sow seed three-quarters of an inch deep in rows ten to fifteen inches apart. Be patient with these radishes, for they require 45-60 days to mature.

Late Radishes

Treat the same as summer radishes, but sow from late August to early October. Don't get discouraged if they seem slow: late radishes take from 60 to 70 days to mature.

Insects

Bugs don't bother radishes very much and, surprisingly, neither do the plant diseases. For these reasons, it is an ideal project for the urban gardener who has only a window sill or table to use for planting.

Be patient, be thorough, and try again if you doesn't succeed at first. You'll have a fine object lesson of the necessity for nurturing the good seed and trying again when you feel like quitting.

Here at Bashan we have just had a good harvest of radishes and will soon have more.

Let us know how your radish venture goes.

Success to you!

Jeriel E. Bingham



Hunter News: Brother Ulric Stanley of Guyana has joined the hunters and is now engaged in a six-month hunting endeavor there. He started with the Capital, the Georgetown area, in March. Pray that the Lord will bless his efforts in the field and give him precious souls for the Kingdom.

Brother Houston has removed from Grenada to Trinidad and is now engaged in the hunting work there. He recently returned to Grenada and spent a profitable time encouraging and strengthening the believers who are doing what they can to carry on in his absence.

Before returning to Trinidad, he gave help to the brethren in St. Vincent where, he reports, the work is picking up momentum once more.

Now he and Brother David are doing house-to-house work in several areas of Trinidad. They, too, ask a continuing interest in your prayers.

Brother Billy and his family are now settled in Barbados. He is carrying on the work there and is presently being assisted by Brother Rock, who has recently come to the knowledge of the message. They are studying with newly interested ones, and they ask that all remember them.

Brother Symonds continued his hunting in Antigua and the Virgin Islands. After being away from home for about five months, he has returned temporarily to St. Lucia.

Among his varied experiences, some of his old friends, whom he had not seen in over 35 years, were happy to see him and treated him cordially until they found out he was a Davidian believer! Then they radically changed. Also he met with strong opposition from the pulpit in almost every island he visited. Following are some paragraphs from a recent letter we received from him, written from the U.S. Virgin Islands:

Back here in St. Thomas, Pastor _____, stood up on Sabbath morning and told the congregation, "When I accepted the S.D.A. message, I believed that they were commissioned to teach the truth for this time, so I supported it and will support it until Jesus comes. Let me see the hands of those who will do as I do?" Hands went up, and they shouted "Amen." He went on to say, "I am especially addressing you young converts, for among us there are some who are telling us to support something else, and you young converts are the subjects of their attacks. They talk nice and soft and quote the Testimonies, so you don't bother with them, whether they come from Hell or elsewhere. You will notice that we are not giving out tracts today, so if you get any, you will know who are giving them out, whether Shepherd's Rod or who, don't bother with them."

In spite of all the opposition and trials, the Lord enabled Brother Symonds to gather names and addresses and to study with some of the less prejudiced and affected ones in the various islands he has visited so far.

During his absence from St. Lucia, Brother Collymore and Brother

Gordon, leader and treasurer of the Castries company, respectively, along with the brethren, were faithfully carrying on the work there.

After being grounded because of repairs to his motorcycle, Brother McFarlane and his bike are at work again, hunting the sheep in Jamaica. For a while he couldn't get the needed motorcycle part in Jamaica. Brother Rolle in Miami came to his rescue and purchased the part for him. But before the part reached him from Miami, the mechanic in Jamaica had found one somehow, so Brother McFarlane is back in business again, hunting for Nathaniels and Nicodemuses. And the Lord is leading him to reach them, and is helping him to reclaim some who were unwittingly taken in by the Salem pretender.

We hope you will earnestly remember all of these hunters in your prayers, and that you will pray for their contacts and those newly come to the faith.

Pages 20 to 23 carries news concerning Brother Achor and brethren in Nigeria and Brother Kwarteng and brethren in Ghana.

Bashan News: Though presently, Bashan is enjoying cool Spring days, they may not last much longer. Warmer, even hot weather, may be just around the corner.

With gardening season in full sway, all the Office and Print Shop force are working outside from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Plants from the green house are being transplanted into gardens, and seeds are being sown. So far, we have been enjoying asparagus, rhubarb, tender leaf lettuce, very mild and delicious red and white radishes, watercress, greens, and sweet peas (to date we have harvested 152 lbs. shelled).

Cabbage, beets, rutabaga, several varieties of tomatoes, potatoes, and early corn, spinach, artichokes, green onions, garlic, okra, egg plant, several varieties of squash, bitter melon (corriella or corriellee, as it is called in Guyana and Trinidad respectively), cucumbers, peas, late corn, and peppers are coming along nicely. With such a large garden, it is an endless task to keep down the weeds, but we have been working on them from the start. By mulching and otherwise, we hope to keep them subdued.

A late freeze was severe to some of our fruit trees, peonies, and roses. But all the flowers that survived are now bursting with beautiful colors. The peonies were loaded with huge red, pink, white and varigated blooms. And since they were in abundance, we have taken bouquets to some of the business folk in Exeter, who are delighted to have them. In addition to the gorgeous peonies, beautiful roses, delightful mock orange, and colorful red

weigela add to the floral scene. And we are looking forward to all the other flowers and shrubs that will be coming out.

To crown the scene, all the trees are leafed out, closing up the woods so that all we can see now is a mass of greens—light, medium, dark, and in between.

All in all, it is a grand Spring.

If all goes well, a bumper crop of vegetables will be coming on for freezing and canning. And that means a very busy summer schedule for us. So please pray for us in this work.

Brother Leslie Crawford of New York spent a few days short of two months at Bashan receiving training preparatory to his taking up the hunting work in the New York area. Remember Brother Crawford in your prayers in a special way as he plans to take his place in the Lord's vineyard.

Brother John Lemky of British Columbia just recently arrived at Bashan to spend the summer assisting in the work here. Please remember him, too, in his efforts to help push the work forward. Also, remember his family in your prayers.

Remittances and Letters: For you who have returned to the Lord His own in tithes the past two months, you will find your receipt enclosed. May your hearts be filled with joy, and may you have the assurance of knowing that what you have remitted has helped to advance the work that much further. Here is an important passage from the Spirit of Prophecy concerning our stewardship:

“God blesses the work of men's hands, that they may return to Him His portion. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; He causes vegetation to flourish: He gives health, and ability to acquire means. Every blessing comes from His bountiful hand, and He desires men and women to show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings—in thank offerings, in freewill offerings, in trespass offerings. They are to devote their means to His service, that His vineyard may not remain a barren waste. They are to study what the Lord would do were He in their place.”
—PK 707, 708.

Literature: Since we typeset the January–March COMMUNICATOR, we have sent out 75,301 pieces of literature. May the Lord bless all the name–ingatherers and all who have had a part in sending the literature to these individuals.

Name Ingathering Campaign: All who have been sending in names and addresses have Heaven's blessing, and we again urge each one to take part in this urgent, most-important work.

When you send in names and addresses, be careful to write them as legibly as possible, and write the full address, including country. (This applies to the foreign countries.)

For the U.S. believers, we are asking you to send in with the names, if possible, the name of the church of which the individual is a member or which he or she attends. This will save duplication, as not infrequently we already have the Church Directory for the area when a name or names are sent in to us.

In such cases, it is virtually impossible to locate the name on the Computer when there are thousands of names to go through. So if you will let us know the name of the church of which the individual is a member or an attender, it will greatly facilitate our work here.

When sending new names, always indicate if you want the individuals to receive the new publications at first, then the rest of the Rod publications.

Rod Publications: As the supply of the Rod tracts and T.G.'s is fast diminishing, and as we do not yet have the physical capacity to keep up with the needed reprinting of them, we are therefore obliged not to send these publications to those who are only new contacts, and not yet avowedly interested in the message. So let all be careful to use discretion in requesting Rod publications to be sent or to be given to any.

Small Charts: Our sincere thanks to those of you who have contributed to making charts available to those in foreign countries who are not in a position to buy them. We have received grateful letters from the recipients, requesting that their appreciation be conveyed to you.

Still others in the foreign field would appreciate a set. So if there are others of you who would like to provide sets for these brethren, the cost, as we mentioned before, is \$7.50 a set.

Cassette Tapes: Many are still available, along with a number of new studies added. List No. 4 follows:

NO.	TITLES	TAPE-LENGTH
138	Our Reasonable Service	90
139	“Should be committed to memory,” “written in the mind and heart,” and “read everyday.”—7A BC 314-315	60
140	More Than a Prophet	60
141	Concerning the Jordan Headbowl Teachings	60
142	Fruit Salad	90
143	The word that is not in the Bible and yet in substance is all through the Bible	60
144	“Lest at any time” (Heb. 2:1)	90
145	Gather Together, O Nation Not Desired	60
146	The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. (Matt. 11:12)	60
147	True Education and Time	60
148	Say not, “Stay thy hand, O God.” 1T 100	60
149	The Revelation 13 Beast’s blasphemous head #7 ..	60
150	A renovated race will walk with Him in white	60
151	The earth helped the woman—the three mouths ..	90
152	Questions and Answers	60
153	The Lip of Truth	45
154	“These are a smoke in my nose.” Isa. 65:5.	60
155	“Your salvation depends on your acting from principle.”—1T 698	60
156	The man with the dirt brush and the whortleberry pickers	60

For U.S. and Canada (Postpaid)

90 minute tapes	\$2.00
60 minute tapes	\$1.50
45 minute tapes	\$0.75

For the West Indies (Postpaid)

90 minute tapes	\$2.25
60 minute tapes	\$1.75
45 minute tapes	\$1.00

For All Other Overseas Countries (Postpaid)

90 minute tapes	\$2.50
60 minute tapes	\$2.00
40 minute tapes	\$1.25

Note: All orders for charts and cassettes should be accompanied with covering money order or check. This will eliminate a lot of extra bookkeeping and will keep our records straight. Thank you for your cooperation on this concern.

IMPORTANT EXPLANATION

Why Not Reprint The Shepherd's Rod Volumes?

Question: Some are agitating the question, "Why does not Bashan reprint THE SHEPHERD'S ROD, volumes 1 and 2?" One of the active Bashan opposers claims that some ten years ago you stated that you were going to reprint in tract form the volumes 1 and 2 contents not found in any of the Rod tracts or T.G.'s but that to date you have failed to do so.

Also it is said by the Salem opposers that you won't republish volume 2 since you don't want the people to know about the study on Ezekiel 47, because you know, they allege, that it supports the Salem teachings.

What is your defense against these accusations?

I know that Bashan has been very busy reprinting the missing Rod tracts and T.G.'s, and also printing several new tracts for the Church; and I am fully aware that Bashan has limited help. But I would very much appreciate your letting me know your reason for not reprinting the volumes.

Answer: Fair enough.

In the first place, it should be understood by all that statements which are once or twice or thrice or several times more removed from their original context are rarely if ever accurate. As they pass through the subjectifying alembic of the human mind they become so shrunken or swollen or twisted or encrusted that when they finally catch up with their author they are scarcely recognizable to him—usually marvelous to behold.

What Brother Bingham actually said was the he was *anxious* to reprint the V. T. Houteff Codes "as soon as possible." But a number of other urgent and thus immediately demanding concerns supervened to capture priority, and have prevented the publishing of the Codes to date. But let everyone concerned take hope, for we are getting closer and closer to the event. Sooner or later, in God's good time, they'll land in your lap.

While the first allegation which the questioner cites is badly bloated with inaccuracy, the second allegation is as devoid of truth as was the serpent of

Eden. Those who propagate and purvey lies are the servants of the father of lies.

To scotch once for all the mischievous allegation in question, all that needs be added is the fact that the Ezekiel 47 chapter in THE SHEPHERD'S ROD, volume two, has been in typed manuscript for five years, waiting its turn for preparation to be published in tract form, and will, nothing's preventing, be ready for distribution before the year is out.

Let these facts be still another eye-opener as to which spirit inspires the pretender of Salem. Surely this latest of his mischievous misrepresentations, along with his self-stultifying tripartite theory, trisecting Carmel, and his other doctrinal aberrancies, topped off with his incredible Nigerian fiasco, resulting in his getting himself conned ["conned—1. To swindle a victim by first gaining his confidence. 2. To trick or fool, especially by glib persuasion."—Webster] by the international con artist, "Pastor Nshien" (alias Eyo Thompson, etc., etc.) of Iquo/Ibeno (and only the Lord knows where else), Cross Rivers State, Nigeria—surely all this will strip the pretender of Salem of his last vestige of credibility in the eyes of even his most arduous and credulous followers.

Finally, to oblige the questioner with our reason for not reprinting volumes one and two of THE SHEPHERD'S ROD, the explanation is short and simple: It was Brother Houteff's understanding, sustained via the same inspiration responsible for all the rest of his understanding and leadings, that the volumes were not to be reprinted. Bashan follows Carmel's leadings.

Never being privy to this counsel, and thus being ignorant of it, D. Adair rushed the volumes into print as quickly as he could do so, with the resounding boast that he alone was publishing the Rod literature, thus thinking to exalt himself in the eyes of the susceptible.

Although time is working against us, we still hope to publish in tract form for free distribution all essential elements of THE SHEPHERD'S ROD, volumes one and two. But with the heavy backlog of reprint work, along with the printing of current publications, the tract project for volumes one and two is some distance down the road.

The most ironical aspect of the agitation of this whole concern is that most of the agitators couldn't for the very life of them pass an intelligent test on the 100-plus publications of the Rod which are in print, and yet they mischievously agitate our doing what Brother Houteff was instructed not to do. Marvelous, indeed, is the perverseness of the carnal ego and the folly of its ways.

From Bashan's Kitchen: Many times we encounter the need to use equivalents of certain ingredients in the place of certain others. Recently, an equivalence chart came to our attention. As it is a very practical and helpful guide in the preparation of food, we are reproducing it here in place of a recipe this time:

EQUIVALENTS FOR THE COOK

Ingredients	Equals Approximately
Almonds, in shell, 1 lb.	¾-1 cup shelled
Apples, 1 lb.	3 cups pared & sliced
Apricots, dried, 1 lb.	3 cups
Bananas, 1 lb.	2 cups smashed
Bananas, 3-4	2 cups sliced
Bread, 3-4 slices	1 cup dry bread crumbs
Butter, 1 sq.	1 Tbs.
Celery, 8 stalks	2¾ cups diced or chopped
Cottage cheese, ½ lb.	1 cup
Crackers, 16	1 cup coarse crumbs
Cream cheese, 8 oz.	1 cup
Cream, whipping, 1 cup	2 cups whipped cream
Dates, 1 lb.	2½ cups pitted
Eggs, 5 large	1 cup
Eggs whites, 8-10	1 cup
Eggs yolks, 12-14	1 cup
Figs, 1 lb.	2⅔ cups chopped
Garlic, powdered, 1/8 tsp.	1 small clove, fresh
Ginger, powdered, 1/8 tsp.	1 Tbs. fresh
Herbs, dry, ⅓-½ tsp.	1 Tbs. fresh
Kidney beans, dry, 1 lb.	9 cups cooked
Lemon, 1	2-3 Tbs. juice, 2 tsp. rind
Lima or navy beans, dry, 1 lb.	6 cups cooked
Macaroni, uncooked, 1 cup	2 cups cooked
Molasses, 13 oz.	1 cup
Oatmeal, uncooked, 1 lb.	8 cups cooked
Onion, 1 medium-sized	½ cup chopped
Orange, 1	6-8 Tbs. juice, 3 tsp. rind
Peanuts, shelled, 1 lb.	2¼ cups
Peas, fresh, 1 lb.	1 cup shelled
Peas, split & dry, 1 lb.	5 cups cooked
Potatoes, raw & unpeeled, 1 lb.	2 cups cooked, peeled, & mashed
Prunes, cooked & drained, 1 lb.	2 cups

Raisins, seedless, 1 lb.
Rice, uncooked, 1 lb.
Spinach, fresh, 1 lb.
Tomatoes, 1 lb.
Walnuts, shelled, 1 lb.

2½ cups
6 cups cooked
1½ cups cooked
3 medium-sized tomatoes
3½ cups

THE CHEF'S RECIPE SUBSTITUTION GUIDE

Recipe calls for:

You can substitute:

1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup butter

1 oz. sq. chocolate, unsweetened
1 Tbs. cornstarch, as thickener
1 cup cream, heavy
1 cup cream, light
2 egg yolks
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup flour, cake
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 cup whole milk

1 cup sour milk
1 cup sour cream, in baking

1 cup sour cream
1 cup sugar, in baking bread
1 cup sugar, main dishes
1 cup sugar, in baking
1 cake compressed yeast
1 cup molasses in baking
¾ cup maple syrup, in baking

1 cup grated coconut
1 tsp. tapioca, as thickener
1 cup yogurt
1 cup zucchini

¾ cup cracker crumbs
1 cup margarine or 7/8 cup vegetable oil
3 Tbs. carob plus 1 Tbs. margarine
2 Tbs. flour
¾ cup milk plus ⅓ cup butter
¾ cup milk plus 3 Tbs. butter
1 whole egg
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup less 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
½ tsp. vinegar
½ cup evaporated milk plus ½ cup water
1 cup yogurt or butter milk
7/8 cup buttermilk or sour milk plus 3 Tbs. margarine
1 cup yogurt
1 cup of honey
¾ cup honey
7/8 cup honey
1 pkg. or 2 tsp. active dry yeast
1 cup sugar
1 cup sugar, increase liquid in recipe by 3 Tbs.
1½ cup flaked coconut
1 Tbs. flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup summer squash

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.” Heb. 10:35-37.

(All brackets and parentheses, and all emphases in quotations, supplied if not otherwise indicated.)

“HOLD FAST THAT WHICH WE HAVE”

“Now is the time when all of us who hope to gain entrance into the Kingdom which God is so soon to set up which shall never be destroyed nor left to other people, should be wide awake for the snares that will be laid for us through the operation of the mystery of iniquity. For the Devil does not want this Kingdom of God, because he knows that it will mean his certain defeat. And so we need not think for a moment that in Its formation when God’s people are coming in ‘one by one’ that he will not have a well-fitting tailor-made suit of deception for each of us to put on instead of the ‘wedding garment.’ Later, when nations are about to join, he will of course make the great lie for mass deception. But now he is busy with each individual candidate for citizenship in the Kingdom of God which is at hand. And unless we are wide awake to a knowledge of God’s claims upon us, unless we know the Truth and love It above absolutely everything else, we stand to lose.

...

“...Our courage in the Message should [not] be based on whether many or few or any are accepting it, but rather it should be based upon the assurance we have through His Word that His Truth is marching on! And even if It were to be crushed to the ground It will yet rise again. Nothing can defeat Truth. Our courage should be based on those facts, for that is the power of God that is in Truth. It is not Truth because people think it is Truth. It is Truth simply because it is Truth.

...

“...My prayer for each of us gathered here today and all God’s people everywhere, is that we may not be overtaken with the temptations of the times, but may we rather *hold fast that which we have* that no man take our crowns.”—11 Code 9:23-25

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