

## Shepherd's Rod: Sample the Fruit!

Recent happenings that have been shared with me have shown me the need to 'Cry Aloud and Spare not!' to try and warn those who don't know anything about 'SR'; those who are being taught by SR people, and those who are actively promoting and teaching the doctrines of SR to others.

In Matthew 24 as we see the disciples asking Jesus for guidance and information concerning the future, it is interesting to notice the first words Jesus spoke. Every word of holy writ is important, but First Words are especially so as are Last Words spoken on a subject. So what did Jesus say first here? "And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4, 5.

When Jesus warned about false prophets and false Christs He had also given the disciples and us, a measuring rod to use so we can KNOW the true from the false. It is found in Matthew 7 and was part of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus laid out the principles of God's kingdom as opposed to the kingdoms of this earth.

"Ye shall **know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so **every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,** neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.** Matthew 7:16-20

Please read this several time prayerfully and really hear what it is saying to us. Friends, a Good Tree cannot bring forth evil fruit! SO if we see mounds of smelly, evil fruit coming from a tree—should we not get out the chainsaw and remove that tree from our experience?? Does it make any sense to simply say, "Well the bad fruit is only on that one branch—the rest of the tree is good." Or "I'll start a new branch of that tree and it will be good."

Tell me truthfully, if a tree has bad roots; if the trunk of the tree is twisted and evil; if branch after branch has brought forth evil fruit—how can anyone think that they can get a good branch and find good fruit on such an evil tree??

Friends, if a man or a woman is truly a prophet of God, will not we see teachings that harmonize with the other prophets and especially with the words of Jesus? Will we not see a lifestyle that reflects the fruit of the Spirit: "Love, Joy, Peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22, 23. We certainly do see such fruits in the life of Ellen White—from her earliest years to the very end!

### **The Rotten Root:**

What was the root of the Shepherd Rod tree? It was a man named Victor Houteff who was actually forced to leave his native land and church due to his propensity for argument and causing trouble wherever he showed his face. This was truly a transplanted 'root of bitterness'.

"Well," some might say, "he was in the Orthodox Church and it is part of fallen Babylon and he needed to stir them up." Well, this could not be, because Houteff did not know anything about Babylon, fallen or otherwise at that time. So what do we see when he arrived in USA in 1907? It was later he began getting involved with the SDA church there and was baptized in 1919. Now do we see the signs of conversion and the precious Fruit of the Spirit?

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Not at all, we see a man who is arrogant and prideful; a man who still causes dissention and trouble wherever he goes. In 1923 he moved to Southern California, where, two years later, he had his membership transferred to the Olympic Exposition Park Church in Los Angeles. Soon he was using the Sabbath School to promote and teach his own private doctrines. Brethren met and studied with him but saw no light in what he was putting out. He did not lay this aside however and produced a pile of mimeographed sheets put into a book he called "The Shepherd's Rod", which he proceeded to distribute at the 1930 General Conference in San Francisco. F. C. Gilbert, a Hebrew scholar was one who received one of these documents and took the time to write to Houteff and carefully delineate to him the falsity of his ideas from scripture. Did Houteff humbly accept this light? No, he got more vocal than ever, denouncing and condemning anyone who did not agree with him.

Remember, even Jesus refused to denounce the devil, but Houteff just grew more prideful and arrogant until after many meetings and much labor for his soul on the part of the brethren of different levels—he was finally dropped from membership in 1930 after he had come off the press with the second volume of "The Shepherd's Rod", and after six meetings where his material was considered and he was patiently shown his errors from both the Bible and the SOP. (1Co 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.)

He falsely continued to declare that the brethren had refused to listen to him or look at his material—this is a documented and blatant lie on his part. Is lying good fruit or bad? Two more meetings occurred and again no light was found and he was shown his errors but refused to acknowledge such. Instead he brought out additional tracts and eventually put them together as a 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of material and started his own splinter group. The rotten root had produced a twisted trunk. You can read more of the history in detail from the e-Books, "Shepherd's Rod", and "Shepherd's Rod and Davidians".

Now Houteff claimed to be infallible—he declared that if ANYTHING he said in his books were true—then ALL had to be true. (A Classic example of twisted reasoning from a twisted mind) This is the height of arrogance; is arrogance good fruit or bad? The strange thing in this world is that a prideful, arrogant and even obnoxious person can gather admirers, and the more arrogant he is the more there are those who will bow down and admire him. Part of this is because natural man is that way and loves it and Satan is the champion of pride and arrogance and the dark angels press around such a person and use and assist him to draw others into the trap.

### **A Lying 'Prophet'?**

Can a True Prophet be considered true if 1. He lies and 2. His teachings contradict former prophets. And 3. His predictions fail blatantly?

Is there such a thing as a partly true prophet?

But some will tell me that there have been later SR prophets and they made some corrections and now the doctrine is good. Wait a minute! Here we have a man that claims every word he wrote is infallible; he claims to be a true prophet and yet it was necessary that CORRECTIONS be made in the doctrines he taught? Sorry—that just does not make sense. It is clear evidence that he was a very false prophet indeed!

No good branches can grow from a rotten root and trunk! And Please don't forget that it was taught that anyone who refuses to accept every doctrine as put forth by any of these prophets from Houteff to the present, is damned to be cut down and slaughtered by the Ezekiel 9 angels!

It is TRUE also that later re-prints of the Shepherds Rod and following books by Houteff have been changed and it is a fact that the originals are scarce and hard to find and that SR leaders don't want

outside people to be able to examine these damning evidences of the depravity of this man. Real truth never needs to hide its fair face.

Are you ready to accept every word of doctrine from a man whose early writings need to be hidden from sight? Are you ready to stake your eternal life on a series of 'prophets' that disagree with each other and are blatantly out of harmony with both the Bible and SOP??

### **The wise woman who cut it down:**

Houteff was a man who openly and blatantly declared he could not and would not ever die! He was to take over the kingdom for Jesus at the slaughter of all the Adventists who had the audacity not to believe in him—there was no way he could die! But even before his three score and ten, he perished in a Waco hospital, **February 5, 1955, at the age of 69.**

After this shocking event, there were many SRs who woke up to the fact this was a delusion from a mentally ill person and left the organization. Those who remained and felt a need to maintain their positions and influence, began to produce an amazing series of predictions based on the reapplication of time prophecies (something we are told not to do) and some very active imaginations. (For more details see the other two e-books formerly mentioned)

Suffice it to say, they all proved false and showed to the whole world and all who had eyes to see, that the branches of the rotten root and twisted trunk were just as worthless as the rest of the tree.

Meetings were held and Elder A. V. Dison, with the assistance of the local SDA pastor, helped with question and answer sessions where both sides presented their beliefs. It was a real eye-opener and one very important fact came clearly to the front during these 16 sessions. It was that while Houteff had always claimed that his teachings were in harmony and backed up by the SOP and all the SRs had always claimed to be in harmony with SOP—it was found to be not so at all!

On page 11 of his very first publication (The Shepherd's Rod, vol. 1, 1930), Victor Houteff had declared:

"This publication contains only one main subject with a double lesson; namely, the 144,000, and a call for reformation. . The wonderful light between its pages shines upon a larger number of scriptures, which we have had no understanding of heretofore. **The interpretation of these scriptures is supported by the writings of Sr. E.G. White, that is termed the Spirit of Prophecy.**"

And later:

"Our being, as you know, unswerving adherents of the Bible and of Sister White's writings, full-fledged S.D.A.'s, we are sure that both the Bible and Sister White's writings support the 'Rod' one hundred per cent". The Symbolic Code, vol. 7, nos. 7-12, p. 5, July-December, 1941.

Now after 16 sessions it was clearly visible to all that the SOP in no way supports the teachings of Houteff and a majority of the Rod delegates seemed terrified to learn that they had **NO unique teachings to offer that were reliable.** Overwhelmed, they were unwilling to face any more revelations, by a proposed committee that was to be set up to study the situation from the SOP viewpoint. They requested that the SOP no longer be quoted or used as evidence in discussing the doctrines. (Interesting how may 'offshoots' start yelling "Bible and Bible only" once the SOP has totally blown them out of the water!!)

The SDA pastors pointed out to them that in this they were departing from what the SR leaders had always claimed. They also pointed out that the failure of their 'prophecies' to take place at the date they had set, April 22, 1959 was clear evidence that they were building on a false foundation—which had just been blown away.

**After another adjournment, the Rod said that they dare not include the Spirit of Prophecy in their doctrinal defense (for to do so would mean that the Adventists could use those writings in refuting their positions).**

So the meetings concluded with appeals by the Adventists for the Davidians to return to the denomination. The greatest tragedy was their unwillingness to return to simple, humble acceptance of the Spirit of Prophecy! **When we leave the Inspired Word of God, we are in a most dangerous position and Satan will have the rule over us ere long.**

After this many left SR Headquarters, and some returned to the Adventist church. Florence Houteff, widow of the late Houteff, woke up and realized this whole thing was a clearly shown delusion and had no true foundation.

On December 12, 1961, Mrs. Florence Houteff and her associate leaders made an open, public, and very frank statement in print. **They declared that the fundamental teachings of Houteff and the Rod were not sound.** To be certain that this statement would receive wide circulation, they again put it into print on January 16, 1962.

She and other members of the family resigned and disbanded the organization and corporation and put the property up for sale in 1962.

Note: Please realize that although SRs are today taking volumous quotes from SOP and using it to pile around their doctrines—this is a false usage, because otherwise the SR leadership would not have insisted on dropping the SOP back then in 1960s.

John Kellogg did the same thing in the Alpha apostasy—taking many quotes from SOP to support his pantheism theories—but Sister White came out loud and clear that she in no way support the stuff he had written in 'Living Temple'. It shows that quotes can be gathered and used in ways that may appear to support something—but the only way to know truth in SOP is the same as the Bible—texts must not be made to say what other texts deny.

## **Who re-planted it and why?**

Nothing much happened for a while, but suddenly in the 1970s we see another bunch of twisted branches shooting forth and this time the fruit was even worse, if possible!!

There came a woman, Lois Rodan, who claimed to be a prophet in 1970 and she brought in the idea that the Holy Spirit was a woman and God's wife!!! (Remember—if you are SR you HAVE to believe ALL their prophets or be slaughtered!)

From this point SR consisted of various branches and very bad fruit—one of them was the megalomaniac and sex pervert David Koresh. NOW please, SR believers, before you comfort yourselves that the particular 'branch' of SR you are condoning is not in any way related to David Koresh—stop and realize: he was a branch off the same tree—it IS related Big time. The main thing about Koresh was that he was just a little more arrogant and prideful than Houteff—it was the same root and trunk!

These people like to say they are NOT the same group—HOWEVER I need to point out that Waco was the FRUITS of Houteff's movement—it was a sample of the fruits that all these teachings can and will lead to if given half a chance. WHY would anyone want to remain believers of doctrines that show such fruits as fighting, sexual immorality, fear, child abuse, unreasonableness and oppression?? The DOCTRINES that are not Biblical or SOP are the SEED of Waco's horror—Come out of it My people!!!!

I am not going to go further on tracing the history after the rebirthing of this twisted tree, because I want to bring in some recent facts and show some baskets of fruit from the present. First I wish to say

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that there are people who have evidence that the reason SR is still alive and active after its real leaders made public repentance and disbanded it as a mistake, is because funding is being made available to SR people from the Roman church! WHY? Well it is obvious, the Roman church will gladly assist any force that helps to distress and hassle and undermine the Seventh Day Adventists!

There are a few facts that I have seen myself that cause me to suspect that this is very true, and I tell it here because I want to warn those who may think they are into some amazing 'new light' that instead they may be assisting some amazing ancient darkness to work against the true people the Lord is leading out in these last days.

One fact is I do believe that Rome has her agents placed strategically in high places in the SDA structure. (Note: this doesn't make the church Babylon anymore than a German spy in the USA made the USA into Germany in the war) At the 2000 GC session the 'Rods' were able to circulate and pass out tracts freely to people at the sessions—and yet people who even tried to pass out SOP materials were ordered to desist and even threatened with arrest! To me this is suspicious behavior indeed!

Another fact is that, wherever in the world, there seems to be meetings shaping up that are leading to genuine revival; SRs seem to come out of the woodwork, slyly circulating in the congregations and passing out distracting materials. I have seen proof of this from as far apart as Canada, the USA, the UK and Africa! It takes big money to do this and yet the SRs seem to have no openly visible organization that could fund such action.

Friends, SR is not just some wonderful new light from prophecy; it is not anything that will take you closer to Jesus and the heavenly home; At best it is a system of beliefs that can deceive only the ignorant, arrogant and prideful, and those wanting their ears tickled by 'hearing some new thing'. It also may very likely be a very tool of the forces of darkness that seek to undo and confound the progress of the Three Angel's Messages in our world today. If you follow this 'way' the fruit will be poisonous and bitter indeed!

### **Present Day Fruit from a Rotten Tree:**

Now I want to share with you actual material that has been circulated recently, and events and happenings that show the result of messing in any way with this aberrant message. As I have shown you above, SRs were forced to face the fact in the early 1960s that SR doctrines are NOT in any way supported by the SOP writings of Ellen White. In fact they were forced to change their stance on claiming to believe those writings to a stance of 'Bible Only' to avoid being further exposed as false by the very material they claimed for backing.

SO what do we see today in this resurrected rotten tree with its twisted branches (each claiming they are right and the other braches wrong) and poisonous bitter fruit? Well they have gone in different directions—They still claim that SR is supported by the SOP but now that the extensive writings of Ellen White are readily available to all, which they weren't in the early days of SR, they are making claims that the CD-ROM is false—and they are writing their own forged SOP quotes and circulating them claiming they are from 'sources that the Estate has removed from the CD-ROM and SOP books!'

Now I want to tell all the readers here that you NEED to read the writings of Ellen White EXTENSIVELY—you need to read them until you are so acquainted with her style and wording and what she does present that you can spot a counterfeit within a few sentences or less. We are told that:

"Men may get up scheme after scheme and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White and has given her a message will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days." 3SM 83, 84 (1906).

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Will you be safe by having the books on your shelves? Will you be safe by buying the CD-ROM and sticking it on your PC with your gaming software? NO, friends—you will only be safe if you read, search, and live by that heavenly message—and if you do—you can spot a counterfeit immediately!

I myself barely glanced at the two forged quotes below that someone forwarded to me and I knew that EGW never had written any such message! I read 3 words to another person who knows SOP well and they said “No Way she wrote anything like that!”

And yet these SR people, some of them seeming to be nice, friendly, and godly people—are sending around these forgeries and using them to dupe the ignorant! But friends—there is NO EXCUSE for any SDA to be grossly ignorant of the true SOP these days!

But SRs are telling you that they have some special source of SOP quotes that the Estate has hidden or removed! Now let's look at this claim for a moment—sure, I think perhaps there may be some material that the Estate has hidden—but no true prophet can ever contradict their own writings and still be a true prophet! SO if material is hidden, we know that it would be in the same style and declaring the same doctrinal truths that are found in what we do have.

Pastor Andreasen once found it hard to believe that Ellen White had written the Desire of Ages, so he went to her and asked to examine her writings and he found and read from her own handwriting that she had indeed written all that was claimed she had written.

When you want to know a counterfeit—you study the true and the counterfeit stands out like a rat in a cookie jar. I am going to post these 2 forged quotes just as the SR person shared them with others and as they were passed to me:

*RH, June 1884. Amos 8:9*

*"A darkness will cover the inhabitants of the earth when Jesus moves out of the heavenly sanctuary, such as enveloped the earth at the time of the crucifixion. This will be evidence to those who have known the truth, that probation's hours are past, and the eternal destiny of every soul is sealed beyond recall."*

*RH, May 29, 1890*

*"I saw that God would raise up a Joshua that would lead us into the kingdom. There is danger of us being so over-zealous to keep out of Babylon, that we shall commit her most noted blunder—that of sticking a stake and refusing to pull it up and advance. When we cease to unlearn errors we shall fall like those who have gone before us. We have learned much and no doubt there is much more for us to learn. It is the follow on and go through spirit that will finally land the remnant without fault in the heavenly Mt. Zion. My conclusion is that we should give up no Scripture truth, but that our false applications and interpretations of Scripture and consequent ideas of order and propriety should be given up as fast as possible."*

Now if you take the CD-ROM and do a word-search for the term “My conclusion is” in brackets—you will find that NOWHERE does Ellen White ever use this term. Only a debater would use such language as this! Ellen White was not a debater—BUT Victor Houteff certainly was! He WAS a debater and met to debate with the SDA leaders several times where he was shown he was wrong and left in a huff.

Now also you will find that the person who wrote this second quote was not very careful about their made-up false reference—there was NO Review and Herald printed in that year on that date—the closest one was printed on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May.

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The first so-called reference is no reference at all, as it is incomplete—obviously the writer did not want to make it so easy for anyone to see the falsehood of their forgery—however—this very fact shows that it IS a forgery and is not found anywhere in her writings. Repeated searches done of phrases from this so-called quote show no parallel anywhere in the SOP.

NOW the fact is that the wording, and the contents, and the false references, and the false spirit of these quotes show there is a wicked conspiracy going on to deceive. The person who shared these may not realize the falseness of them—but there is NO EXCUSE for anyone to share a quote unless he has checked to see if it is correct—we have to answer for our teaching and influence on others. Blood of souls will be on those who are careless like this.

The second point I want to make, is about the claim that SR people somehow have material from Sister White that the Estate has not seen fit to make available to the rest of us. First question—where and how did they acquire this material? Was Victor Houteff chummy with Ellen White in the last years of her life? No way!

Were any subsequent leaders of SR, persons that had access to the vaults where Ellen's writings are kept? Has the church removed materials that supported SR views and conveniently passed them on to SR people while keeping them hidden from the rest of us? Really—such nonsense is silly even to think about!

I will tell you the source of these so-called quotes! It is the angels that were expelled from heaven, who delight in sowing seeds of doubt and distraction and leading gullible souls to hell. YES THIS IS DEMONIC—just read those 'quotes' and think of where they will lead anyone who takes that stand!! It leaves people a bunch of sitting ducks for anyone who comes along and claims to be a prophet and starts leading them—like David Koresh!

### **Does persecution prove an Organization right?**

This is a BIG MISTAKE to think that because they are 'persecuted' they must be right!! EVERY false group that ever existed has claimed they are persecuted!! The Roman Church is the BIGGEST one to yell 'persecution' when anyone tries to tell the truth about the old whore—but does that make her RIGHT!! SRs yell persecution when people try to show them they are NOT in harmony with Bible and SOP—and they are in danger of losing their souls! THAT is NOT persecution!

Houteff was NOT persecuted by the Adventist church—no way! They had meeting after meeting with him and patiently labored with him showing that his material was not valid—when he was disfellowshipped he had left them with no choice but to remove him from membership. In the meeting that he had requested, they were willing to listen to him for as long as he wished, a whole week or two if needed, but he presented only for half of one day and then refused to go any further unless they accepted what he had presented first—they could not do this and urged him to continue but he refused—what more could have been done for the man?

It is a fact that later, when the 16 meetings with the SDA brethren occurred after his death—his widow saw that he was wrong—that there was no validity in the teachings and resigned, dissolving the corporation. There was no persecution involved—only the bare fact that his ideas were incorrect.

### **More Rotten Fruit:**

Here I am going to share various notes from people who have been in contact with SR and what they saw in their lives and gatherings. I will use no names or places but these are actual happenings.

*"A few years ago my SR friends came to a SR compound in NY for a three month teaching course. Another group of SR was still there that had refused to leave when asked. When my friends got there this first group of SR were very resentful and did unbelievable things to them. They slashed the tires on their cars, they locked them out of the compound. They went outside and circled the buildings while chanting and calling out the demons. There was yelling and all kinds of verbal abuse and antics."*

*"It just went from bad to worse. The leaders at this SR compound resigned as they couldn't handle the mess anymore. – said that there was "spiritualism" going on. A couple of those men had been accused of raping a few women who they had been teaching, but nothing was done about it."*

### **Branches of Branches:**

*"Finally they got out and broke off and started their own group of which \_\_\_ is one. I do not know if \_\_\_ is the leader, I forgot to ask that. She says her group is the TRUE group because Houtiff's foster-daughter is one of them. It must be she who is the leader I am guessing. But they do not have anything to do with Waco Texas, she made sure to tell me that.*

*When I asked \_\_\_ (another SR) about this "true" group thing, she says no... they just think they are the true group. The SR these days really do not have much of an organization, they do not really proselytize out of the church into their own church, that is what makes it worse, for you never know who is a SR sitting next to you in church...They go to church and like to give quotes whenever they can that lead people to think that they "are so wise" and this fools the people and then they can single out the people and give them their "truth"."*

### **Effect on Families:**

Eye witness accounts of events and a family under the influence of SR people and teachings (Remember the fruits—good or bad?):

*"The daughter paced the floors in the dark when she first came here all the time, . . . The boy was the worst. He would lie in bed at night and just talk out-loud on purpose, refusing to go to sleep. He had some compulsive behaviors, like washing his hands all the time. He was very disrespectful to his mom and dad.*

*"When his father came back for visits, he got worse. I am suspicious of the father, not as an abuser, but as a very unsanctified man.*

*"SR had not brought sanctification into the lives of the father and mother. \_\_\_\_\_ attitude about her role as a wife and mother was shocking. Often she spoke crossly and snotty to her husband and children. She would call her husband "stupid" behind his back and the son would then refer to his father as "stupid". I was so shocked at this behavior. \_\_\_ told me her husband had a terrible temper and was very violent when he lost it. She also told me she thinks her brother murdered two women about 12 years ago, but she refuses to report her suspicions to the police out of family loyalty. There is so much more it would take pages to tell, but you get the point. What in the world has SR done to bring sanctification to these people! Nothing! The Holy "Spirit is not associated with the SR's lie for He is a spirit of truth."*



*"The real thing was with this group when they got together in \_\_\_ about 2 years ago when some went outside their meeting hall and began to chat and circle the building calling out the demons...That scared \_\_\_, this mother.*

*"A black man named \_\_\_ came to our church and quoted so many SOP quotes during the SS lesson time that he got our attention. We were a very conservative church and we were so impressed by his "knowledge" that we invited him to our home Sabbath afternoon for a little meeting. There were about 20 of us. Once there he started teaching us about the "kingdom" and I thought to myself, "I wonder if this man is a SR?" So I asked him point blank. He got defensive, lost his temper and stormed out. A few years later we learned that this same man had won \_\_\_ over to SR. She and her husband later discovered that he was a very unsanctified man because she also witnessed his temper and his television habits. She and her husband still think SR is the truth and have moved on to associate with other SR believers."*

*"\_\_\_ came into SR through the loving and caring friendship of a man and his wife. She often told me that these people were so "spiritual" so she fell hook, line and sinker for the SR message they presented to her. A few years later the man was exposed as a "cross dressing" pervert. He divorced his wife leaving her with their two adopted children. Those children had been horribly abused by this man, but the wife refusing to believe it was her ex-husband accused another man and ruined his life."*

(Remember the devil can make people 'nice' when it suits his purposes—but the counterfeit can be seen in contrast to true godliness after observing for a while)

*"They always seem to find a "rich man" to support them. Out west it was an airline pilot. Then there were arguments and another split (there had been two splits before this), and my sister moved to the mid-west where there was another "rich man" who supported them...that is until there were more disagreements, and then this man withdrew his financial support and there was another split. They can't get along with one another!"*

*"Lots of black men are in SR. \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are not sanctified with their appetites or TEMPERs...He has a terrible temper AND HE IS SCARED TO DEATH OF THE DARK!!! He will not go outside in the dark, and he will not go into a dark basement. This man is a HUGE built muscle-man.*

*"Oh yes, the Black people in \_\_\_ were full of bad tempers too. So you can see that these SRs have TEMPERs.*

*"Back to tempers. They split up and break up all the time. \_\_\_ has to be in the 3rd or 4th break off since she joined because there is always dissension of some sort and tempers flaring up. The SR group she is joined with now set her up in a brand new build home in \_\_\_. After about 2-3 years there was another falling out, and the RICH man who was supporting them pulled his support out...so there is no more income for \_\_\_ who is the secretary and/or treasurer...so they still live in this house propagating falsehood, but they have to go out and earn a living."*

Note: Friends, is a wicked temper and constant infighting a sign of good fruit or bad?

The following was written for one who was being 'mentored' by a SR person:

*" \_\_\_ seems to be a sweet person, however she is actually a very messed-up person and her life shows great inconsistency and erratic behavior both past and present. She has also taken training in mind control techniques and although she no longer believes such things are right to learn or use, they DID have an effect on her mind and life. It is NOT at all wise to look for counseling and guidance to a lady who is herself very mixed up, and whose life does not show any real stability. You are better off to read SOP book for yourself, such as Thought from Mount of Blessing, Desire of Ages, Christ's Object Lessons and to know end time truths, read Great Controversy.*

*"This was written by someone who has known \_\_\_ and her dysfunctional family for a LONG TIME and has seen and experienced REAL problems with her—including devil oppression occurring in those counseled by her—even though she seems outwardly kind and caring."*

### **What makes a person get involved with SR?**

Why does it seem that no amount of clear facts, true history and evidence with proof from scripture and SOP—seem to be able to get through to these people? Here is a true account of one person who is at present, actively trying to proselytize SDAs into the SR beliefs:

This person was for years a friend of my Mother.

She was very sweet on the surface for sure. A staunch SDA but with a long history of extremes. Was divorced and re-married and they seemed to get along, but between them they wandered in and out on every wind blowing in SDA—Reformed; Independent; 1888ers; home churches; always going to extremes on the reforms—never content to be humbly serving the Lord but always on some tangent somewhere.

She had a son from her first marriage, who lived independently but government supported for his mental disability. We were worshipping together in a home church with some Ex-Reformers when one day they came to service just frantic and begging us for prayers because this son had got into SR stuff and they, esp. the mother were just devastated! They then said they were going to take all the SR material and go through it point by point, and answer all the false doctrines with Bible and SOP and show him where he was wrong and get him back on track.

I pled with them NOT to do this, but instead just present solid truth; as it is dangerous to study material that you *know* is in error. I warned as clearly as I could; but they were cocky and confident—they knew the truth and no one could possibly mislead them. So they began their studies, and first thing we knew—they accepted the error and became SR.

It was largely, I think, that the mother would not accept the fact that her beloved boy was dangerously off track, and that is why she did it. Her husband followed, but the latest is that he is not so happy with it now. Hope he gets out!

Once this lady left the platform of truth to accept the SR fantasies, I began to notice that every time Mom would chat with her by phone or visit with her, Mom would go into darkness for days—it was a real battle to get the dark spirits away again. As 'nice' as she seemed to be, this lady became a source of demonic oppression to vulnerable souls. Later Mom realized this too, and the friendship faded into the past.

I guess when one gets into these things—there is SOME POINT when they KNOW it is wrong, but they somehow WANT it to be true anyway, so they reason away the warning voice and continue on, and so lose the Holy Spirit's guidance after a bit. THEN they cannot reason out the logical outcome of these ridiculous ideas! They have rejected true knowledge and are left to demonic 'strong delusion'—then it

seems impossible for any one or any evidence to get through to them. These guys KNOW what they are doing and they KNOW when anyone gets wise to them—they prey on the ignorant and those who want to hear some 'new thing' to tickle the ears, and also those who want that feeling of elitism "I know something you don't know" kind of thing.

Friends—do not get involved with SR people, groups, books, or teachings—there is enough evidence to show that Satan can take over in the minds and lives of those who do! You are not debating with flesh and blood when you confront these people—they have demon assistance to snare you, and no-one is safe to venture to parley with the devil. Do not be cocky enough to sit on the devil's lap and hear bedtime stories!

Ephesians 5:11 "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

### **Some of the Teachings of the SR from their own members.**

*"In order to be one of the 144,000 you have to have LITERAL Jewish blood in your ancestry. Ellen GOULD White, has Jewish blood, and so did Joseph BATES."*

*". . . as to the 144,000 having only a bit of Jewish ancestry, I do not believe. The 144,000 are real, literal Jews. We are told that they come from the tribes of Israel, and the tribes of Israel were of Jewish ancestry. The Sunday Law will not come in until after Ezekiel Nine is enacted."*

NOTE: Like so many other winds of doctrine, this puts the Sunday Law Test off in the future, coming AFTER something that would be highly visible to all. The result of all these kinds of beliefs is to lull one to sleep waiting for the big event that precedes the Sunday Law, when in reality—there is no such event coming! Here SRs are watching the Middle East and waiting for the SDA church to be slaughtered and don't realize that we could wake up tomorrow with the Sunday Law test on our heels and it is at this test we either receive the Seal of God or the Mark of the Beast—it will be the close of probation for professed SDA—SRs included!

*\*The Holy Spirit is a woman and is God's wife. Teaching of Lois Roden*

*"God is going to EMPTY out Israel, by a bomb or something, and then he is going to miraculously TRANSPORT all the 144 thousand to Israel where the whole world will look in on the HOLY people and witness them, but they can't come in and visit... and then the 144 thousand will proselytize the world."*

Note: remember that at the same time according to their teaching, all the SDAs that are not SRs are going to be slaughtered—including you, if you don't believe all these hokey things!

*"Paul was most assuredly speaking of the Israelites here in this passage, not those who will be called Israel just because of their faith. Remember these people were scattered into every nation....most have lost their identity, but GOD knows who they are and he will have a remnant of them...144,000 just as the Bible states, 12,000 from every tribe. However, they may not even know themselves that they are Israelites by blood. These will be the true Israelites because they have accepted Christ and live by FAITH! You may be one and not even know it."*

Note: And if you are not—sorry bud—you are out, no matter how godly you may be; Salvation by bloodline? Whatever happened to the fact that "God is no respecter of persons"?

## **LOOK AT THE CONFUSION!**

*"Ezekiel 9:6 which says: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.*

*"If fulfilled BEFORE the Sunday Law then we should see ALL the LITTLE CHILDREN that are in the SDA church SUDDENLY DIE, except the ones that have the seal of God...and are they part of the 144,000? Will they be miraculously transported to Jerusalem to grow up with Jesus and the others? Because: Once this slaughtering happens, then the rest of the SDA's that are alive, should all disappear out of our sight and go to the Holy Land to be part of the 144,000.*

*"But then there is the CONFUSION of the BLOOD of literal Jews being in them. If a SDA does not have LITERAL blood in him, what happens to that person? Can they NOT go to Jerusalem and be part of the 144,000? What happens to them? Because if not slaughtered, and not taken to Jerusalem what is their case in life to be?*

*"Now, remember they say that even a drop of Jewish blood qualifies them. Gentiles converted to Adventism would be LEFT OUT, but worse, it means that any Gentile cannot be one of the 144,000 YET-- Ellen White said that we ALL should strive to be one of the 144,000!!! Or should she have said: "Go take a blood test, or do a genealogical search, and if you have Jewish blood or ancestors, then strive to be among the 144,000, and the rest of you will have to forget it!"*

*". . . Really now, can they tell Jewish blood from Gentile blood? Or is this all "spiritual" blood? Maybe they think that every human being on planet earth has Jewish blood? If so, then why need any qualifying Jewish blood?"*

## **FINAL WARNING NOTE:**

Here are 10 characteristics that you will find in every false wind of doctrine that folk try to pass off on you. It is good to learn these and if anyone approaches you using any or all of them—walk away!!

1. They will start off by giving you a pile of quotes from Ellen White that talk about 'New Light' and how important it is to be watching for New Light. Then they tell you they have this 'New Light' and to reject what they are telling you is to reject God's leading.
2. They always emphasize the quotes that say 'we have much to learn and much, much to unlearn.' They always fail to show you the quotes that tell us that 'New Light' must in no way be contrary to the old paths and that the foundations are never to be discarded.
3. They always profess great faith in SOP at least at first, and will drown you in quotes before they get to actually introducing their own ideas. THEN you will see that any quote that proves them wrong—they proceed to explain away and make of none effect. They always use their own message to judge the SOP and not the other way around.
4. They all seem to put the idea forth that to reject their particular hobby-horse idea will cause you to be lost. They do this in a way that tends to create a type of guilt, or anxiety to avoid being considered 'stupid'.
5. They all seem to project that their ideas set them a notch or two higher than the common man—this savors of the Gnosticism that led to the great apostasy—'We are in the KNOW—those other people do not understand us.' MANY people, unfortunately, go for this, because naturally we all like to think we are better than the other fellow.

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6. Most of them will howl that they are persecuted by the Adventists in the Church and they use this to show that they are the 'special remnant of God'. They LOVE to report on all the bad things the others are doing.
7. It is interesting that ALL of these 'winds of doctrine' are designed to somehow interfere with our ability to recognize the setting up of the Image of the Beast taking place now, and getting a character prepared for the final test and close of probation at the Sunday Law. Satan is not asleep at the wheel.
8. It has been my observation that they all develop spiritual pride, contemptuousness and a critical spirit in their adherents; and they all fight among themselves and form break-away groups one after another and each group claims they are right and the rest are wrong. As the old Quaker said: "They are all mad but thee and me and I am not so sure about thee!" This is the very character of Satan, the accuser of the brethren.
9. They will always show great lack of interest if you attempt to share with them anything, however vital, that is not talking about their particular doctrine—especially if you emphasize practical godliness and the fruit of the Spirit. They have spiritual tunnel vision.
10. Outward works are nearly always emphasized; i.e. all the 'reforms'—but the weightier matters of the law—justice, mercy and true Christian love are not seen—especially in their attitude towards rejecters of their ideas. They will encourage you to financially support them—but tend to be quite selfish esp. once a person is hooked.