

The Advent Cop-out Syndrome* and Self Deception

*Carrying every and any message and doing any and every work EXCEPT that which God raised the Advent people up to do.

Recently, I sent out a “Thought” that was given me regarding the many ‘exclusive groups’ in Adventism, each spouting some different ‘message’ and each ‘sure’ that their ‘message’ is “THE FINAL MESSAGE”, or “THE LOUD CRY” or “THE ELIJAH MESSAGE” or “THE PRESENT TRUTH” and on and on—you have heard it over and over again, coming from every side.

They are all out there, sitting in their own corners and “Giving Loud Cries?” NO! Not at all—just snarling and whispering among themselves; creating a distraction to those who might otherwise come to the knowledge of God and His REAL MESSAGE; or distracting from their work those few who have really RECOGNIZED that God’s actual message is on the same platform as God built the Advent Movement on to start with—“We are given no new message”. There was no ‘Official, Organized’ corporation at that time—but they were united by God’s Truth.

It was shown me that when the ACTUAL FINAL CRISIS hits, most of these poor folk will be blown away like chaff on the wind—because their focus was on doing their own thing, instead of truly seeking to obey the directives of God. In this list of ‘groupies’ I include the “official Organization” as well as the ‘other official Organization as well—not just the ‘independents’.

The Advent Movement of our day presents the picture given by the prophet: Eze 34:5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

And what do the ‘shepherds’ of these many groups do when they stumble across one or more of these scattered sheep? Once they are sure he is a ‘sheep’ and not part of the world at large (they might get in trouble if they discuss religion with a non-ad) then they run after him and seek to tie him up with their particular group. If he doesn’t welcome this—he is denounced as anathema. There is no friendship or brotherhood between groups or with those stubborn sheep, the ones who opt out of any group.

The following is excerpted from an article I have had in my files for several years—its message caught my eye the other day. I have not appended a name as I have edited somewhat for clarity.

What the Loud Cry really is.

These questions address a general principle: Must we act and redirect our lives anytime we become acquainted with any reality of truth, lest we are found wanting? The answer is

a resounding YES, no exceptions. It must be understood however that a "call out" of fallen churches, though it needs to be made at all times by those who see the open corruption in them, this "calling out" has never, and will not yet completely separate the faithful from the unfaithful. This is reserved for a final call out (the sealing of the 144000), and given in the context of the actions of the image of the beast, and signed with the testimony of the blood of the saints. Then, the separation will be final and complete, between the saved and the lost.

The call out of corrupted bodies has been an unending one throughout history since Adam. Some will hear it today, and will come out to be saved. Others heed the warning, come out, yet will still be lost in sin, as in the case of Ham the son of Noah, or Lot's wife. Some will not heed the warning today and remain, because the final hour, "The Mark," "The Image," or "The final test" is not yet. They will remain because they were not convicted at the time of that particular call by that particular messenger. It does not mean they do not belong to the final faithful, the chosen ones, NO! God uses them for what we can not do there; otherwise why should we be calling Catholics out, if Luther already did it several centuries ago and some did not heed? Are all their generations lost since then? Did the Pilgrims represent a final separation? NO! Or the others who did not board the Mayflower; should we conclude that they were all lost? NO! Why? Because the on-going separation saga continues. The end was not yet. God brought His children to America and also left some of them still in Europe.

Dear brethren, I spent 2 years with the SDA Reform Movement. I know where this use of Rev. 18 leads to, and if you bear with me I'll explain myself.

Let me state, as my premise, that I do not know of any "neutral territories, borderlines, half-way houses, or middle grounds." What is not of God is of the Devil, what is not the Remnant, IS Babylon, and I mean by remnant those that WILL be saved, faithful living souls; **not a corporation-remnant, that has never existed.** I understand the word remnant as applying to living, breathing, faithful souls and not to inanimate entities or structures. Also, should there be tares within the remnant, we can not detect them, so it becomes a mute point, as far as we can see it would still be the remnant.

When it was once said that the voice of the GC represented the voice of God, they were all fully committed in their hearts to obeying all the light received. Incorporated or not, organized or not. In fact for more than 15 years they were not organized. No corporation is ever needed to speak in the name of the Lord. The prophets themselves were "unincorporated", while some were put out of commission by the "corporation;" nevertheless, they still represented the voice of God.

Let us now address some of these issues and bring them closer to home.

First of all, I reject this unhealthy form of "corporate exclusiveness." God even had other Sabbath-keepers before us. How can we, as Seventh-day Adventists, conclude that God had no children elsewhere in the world, during the time when Adventists were relatively unknown to the rest of mankind? Or even before our presence, when the bride was in the dessert for 1260 years. Was there no remnant during this prophetic period? This idea

would defy the word itself. Could Mrs. Rachel Oakes be breaking the Sabbath as a 7th Day Baptist, and God still choose her to bring this truth to the Adventists that they did not accept for some time? How could the Sabbath-keeping Waldenses have broken it, or even Paul himself? Of course they could not.

The conclusion is that the Sabbath issue could not come as a test by the image of the beast before Christ entered the most Holy place. After that, it could happen anytime should the rest of the conditions be ripe.

This little unexplained digression from the subject under consideration, comes to show that these ideas have been used by Satan repeatedly in Adventism to enforce an **unhealthy sense of corporate exclusiveness and dependence that causes so much agony to break away from**, and also so much waste of precious energy and talent in the process.

It breaks my heart to see so many great minds in Adventism who in all practicality, have spent their lives in a literal self-help psychotherapeutic exercise to overcome a disease that seems to be incurable. These entrapped souls need a strong reason to be able to break away from the spell. They are like armed knights prepared for a battle that they cannot fight because they are slaves under a fascination. Weeping behind prison bars of their own making, weeping over the "terrible spiritual condition" of their corporation; completely powerless to change the tidal wave of evil that cannot be changed. These entrapped souls need a strong reason to be able to break away from the spell, and still be at peace with themselves. **Others, so called "awakened ones," or "reformers" do "spy work" and spend their time and energy digging up meticulous information that even the CIA cannot find, for the sole purpose of beating a "dead horse."** These so called reformers, which are actually destroyers, then tell the first group, "DO IT, LEAVE YOUR CHURCH, THIS IS THE LOUD CRY!!!" **Now we ask, LOUD CRY?.....of course not; here is where the poison enters the picture.**

If we mistaken the prophetic meaning and significance of the loud cry, WE WILL FORSAKE IT. The message of Revelation 18 appears in its full context when the world wanders after the beast and the wine is given to ALL NATIONS in the presence of the final antichrist; When given under TRIBULATION and the Saints are beheaded because they refused to receive the MARK; And when there is no more work that can be done for those fallen or apostate churches because they would be "full indeed of every unclean bird." **The Loud Cry culminates under great distress** "like it never was until now, neither will it be again." Under a tyranny never before experienced by mankind. Hitler, Napoleon, Castro, Milosevik, Stalin; and the inquisition itself will appear small by comparison. **Then the FINAL SEPARATION CRY is heard, "COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE THAT YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE OF HER SINS AND RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES."**

The climax of the Loud Cry announces the immediacy of the plagues, this is the true and powerful context of this angel. In America, we are still enjoying the protections of government. Persecution in this dramatic sense, we have not yet suffered. The Loud Cry message joins the third in its final work of sealing.

Now, these "reformers" who view themselves as the fourth angel, induce their students into believing that they can decide to go around sealing people when they choose to, or at the time when they happen to understand some important truths, and this is unfortunately what they believe their mission is, along with a variety of some other independent workers with a like message.

This message of these so-called "reformers" has been around for many decades; but with very little effect, and they have certainly neglected and missed out in presenting the true message for this hour, "the great controversy issues." They like to hide in the safety of "calling the SDA Church Babylon," a message that receives NO TRUE persecution from the world, or anyone else in particular. These "reformers" and many other independents exploit this line of work; just look at their fruit, inquire in their towns, inquire within the churches, NO ONE KNOWS THEM.....why? Because they do not target the average SDA member who is, as they claim, "at the peril of losing salvation in SDA-Babylon." No, No! **They target me. They target those occupied in the work of the third angel, to involve them later in a very studious task, distracting their time and their work to finally conclude that the work of the fourth angel consists in that same very task. So now they must make it THEIR PRIORITY giving it to others.**

There are other movements which consider the third angel's message so holy that they forbid to touch it "until we are holy," they forget that the same would apply to the whole Bible as well.

Still others call their version of the fourth angel "Elijah's message, the additional message or the restoration message," **and now all need to proclaim that the purification of the church requires an end time gathering in literal Jerusalem.**

The trinity versus non-trinity is brought into the forefront by other groups and it becomes all consuming and arouses great passions. The annual feasts and a host of other biblical themes; we've had them all come to us and speak in our churches, sometimes invited, sometimes uninvited. If one tenth of the attention they give to us, who proclaim with power by the grace of God the third angel's message all over the world; if they would only focus their efforts into the true Loud Cry of the Great Controversy issues, they would accomplish something, but they do not.

These "workers" have one thing in common. They say, "**THERE IS A MORE URGENT WORK TO DO TODAY THAN TO PRESENT THE MARK OF THE BEAST ISSUE TO THE WORLD IN A LOUD VOICE. WE HAVE A LOUDER VOICE STILL BECAUSE OURS IS THE LOUD CRY.**" And their cries are very studious and complex, but in fact THEY ARE ANYTHING BUT LOUD. They give it to us, within our walls, and the net result is the slowing down or the arrest of the proclamation of THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE, the only one destined to SWELL into a loud cry.

Yes, we have heard them all, from A to Z. They all have "a loud cry" for "the church" which they do not present there. **They present it to themselves or to the independents engaged in courageous work.**

Do you see brothers? Satan burns the candle before the power fails. They go before the angel while others lag behind, and **so we have no candle for light in the day of darkness.** He tricks the faithful into getting busy with anything other than presenting the GREAT CONTROVERSY ISSUE. No matter how well we know it to be our duty, the arguments of the GREAT CONTROVERSY must be presented while we can, it is those arguments that will in turn SWELL to a loud cry and culminate in THE FINAL call out of Babylon (the fourth angel of Rev. 18). IT IS THE ONLY MESSAGE THAT WILL RECEIVE TRUE OPPOSITION FROM CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, AND APOSTATE SDAs. There is not a single newspaper that would ever refuse one of their messages, from "Whole wheat bread to Jubilee." **They'll make no enemies. Many of them may indeed have light, and hold some truth, but these messages by themselves are NOT the Loud Cry.**

Helping people out of any corrupt SDA apostate church is a fitting and patient duty, but please, **do not call this ALONE the fulfillment of the Loud Cry,** for in so doing one would only cheapen the concept and the spirit of the fourth angel and the true message would be forsaken.

The central message of the Loud Cry embraces and represents **a call to the faithful souls to come out of a geo-political-religious conglomerate.** This conglomerate is described in the Bible as "Mystery Babylon, the mother of Harlots," and ALL other fallen and apostate churches which have been uniting with her to persecute the remnant and suppress the truth, whether directly or indirectly, by using the strong arm of the state. Together they represent "BABYLON CONGLOMERATE."

I find it amusing and saddening at the same time to see another type of Adventist I call "SDA structure wait watchers," they are no different than those who watch Israel as a prophetic clock, believing it still holds as a nation the significance it had in the Old Testament. I wonder if some Catholics are doing the same with their church, holding it to represent "The New Jerusalem.

God raised the SDA movement as He also raised many other men and movements throughout the centuries, to carry the truths to be presented at the time, and they were "filled with the Spirit of God." When we say this, we do not have in mind a particular corporation or denomination.

When we think of the Protestant Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, no particular denomination comes to mind. Why should it be any different now? **I reject the very narrow, exclusive view that we need a denomination to be connected to God.** Catholics, Mormons, and Jehovah Witnesses all believe this foolish philosophies of "corporate exclusiveness."

Our only exclusiveness should be in the unique message that God gave to us as Seventh-day Adventist. And which is that? The Sabbath by itself? No! Others hold that to be true. How about the non-immortality of the soul? No! What about Vegetarianism? No! **Even the message of identifying Babylon is not ours exclusively. Protestants once held these views.** Our only exclusiveness is in an understanding of the first, second, and third

angel's message, and of the proclamation to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people these most solemn warnings.

It is a great paradox that these messages that were EXCLUSIVELY given to us as a people to give to the world is exactly what are being, by large, completely disregarded and neglected. Our exclusive message is the Bible Sabbath, in the context of the Sanctuary AND in the CONTEXT of the MARK OF THE BEAST!!!!

The Loud Cry of Revelation 18 is a REPETITION of the Second Angel and gives Power to the Third angel's Message. **This IS the Loud Cry..... "Earth's Final Warning!!!!"**

Listen carefully. The fourth Angel is nothing NEW!!!! It gives power to those who are proclaiming in a loud voice the Third Angel's message, The MARK OF THE BEAST MESSAGE!! How do we ever expect to give the Loud Cry of Revelation 18 when it is a culmination of the first three. Why keep deceiving ourselves and others, pretending to give the Loud Cry of the fourth angel when we have not presented the arguments of the third angel to the world.

I want to make sure we have a clear understanding of the background of these things and not be dragged anymore into never-ending, stale-mate discussions. We may all vary in opinions, understanding of certain things, or even degrees of spiritual or intellectual development. This does not destroy the work of the Lord, the true work of the Lord is unhindered.

Temcat back again: There are 'groups' that DO have the actual "Great Controversy Message" and God has unfolded advancing prophetic truth, all built solidly on the platform that He Himself established when He invented Adventists—it is a powerful message—BUT sadly, even some of these seem to think that this is still only to be shared with other Adventists. By this view they also become 'wait-watchers' and groupies.

Friends; look again! Did the Millerites just preach to the Millerites? What do the angels say? "Just whisper these messages in your own group? Just get together and gather more and more 'pioneer trivia' to pile around the prophetic message so it will be more detailed and thus harder to see? Only share this message with other Adventists?"

This can be a cop-out too, brethren! We KNOW better! What did the angel say? "Having the everlasting gospel to preach (Quietly to Adventists? NO!) unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

I challenge any of you to show me a message saying that we are to wait for some future time and in the mean-time just whisper and discuss among ourselves, because there is SOME OTHER message that is to be taken to the world and we are to keep it all to ourselves until that time. Let's think again.