

INSPIRATIONS ANSWER THE BASHAN HERESY

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INTRODUCTION: Since Brother Houteff's death in 1955, Davidia has been buffeted and most assuredly has faced the onslaught of the Enemy of our souls and God's Eternal truth. Amidst selfishness, and deception of various kinds, many have claimed the prophetic office and have bidden present-truth believers to their feet, so to speak. Some have come and gone, and of course, others still remain.

This outline's purpose is to summarily inform Rod Believers as to the Basic beliefs of the Bashan Association and the Rod's Answer to its unfounded teachings.

1. **Why Is It Important To Meet These Pseudo-Doctrines**
 - a. "False teachers may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expend means to bring their theories before the world and the church; but as they mingle error with truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into false paths. They are to be **met and opposed**, not because they are bad men, but because they are teachers of falsehood, and are endeavoring to put upon falsehood the stamp of truth" *TM* 55.
 - b. "Let the **plain, simple statements** of the Word of God be food for the mind; this speculating upon ideas that are not clearly presented there is **dangerous** business." 1 *SM* 181.
 - c. "All present truth believers should now see the necessity of shunning every wind of doctrine regardless how plausible or reasonable it might appear to be....**Get your doctrine**, brother, sister only from the **golden bowl**...and be not like the waves of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed—be not carried about by the many winds of doctrine that are blowing wildly from every direction to cause you to lose your way to the everlasting Kingdom." 11 *Tr* 12.
 - d. "Inspiration says: 'There are those today who will present falsehoods as testing truths,...When those who profess to believe present truth come to their senses, when they accept the Word of God just as it reads, when they do not try to wrest the Scriptures, they will bring from the treasure-house of the heart things new and old, to strengthen themselves and those for whom they labor" *R & H* June 18, 1901. 3 *Ans.* p. 57, 58.
2. **Important Facts To Keep In Mind**
 - a. "The Enemy made Laodiceans believe they have no need of truth,...Now we really are enriched with Truth if we have studied and assimilated what has been given us,...There the Devil is not

going to attack us where he attacked Laodicean, but he will tell us that we are poor in truth." 1 SC 2:11.

- b. "From these and many other examples, we see that God not only never delegates one agent to alter, to reset, or to countermand the message with which His first making the matter known to both,..." 1 Ans p. 58.
- c. "Remember, too, that the practice of comparing statements stripped of the context is fundamentally disingenuous, and leads today to as many perversions and misapplications of truth as does the deliberate wresting practiced in Satan's challenge to Christ." 1 Ans p. 48
- d. "Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He give evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humbly mind and a teachable spirit, and all should decide form the weight of evidence..." 5T 675.

3. **Bashan Theories**

In addition to the Basic beliefs of the Davidian SDA's Bashan adherents hold:

- a. That Carmel (Mic. 7:14, Amos 1:2) withered in 1955 with Brother Houteff's death. Some say at the time of the "Fiasco", or false prediction of Ez. 9 by Sister Houteff and others. See keys of the kingdom p. 44.
- b. That we are now feeding in the Bashan pasture.
- c. That the Gilead pasture will exist in the time of the Kingdom.
- d. That the living Spirit of Prophecy is the living human agent, the prophets or messengers of God.
- e. That the church must have a living prophet, the Living Spirit of Prophecy (according to their understanding) at **all** times to guide and direct the church.
- f. That the Porter (the prophet) (1TG 2:19,20) is to inspect the "sheep" or church members and leaders as they enter the fold—the church.
- g. That the Porter/Prophet/President is today Brother M. J. Bingham residing presently at Exeter, Missouri, USA.
- h. There must be a president at all times to fulfill the order described in the Leviticus of D.S.D.A.

Note: The above teachings if accepted leads the believer to a host of many other theories taking them further away out to sea and only miracle may pull one back to the solid earth of truth.

4. **The Rod's Answer**

Read: 1 SR 243

Carmel, Bashan, Gilead are Spiritual Pastures.

Summary: The feeding began in 1929/30 when the Rod was first presented— Thus the Carmel pasture came into existence in 1929/30. Mt Carmel

Center was not established until 1934/35 (1 *SC* 10:1-3.) Therefore, Mt Carmel **Center** itself could not be the Carmel pasture.

5. **Carmel Withers at the Showdown for the Church**

Read: Amos 1:2

This passage explains when Carmel will wither.

- Summary:**
- a. Carmel will wither when the Lord roars from Zion.
 - b. When the Habitations (church members—Vol. 1, No. 14, p. 507 or 11 *SC* 12:31) of the Shepherd's shall mourn. This has not happened yet.

Read: 2 *TG* 41:7

Summary: There is to be another showdown typified by that on the top of Ancient Mt Carmel in the days of Elijah when he called fire down from Heaven and slew the prophets of Baal.

Conclusion: This must be Ezekiel 9—This is yet future. Therefore we cannot be in the Bashan pasture.

6. **Carmel, Withers (2nd Application) At The Close Of Probation**

11 *SC* 12:30-34 or 1 *SC* 14:5-7

- a. The "Lord Roaring from Zion" (Amos 1:2) is the finishing of the Gospel—The Same as Isa. 2:2,3, Joel 2:11, p. 30, 31.
- b. The habitations are the members of the popular churches who will cry out that they are lost at the close of probation. pp. 31,32, —Jer. 8:20.

Conclusion: Here Brother Houteff gives a double application to this Amos 1:2. He shows that the closing of probation for the church and the world is symbolized by the withering of Carmel. That both these events are yet future. Therefore, we are still in the Carmel period. Carmel could not have withered yet.

Note: Some Bashan adherents may object to using this statement because it was written by Brother Houteff in 1935 before he had the light on the Kingdom. But this is an unfair objection for though he did not have the light on to Palestine, The kingdom period and the Loud Cry (The Lord Roaring from Zion falls in the same time period. The event is the same.

7. **Where Do We Place Bashan And Gilead**

- a. Inspiration is silent on Bashan & Gilead. Any proposed interpretation of Bashan and Gilead is classed as private interpretation —devising of men. We'11 have to wait until the scroll unrolls in the Kingdom.
- b. Unfortunately, some have endeavored to interpret Bashan and Gilead by using Isa 33:9: But Brother Houteff himself provides no interpretation of the verse. See 1*TG* 34:12.

Any other attempt to interpret verses not found in "The Bowl" must be discounted.

"Find your explanations 'in the Bowl,' and you will have no trouble in

knowing the truth, or of avoiding the ever ready trap of deception. Thus the difficulty in knowing the difference between truth and error is eliminated." 2SR 289.

8. **The Living Spirit of Prophecy**

Those purporting the Bashan theories generally read statements from the Rod's message where Brother Houteff stresses the need of the living Spirit of Prophecy in the church, i.e. 1TG 10:27 And then proceed to define the living Spirit of Prophecy as the human agent, prophet, or the messenger with a message from the Lord. Such a definition is inserted in their explanation of the writings but not from the inspired writer (Brother V. Houteff) himself. On this supposition or assumption rests their **ENTIRE MESSAGE**.

9. **What Is The Living Spirit of Prophecy?**

- 2 TG 45:6 – "A timely message....meat in due season."
- 2 TG 45:8 } "The inspired interpretations of the Scriptures."
- 2 TG 20:24 }
- 2 TG 41:21 – "His [God's] living work passed on by his chosen and spirit- filled messengers"
- 2 TG 14:17 – "The Spirit who uttered the prophecies"
- 6 Tr 30 – "The Volumes"
- 6 Tr 78 – "The Writings"
- 2 SR } "The Bowl"
- 3 Ans. 3 2 }

See Also 2 TG 16:22; 2 TG 34:20; 6 Tr 43,45,46,47.

Note: On Zech 4 chart that Inspiration places the term "Spirit of Prophecy on the bowl (writings) not the two pipes (the interpreters).

Conclusion: Therefore the living Spirit of Prophecy is the Living Word inspired, sustained, and enervated by the Holy Spirit. The human being, the prophet or messenger is the faucet or vessel through whom this Word is communicated. The human vessel is not ever living. Thus to have the living Spirit of Prophecy is to have a "Timely Message" an up-to-date truth, this we have today in the Shepherd's Rod.

10. **Prophet In The Church From Ezekiel 9 Through The Kingdom Period**

Read: 2 TG 24:23

Note: 2 TG 24:23 is often used by Bashanites to prove that their must be "a prophet" in the church before Ezekiel Nine-when "the earth swallows up the flood."

Summary: Though this explains that there is to be a prophet in the church, it does not say **before** the earth swallows the hypocrites (Ezek. 9) but "at the time," and after. (See paragraph 2.)

We have no doubt that from Ezekiel Nine onward Brother Houteff and all other faithful S.D.A.'S including the Church's founder E. G. White will come up in a special resurrection which will take place around Ezekiel Nine and complete their work in the Kingdom. See Dan. 11:45;

12:1-3; 2 *TG* 7:9-11,1,5; 14 *Tr* 25; *WHR* 46; 2 *TG* 42:28,29; 2 *TG* 33:11; 1 *TG* 6:31; 12 *Tr* 37,38,55,56. These references show that Michael standing up (Ezek. 9) and the special resurrection takes place when the "King of the north, or Assyria looses a gigantic war in Palestine —'The times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24).

Read: 1 *TG* 14:21,22

Summary: Antitypical Zerrubbabel (Brother Houteff) is to start and finish His work.

Conclusion: There will be a prophet in the church throughout the pre-Millennial Kingdom period which from Ezek. 9 onward to the 2nd Advent.

11. **Is The Spirit Of Prophecy Ever Quiescent?**

Note: Quoting 3 *Ans.* p. 60 some would have us believe that the Spirit of prophecy was inactive or dormant between 1915 (Sister White's death) and 1930 when the Rod was introduced.

3 *Ans.* 60 —The "gift of Inspiration" became quiescent not the Spirit of Prophecy.

12. **There Is To Be No Prophet In The Church Before The Kingdom**

11 *SC* 2:11 – The Devil will tell Davidians that we are "poor in truth"

GCS 8 – No other voice of "Timely truth" and "Authority"

GCS 19 – The "one" to "Interpret" and "Announce"

GCS 23 – "Last prophet to church today"

GCS 31,32 – "The Last"

9 *Tr* 67 – "Last Heaven sent proclamation"

13 *Tr* 11 – "Last" prophet to the "World"

1 *Ans.* 78 – "The last messenger to prepare the way of the Lord"

2 *TG* 10:29 (3)—More light cannot come until the "sealing of the 144,000" has been effected.

See also 1 *TG* 11:12; 1 *TG* 14:21; 1 *TG* 5:12; 2 *SR* 9, 230, 231 (Bottom)

Whoever claims he has the Spirit of Prophecy has a timely message (2 *TG* 45:6). Whoever claims that He is a teaching prophet, or seeks to compel us to hear his message or voice is an authority. This is a "Rank Imposter", and will lead "their victims blind-folded into perdition" (*GCS* 8). As John the Baptist was last before Christ's 1st Advent, the Elijah of today is the last before "the Great and Dreadful day of The Lord". In other words, though we expect to learn much more of God's word in the Kingdom, we have come to the last of the prophets. Ellen White said another would come (*TM* 475), but here we see that "one" clearly and emphatically from the Scriptures stated that we have come to the last. Thus we so-called prophets of today are contradicting the former messenger, thereby speaking against God and his truth. We must accept the message as it reads. See 1 *Ans.* 53; 3 *Ans.* 58; 1 *SM* 180,181.

13. **The Porter Is A Prophet**

The idea that a man must inspect you is usurping the position of God. God alone knows the heart. See 4 *T* 453; *DA* 194; 4 *T* 583; 5 *T* 246.

Summary: 1 TG 2:19,20—

- a. The porter is the “one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested” —A prophet.
- b. The Porter is to open the door to those complying with the “Requirements”. (1 TG 2:20.)
- c. The Porter would be just an average mortal with a message from God.

Conclusion: Brother Houteff was therefore the Porter or prophet who brought the last message to the Church, thus he was the last messenger or Porter. He opened the door by bringing a message of truth. The key note is the truth, the message is what decides who enters or does not. The Porter was guided by the Spirit to bring a present truth message which we must live up to thereby sealing the saints-opening the door to those who comply with its requirements.

14.

A President Is A Prophet

Note: The Bashan adherents claim that we must have a president at all times.

Read: LD p. 6

Summary: A president is an individual called and chosen by God. —A prophet he/she is called in the same manner as was Moses, Ezekiel, and the Apostles.

Conclusion: Since Brother Houteff was the last president/porter/prophet, then the Executive Council between sessions may fill any vacancy save the president or prophet, and may fully Administrate the operations of the Association in the presidents’ absence.

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