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“My Kingdom is Not of This World”

Should God’s Storehouse(s) be Incorporated with the State?

Introduction

The purpose of this study is to arrest the attention of all fair-minded and honest-hearted Davidians to the great peril we face as a people due to our ignorantly allowing the *Shepherd’s Rod* (SRod) message that God has commissioned us to become chained in bondage under the authority of the state. How could such a thing be possible you might inquire? Watch carefully to understand how this masterful plan of deception, designed to entrap and destroy the power and force of the *Rod* message, has been passed upon us hardly without notice nor much thought of concern.

“The human mind cannot comprehend that mysterious and irresistible power that is soon to spread its dreadful shadow over the inhabitants of the earth. No mortal being can stand against that supernatural, civil and religious system. Those who are students of the Word, trusting in God without reservation, and thus filled with the Holy Spirit, will escape that dreadful trap.”—2 SR 109

Background

As Davidians we are told in the *Rod* of an upcoming church-state confederacy spoken of in Isaiah chapter eight that will arise at the time the woman of Revelation 17 saddles the scarlet-colored beast. Let us review the most detailed inspired interpretation of these verses (Isa. 8:8-13) so that we can carefully examine in more detail some of the important implications in relation to the operation and purpose of God’s storehouse(s) today.

“Let me now remind you what Inspiration has to say of the association of nations and peoples according to current events. For light on the subject we turn to the eighth chapter of Isaiah’s prophecy. Time will not permit me [Bro. Houteff] to re-study with you the whole chapter, and I do not think it is necessary, for we studied it not long ago. You remember that the chapter unveils a confederacy which ancient Israel, the ten-tribe kingdom (the church), made with ancient Syria, a sovereign power of the world, to war against Judah, a sister kingdom (church). Inspiration makes a type of that church and state confederacy, and by it definitely points out the trend which the nominal churches and the sovereign powers of the world are to take now in the antitype. It makes known, moreover, that they will not prosper in it.

I shall now read to you what God Himself thinks of it:

Isa. 8:8-10—“And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and

give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.”

According to Matthew, chapter 1, verse 23, the name Immanuel belongs to Christ, and by interpretation it means “God with us.” Plainly, then, the exclamation “O Immanuel,” shows that Inspiration is speaking to Christ. And since He

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.”—Isaiah 8:11

could not be thus addressed before He was born of a woman and received the name Immanuel, it is obvious that this association of peoples is to be found in the Christian era, in the era in which Immanuel lives.

Now the statement “Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us,” plainly says what I tried to tell you—*that the nations, including the churches, have left Immanuel, “God with us,” out of their plans, that what they are trying to do they are doing on their own initiative and resources* for the words “God is with us” coming from one who is not with the assemblies of the people, clearly implies that Immanuel is not with them, and that therefore their work shall come to naught.

From these scriptures it is seen that the current events brought about by the two opposing blocks, the east and the west, are not going to work out according to human planning, that the plans made by the confederation of nations and people are to come to naught except they consult God and take Him into partnership.

Let us now hear what the Lord would have us do, the stand He would have His people take:

Isa. 8:11, 12—“For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.”

The fear which the people fear is not to be our fear; neither are their plans to be our plans. Our duty is to--

Isa. 8:13—“Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.”

To sanctify the Lord is to be all for Him, to have no one else in His stead, to put your entire trust in Him, not making flesh your arm, for He alone is able to see you through. And though you should be the only one in all the world to take such a stand, He will not fail you. If such be your case, you will then become Heaven’s greatest hero. “—2 TG 41:18-20

Three key questions, based on the passage above, will clarify the underlying contemporary religious and political issues of our day so that we can know exactly the means by which the church will confederate with the state in order to oppose the work of God and how this

will affect the operation of God’s storehouse(s).

1. What is “the trend which the nominal churches and the sovereign powers of the world are to take now in the antitype?”

2. What is it that the nations and churches are trying to do on their own initiative and resources that God is not with them and will surely come to naught?

3. How are we to sanctify the Lord, putting our entire trust in Him and *not* trusting in the arm of flesh?”

Sister White in commenting on Isa. 8:11-16, adds the following key insight to where the source of trouble will arise from when the confederacy is initiated.

In this representation of the prophet, we see that Satan is at work not only with worldlings, who have not the fear and love of God before them, *but also with those who profess faith in Christ*. Here are plainly represented *two distinct parties, formed from a company that was once united.*—**RH, July 18, 1907 par. 7**

In order to answer these vital questions we must delve into some historical and legal research to rightly understand the underlying issues.

All too often Americans, especially Christians, take for the granted God given freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution, in particular the First Amendment, which provides:

- freedom of speech
- freedom of religion
- freedom of press
- the right to petition government for redress of grievances.

The most notable aspect of this amendment is known as the “establishment clause” which prohibits the government from establishing religion, meaning that it cannot in any way regulate (by laws, taxes, license, etc.) or interfere with the free exercise of religious practice. This protection is unique to the founding principles of the American republic and has been revered throughout the world for its principle of religious liberty. As a result, the establishment clause has been incorporated into the constitutional structure of most free nations in the world

since its inception to serve as a wall of separation between church and state. The founding fathers of our republic had foremost in their minds the need to protect their religious liberties which were often purchased at great price as they fled the tyranny of papal control and persecution in the European countries and braved much suffering and privation just to be able to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. The price paid for this freedom cannot be rightly estimated unless one takes an effort to study some of the history of the founding of this nation and especially the role that the religious clergy played in influencing the development of our unique form of government. This was a direct result of their understanding and following the principles set forth in the Bible, most notably that God created every man as a free moral agent who had certain inalienable rights given to him by God which no government, king, or ruler had a right to interfere with or control.¹ Sadly most Christians have no real concept of these great principles or the effort it takes to preserve them from the encroachment of tyrannical principals through governmental regulation and control. The most prominent example of this phenomenon in recent decades is the incorporation of church under licensure of the state. Through ignorance most do not realize that in doing this they have removed their churches from under the protections provided by the Constitution and have placed them under the control of the state. How is this possible you may wonder? In a nutshell, they are seeking privileges or benefits, which are wholly unnecessary and outright lethal to the free exercise of religious prac-



1 This history from a Christian/biblical perspective is rather difficult to find except by certain sources due to the efforts of historical revisionists in recent decades that have almost completely rewritten our textbooks to fit their humanistic worldview. For a particularly excellent coverage of the role of the clergy in the establishment of the American nation, see: Peter Kershaw "In Caesar's Grip", Heal Our Land Ministries, 208 E. College Street, Suite 262, Branson, Missouri, 65616, <http://www.hushmoney.org> and reference cited therein. See also: William Addison Blakely, *American State Papers on Freedom in Religion*, Review and Herald Publishing, Tacoma Park, Maryland

tice, specifically Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 501c3 tax-exempt status. This sounds harmless on the surface and perhaps even necessary, but let us examine the issue more carefully to see that this perilous trend leads to a direct conflict with the principles set forth in the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP), and the *Rod*.

According to Kershaw², there are an estimated 350,000 organized churches in America and over 19,000 denominations, of these about 90% of local churches, and 99% of all denominations have been legally established by the government. But as the courts clearly recognize...

The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the federal government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another . . . Neither a state nor the federal government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa. In the works of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between church and State'.—Everson v. Board of Education, 330 US 1 at 15, 16 (1947)

The First Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the government from establishing religion. Why is it that so few church leaders have failed to recognize that the establishment clause is declared null and void when the State incorporates a church? The legal definitions for a church and a corporation are very distinct and different.

Church: In its most general sense, the religious society founded and established by Jesus Christ, to receive, preserve, and propagate His doctrines and ordinances.—Black's Law Dictionary, 6th Ed.

Corporation: An artificial person or legal entity created by or under the authority of the laws of the

2 Kershaw, p. 70

state. An association of persons created by statute as a legal entity.—Ibid.

When a church incorporates, who creates and establishes the church? Who becomes the head of the church? The answer to these questions is obvious, the State. It is remarkable that the church is reduced from the living body of Christ into an “artificial person”! When the church is placed “under the authority of the laws of the state” it isn’t difficult to think how these laws can interfere with the church being able to “preserve and propagate His (Christ’s) doctrines and ordinances.” The real focus of the problem with the incorporation of any church is that it subordinates the church to laws that apply to corporations. This can have a highly detrimental impact upon the church to function according to its Biblical mandate. Most people don’t realize that corporations are not protected or guaranteed any rights by the Constitution. Sadly the practice of incorporation of the church and church ministries has become so commonplace since the 1970’s that most church leaders presume that the law somehow requires them to do so. Few know that there is no such law or any legal requirement that compels a church to organize as a “non-profit charitable corporation” or an “unincorporated association.” Like the blind leading the blind into the ditch, one church follows another by incorporating simply because it is the popular trend or they are misled by fear tactics and misinformation coming from greedy reprobate lawyers and accountants.

“Where no law is, there is no transgression.”—**Romans 4:15**

“Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?”—**Psalm 94:20**

“Thou shall not follow a multitude to do evil... make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.”—**Exodus 23:2, 32**

As Kershaw makes plain “Incorporation is not a right. Under the law in America, incorporation has always been a State privilege. Use of this State privilege results in the church losing the legal status of being a “free church.” The incorporated church literally places itself in league with civil government—it makes a covenant with the State. Its new and diminished status at law is a “tax-exempt charitable religious organization,” or as the IRS and

others would say, a “church organization” or a “religious organization.” The word “church” is thereby diminished to a mere adjective. The government no longer recognizes its legal status as a “church,” separate, sovereign, and protected from the government by the Constitution, but as a “creature” and a “creation” of that government. As a creation, that religious organization is fully accountable to its creator, comes under the jurisdiction of its creator, and must comply with the demands of its creator.”³

Corporations Not a Person: A corporation is not deemed a person within the clause of the Constitution of the United States protecting the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States for being abridged or impaired by the law of the state, and the liberty guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment against deprivation without due process of law is that of natural, not artificial persons [204 U.S. 359].—Bouvier’s Law Dictionary, 8th Ed.

“Corporations, as creations of the government do not possess natural rights. Only natural persons (created by God) can possess the natural rights that God bestows. The so-called “rights possessed by corporations are merely government-granted privileges and benefits—artificial rights for artificial persons. Once a church incorporates, it may no longer rely on the Constitution to protect its unalienable rights. It has voluntarily waived its constitutional protections and exchanged them for the protection of the state.”⁴

Nearly all of the Davidian Associations and organized groups are incorporated with the state.⁵ When asked, one excuse often given why they think they had to do this and register for IRS 501c3 status is so that their members can claim tax deductions for their tithes and freewill offerings to their association which they believe would be impossible otherwise. This is a fallacy as Kershaw points out.

“The tax exempt and tax deductible status of “religious organizations” was sanctioned by Congress in 1954 [68 A Stat. 163 ch. 736] and codified on the Internal Revenue Code as Section 501c3. Prior to this time, contri-

3 *Ibid*, p. 71

4 *Ibid.*, p. 77

5 For a list of incorporated Davidian Associations, please see, Appendix A.

butions to churches and religious institutions had been widely recognized to be tax deductible, even though they had not been officially sanctioned by Congress. Furthermore, no church, or religious institution could be taxed by any government because the First Amendment barred any such taxing authority. With the ratification of the IRC Section 501c3, tax immunity and tax deductibility of religion was converted from a right to a government privilege.”⁶

Whether licensed by the government or not, any contributions made to a church are automatically qualified as a tax write-off, pursuant to Publications 557 and 526 and Internal Revenue Code §170(c)(2)(B). A church does not have to be a nonprofit charitable corporation to be tax deductible, nor does it need an IRS license.

Vista Association First to Seek IRS 501c3 Status in 1963, Others Follow Suit

The history of God’s storehouse of present truth since the predicted “knockout blow” occurred in 1959 is a difficult to sort out since so many rival factions, all claiming to be the true, have arisen. As many newer present truth believers may not know, the faithful Davidians following this scattering event reorganized in Los Angeles, California in 1961 to continue the spread of the original *Rod* message. In 1963 the Association, located in the Los Angeles area at the time, decided to incorporate with the state of California. The reason for such an action was never fully revealed, but it most likely arose due to frictions between the Association and the Bashan Association that was started by M. J. Bingham in 1962.⁷ The Carmelite Association remained in southern

6 *Ibid*, p. 96

7 According to documentation that has been gathered from various sources, Bingham sought to gain control of the publishing work after the 1961 Session and was not successful. In 1962 his intentions were fully manifest in a out right break away from God’s true storehouse to form a new Association calling themselves the “Leah” Association that had moved from “Carmel” into the “Bashan” pasture of present truth. In so doing they asserted that all other groups at the time were false. This Bingham originated theology became know as the “Jacob Typology” which was used to justify their claim to be the true storehouse. This effort was opposed by H. G. Warden, then V. P. of the Vista Association, and others. This may have been the primary reason they decided to incorporate in order to protect the remaining assets (tithes/offerings) of the



California until 1969 when the Session decided to move the “headquarters” across the United States to Salem, South Carolina.⁸ Here it operated by having an Executive Council, publishing free *Rod* tract literature, holding sessions, issuing Certificates of Fellowship cards, etc. One wonders why the Salem Executive Council formed an alliance with the state of South Carolina in September of 1971 by registering the Association as a nonprofit corporation having IRS 501c3⁹ tax exempt status? What led the Council at that time to stipulate in their charter that future heirs or followers of that association who were to assume the assets, property, and title to the association (General Association of Davidian SDA’s) as long as it continued as an IRS 501c3 tax-exempt organization? Perhaps they did they not realize incorporation with the state would ultimately place God’s work under the control of the enemies of truth? By 1974 division arose and this storehouse was taken over by a bible worker named Don Adair who has maintained his position as Vice President ever since. The brethren who resisted Adair’s use of the *Symbolic Code* to publish his own studies reorganized

Association from Bingham’s effort to gain control of them.

8 As announced in: *The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 9, No. 6, Jan-Mar 1970, Pre-Session Ed.; and *The Symbolic Code*, Vol. 9, No. 3, July-Sept. 1970, Session Ed.

9 A copy of this original charter can be obtained for a small fee from the Historical Archives Division, Department of State, State of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. <http://www.scsos.com/>. Search the name “General Association of Davidian Seventh-day Adventists”

an Association in Yucaipa, California under the original 1963 California charter. This Association existed from 1974 to 1986 when they merged with the Mountain Dale group in New York state. What is even more perplexing is the situation today where the Associations at Mountain Dale and Waco, who emerged in succession from the Salem Association under Adair's leadership, are also incorporated with the state through formal recognition as 501c3 non-profit religious organizations (see Appendix A).

How can these Associations continue to justify this unlawful alliance with the state when the instruction from the word of the Lord is so clear? Let us analyze this situation from the perspective of the SOP and the *SRod* so that we can rightly divide the word of truth and set on a right course of action without delay.

Q: What is to be our order of allegiance?

A: "So every Christian who would be obedient to God's commands, must be loyal to the country in which he lives. Wherefore as Christians in America, devoted to God, and consequently loyal to the just principles of this free "government under God," we pledge our hearts, our minds, our hands, our all, first to the flag of God's eternal kingdom, and to the Theocracy for which it stands, one people made up of all nations, and bound by the cords of everlasting love, liberty, purity, justice, peace, happiness, light and life for all; and second, as Americans, to the flag "of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

And so long as Old Glory unfurls itself as the emblem of the inviolate principles of the Constitution of this land of freemen, so long is our pledge of allegiance to it an inviolate thing.—**13 Tr 35**

"While the Bible does not enjoin upon all men everywhere loyalty and obedience to "the powers that be" (the civil governments) as "ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1), yet at the same time it holds them to supreme devotion and uncompromising fidelity to the Government of God above all else (Rom. 13:7; Matt. 22:21; Acts 4:19, 20), thus disallowing any, either king or subject, prophet or priest, ever to set aside the laws of God for the laws of man."—**Mil. Stand 4.1**

How can we keep this commitment to God through the *SRod* message when we place ourselves under the yoke of the state?

Q: What type of alliances or confederacies are God's people forbidden to be part of?

A: 1. Trade Unions: "Those who claim to be the children of God are in no case to bind up with the labor unions that are formed or that shall be formed. This the Lord forbids. Cannot those who study the prophecies see and understand what is before us?—Letter 201, 1902."—*Country Living*, p. 12.1

What is it about labor unions that cause an individual to be bound up and hinder them from their duty to God? You are required to enter into a contract or pledge in order to work at a particular job which entitles you to certain benefits or privileges (higher pay, health care, job security, etc.) but in turn you are required to render obedience to the union for the favors that they grant you. This can create a problem should the union require you to do something that would cause you to violate the Word of God, for example work on the Sabbath to meet some unexpected deadline or emergency. Working with a union is nothing more than contract law at work between the individual (an "artificial person" at law) and the union (an organization under licensure from the state and thereby subject "fair labor" laws).

When a church or religious body incorporates with the state it must comply with these same labor laws, which includes IRS, Affirmative Action, OSHA, EPA, and Department of Health rules and regulations. Some of the IRS demands are:¹⁰ the church must collect a Federal ID (Social Security) number for visiting evangelists, missionaries, preachers, etc. before they invite them to the pulpit. They must give a Form 1099 to any minister who receives over \$600 in one year's time, which includes missionary support. If the initial declaration (ID) is not received, the church leaders must withhold a jeopardy assessment of 39% on the spot and send it to the IRS. They must agree to the IRS definition of benevolence. They cannot deal in cash at any level, but must deposit all tithes and offerings into a checking account and write checks for every purpose. This means, of course, that the church, in order to conduct its ministry, has to have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), which must be provided by the IRS by filing Form SS-4. Ministers must report their "income" by sending in W-2 forms and filing

10 Greg J. Dixon, "Internal Revenue Service: Pastors Must be Ordained by the IRS" (article can be found at this link: <http://www.remnantofgod.org/RomanIRS.htm>)

annual income tax returns. And the list goes on. Let us stop and think for a moment, is this something that God requires His church to do to be a witness to the world? Certainly not!

“Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.” —**Matt. 22:21**

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you.” —**2 Cor 6:14-15, 17**

2. Health Care Institutions.

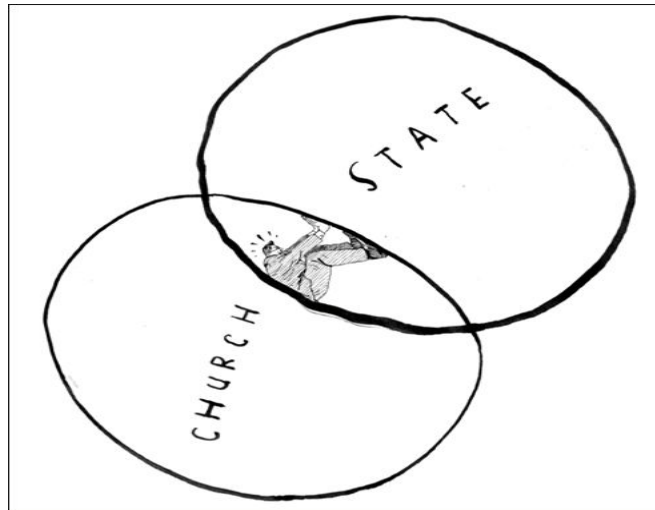
“The doctrine of health reform is said to be “the right hand and arm of the Third Angel’s Message,” and that the medical work is “the right hand of the message.” The idea of health reform is a thing of the past so far as the church as a body is concerned, and the leadership cares little. But that is not the worst, this unfaithful servant of God has even dared stretch his hand over the gulf to form an unlawful alliance of the denominational medical institutions with those of the world who are bitterly opposed to the idea of health reform -- right hand and arm of the “Third Angel’s Message.” The very channel which was instituted to uphold and carry that part of the work, is being bound by a confederacy and now in order to maintain this alliance it has been compelled to sacrifice the very principle for which it was organized. Thereby God’s agency for treating the sick and preventing disease by healthful living and divine healing through obedience of the truth, has been substituted by drugs.” —**2 SR 179-80** (see also: **1 SC 13:1-3**)

3. Business Partnerships/Alliances with Unbelievers: “Even in business relations we cannot, without involving principle, connect ourselves with those who are not loyal to God. What the one party feels that conscience forbids, the other allows. And this not merely in regard to religious matters, but in business transactions. The one acts from selfish motives, regardless of God’s law or the

salvation of the soul; and if the other sincerely loves God and the truth, there must be either a sacrifice of principle or frequent and painful differences. It will require a continual struggle to resist the worldly influence and example of his ungodly associate. He has great difficulties to meet; for he has placed himself on the enemy’s ground. The only safe course is to give heed to the inspired injunction: “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” “Come out

from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you.” —*Historical Sketches of Foreign Missions of SDA’s (1886) 215.4*

“The word “fellowship” means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest figures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ.” —**GW 392**



“God has given us plain directions regarding our work. We are to proclaim the truth in regard to the Sabbath of the Lord, to make up the breach that has been made in His law. We are to do all that we can to enlighten those in ignorance; but *we are never to confederate with men of the world in order to receive financial assistance.*” —**9T 233.3**

Davidian Associations have done this very thing by forming state sanctioned charitable corporations in order to secure a supposed financial advantage of having 501c3 tax exempt status from the Federal Government for the tax benefit of their members/donors. What are the reasons our leaders can give for such a confederation?

4. Political Alliances: “What are we to do, then? -- Let political questions alone. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?” What can there be in common between these parties? There can be no fellowship, no communion. The word fellowship means participation, partnership. God employs the strongest fig-

ures to show that there should be no union between worldly parties (see definition in LS 3) and those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ.”—FE 476.1

“God calls to His people, saying, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate.” He asks that the love which He has shown for them may be reciprocated and revealed by willing obedience to His commandments. His children are to separate themselves from politics, from any alliance with unbelievers. They are not to link their interests with the interests of the world. “Give proof of your allegiance to Me” He says, “by standing as My chosen heritage, as a people zealous of good works.” Do not take part in political strife. Separate from the world, and refrain from bringing into the church or school ideas that will lead to contention or disorder.... True Christian influence, exerted for the accomplishment of the work God has appointed, is a precious agency, and it must not be united with politics, or bound up in a confederacy with unbelievers. God is to be the center of attraction.”—**Fund. of Christian Ed.**, p. 483

5. Marriage: “The Lord’s injunction, “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers,” refers not only to the marriage of Christians with the ungodly, but to *all alliances* in which the parties are brought into intimate association, and in which there is need of harmony in spirit and action. . . .

The Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah: “Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.” Isa. 8:9-13.”—**Ev 617**

6. With the World who Make Void the Law of God. “There is to be no compromise with those who make void the law of God. It is not safe to rely upon them as counselors. Our testimony is not to be less decided now than formerly; our real position is not to be cloaked in order to please the world’s great men. They may desire us to unite with them and accept their plans, and may make propositions in regard to our course of action which may give the enemy an advantage over us. “Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy” (Isa. 8:12). While we should

not seek for controversy, and should not needlessly offend, we must present the truth clearly and decidedly, and stand firm to what God has taught us in His Word. You are not to look to the world in order to learn what you shall write and publish or what you shall speak. Let all your words and works testify, “We have not followed cunningly devised fables” (2 Peter 1:16). “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19).”—**2 SM 371.1**

“Those employed in any department of the work whereby the world may be transformed, must not enter into alliance with those who know not the truth. The world know not the Father or the Son, and they have no spiritual discernment as to the character of our work, as to what we shall do or shall not do. We must obey the orders that come from above. We are not to hear the counsel or follow the plans suggested by unbelievers. Suggestions made by those who know not the work that God is doing for this time will be such as to weaken the power of the instrumentalities of God. By accepting such suggestions, the counsel of Christ is set at nought. . . .”—**TM 463.2**

“By the use of various enterprises and inventions, he (Satan) is diligently working to keep the minds of men engrossed in the things of this world. He is employing all his ingenuity to lead men to act foolishly, to keep them absorbed in commercial enterprises [*eleemosynary institutions, 501c3 tax exempt Organizations, trademarks*], and thus to imperil their hope of eternal life. He devises the inventions that imperil human life. Under his leadership, men carry through that which he devises. They become so absorbed in the pursuit of wealth and worldly power that they give no heed to a “Thus saith the Lord.”

Satan exults as he sees that he is successful in keeping minds from a consideration of the solemn, important matters that have to do with eternal life. He seeks to crowd the thought of God out of the mind, and to put worldliness and commercialism in its place. He desires to keep the world in darkness. It is his studied purpose to lead men to forget God and heaven, to bring all the souls that he can under his own *jurisdiction*. And to this end he brings forward enterprises and inventions that will so occupy men’s attention that they will have no time to think of heavenly things.”—**CS 218-9**

Jurisdiction. It is generally defined as the authority or power which a man has to do justice in causes of complaint brought before him; the power and authority to declare the law . . . Jurisdiction always

emanates directly and immediately from the law; it is a power which nobody upon whom the law has not conferred it can exercise. 35 Corpus Juris, pp. 426-7

“For where no law is, there is no transgression”—Romans 4:15

What do you think happens when a religious organization, whether it be a church, an association, or an independent ministry forfeits, by human devising, its Constitutional protections by forming a state sanctioned charitable corporation and thereby subjects itself under the jurisdiction of the corporate law of the state?

More Justifications for Incorporation

Another one of the unsound reasons that Seventh-day Adventist churches, associations, and independent groups give to justify their having the IRS 501c3 status is that Sis. White endorsed our institutions to form charters with the state to protect the assets and property of the medical institutions and publishing houses. Also they say that this was necessary so that they could carry out necessary business transactions like opening a bank account, acquiring property, etc.. Let us analyze the fallacy of such reasoning. First off, a “free church” in America can still open a bank account and buy property without being incorporated, just as they have done ever since this nation was founded.¹¹ The phenomenon of church incorporation is only a recent one as we have seen. Bro. Houteff wrote thousands of checks, bought property, opened bank accounts, and carried out thousands of business transactions for old Mt. Carmel before IRS 501c3 even existed! Next we challenge the notion that Sis. White supported incorporation of the church institutions with the state in the manner proscribed by the IRS 501c3 legal definition.

Q: Didn't Sis. White give sanction to organize the General Conference (GC) with the state? What is wrong with a self-supporting ministry or a religious association (GADSDA) incorporating with the state?

A: Not in the sense that is specified under current IRS 501c3 status. The church did form a corporation in 1861 to establish the publishing work to allow for the

legal holding of property and buildings.¹² Soon after the General Conference incorporated for similar reasons. This in no way abrogated Constitutional protections for the church. In fact, this allowed church properties to be exempt from paying taxes as guaranteed by the First Amendment. Some brethren took a wrong view of this matter as recorded in a letter written in by Mrs. White in 1895 (see: TM 200.2 and footnote 12 below). Furthermore, she encouraged the organization of the work to help further the cause by having a central location from which to collect and distribute funds to support the workers in the field¹³. Also, matters of church business were to be discussed, such as the publishing and medical missionary work. However, in latter years, Mrs. White strongly opposed a proposed plan for the medical training center at Loma Linda to form a charter with the state so as to allow their students to finish their education at worldly institutions (see: *Loma Linda Messages*, pp. 12-14). Furthermore when Battle Creek Sanitarium formed a charter with the state of Michigan in 1897 that prevented the institution from spending its profits outside the state, a direct contradiction to God's intended plan for the sanitarium work. Mrs. White strongly opposed this move (see: *EGW Biography* Vol. 4 p. 398). What was different from these charters and the earlier corporations started by the church? These latter charters were based on the wrong principles, which would restrict or compromise the work of God. In the same manner we should today oppose incorporation of the church or its publishing associations for the privileges offered under IRS 501c3 due to the legal ramifications of forfeiting Constitutional protections, which automatically prohibit taxation and regulation of ecclesiastical bodies. The legal monster created by the Federal Reserve (a private banking conglomerate) in the 1950's for the purposes of collecting their interest (taxes), better known as the IRS, is wholly unconstitutional¹⁴ and would have surely met strong opposition from Mrs. White had it existed in her day.

12 For a discussion of the circumstances leading to the establishment of the “Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association” in Battle Creek, Michigan, see: *Life Sketches*, p. 165, and *The Ellen G. White Biography*, Vol. 1, pp. 439-40.

13 *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 714.

14 For more thorough discussion on the development of the IRS in connection with the Federal Reserve Bank and its direct assault on our Constitutional freedoms, see: Joseph R. Banister, “Investigating the Federal Income Tax.” www.freedomabovefortune.com

11 Heal Our Land Ministries, www.hushmoney.org

"I have letters to write that must go in the next mail to Battle Creek. Our brethren there are not looking at everything in the right light. The movements they have made to pay taxes [SEE APPENDIX.] on the property of the sanitarium and Tabernacle have manifested a zeal and conscientiousness that in all respects *is not wise nor correct*. Their ideas of religious liberty are being woven with suggestions that do not come from the Holy Spirit, and the religious liberty cause is sickening, and its sickness can only be healed by the grace and gentleness of Christ."—**TM 200.2**

[APPENDIX to TM p. 200] MOVEMENTS TO PAY TAXES ON THE SANITARIUM AND TABERNACLE: At the General Conference Session of 1893 the following action was taken:

"Whereas in view of the separation which we believe should exist between the Church and the State, it is inconsistent for the Church to receive from the state pecuniary gifts, favors, exemptions, on religious grounds; therefore resolved that we repudiate the doctrine that Church or other ecclesiastical properties should be exempt from taxation and further, resolved, that we use our influence in securing the repeal of such legislation as grants and exemptions." -- GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, MARCH 5, 1893, p. 475.

The E.G. White communication of January 31, 1895, giving counsel in this matter, was accepted by the leaders of the church as instruction which should guide in the matter of our relation to the paying of taxes on tax-free church property.—**TM 528.3**

What does Inspiration say about forming Alliances/confederacies with the world?

"Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion."—**Isa. 30:1-3**

"A Christian influence should pervade our schools, our sanitariums, our publishing houses. *Under the direction of Satan, confederacies are being formed*, and will be formed to eclipse the truth by human influence. Those who join these confederacies can never hear the welcome, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy

Lord." The instrumentalities established by God are to press forward, making no compromise with the power of darkness. Much more must be done in Christ's lines than has yet been done."—**FE 473.1**

"The work of God is to be carried on without outward display. In establishing institutions, we are never to compete with the institutions of the world in size or splendor. *We are to enter into no confederacy with those who do not love or fear God*. Those who have not the light of present truth, who are unable to endure the seeing of Him who is invisible, are surrounded by spiritual darkness that is as the darkness of midnight. Within, all is dreariness. They know not the meaning of joy in the Lord. They take no interest in eternal realities."—**CH 300**

"The light we have received upon the third angel's message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord's command to His servants is: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1.

There is to be no change in the general features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. *We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God*. No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world." -- **6T 17**

"The principles set forth in Deuteronomy for the instruction of Israel are to be followed by God's people to the end of time. True prosperity is dependent on the continuance of our covenant relationship with God. Never can we afford to compromise principle by entering into alliance with those who do not fear Him...

It is not the open and avowed enemies of the cause of God that are most to be feared. Those who, like the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin, come with smooth words and fair speeches, apparently seeking for friendly alliance with God's children, have greater power to deceive. Against such every soul should be on the alert, lest some carefully concealed and masterly snare take him unaware. And especially today,

while earth's history is closing, the Lord requires of His children a vigilance that knows no relaxation."—PK 570-1

"Those who are placed in charge of the Lord's institutions are in need of much of the strength and grace and keeping power of God, that they shall not walk contrary to the sacred principles of the truth. *Many, many are very dull of comprehension in regard to their obligation to preserve the truth in its purity, uncontaminated by one vestige of error.* Their danger is in holding the truth in light esteem, thus leaving upon minds the impression that it is of little consequence what we believe, if, by carrying out plans of human devising, we can exalt ourselves before the world as holding a superior position, as occupying the highest seat.

God calls for men whose hearts are as true as steel, and who will stand steadfast in integrity, undaunted by circumstances. *He calls for men who will remain separate from the enemies of the truth. He calls for men who will not dare to resort to the arm of flesh by entering into partnership with worldlings in order to secure means for advancing His work—even for the building of institutions.* Solomon, by his alliances with unbelievers, secured an abundance of gold and silver, but his prosperity proved his ruin. Men today are no wiser than he, and they are as prone to yield to the influences that caused his downfall. For thousands of years Satan has been gaining an experience in learning how to deceive; and to those who live in this age he comes with almost overwhelming power. Our only safety is found in obedience to God's word, which has been given us as a sure guide and counselor. God's people today are to keep themselves distinct and separate from the world, its spirit, and its influences.

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate." Shall we hear the voice of God and obey, or shall we make halfway work of the matter, and try to serve God and Mammon? There is earnest work before each one of us. Right thoughts, pure and holy purposes, do not come to us naturally. We shall have to strive for them. In all our institutions, our publishing houses and colleges and sanitariums, pure and holy

principles must take root. If our institutions are what God designs they should be, those connected with them will not pattern after worldly institutions. They will stand as peculiar, governed and controlled by the Bible standard. They will not come into harmony with the principles of the world in order to gain patronage. No motives will have sufficient force to move them from the straight line of duty. Those who are under the control of the Spirit of God will not seek their own pleasure or amusement. If Christ presides in the hearts of the members of His church, they will answer to the call, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." "Be not partakers of her sins."—FE 501

"God calls for men whose hearts are as true as steel, and who will stand steadfast in integrity, undaunted by circumstances. He calls for men who will remain separate from the enemies of the truth. He calls for men who will not dare to resort to the arm of flesh by entering into partnership with worldlings in order to secure means for advancing His work . . ."

"Men and women are wandering in the mist and fog of error. They want to know what is truth. Tell them; not in high-flown language, but with the simplicity of children of God. Satan is on your track. He is an artful opponent, and the malignant spirit which you meet in your work is inspired by him. Those whom he controls echo his words. If the veil could be rent away from their eyes, those thus worked would see Satan plying all his arts to win them from the truth. There are those who do not believe in the personality of Satan. These do not oppose his work in their hearts. They are ignorant of his devices.

Instead of becoming like the world, we are to become more and more distinct from the world. Satan has combined and will continue to combine with the churches in making a masterly effort against the truth of God. Everything that is done by God's people to make inroads upon the world will call forth determined opposition from the powers of darkness. The enemy's last great conflict will be a most determined one. It will be the last battle between the powers of darkness and the powers of light. Every true child of God will fight bravely on the side of Christ. *Those who in this great crisis allow themselves to be more on the side of the world than of God, will eventually place themselves wholly on the side of the world. Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of*

antichrist. There is no time for us to assimilate with the world. Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. The prophecies of Daniel and of John are to be understood; they interpret each other. They give to the world truths which everyone should understand. These prophecies are to be witnesses in the world. By their fulfillment in these last days, they will explain themselves.”—Pamphlet 068 “Rolling Back the Reproach (1900), pp. 15-16.

Q: Who exactly is it that is going to lead off in repudiating the principles of religious liberty secured in the Constitution, especially the establishment clause of the First Amendment?

A: ARE WE BETTER THAN OUR TYPES?

“Long has the attention of the world been called to the principles of religious liberty, enunciated by the Author of Christianity, and incorporated in the articles of our Federal Government, and in turn became a part of the American Constitution, but a new day seems to have dawned, and one is led to inquire whether we shall maintain these beautiful principles of liberty, given us as a heritage from the pioneers of the Advent message, or *shall we*, like the Jews of old, reject any message God may choose to send to us, and persecute those who dare to accept it?”—1 SC 13:8

What will be the conclusion of the whole matter?

“This subject is urging itself upon my mind. Consider it; for it is a matter of vast importance. With which of these two classes shall we identify our interest? We are now making our choice, and we shall soon discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Read the fourth chapter of Malachi, and think about it seriously. The day of God is right upon us. The world has converted the church. Both are in harmony, and are acting upon a short-sighted policy. *Protestants will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the State. This national apostasy will speedily be followed by national ruin.* The protest of Bible truth will be no longer tolerated by those who have made not the law of God their rule of life.’—GCB, January 1, 1900 par. 10

Q: How do Protestants work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin?

A: Church leaders following so-called Christian lawyers and Certified Public Accountant’s advice and/or popular opinion unwittingly lure churches into believing that they must incorporate with the state in order to protect themselves from lawsuits and to gain tax advantages. Such myths ensnare the church under bondage to corporate law, which evolved from the Roman legal system and was used by the Papacy to persecute faithful Christians during the Dark Ages. Let us examine exactly how this came about.

Q: What are “the Roman Catholic principles that will be taken under the care and protection of the state?”

A: To understand how Roman Catholic principles will be brought under the control of the state, let us read a brief legal analysis that clearly brings the issue into focus. Quoting Kershaw’s most succinct and pertinent analysis...

“In English history, it is evident that the use of the corporation was adopted from Rome.

The powers, capacities, ad incapacities of corporations, under the English law, very much resemble those under civil law; and it is evident, that the principles of law applicable to corporations under the former, were borrowed chiefly from the Roman law.”—Commentaries On American Law, James Kent, vol. 2, p. 217

The earliest use of corporations in England can be traced there by the expanding influence of the Roman church. The fall of the Roman Empire did not in any way lessen that influence, nor did Rome’s fall diminish the influence of her civil law. The Roman Church would ensure the promulgation of Roman civil law for many centuries.

Such was the constitution and dominion of Christianity, when the fall of the Western Roman Empire and the Teutonic migrations cast upon its Western branch the burden of preserving Europe from anarchy. The burden had hardly been assumed when associations in the nature of corporations made their appearance as part of the

structure of the Western Church. The corporations that emerged in the history of the Roman Catholic Church and its successor, the Church of England, were of three classes: 1) Convents, 2) Catholic Chapters, and 3) Colleges of Collegiate Churches. —Corporations, Origin & Development, John Davis, vol. 1, p. 40

The earliest corporations formed in England were Roman Catholic monasteries. The monks and ecclesiastics who organized them were schooled in Roman canon law. Canon law is not to be confused with what Christians have long called the “sacred canons”—the sixty-six books canonized as the Bible. Roman canon law is, rather, deeply rooted *not* in Scripture, but in Roman civil law.

One other avenue through which the Roman law reached the English law and undoubtedly modified it in both form and substance may be anticipated. The Canon law, the system of law built up by the Roman Catholic Church, was in most respects based on the Civil law of Rome and derived its methods and maxims from it. Each was permitted, on principle, to supplement the other in application.—*Ibid*, vol. 2, p. 235

Canon law embraced the Roman civil law entity, the corporation; but rather than the State being sovereign, the pope was sovereign over the corporation. For the most part, however, the pope only chartered ecclesiastical corporations.”¹⁵

These are the Roman Catholic principles that Sis. White is referring to. It is further borne out that these are the very principles that will be used by apostate Protestantism to form an image to the beast, the upcoming federation of church and state when the scarlet colored beast rises on the scene. This is clearly foretold in prophecy as we know from the following statements.

15 Kershaw, p. 67



“When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy, which will end only in national ruin.”—**Ev 235** .

“When the state shall use its power to enforce the decrees and sustain the institutions of the church—then will Protestant America have formed an image to the papacy, and there will be a national apostasy which will end only in national ruin.”—**7 BC 976**

“When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power.

The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of “heresy.” *In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.*

Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines.

Protestant churches that have followed in the steps of Rome by forming alliance with worldly powers have manifested a similar desire to restrict liberty of conscience.—**GC 443**

“This is exactly what happened when the “Dark Ages” of religion began. The Pagans in whose clutches the church fell were no more to blame for the church’s going into darkness than were the Chaldeans of destroying Judah and her temple. *The real blame falls on the church herself.* And this should be a lasting lesson to each of us, that *we should never again have illicit connection with the world, should never depart from the Lord.*”—**2 TG 6:21**

Let us return to the three questions introduced at the beginning of this study and answer them based on the background information that has been presented and what inspiration has to say on the subject.

1. What is “the trend which the nominal churches and the sovereign powers of the world are to take now in the antitype?”

A: Without a doubt it involves incorporation or licensure of their churches with the state to operate as “tax-exempt” organizations under the IRS 501c3 clause.

2. What is it that the nations and churches are trying to do on their own initiative and resources that God is not with them and will surely come to naught?

A: To gain privileges and favors from the state (tax exemption, etc.) to carry out their business, for financial gain.

3. How are we to sanctify the Lord of Hosts by putting our entire trust in Him and not trusting in the arm of flesh?”

A: Will faithful Davidians separate from such unlawful and unbiblical alliances and stand firmly on the Bible backed up by the SOP and the *SRod* and strictly follow what they teach? Will they warn their brethren of the scripture which says: “Say ye not, A confederacy, to all [them to] whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and [let] him [be] your fear, and [let] him [be] your dread.”?

Who do we reconcile the fact that the S. D. A. mother church, and paradoxically, most of the Davidian Associations today have followed the trend of the world and the nominal churches by “turning their backs on Christ and steadily retreating towards Egypt.”?

Conclusion

Shall we as Davidians continue to blindly follow the example of the General Conference who has committed whoredom with the world in almost every conceivable way (educational, financial, health care, retirement, employment, dress, marriage, etc.)? The denomination has followed the popular trend of the other

Protestant sects by falling into the dreadful trap of forming an alliance with the state by applying for IRS 501c3 tax-exempt status when the Constitution already grants the right for religious bodies to operate free of taxes! Can we continue to justify this unlawful and unbiblical alliance when the instruction from the Word of the Lord is so clear? What is remarkable is that many Davidians could be unknowingly setting themselves up for a terrible crisis ahead based on the corrupted teachings found in the “New Codes” that God’s people are somehow to oppose the upcoming “Assyrian confederacy”.¹⁶ What happens when a religious organization decides to oppose the confederacy when the overwhelming popular opinion is against them? What do you think the IRS is going to do when they stand up and oppose the mandates of the federal government in the midst of the greatest crisis America will ever face? Can we not look into the recent past to see how the federal government deals with those who it perceives as a threat to its controlling power? Remember Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, the freeman in Jordan, Montana and the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas? When you seek favor from the state you forfeit your right to speak out against the same hand that grants you the favor. As the saying goes, don’t bite the hand that feeds. The IRS has no problem seizing property and assets from those who don’t comply with its rules and regulations. It does not take much foresight to imagine a scenario in which they come in and shut down any or all of the State incorporated GADSDA’s if they don’t comply with their mandates. What a dreadful trap indeed! What will be the final outcome? Only God knows, but are you brother/sister prepared to meet the crisis ahead?

“Right now we may not appreciate this study (*time of Jacob’s trouble*) as we ought to, but the time is soon coming in which we will dig as fast and as hard for it as we would to get out from under an avalanche. Those who have but little faith in the Word of God though, the study will not do them much good. Now is the time to start cultivating the faith we need to have then.”—1 TG 47:14

“The events connected with the close of probation and

¹⁶ For a more detailed study outline that exposes many of the errors found in the *Symbolic Codes* (Vol. 10, No. 7 to Vol. 13 Nos. 11, 12) published by Florence Houteff and her Council which contain fabricated sermon addresses alleged to given by Bro. Victor Houteff years prior to his death (see: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/26962654/Should-We-Publish-the-New-Codes-After-1954>)

the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready.”—**GC 594.1**

It is true that state incorporated, IRS approved, religious associations are following principles contrary to God’s Word and the truth specified in the *Rod* message. What then are we to expect for the future? Will the Davidian associations reform and dissolve their corporations or can we expect that God raise up a multitude of new publishing houses¹⁷ scattered around the world, unincorporated with the state, that will complete the work in their local areas free from the IRS mandated controlling power assumed by a “headquarters” in the domain of the two-horn beast? Who among us is going to follow the inspired plan as specified in Volume 7 of the *Testimonies* in a Section entitled “God’s Purpose in Our Publishing Houses” starting on page 138? These are some difficult and challenging issues that each of us will have to face and give an account before God. If ever there was a time that we need to study to show ourselves approved unto God, it is now.

“Our only concern should be to find out where is His “storehouse,” and then faithfully deposit His money there, and, if it is His “storehouse,” He will, without a doubt, take care of His own, but *if He does not care for the storehouse which you think is His, then either your conception of His storehouse is incorrect, or else He has moved it to another place. “Seek and ye shall find.”*—**2 SC 12:9.6**

❧ End of Study ❧



¹⁷ Please note, we believe inspiration is emphasizing separate publishing houses independent of each other’s controlling power, this side of the kingdom. Thus the need for a one central Davidian “headquarters” to control the world field at this time is not necessary as the future gospel headquarters for the final work of gathering the Great Multitude will be in the kingdom (Mt. Zion/Jerusalem, see: 1 TG 2:27, 1 TG 24:16, 1 TG 25:6, 2TG 44:49). The headquarters for the church *today* is the General Conference located in Silver Springs, Maryland (1 TG 5:10, 1 TG 29:10).

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Appendix A: (Incorporation Data of Davidian Associations and Groups)

(Information Gathered from <http://www.melissadata.com>)

DAVIDIAN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
282 DAVIDIAN WAY
TAMASSEE, SC 29686-9771
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Corporation
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 570531910
Exempt Since: 11-1971
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Church, synagogue, etc

DAVIDIAN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
ASSOCIATION
35566 AVENUE B P O BOX 635
YUCAIPA, CA 92399-4850
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Corporation
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 237357444
Exempt Since: 04-1983
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Religious order

DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
ASSOCIATION
RR 1 BOX 1130
EXETER, MO 65647-9752
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Association
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 952295342
Exempt Since: 04-1965
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Church, synagogue, etc.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN SEV-
ENTH DAY ADVENTIST INC
2500 MOUNT CARMEL DR
WACO, TX 76710-1508
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Corporation
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 752301852
Exempt Since: 10-1994
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Church, synagogue, etc
Activity #2: Religious publishing activities

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS INC
2637 VALMONT ROAD
BOULDER, CO 80304-2917
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Corporation
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 237050523
Exempt Since: 02-1970
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Church, synagogue, etc

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF DAVIDIAN
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS MT CARMEL
32 CRESCENT ST
MOUNTAIN DALE, NY 12763-5303
IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.
Type of Foundation: Church
Type of Organization: Corporation
Deductibility: Contributions are deductible
Tax I.D. Number: 112642768
Exempt Since: 05-1988
Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)
Activity #1: Church, synagogue, etc
Activity #2: Religious publishing activities

Activity #3: Other religious activities

Last 990 Form Filed: 12-2009

Classification: Christian

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF
DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

PO BOX 17654

PLANTATION, FL 33318-7654

IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.

Type of Foundation: Church

Type of Organization: Corporation

Deductibility: Contributions are deductible

Tax I.D. Number: 650565070

Exempt Since: 03-1999

Form 990 Requirement: Not required to file (church)

Activity #1: Activity Code NOT found

Classification: Protestant

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF
DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

PO BOX 8879

RED BLUFF, CA 96080-1879

IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.

Type of Foundation: Organization which receives
a substantial part of its support from a governmental
unit or the general public

Type of Organization: Corporation

Deductibility: Contributions are deductible

Tax I.D. Number: 330073655

Exempt Since: 06-1985

Form 990 Requirement: 990 or 990EZ return

Last 990 Form Filed: 12-2008

Form 990 Amount: \$51,373

Activity #1: Religious publishing activities

MUSTARD SEED ADVENT INC

7 E MARSHALL AVE

PITTSBURGH, PA [15214-2733](tel:152142733)

IRS Subsection: 501(c)(3) - A religious, educational,
charitable, scientific or literary organization.

Type of Foundation: Organization which receives
a substantial part of its support from a governmental
unit or the general public

Type of Organization: Corporation

Deductibility: Contributions are deductible

Tax I.D. Number: 251870008

Exempt Since: 03-2007

Form 990 Requirement: Required to file 990PF