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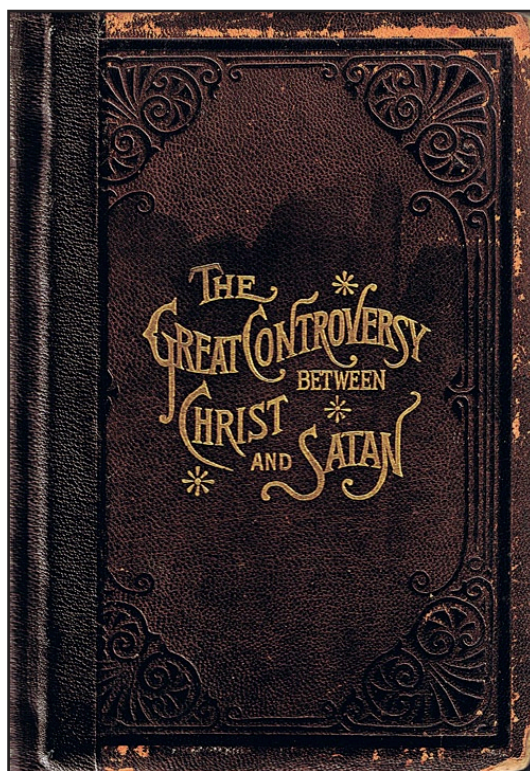
Living Spirit of Prophecy, Part 1: Who is the Last Porter/Prophet for the Church Today?

Ever since Brother Houteff's death in 1955 there has been an endless string of prophetic office seekers sent by enemy of souls to lead astray and deceive, if possible the very elect. Especially in our day are those who claim that we need to have the "living spirit of prophecy" (LSOP) in our midst, which to their understanding, means that there has to be an actual living human agent in the prophetic office to proclaim the message. They cannot understand or choose not to believe that though the master antitypical prophet Elijah (GCS 8, 19, 23), Jezreel (2 TG 43:18), Zerubbabel (1 TG 14:22) Victor T. Houteff now rests in the grave, the message he brought through the writings of the *Shepherd's Rod* is still alive and well through the agency of those who faithfully proclaim without adding or subtracting one jot or tittle by weaving in their own private opinions. But let us carefully examine the following statements that confirm that the...

**THE LIVING S. O. P. REFERS TO THE WRITINGS
OF SIS. WHITE AND BRO. HOUTEFF, NOT LIV-
ING HUMAN AGENTS.**

"Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days. *Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last.* My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given to me by the Lord will still have life and will speak to the people.

But my strength is yet spared, and I hope to continue to do much useful work. I may live until the coming of the Lord; but if I should not, I trust it may be said of me, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13)" — **Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 55.5.**



"Never have testimonies been more clearly brought before the people than those that have recently been traced by my pen. God bids me urge upon the attention of our people the importance of their study. Let this work begin now. Then, whether I am permitted to labor or am laid away to rest until Jesus comes, *these messages are immortalized.*" — **Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 56.3**

"There is but one thing that consists of three such parts (two sheep and a young cow) that is capable of keeping the world alive, and that is the Bible -- unfolded by the Spirit of Prophecy, the Spirit that leads into all Truth. The two sheep, not being young, and two of a kind, must be symbolical of the Bible itself, both Old and New Testaments. The cow being young and larger in size, is obviously symbolical of something of later origin, and more voluminous than the Bible itself. Hence it is none other than the published works of the *everliving Spirit of Prophecy -- the inspired interpretation of the Scriptures.*" — **Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 20, p 24.**

"Throughout these pages, the Spirit of Prophecy has, by the prophetic Word, proved Itself invulnerable to attack. It

has vindicated Itself not as a voice beginning with Moses and ending before John the Baptist, but as *the ever-living testimony*, beginning with creation and continuing with the patriarchs Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac Jacob; then with the prophets; next with the apostles; and finally, with the messengers of the Lord in our own day and on.”—**Tract No. 6, p. 46**

“Obviously, the remnant are those who are left after the earth opens her mouth and swallows up the flood. They as a body keep the commandments of God, and have *the living Spirit of Prophecy, the Spirit Who dictated the Scriptures*, Who has led God’s people into all Truth down through the ages, and Who still is.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 16, p 22.**

“Since it now is clear as sunlight that *the ever-unfolding, Inspired interpretation of the Scriptures is the ever-living Spirit of Prophecy*, the eyes of the church at work (1 Sam. 9:9), then to be without these spiritual eyes is to try to walk, as it were, in dense darkness.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 45, p. 8.**

“And the “testimony” is His living Word passed on by His chosen and Spirit-filled messengers -- “the Spirit of Prophecy” at work (Rev. 19:10). Hence to bind up the testimony among His disciples is to *confirm “the Spirit of Prophecy” among them and them only.*”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 41, p 21.**

“In other words, not before the Lord took the reins in His Own hands through the Spirit of Prophecy did the work prosper. In fact, sacred history proves that nothing has ever prospered in God’s work without the living Spirit of Prophecy in its midst.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 10, p 20.**

“So important is the living Spirit of Prophecy in the church, as “the young” man’s experience proves, that regardless of one’s zeal, sincerity and integrity, he cannot rightly serve God without It, that even one’s best work and intention is bound to be at cross purposes with God’s. It is therefore, high time for the church to start believing all the prophets have written, “knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake

as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2 Pet. 1:20, 21.

Inspiration insists that it is absolutely impossible for one to privately (without the Spirit of Truth) interpret the sealed prophecies. And let us remember that no revealed Truth ever came, nor ever will come through the halls of learning.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 12, p 17.**

“Again, it is written in Proverbs 29:18 (margin), “Where there is no vision, the people is made naked.”

“Here in more extensive relief is the picture of a people who have indeed lost their “vision” (the supernatural guidance afforded by the living voice of the prophetic gift resident among them), but who realize it not. More amazing still, they have evidently introduced their own inventions (idols) as substitutes for the things of God. This they have done so gradually that they are quite as unaware of it as they are that *many have not availed themselves of the volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy--their very “eye-sight.”* And where others have had these *volumes of vision lying all around them, they have let them go either unread or unheeded* and therefore “unappreciated.”-- Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 217.”—**Answerer Book, No. 1, p. 71.3.**

**INSPIRATION CLEARLY STATES THAT
ANTITYPICAL ELIJAH IS THE LAST PROPHET IN
OUR DAY; THAT THERE WILL BE NO OTHERS
THAT FOLLOW.**

“Nevertheless, one’s only safety will be in the teaching of Elijah, for there will be no other voice of timely Truth and authority to whom one may turn. Any others will lead their victims blind-folded into perdition.”—**General Conference Special, p. 8.**



“After quoting Joel chaps. 2 and 3...“Joel’s two chapters give us a most compact and vivid view of “the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” From these alone we can clearly see what it is like. And as Elijah comes just before that day begins, he must necessarily be the one who is to interpret these prophecies of the day, and who consequently announces that the day is at hand.

This surely confirms the conclusion that

since *Elijah is to herald the great day, he can therefore be the only one who will rightly interpret the prophecies of the day, which are still mysteries to Christendom, and even to our own Denomination!* Indeed, to reiterate, it is for this very reason that the prophet is sent. He is to unroll the scroll to explain what the day of the Lord is like, what the Lord will do then, and how we may survive His judgments. *To re-emphasize the fact, let it be said again that being the last of the prophets Elijah is, therefore, the only one who can open to our understanding all the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord -- prophecies which heretofore have been only mysteries to all.* Thus he is, as the Scriptures say, to blow the trumpet in Zion, and to sound an alarm in God's holy mountain, in the church.”—**General Conference Special, p. 19.**

“Since the promised Elijah is to be the last prophet to the church today, as John the Baptist was the last prophet to the church in his day, and since the last work on earth is the Judgment for the Living, the truth stands forth like the light of day that Elijah’s message is the message of the Judgment for the Living, the last, which in the very nature of the gospel is of far more importance and consequence than any other message ever borne to a people.”—**General Conference Special, p. 23, 24.**

“Here is a Rod which speaks; and its voice, the scripture points out, is the voice of God to His people. And since “The Shepherd’s Rod,” the publications which contain the message of “the great and dreadful day of the Lord,” is the only Rod that has ever spoken, then it is the “Rod” publications which the Lord demands all to hear.”—**General Conference Special, p. 35, 36.**

“Taking place in the end of the world, it perforce is the gathering of the people *by Elijah’s message, the last Heaven-sent proclamation of the gospel*, which is preached first to the church just before the great and dreadful day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5), and then to all the world during that long-expected day.”—**Tract No. 9, p.67.**

“This command to keep the law which Moses received in Horeb, is, according to the Scriptures, to all who are to be living in the great and dreadful day of the Lord—living *when God sends to the world His last prophet, the antitypical Elijah*: “Behold,” He says, “I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Mal. 4:5”—**Tract No. 13, p. 11.**

FURTHERMORE WE ARE ADMONISHED TO WATCH FOR USURPERS AND OFFICE SEEKERS:

“All these taking place at this particular time, and the prophecies now unfolded, prove that antitypical Zerubbabel must now be here, and that as he has started the work, he also must finish it. The fact that Inspiration takes the pains to tell who is to finish the work in itself is proof that there must be active usurpers of his office as there were of Moses’ office.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 14, p 22.**



“This is the greatest danger of all -- even of believers. Thus plain it is indeed that “we have more to fear from within than from without. The hindrances to strength and success are far greater from the church itself than from the world.” -- “Review and Herald,” March 22 1887. To say the least, those who are within should know better than to tempt themselves to steady the ark, as though God had appointed them to take His place and to direct His prophet, coveting not only the prophetic office but God’s authority as well! What an insult, not only to one’s own intelligence but also to God Himself!”—**General Conference Special, p. 42.**

"And while you may choose to keep the Sabbath commandment, you cannot inspire yourself with the Spirit of Prophecy -- this Gift is bestowed upon the remnant by God Himself."—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 34, p 23.**



"Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: 'You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.'"—**Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 475, 476.**

There are two main points to note in these quotations: (1) that the message and messenger here mentioned are the very last; (2) that they are to restore all things, (3) that there is danger for some to make fools of themselves by daring to tell him how to teach his message -- assuming to take God's place!"—**Jezreel Letter, No. 9, p. 1.**

"Plainly then, Isaiah 3:1-4 reveals that among those who are found wanting, are some of the mighty men, men of war, judges and prophets (teachers of religion), prudent and ancients, captains and honorables, counselors and

cunning artificers and eloquent orators, and that God is not a respecter of persons, but only of penitent sinners; that He is not dependent on so-called great men.

Those who have been exalting themselves and who have thus caused His people to follow learned men instead of Inspiration and thus the Lord's advancing Truth, are all to be carried away as chaff!

Isa. 2:6 -- "Therefore Thou hast forsaken Thy people the house of Jacob, [those men that are causing the people to follow them], because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers."

At the time the great ingathering here projected is about to take place, His professed people, He declares, please themselves among the unconverted and are charged with being soothsayers, ably explaining away God's revealed Truth for this time rather than to magnify and to proclaim it."—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 5, pp. 8, 9.**

WHAT IS THE OLD TESTAMENT DESCRIPTION OF A "PORTER"?

"Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day [is] a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, [there was] no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they [were]. And he called the porters; and they told [it] to the king's house within."—**2 Kings 7:9-11**

1 Chronicles 9:21-29: Porters kept the services of the sanctuary including the Lord's treasury. It was a human appointed office.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A "PORTER" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ERA?

"For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh (Eze. 9), at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow-

ing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” – **Mark 13:34-37**

The coming referred to in these verses is, of course, the secret or unexpected coming of Christ to cleanse the earthly temple (S. D. A. church) by way of Ezekiel 9 (see also: Mal. 3:1-3). Therefore the porter is commanded of God to watch and give warning to the church of this great and dreadful day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5). Perhaps the clearest understanding of who is the porter is revealed in John 10:1-16. Bro. Houteff’s comments on these verses make it very clear that the porter is a directly inspired human agent in the highest sense¹ who opens the door for the sheep to enter into. Let us read the inspired comments carefully to confirm this most crucial point.

John 10:3 -- “To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.”

The porter, the one in charge, opens the door only to those who have complied with the requirements for admission. In other words, the Lord is plainly telling us that no one may dodge the porter’s inspection and forever get by. And yet in spite of this warning, and in spite of the fact that to go through the door is even easier than to climb over the fence, some choose to take a chance stealing their way in -- pretending to be in the “faith” thus getting into the sheepfold and hoping to take over or to get a following. It is, however, not possible to induce God’s true sheep to follow them for they know the true Shepherd’s Voice.

Only those who gain entrance through the Door and to whom “the porter” (the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested) opens are the authorized shepherds whose voices God’s sheep hear. All such shepherds call the sheep by name: They are well acquainted with their flocks because they are intensely interested in them, and they carefully lead them in and out.

Here the student of present Truth will note that by this illustration Christ points out that the only shepherds that He recognizes as His are those to whom the “porter” opens the Door and invites them in. The student will also note that all

others are branded as imposters. And the sheep that hear the false shepherd’s voice, He declares, are not His sheep.

John 10:4 -- “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.”

Since His sheep know not faces, but know voices, then, those who pay attention to faces and who cannot differentiate between voice and voice are sure to be misled by self-appointed shepherds. But those who give heed only to the Voice, the Voice of Truth, are gently led in for shelter and out for green pastures. God’s people are not bothered with faces, but they do give earnest heed to God-appointed voices uttering Truth.

John 10:5, 8, 10 -- “And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.... All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.... The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

God’s sheep are thus carefully led in and out, both to shelter and to “meat in due season,” to present Truth. The “goats,” though, those who dodge the porter while entering, must, of course, do so while coming out, too. Consequently, they cannot be led by God’s appointed shepherds. Let us turn to John 14 and read but one verse.

John 14:6 -- “Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

From this we see that Jesus is the only way to the Kingdom. The idea, then, that there are many ways whereas there is but one Jesus, and that they all lead to the Kingdom Eternal, is only a “hum of a humbug” that unsanctified hearts like to listen to. They are of those who are dodging the porter at the “Door,” of those who know that their deeds cannot stand inspection.

If we are to have a home in the Kingdom, we must never be like them. We must know the worst of our case. We must never say that if “so and so” gets there, we will, too. It may be true that if “so and so” were to get there, we all would, too, but “so and so” is not getting there. We must not, therefore, play the fool by making “so and so” our example. We must follow the Lord through His Truth, the Truth that makes us free.

1 For a description of the two levels of inspiration, higher and lower, see: *Education*, p. 46.

As there is but one right Way and but one Door, and as all Christians do not see alike and do not walk together, could it be that we are all wrong? all going in a wrong direction? -- No, that could never be as long as the Lord does not forsake the earth. Indeed not, for He must have a people in whom to confide His Truth and by whom to save those who choose to go His way. So, those who choose to go some other way will in the end discover that the Devil, not the Lord, is behind them, and that hell, not the Kingdom, is ahead of them.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 19-21.**

Please note that “*the porter*” (*the one through whom the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested*)” is the human channel through with the Holy Spirit reveals truth, in this case we know it has to be Victor Houteff because he the one through whom “*God’s sheep are thus carefully led in and out, both to shelter and to “meat in due season,” to present Truth.*” The voice that the sheep listen is no other than the *Shepherd’s Rod* the only voice God commands us to hear today. “The voice of the Lord crieth into the city (S. D. A church), that the man of wisdom (the 144,000 wise virgins) shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it (V. T. H.)”. Micah 6:9 [brackets added]. Beyond refute Bro. Houteff is the antitypical Elijah the prophet, the last in the church today (GCS 23-4, 9 Tr 67) which has brought us (the sheep) the present truth or meat in due season and the only voice we are told to listen to (GCS 8, 19, 35-6). No one else can fulfill this divinely appointed position. All who try to explain away this clear-cut truth are imposters or usurpers that God warned us about through the writings of the *Shepherd’s Rod*. In John’s account these false teachers and prophets are referred to, as “strangers” who voice the sheep will not listen to. The wise virgins get their oil only from the golden bowl (the writings of E. G. W. and V. T. H.) as confirmed by the references listed below.

“Let now no one deceive himself by thinking that the Bible Itself is the active Spirit of Prophecy. Let us be God’s real people, logical thinkers, not bait hunters. The Bible, you know, without the human channel, is as inactive as though it were but ink and paper. *Moreover, the Spirit, too, apart from man, is also inactive: He, too, works through the human agent.* Hence, without an inspired interpreter the concealed prophecies (see, 2 TG 34:28-9, 2 SR 289) and the Spirit that unfolds them are inactive. Moreover, how could it be said of one particular group having the Spirit of Prophecy, when all the sects in Christendom have the Bible?”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 24, p 23.**

TEACH AND PUBLISH ONLY TRUE DOCTRINES FROM *THE SHEPHERD’S ROD* ADDING NOTHING TO OR SUBTRACTING FROM THE MESSAGE.

GCS 8—Only the message and teaching of Elijah has any authority.

2 TG 34:28-9—Don’t waste your time between the Rod literature and some other.

2 SR 288-9—“Get your doctrine, Brother, Sister, only from the golden bowl.”

10 Tr 46—Avoid Uninspired writings

2 TG 46:47—Stay within the hedge of inspired revelation

3 SC 5, 6:14—Teach only that which has been revealed

2 TG 46:43-4—Watch for additions or subtractions from inspiration

1 TG 21:12—Don’t fall into the trap of being too lazy to study.

1 TG 47:14—Davidians don’t appreciate study as they should.

“How do I know that the great day of the Lord is almost here? -- I know it because the announcement of it is here already, and because the message of the marking that is foretold in Ezekiel’s chapter nine, the work of the Judgment, is already making its way throughout the Adventist world. I know it also because the material for the glory that follows immediately thereafter (the material that is to lighten the earth with the glory of the angel, the Loud Cry -- Rev. 18:1) is all ready and waiting.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 5, p 12.**

Why is it so important for Davidians to rightly identify whom is the one and only true porter/prophet to the S. D. A church today? Because to listen to any other voice is to listen to the soul destroying errors from Satan through his agents who will, if possible, try to deceive the very elect and steal their crown through uninspired writings and private opinions. If history has any lessons for us as Davidians we should be wise to their import. Martin James (M. J.) Bingham was one of the early prophetic office seekers who clearly masked his devilish doctrine under the guise of being a “porter” rather than a prophet. This fooled many Davidians who did not realize that *a porter and a prophet are the same thing* and that the last porter/prophet to the church today is Victor Houteff, not M. J. Bingham. The

more recent teaching that the porter is the Holy Spirit² is also of a most dangerous and deceptive nature. Why? It does not give credit the human agent that God choose to reveal to us the “meat in due season” that is found in the writings of the *Shepherd’s Rod*. Furthermore the Rod explanation given above (1 TG 2:19-20) is clear that the porter is “the one whom thorough the Spirit of Prophecy is manifested.” This can only be the two pipes that brings the golden oil into the golden bowl, the human instrumentalities (TM 510) that wrote down the truth we need today and published them in the volumes of the S. O. P. and the *Rod*. The Holy Spirit does not inspire just anyone with the ability to have visions or to interpret scriptures, it has to be through a human agent, a prophet or prophetess. To claim that the porter is the Holy Spirit is akin to spiritualism. It degrades the third person of the Godhead to a human appointed office, which amounts to blasphemy. Underneath this guise is the strong likelihood for an individual to assume the prophetic mantle through unauthorized means. Remember the following statement from inspiration.

“Prophecy must be fulfilled. The Lord says: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Somebody is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men may say: “You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.”—**Testimonies to Ministers, p. 475.**

If you think about it, all of the office seekers out there in Davidia, the more overt ones such as M. J. Bingham, Ben and Lois Roden, M. T. Jordan, Derek West, Leslie Tweedy, etc., and other more subtle ones laying in the byways to snare away some unsuspecting souls, all want to try to tell Bro. Houteff how to teach his message. No thank you, let true Davidians follow the *Rod* and the *Rod* alone by the grace and mercy of God. The Holy Spirit will lead each honest truth seeker to knowledge of present truth through the writings found *only* in the golden bowl. One last point of reminder is that M. J. Bingham and the Bashan Hill Association has spawned a host of illegitimate prophetic offspring, which include the likes of Don Adair, Mervyn T. Jordan, and Derek West. True Davidians should view the teaching or studies of any

individual that broke away from the powerful hypnotic influence of Bingham with the greatest of caution. Pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit and search the Bible, the *Rod* and the S. O. P. alone for yourself without any other input. Surely God will make the truth clearly known to the sincere and honest at heart that humbly seek Him with prayer and supplication.

❧ End of Study ❧



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Appendix: More Proof that the Living Spirit of Prophecy is an Inspired Message

“Mrs. E. G. White, whose writings are known by the organization to be the Spirit of Prophecy”—**Tract No. 6, p. 2.**

“Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last. My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given to me by the Lord will still have life and will speak to the people.”—**1 Selected Messages, pg. 55:5**

The *Rod* is also identified as the S. O. P. (6 Tr. 78), so this would classify it, along with Sis. White’s writings as the living Spirit of Prophecy .

“Now it is up to all of us individually to decide whether we should hear the voice of man or the Voice of God’s Rod . . . for one of these two voices--the voice of men or the Voice of God’s Rod--will determine everyone’s destiny either for eternal death or eternal life.”—**Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 27, p. 8**

These writings are very much alive today as is the Bible. Consider this: When “a man (prophet)” (6 Tr 44:2; Isa 7:1), who is identified to us as Elijah (Bro. Houteff), began to milk in 1929 a “young cow”—Sis. White’s writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, and “two sheep” (Isa 7:22)—writings of the prophets, did he milk a dead “cow” (because Sis White died in 1915), and did he milk two dead “sheep” (because all the prophets of the Bible are dead)? Are the writings of the *Rod* also dead (because Bro. Houteff died in 1955). Are the Davidians left with no living truth to guide us, because all the prophets are dead? God Forbid!

Consider also the following quotes:

DO NOT EXALT THE MESSENGER

“There are men and women who will exalt the messenger above the message, who will praise and extol the messenger, forgetting that it is God working wondrously through him for His own name’s glory. They should give God praise that many

souls are receiving through the human agent instruction that is making them wise unto salvation. They should give glory to God because they see through the interpretation of the word from the lips of the messenger, marvelous things out of the living oracles.”—**1888 Materials, pg. 1243:2**

NO PART OF BIBLE IS DEAD

“No part of the Bible has died from old age. All the past history of the people of God is to be studied by us today, that we may benefit by the experiences recorded.”—**My Life Today, pg. 25**

DEAD PROPHETS STILL TEACHING THROUGH BIBLE

“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was ever prophesying the coming of the Lord. This great event had been revealed to him in vision. Abel, though dead, is ever speaking of the blood of Christ which alone can make our offerings and gifts perfect. The Bible has accumulated and bound up together its treasures for this last generation. All the great events and solemn transactions of Old Testament history have been, and are, repeating themselves in the church in these last days. There is Moses still speaking, teaching self-renunciation by wishing himself blotted from the Book of Life for his fellow men, that they might be saved. David is leading the intercession of the church for the salvation of souls to the ends of the earth. The prophets are still testifying of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. There the whole accumulated truths are presented in force to us that we may profit by their teachings. We are under the influence of the whole.”—**Selected Messages, Vol. 3, pg.339:1**

JESUS—THE LIVING AND DIVINE INTERPRETER

“These wise men did not discern in this youth, sitting at their feet, the living and divine interpreter of the prophecies.”—**The Youth’s Instructor, 07-01-1873**

“The true Interpreter must come. The One whom all these types prefigured must explain their significance.”—**Desire of Ages, pp. 30, 31.**

“We read in the Bible about the resurrection of Christ from the dead, but do we act as though we believed it? Do we believe that Jesus is a living Saviour, that He is not in Joseph’s new tomb, with the great stone rolled before it, but that He has risen from the dead and ascended on high . . . ? He is there to plead our cases in the courts of heaven. He is there because

we need a friend in the heavenly court, One who is to be our advocate and intercessor. Then let us rejoice in this. We have everything for which to praise God.”—**In Heavenly Places, pg. 45:4**

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IS IN HIS WORD

“Christ's gracious presence in His Word is ever speaking to the soul, representing Him as the well of living water to refresh the thirsting. It is our privilege to have a living, abiding Saviour. He is the source of spiritual power implanted within us, and His influence will flow forth in words and actions, refreshing all within the sphere of our influence, begetting in them desires and aspirations for strength and purity, for holiness and peace, and for that joy which brings with it no sorrow. This is the result of an indwelling Saviour (Letter 73, 1897).”—**Testimonies to Ministers, p. 390:2.**

WHOLE BIBLE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST

“The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power. Like their Master, they were to live ‘by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’ Matt. 4:4.”—**Desire of Ages, pg. 390:3**

LIVING ORACLES

“If ever a people needed light, it is those who are living in the very closing days of this earth's history. We want to know what saith the Scripture. We want to come to the living oracles of God. We want that living faith which grasps the arm of infinite power, and we want to rely with all our being upon Jesus Christ, our righteousness. And we may do it. Yes, we do it profitably to our own soul's interest.”—**Faith and Works, pg. 66:4**

“All should work to the utmost of their ability to strengthen the church and make the meetings so full of life that outsiders will be attracted and interested. All should feel it a sin to let the interest wane when we have such sacred, solemn truths from the living oracles to repeat over and over again. Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting.”—**Testimonies, Vol. 6, pg. 86**

“The safety of God's people is in coming to His living Word.

When no human authority is put before this Word, then will men unite in gospel harmony, for the doing of the Word binds heart to heart, causing the workers to blend as one in Christ Jesus. The living oracles are fresh and beautiful. To study them is to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God.”—**Manuscript Releases, Vol. 13, pg. 191:1**

“But the heart that is surrendered to God, loves the truth of God's word; for through the truth the soul is regenerated. The carnal mind finds no pleasure in contemplating the word of God, but he who is renewed in the spirit of his mind, sees new charms in the living oracles; for divine beauty and celestial light seem to shine in every passage. That which was to the carnal mind a desolate wilderness, to the spiritual mind becomes a land of living streams. That which to the unrenewed heart appeared a barren waste, to the converted soul becomes the garden of God, covered with fragrant buds and blooming flowers.”—**Fundamentals of Christian Education, pg. 182:2**

“Those who make God their guide and His Word their counselor, behold the lamp of life. God's living oracles guide their feet in straight paths. Those who are thus led do not dare to judge the Word of God, but ever hold that His Word judges them. They get their faith and religion from the Word of the living God. It is the guide and counselor that directs their path. The Word is indeed a light to their feet and a lamp to their path. They walk under the direction of the Father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He whose tender mercies are over all His works makes the path of the just as a shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”—**In Heavenly Places, pg.132:4**

THE TRUTH IS A LIVING PRINCIPLE

“When you search the scriptures, the Holy Spirit is by your side, personating Jesus Christ. The truth is a living principle made to shine in precious clearness to the understanding, and then, O then, it is time to speak words from the Living Christ. ‘Ye are laborers together with God.’—**The Paulson Collection, pg. 101:3**

TESTIMONIES OF THE BIBLE MUST LIVE

“I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and repeat the decided messages given years ago. I desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.”—**Counsels to Writers and Editors, pg. 26:1**

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