

# Teach Only That Which is Published

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## WHAT IS MEANT BY "THAT WHICH IS PUBLISHED"?

Question No. 133:

"The Symbolic Code" says: "Teach only that which is published. Will you please explain whether this restriction is Intended to include Bible, Spirit of Prophecy, and "The Shepherd's Rod" literature, all together, or just the writings of the "Rod"?"

"Answer: The Bible and the books of the *Spirit of Prophecy* being the sole source of *The Shepherd's Rod* message, therefore when the Rod is taught, the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy are taught... As we dare not follow in such a path, we must therefore, as teachers of *The Shepherd's Rod* (the official publications of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association), teach only in the light of the Rod those passages which in one way or another need to be interpreted. Thus only will all Present-truth believers ever become of the same mind, seeing eye to eye and speaking the same things (1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 3:8; Isa. 52:8)."— **Answerer Book, No. 5, pp. 55-56**

Please note, Bro. Houteff is clearly informing us that "the official publications of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association" entitled "The Shepherd's Rod" has for its sole source of inspiration the Bible and the books of the Spirit of Prophecy, and this alone is what should be taught and published.

For those who may be confused as to what is meant by the statement, "that which is published", the references below should clear the matter once and for all.

Question: "It is claimed by some that Sr. White made the statement that the Loud Cry message would come through the Review & Herald. Is there such a statement?"

Answer: As to the claim that Sr. White said the "Loud Cry message" would come through the Review & Herald, we cannot answer authoritatively from a personal knowledge, for our acquaintance with her unpublished works is more limited than extensive, but from those unpublished writings (and they are not less than a 100) which we have had the privilege of reading, we

would be led to scout the possibility of her ever having written or made such a statement. We quote what she counsels in regard to accepting just such reports:

"And now to all who have a desire for truth I would say, do not give credence to unauthenticated reports as to what Sr. White has done or said or written. If you desire to know what the Lord has revealed through her, read her published works. Are there any points of interest concerning which she has not written, do not eagerly catch up and report rumors as to what she has said." -- 5 T 696." — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 8, p. 8**

Inspiration counsels us that "If you desire to know what the Lord has revealed through her, read her published works," making a clear distinction between published and unpublished works.

The *Rod* makes it very clear that the only one that is authorize to publish and distribute anything in the name of the *Rod* throughout our ranks is the prophet himself according to the following statements, which naturally would include his own writings –

"Do not weave into "The Shepherd's Rod" message your own interpretations of the Bible and of Sr. White's writings, nor any of your constructions on anything that is written therein before first submitting your points to this office. If your claim on a subject, which you may hold as being correct, is found so and accepted as of value by this office after a careful examination, we can have it published and distributed throughout our ranks, if that is your desire. But if we see no light in your verbal presentation or document of your claims, we shall so inform you as quickly as possible. Then if you do not feel clear to yield to our judgment, be you pleased to know that we shall not attempt to block your way of teaching the same, nor oppose those who wish to read or listen to your discourses. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" is our position. (Rom. 14:5.)" — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 1**

#### ANOTHER CONCERN SERIOUS TO ALL

"It is most unfortunate, the situation exposed by the questioner. We are sorry that some have put forward private interpretations of the message, which have troubled the minds of others. Yet it seems unfair to call the message to task because of the unwarranted ideas advanced by some. This is like making the Third Angel's Message answer to the world for the

doctrinal extravagances of the many time-setters that have been in our midst.

*"We endorse no teaching or position not found in the publications of the S.Rod or authorized by this office, as is plainly declared on the first page of the Symbolic Code for October (No. 4)." — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 7, pp. 5, 6***

*"Therefore, let us say with the wise, I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the god of my salvation: my God will hear me," and will strictly follow only the published message sent to me. (Micah. 7:7)" — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 4, Nos. 1-5, p. 3***

*"We request that all Present Truth followers refrain from teaching anything more or less than has been published in the Code, the books, and the tracts. The messages are plain in themselves, and you need not enlarge upon any point, but rather make sure that you, yourself, are walking in the light only as far as the light of Present Truth leads you." — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 4, No. 12, p. 11***

*"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***

## **WARNING**

### **Do Not Deeper Fall Into the Pit But Get Out**

*"Teachers of Present Truth, having before them the example of the tragic results caused by conflicting teachings by the S.D.A. ministry and, in addition to this, having been repeatedly warned to teach only that which has been revealed, and published, stand in great condemnation before God when they set forth conflicting or unauthorized views on any subject. *Be absolutely certain that you are teaching according to that which is written, and not according to that which you may think should be or will some day be written.**

*"Failure to comply with this requirement will disqualify anyone as a worker in this cause." — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 4, Nos. 5,6, p. 14***

FIRST SHOW THYSELF APPROVED

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Matt. 3:7-9.)

"No one is wanted on "Mt. Carmel" who has not studied through and through the message of..."The Shepherd's Rod;" who is not fully convinced on every point of its teaching; and who is not willing to comply with the divine rules and principles which govern the inhabitants on this mount of "green pastures," except their coming be for a visit only.

"And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them." (Amos 9:3.)" — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 2, No. 12, p. 10**

#### CLOSING THOUGHTS.

The Light Shines Brightest in the Middle of the Road--Safety First

"Satan, represented by human beings, is ever busy distracting Present Truth believers, destroying their influence among the people, and thus making the truth of none effect. His great and lasting victories have not been won by opposing the truth, but rather by professing strictly to advocate every precept of it, and by showing great reverence and zeal for its advancement, thus gaining the confidence of the people, and making them believe him to be a zealous minister of God and a friend of His people. Then, having beguiled them into placing confidence in him, and into being perfectly satisfied that he is leading them on to eternal glory, he easily and quietly leads his victims on to eternal ruin.

"There is but one way of knowing that we are being led, by Christ our Lord, in the straight path to the pearly gates, and that is, by neither adding to nor taking from the Word of Truth, but by carefully following in the way of light, going not a step ahead of it, lingering not a step behind it, nor walking along its side-edges, but by following right in the middle of the road. Hence, let not your zeal for progress drive you ahead of the light and make you to walk in the darkness; neither let your caution against running too far ahead cause you to drop back and lag behind; nor yet let carelessness verge you toward the edges. *Stay in the center of the road, where the light shines the*

*brightest. Do not follow ideas, which stand upon implications, upon enlargements, upon diminishings, of the meaning of authoritative statements. Says Christ: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life." (Rev. 22:18, 19.)*

"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die." (Deut. 18:20.)

"Extremists never walk in the blaze of the light, but are always found ahead of it, and those who are passive invariably walk far behind it, while the careless and the indifferent stray to the edges. But those who are the true children of light never vary a step left or right, front or back from the brightest spot of the Christian's narrow road". — **Symbolic Code, Vol. 3, Nos. 3, 4, p. 13**

### **Where are we to get our doctrines? What literature are we to study?**

"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.

"Do not henceforth leave in the hands of others your investigation of the subject. After hearing the evidences, you alone in the closet of prayer and with the aid of the Spirit can determine whether the Elijah has come, or whether he is yet to come.

Do not, though, forget that the message which he proclaims will in itself bear the Divine credentials of Truth, and that no priest or prelate can decide for you who the Elijah may or may not be. No, not even the appearance of what his message is doing or not doing, or whether it is prospering or disintegrating, can be taken as evidence that God is in it. Neither can numbers of adherents for such have never signified a right cause at any time, not even in the day Christ Himself preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. The message he brings is the only thing to go by." — **General Conference Special, p. 8**

"The Shepherd's Rod, the books that Inspiration so named and inspired its contents, being the only Rod in the world that can be heard speaking, the Lord commands that you should hear it, that you do not waste any time in deciding between the Rod literature and some other. For there is none other today than the Rod literature which God recommends you to hear. And when

you hear the Rod, you will find yourself wrapped in the love of Christ and in the 'arms' of God. Try it." — **Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 34, pp. 28, 29**

"*Get your doctrine, Brother, Sister, only from the golden bowl* (see The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2), and be not like the waves of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed -- be not carried about by the many winds of doctrine that are blowing wildly from every direction to cause you to lose your way to the everlasting kingdom." — **Tract No. 11, p. 12**

"The truths revealed prior to 1844, and up to 1929, are found in the writings of the "Spirit of Prophecy," and *that which is not written there, is of no value*. Not until our minds have been cleared from all these false theories can we comprehend the truth...*Find your explanations "in the Bowl," and you will have no trouble in knowing the truth, or of avoiding the ever ready trap of deception*. Thus the difficulty in knowing the difference between truth and error is eliminated." — **Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2, pp. 288, 289**

"The questions herein treated reveal that an unseen supernatural force working through human beings, is taking advantage of every possible opportunity to bring in distraction and confusion and to scatter the power of thought and concentration. They show that while one theorist is attempting to confuse one truth, another theorist is attempting to confuse another truth. So it is obvious that the enemy of God and men is determined one way or another to plunge the people into his deep pit. To avert this terrible tragedy, *the reader is therefore warned to turn aside from the writings of uninspired men and to take heed only to those who are inspired* and unceasingly to watch and study everything that comes in the name of the Lord." — **Tract No. 10, p. 46**

"If you, Brethren, stay inside God's hedge of inspired revelation, and walk with Him as did Enoch of old, you will have Him by your side every step of the way. So whatever your burden, leave it with Him, and He Himself will bear it for you to triumph. Know that He has heard your prayer, and that He will grant your request as He sees fit to carry out His plan." — **Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 46, p. 47**

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certain that you are teaching to that which is written, and not according to that which you may think should be or will some day be written.”—

**Symbolic Code, Vol. 3, No. 6, p. 14**

“The only ones that will endure to the end will be those who carefully watch their steps from *being carried away either by his additions to, or by his subtractions from, the works of Inspiration.*”— **Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 46, pp. 43, 44**

“The bad fish represent those who, with no real knowledge, conviction and conversion of their own but through emotion and the influence of others join the church. So it is that those who never studiously, whole-heartedly and zealously take hold of the principles of Christ are cast out, there to perish with the tares. All who are too lazy to study, and who give the Devil a chance to sow devilish seed in their hearts, making them believe that the preacher or the minister will take them through the Pearly Gates, having no experience of their own, are cheated of eternal life; they instead get eternal death.” — **Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 21, p. 12**

The people that have come to this antitypical time of trouble are returning to the homeland, are comforted. Apparently it is bad enough to frighten all, but God's encouraging counsel is, "Fear not."

Plainly, the burden of this chapter (*Jer 30*) is concerning the antitypical returning to the homeland. Though terrible the trouble may seem, yet the outcome of it is to be the same as in the type. *Right now we may not appreciate this study 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.” — **Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 47, p. 14**

### **End of Study**

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