

REPRINTING THE SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS

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DAVIDIAN OFFICE SEEKERS AND USURPERS

"So it is that there must be among us today anti-typical doubters, complainers, {false Davidian} office seekers and faultfinders, admitting one great truth one day and forgetting it the next day yet expect to be sealed with the seal of God and to stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion!—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 7, pgs. 8, 9 (bold emphasis, braces added).

When Elijah the prophet (Bro. V.T. Houteff) wrote the above inspired statement, it did not seem possible that there could be some Davidians among us who would be found guilty of "admitting one great truth one day and forgetting it the next day." Yet, right before our eyes we see this happening, and our minds stagger in unbelief, as we see some Davidian "office seekers" in California and in Missouri "admitting one great truth one day"—that *The Shepherd's Rod* books contain an inspired message of truth, and then "forgetting it the next day"—by teaching that the same books should not be reprinted!

And the reason why is because there are certain truths in these two inspired books which they want to hide, lest their erroneous teachings be exposed to others. For this reason they condemn the reprinting of these two books so no one can read what they do not want them to know. In doing this, however, they expose themselves as Davidian "office seekers" who are not exalting the truth but themselves. Instead, they are turning other minds away from the message, after they have become interested in reading them, by denouncing the two books of *The Shepherd's Rod* to make it appear that they are bad books, which are uninspired and should not be reprinted.

But would these "office seekers" dare repeat such derogatory remarks against the two Shepherd's Rod books if Bro. V.T. Houteff was still alive? No, they would not, because they know that while he was alive he never said, nor did he ever publish any statements to condemn the reprinting of the two books!

It is obvious that if these Davidian "office seekers" knew other truths in the SRod message which they wanted to hide from Davidians, and which they had admitted was the truth "one day" (1TG 7:8,9), when they first claimed to accept the SRod, but later wanted to forget it as truth the "next day," then they would also repudiate other parts of the SRod literature as unfit to read, and condemn the reprinting of such publications. That is, they would set themselves up as judges over these two books, and like cattle they would tread them under their feet, while shouting to others: "Hear ye not *The Shepherd's Rod* books; and do not reprint them, for they are unfit to read." But they were warned by Sis. E.G. White and Bro. V.T. Houteff not to tread on any truth with their feet.

SOME DAVIDIANS TREAD THE SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS UNDER THEIR FEET

"Part of the {Davidian} cattle {office seekers} are accused of being selective, of eating and drinking only that which is to their liking, and of trampling the residue (two SRod books). They accept whatever Truth is agreeable to them, but reject the rest. Here {1TG 234:1} we shall cite an example:"—2 *Timely Greetings*, No. 2, pg. 19:4 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"We {Seventh-day Adventists} believe the visions, but sister White, in writing them, put in her own words, and we will believe that portion which we think is of God, and will not heed the other."—1 *Testimonies*, pg. 234:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

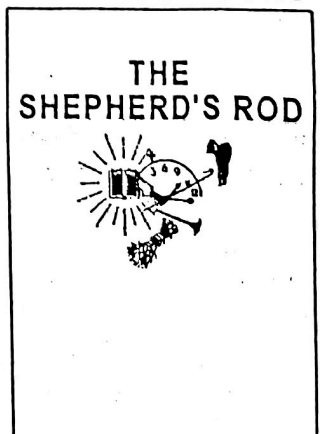
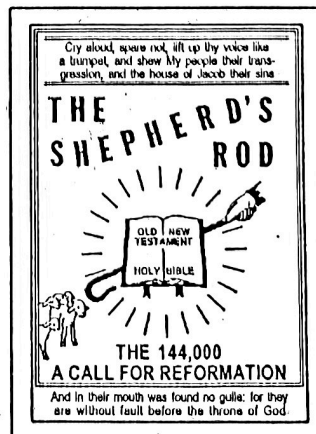
"And as for my flock {the true Davidians}, they eat that {spiritual food} which ye {office seekers} have trodden with your feet {the SRod books}; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet."—Ezekiel 34:19 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"God's true people, the truly great {Davidians}, accept that which the so called wise {office seekers} tread down with their feet."—2 *Timely Greetings*, No. 2, pg. 20 (bold emphasis, braces added).

These "so called wise" Davidians—the "office seekers" who condemn the two Shepherd's Rod books, by claiming that they are unfit to read and should not be reprinted, are doing all they can to tread down these two books under their feet; because they want to "believe that portion which" they "think is of God, and will not heed the other." Thus, while claiming to believe all the SRod, they really believe none of it! because God does not accept a partial belief of the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, or the SRod message.

And though they claim they are not "opposed" to the SRod message as our S.D.A. brethren are, yet, they would dare tell Elijah (Bro. Houteff) "how to teach" his message (TM 475:3), by claiming that his two inspired books are not worthy to be reprinted. By doing this, they are attempting to deceive other Davidians and cause them to doubt that he was a true prophet, so that they will believe with them that his two SRod books are not inspired and worthy to be reprinted.

REPRINTING OF THE TWO SROD BOOKS



FOUNDATION OF THE SHEPHERD'S ROD LITERATURE

"Speaking of Elijah's message we read: 'Somebody {Bro. V.T. Houteff} is to come in the spirit and power of Elijah, and when he appears, men {Davidian office seekers} may say: "You are too earnest, you do not interpret the Scriptures in the right way. **Let me tell you how to teach your message**" {TM 475:3}. These words do not come from those {S.D.A.} who are opposed to it {the SRod}, for they {are Davidians who} say: 'Let me tell you how to teach your message' {which I claim to believe}."—10 *Symbolic Code*, No. 7, pg. 13:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

The prophet Elijah first printed two books (1SR—1930; 2SR—1932). But the "office seekers" try to tell him how to teach his message two ways:

1. They tell some Davidians that the two SRod books are not inspired and should not be reprinted.
2. They tell others that the two books should not be reprinted because they are included in Volume 3!

ALL TRUTH IN THE SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS ARE NOT FOUND IN VOLUME 3

The "office seekers" say they are not "opposed" to any SRod truth; yet, they misinterpret *Tract 1*, pg. 37, to oppose the reprinting of the SRod books:

"The first part...was published in December, 1930, in a 255-page book entitled *The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1*; the second part was published in...September, 1932, in a 304-page book entitled *The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2*; and the third part—the series of tracts."—1 *Tract*, pg. 37:1 (bold emphasis added).

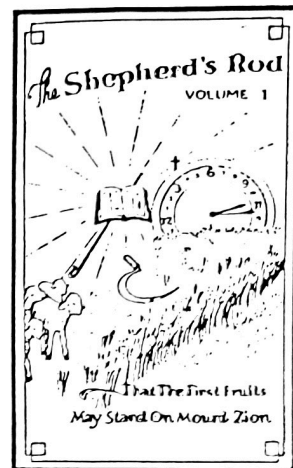
The "office seekers" say the two books must not be reprinted since they are included with the "third part"—series of *Tracts*. If so, then there is only one part! But the SRod says it has **three parts**: part 1 (1 SRod book); part 2 (2 SRod book); and part 3 (the series of tracts). This fact proves that the "office seekers" (1TG 7:9:0) and "usurpers" (1TG 14:22:0) are trying to deceive the Davidians into believing that all of the SRod literature makes up part 1, so they can say that *The Shepherd's Rod* books should not be reprinted, because they are included in this one part.

Moreover, they quote 1 SRod (pocket edition), pg. 94, which says "that a pocket sized edition of *The Shepherd's SRod Vol. 2*, is also soon to come off the press," and then say it refers to the *Timely Greetings*, Vols. 1 and 2, which is supposed to be the pocket sized edition of *The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2*. But this reference did **not** say "editions" (*Timely Greetings*, Vol. 1, and *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 2), but "edition" (singular). The pocket sized edition of *The Shepherd's SRod Vol. 1* was not a series of other publications, but a **single tract** with condensed material from the original book, Vol. 1. So the pocket sized edition of Vol. 2 must be a single tract with condensed material from the original book, Vol. 2.

Note that the format and contents of the pocket sized edition of *The Shepherd's Rod* (Vol. 1), in tract form, is the same material as listed in the original SRod book (Vol. 1), but **condensed** into a smaller tract. So likewise, the format and contents of the pocket sized edition of the SRod book (Vol. 2), in tract form, should also follow the same material as

listed in the original SRod book (Vol. 2), but only condensed into a smaller tract. The *Timely Greetings*, however, have absolutely **no similarity** whatsoever with the original format and contents of the SRod book (Vol. 2); therefore, it could not possibly be its replacement. In fact, some of the material in the SRod book (Vol. 2), is not found at all in the *Timely Greetings*, and this truth would be lost forever if the two SRod books were not reprinted.

Moreover, the pocket sized edition (a single tract), which is a **condensed** form of *The Shepherd's SRod* book, Vol. 1, is plainly entitled: "*The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 1*." So likewise, *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, would be condensed into a single pocket sized edition (a single tract) entitled: "*The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2*." And since none of the *Timely Greetings* has any such title, then they cannot be the replacement of *The Shepherd's Rod, Vol. 2*. This proves that the pocket sized edition (a single tract) of *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, could not be the other *Tracts* or *Timely Greetings*—part three.



OFFICE SEEKERS SAY THE TWO SROD BOOKS ARE COMMON SOUVENIRS

The Davidian "office seekers" also say that Bro. Houteff said *The Shepherd's Rod* books are only common **souvenirs**, and therefore should not be reprinted. But read what he really said:

"A free copy of Volume 2 of *The Shepherd's Rod*, the textbook for the second portion of the Davidic-Levitical Institute's Correspondence Bible Course, will be sent upon request to all who enroll for this Advanced work.

"There will not be another edition of this **valuable volume** in book form, and the old edition will undoubtedly run out within the year 1944. These copies will ever serve as a **valuable keepsake** and monument of the original, founding literature of the Davidian Kingdom Movement."—9 *Symbolic Code*, No. 1, pg. 23:7,8 (bold emphasis, braces, underlines added).

Bro. Houteff said that *The Shepherd's Rod* book (Vol. 2) is a "**valuable keepsake**," but the "office seekers" ignore these words and tell other Davidians that both books are nothing but souvenirs. By deliberately substituting the words "valuable volume" and "a valuable keepsake" for the word "souvenir," they hope it will reduce the Inspiration of the book in the eyes of the other Davidians as something unworthy of notice, unfit to read, much less republish; because it is nothing but a common "souvenir," which is to lie around and gather dust.

But Bro. Houteff called the book "a valuable keepsake," because that is exactly what all the rest of *The Shepherd's Rod* literature is, something that is very "**valuable**" to be **kept** and studied by Davidians who love inspired truth! This places all of the SRod

literature, including the two books, worthy of being reprinted as **good books**. So why would the "office seekers" condemn the publishing of these two good books? Would they dare say that Bro. Houteff gave away "a free copy" of a **bad book** to his students? Since they could only say "No" (lest they be exposed as false Davidians), then they are forced to reluctantly admit that it is **not wrong** to reprint **good books**!

Also, if the two books were really down-graded, as the "office seekers" say, to the level of a common "souvenir," which has no real value, then why did Elijah say in the *Timely Greetings* and the *Tracts* in several places: "See *The Shepherd's Rod* books"? How could the Davidians read these references if Bro. Houteff did not want the books to be reprinted so they could be read? In *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 1, No. 35, pg. 21:1, he said: "See *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, pp. 52-111." It is obvious that he could not have referred to the pocket edition (which is not a book), because it is a small tract that only has **96** pages.

And though he said this in 1947, which was still there in the 1953 reprint; yet, he did not remove it or any other reference about these two inspired books from the *Timely Greetings* or the *Tracts* before he died in 1955. Furthermore, there are many more such statements that are still found in his other publications, all of which directed the Davidian readers to see these two Shepherd's Rod books. Note what Bro. Houteff said to a Seventh-day Adventist elder about his first SRod book (Vol. 1):

"You say that a report has been circulated that we claim **Inspiration** for the book, and that this has given another reason to the brethren for cutting loose from us. I am sure there is neither logic nor good reason for such action on the part of our brethren. Why should they stick to us if the book was not **inspired**, Elder _____? I would not waste my time with it, or give **one cent** for it, if it is not divinely communicated, how could it be the 'MESSAGE FOR THE HOUR?' Such Contrary reasoning shows that the Laodiceans need to anoint their eyes with 'eyesalve.' Think of it, they will accept the book if it is mixed with error, but **ALL TRUTH** they **WILL NOT!** Denying Inspiration of the message is throwing God out of it! Sinning against the Holy Ghost! May God forgive them for the thought."—10 *Symbolic Code*, No. 7, pg. 12 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Sinning against the Holy Ghost! May God forgive" the Davidian "office seekers" for condemning the reprinting of this inspired SRod book! Think of it, some Seventh-day Adventists may accept the book if it is **mixed with error**, but if it is all truth they will not. And some Davidians claim to believe all that the SRod teaches, yet, they **condemn** it's being reprinted. And this they do in spite of the fact that Bro. Houteff said: "If the book was not **inspired**, I would not waste my time with it, or give one cent for it." And since the book is **inspired** of God, then it could not possibly be a waste of time and money to have it reprinted!

Yet, that is the very reason why the "office seekers" fear it so much, because it is **inspired**, and why they strongly oppose and condemn the Davidians at the Salem Headquarters for reprinting them! And in

spite of the fact that the Davidian "office seekers" claim to believe in all of *The Shepherd's Rod* literature, there are certain truths in these two books which they really do not believe, and which they do not want Davidians to read and understand. Thus, they use superficial arguments, by saying the books are only "souvenirs," as a cloak to **hide** their real **motives** for opposing the reprinting of the two books.

OFFICE SEEKERS HIDE REAL MOTIVE FOR OPPOSING THE TWO BOOKS

There is only one chart study that shows why Bro. Houteff left California and set up God's Headquarters in Waco, Texas. It was entitled: "The River Of Ezekiel's Vision," which is found only in *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, pgs. 290-298. This study conclusively proves that God had commanded Elijah the prophet (Bro. V.T. Houteff) to set up His **first** Headquarters in Los Angeles, California (^{2SR 297.0}) in 1929 to start sealing the 144,000 (^{2A 34.0}) and those "with" them (^{1TG 4:27.1}); after which he moved "eastward" (^{1SC 10:3.1}) to Waco, Texas in 1935 to set up His **second** Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center.

It was after he died in 1955, his wife (Sis. Florence Houteff) sold old Mt. Carmel Center, and bought a place for new Mt. Carmel Center. In 1959 her predictions of the soon-coming slaughter of Ezek. 9 and God's kingdom failed. As a result, she put the property up for sale and liquidated all of it's assets in 1961-1962. In 1961 the faithful Davidians reorganized God's Headquarters at Riverside, California. And later in 1970, Ezekiel's stream moved "eastward" from there to Salem, So. Car; and Mt. Carmel Center was set up again for God's **third** Headquarters.

Then later, after God's Headquarters was moved to So. Carolina in 1970 that certain Davidian "office seekers" broke off and set up their own headquarters in Calimesa, California. They were willing to hold their illegal offices at any cost, even if they had to denounce the reprinting of the two inspired books, especially Vol. 2; because it teaches that God's Headquarters was not to stay in the west where Bro. Houteff had set it up in 1929 at Los Angeles, California, but **move eastward** (^{2SR 290-298}). But these Davidians did not want to leave California. So they tried to **hide** the teaching of God's Headquarters moving "eastward" by denouncing the reprinting of the two SRod books, so their followers would not know this fact.

The other "office seekers" in California moved their headquarters to Exeter, Missouri in 1969, which they called "Bashan Hill." And they also opposed the reprinting of the inspired books for this reason: In SRod Vol. 1, it explains what Mic. 7:14 means and says "Carmel, Bashan and Gilead are used as **symbols** of good **spiritual** pasture" (^{1SR 243.2}). This proved that the spiritual Carmel pasture was not the literal Headquarters of Mt. Carmel Center. And since the Carmel pasture was to "wither" (^{Amos 1:2}) when probation closes for the S.D.A. church (^{11SC 12:32.0}), then the SRod book (Vol. 1) proved that God's Headquarters could not be the Bashan pasture (^{Mic 7:14}) in Exeter, Missouri named "Bashan Hill," because the spiritual Carmel pasture has not yet withered. And since these "office seekers" knew that "Bashan Hill" is

not in the east, then they condemned the reprinting of the two books so their followers would not learn that the "Carmel" pasture is spiritual, and that Missouri is not the place for God's Headquarters.

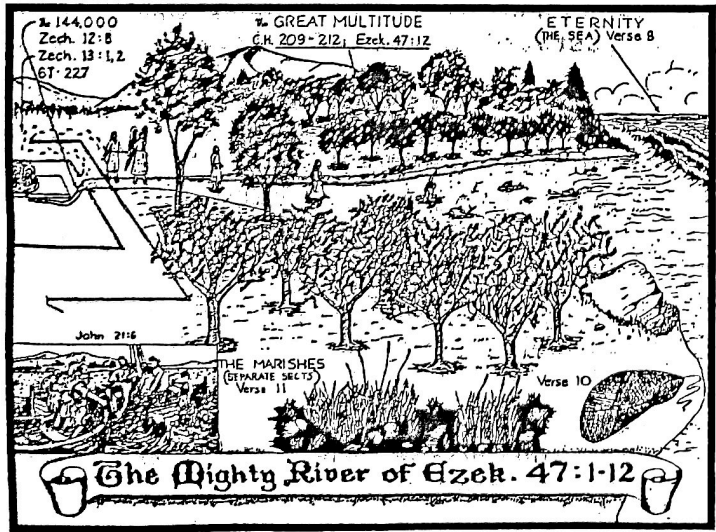
And so these and other "office seekers," not wanting to expose their errors and false motives to other Davidians, especially their followers, chose to cover up their real motives for condemning the reprinting of the two books, by discrediting them as mere "souvenirs" to gather dust, as though they are unfit to be read or be reprinted. Therefore, they hope that no one will read the books and discover these three facts:

1. That Davidians are to work in the Carmel pasture up until probation closes for the S.D.A. church.
2. That God's first Headquarters was to move "eastward" from California to Waco, Texas, the second Headquarters, and then move on "eastward" to its third Headquarters where it is today in So. Carolina.
3. That they cannot be true Davidians who claim to "hear" all of the SRod message, while they condemn the printing of the two Shepherd's Rod books!

CERTAIN CHARTS FOUND ONLY IN 2 SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS

Their argument, of course, that all the truth in the two SRod books is found in the *Tracts* and the *Timely Greetings* is not true; because there are truths in four SRod charts which Davidians can find only in *The Shepherd's Rod* books. Therefore, if these two books are not reprinted, then how can the Davidians teach these charts! And how can their students learn them if they have no books to study?

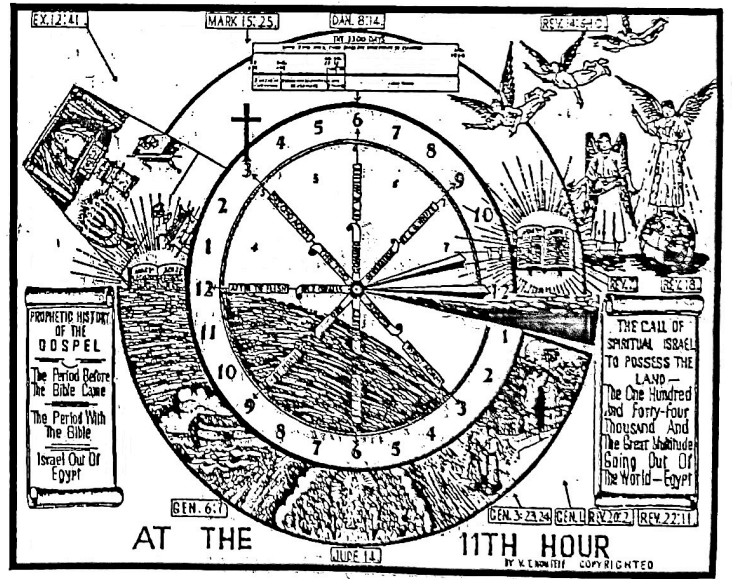
Note the chart below entitled, *The River of Ezekiel's Vision*. It is found only in *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, pgs. 290 to 298. It is the main study which the "office seekers" do not want Davidians to understand, because it shows that they are not to set up a headquarters in Texas, Missouri, or in New York. Therefore, they condemn God's Headquarters for being set up in the east in 1970 at Salem, So. Carolina, and for reprinting the two SRod books.



commanded Davidians to "hear" (Mic 6:9). Yet, some defy His command by condemning the reprinting of the two SRod books, as if they are bad books!

And to keep Davidians from learning the above chart study, which shows that God's Headquarters in the west was to go eastward, the "office seekers" teach the lie that the truths in the two books are found in the *Timely Greetings*. But since this chart study is found only in *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, pgs. 290 to 298, then the two books must be reprinted, so the Davidians can learn it's truth.

Again note the chart below entitled: "The 11th Hour Call," which is taught by many Davidians. It is also explained in the *Timely Greetings*; and the "office seekers" say that this is the reason why the two books should not be reprinted. But this study is also explained in the *White House Recruiter*, pgs. 13 to 29; so why don't they tell others not to reprint this tract? Obviously because it does not contain any truths which they fear will expose themselves as Davidian "office seekers," as does the two books. Thus, their cry against the reprinting of the two books, because they say it's truths are found in the *Timely Greetings*, is seen to be a deception, for this obvious reason: The lower half of the study below about the night part of the 24 hour day, is not explained any where in the literature, except in *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 2, pgs. 236-238. It is obvious that this truth would be lost forever if these two books were not printed!



When their students ask the Davidian "office seekers" (1TG 14:22:0) to explain the lower half of the above chart, do they say it is explained in *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 2, pgs. 236-238? or do they secretly read their SRod books to know how to teach their students the chart, but do not tell them that they can buy the two books from God's Headquarters in So. Carolina? Or will they lie to them and say the information is in the *Timely Greetings*? knowing very well that their students could not find it there.

Note another familiar chart below; it is two studies on one chart. The lower half concerning the golden bowl and the two candlesticks, which the Davidians know very well; and which is found in several places

Sis. White's first book, *Early Writings*, was not a bad book, but an inspired book that should be reprinted; so Bro. Houteff's first book, *The Shepherd's Rod*, is not a bad book, but an inspired book that should also be reprinted! Note what the prophet Elijah (Bro. V.T. Houteff) said about one of his books:

THE CONTENTS OF THE SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS ARE INSPIRED OF GOD

"When God reveals truth, He is able to lead His servants in all truth, and does not allow such instruments to mix his truth with error. Though they may not understand all, yet the message they bear is the truth and nothing but the truth.... Therefore, when a message is proclaimed, it is either all truth or there is no truth in it, save the quotations of the prophets.— 2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pgs. 13, 14 (bold emphasis added).

The message in the two SRod books "is the truth and nothing but the truth." Yet, the "office seekers," by "admitting one great truth one day" that the inspired SRod books should be studied, "and forgetting it the next day" (1TG 7:8,9), are saying that the Lord changed His "plans" and "directed Brother Houteff in this matter," to say the two books are no longer inspired and worthy to be studied. And rather than say the two books are "valuable keepsakes," the "office seekers" say, (1) The SRod books are only common 'souvenirs,' just useless ornaments to lie around and gather dust; and anyone who reprints them should be condemned for having such 'bad judgment.' (2) The Salem Headquarters should be denounced for printing and circulating the two bad books for Davidians to study. Such words are blasphemous, because the two books contain the foundational doctrines of the SRod message. If they are bad books, as the "office seekers" say, then they are saying that the rest of the SRod message, which is built upon and part of the two books, is also bad!

Furthermore, the "office seekers" add hypocrisy to blasphemy! They still teach the truths found in the aforementioned charts (truths found only in the two Shepherd's Rod books), such as the bottom half of the Matthew 20 Chart, or the Flood Chart, or the Temple Types Chart, or Ezekiel's River Chart. Yet, they know full well that they could not teach these charts, nor could their students who follow them learn them, unless the two books are reprinted. But that, they say, is supposed to be "bad judgment." Instead, it is bad judgment not to republish the two books!

THE OFFICE SEEKERS ARE CAUGHT IN A TRAP OF BAD JUDGMENT

For example: Sis. Houteff and her counsel made false predictions, claiming that the SRod supported their teachings, which resulted in the "knockout blow" (WHR 33:2) in 1959; wherein Mt. Carmel Center began to be dissolved in 1961. And this was their trap, because they refused to humble themselves and admit that they were wrong; which resulted in their rejecting the entire SRod message!

So the "office seekers" in the west (California) have also fallen into a trap by claiming that God "directed Brother Houteff" to change His "plans," which led them to condemn the reprinting of the two books

as being "bad judgment." And unless they humbly admit that they are wrong, and accept all of *The Shepherd's Rod* publications, including the two books, which is "all truth," they will eventually reject the entire SRod message, as did Sis. Houteff.

What about you, Brother, Sister Davidian? Do you accept all of the SRod publications? Or only a part of them? Do you "hear ye the Rod"—all of it? Or do you think that it is "bad judgment" to reprint *The Shepherd's Rod* books? If, however, you think that it is good judgment to reprint the two inspired books, then order your "valuable keepsake" copies today, so that you can read and hear all that the message of *The Shepherd's Rod* teaches.

In order for Davidians to see the importance of reprinting the two books, note the following places where Elijah the prophet (V.T. Houteff) instructed the readers of his other publications to go back and read more about the subject in the two SRod books. Observe that the cross references to see certain pages in the two SRod books were not taken out of the other literature, at any time by the prophet (even up to his death in 1955), while he was printing and reprinting his literature. These cross references not only prove irrefutably that it was not God's "plans" to condemn the reprinting of the two books, but it also proves that it was part of God's "plans" for all true Davidians to read and study them in connection with his other literature. It was because of these "plans" that the Davidians at God's Headquarters in Salem, So. Carolina reprinted the two books, so all Davidians may have copies of these "valuable keepsakes," and so that the truths in them would not be lost forever!

QUOTATIONS WHICH DIRECT DAVIDIANS TO STUDY THE TWO SROD BOOKS

7 Tract 36:3	— says to read —	1SRod	209-222
8 Tract 20:1	— says to read —	1SRod	173-281
8 Tract 74:1	— says to read —	1SRod	64-111
1TG35 21:1	— says to read —	1SRod	52-111
1 Ans. 77:3	— says to read —	2SRod	240
3 Ans. 25:0	— says to read —	2SRod	114
12SC3 21:2	— says to read —	2SRod	220, 221
1 Tract 40:1	— says to read —	2SRod	259-282
3 Tract 70:0	— says to read —	2SRod	222, 238
3 Tract 71:1	— says to read —	2SRod	84-120
5 Tract 88:0	— says to read —	2SRod	256, 247
5 Tract 111:1	— says to read —	2SRod	142, 261
5 Tract 112:1	— says to read —	2SRod	270
5 Tract 112:1	— says to read —	2SRod	283-289
5 Tract 115:2	— says to read —	2SRod	187-221
5 Tract 117:0	— says to read —	2SRod	170-173
6 Tract 21:1	— says to read —	2SRod	126-139
6 Tract 59:0	— says to read —	2SRod	187-201
7 Tract 36:3	— says to read —	2SRod	85-107
8 Tract 28:1	— says to read —	2SRod	256
8 Tract 30:0	— says to read —	2SRod	85, 86
8 Tract 60:1	— says to read —	2SRod	222-239
8 Tract 60:1	— says to read —	2SRod	155, 156
8 Tract 88:1	— says to read —	2SRod	281
10 Tract 18:2	— says to read —	2SRod	23-25
10 Tract 46:47	— says to read —	2SRod	17-26
11 Tract 12:1	— says to read —	2SRod	289
12 Tract 41:1	— says to read —	2SRod	111-113

SEVERAL QUOTATIONS ABOUT THE SROD BOOKS

1 SRod book—"In 1929 just such a message came to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and it was put into writing and published in 1930, entitled 'The Shepherd's Rod, Volume 1.'—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 278:3 (bold emphasis added).

1 SRod book—"In 1930, when *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, was yet in manuscript, thirty-three hectographed copies were placed in the hands of some of the leading brethren of the General Conference."—7 *Tract*, pg. 6:2 (bold emphasis added).

1 SRod book—"It was at the close of 1930 {in December when *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 1 was printed} and the beginning of 1931 that the publication of the message in the Rod took place."—1 *Answerer* pg. 95:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

1 SRod book—"This 'most startling revelation'... was published in December, 1930, in a 255-page book entitled *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1."—1 *Tract*, pg. 37:1 (bold emphasis added).

1 SRod book—"The *Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, was published and sent throughout the S.D.A. denomination in {December} 1930."—2 *Tract*, pg. 45:2 (bold emphasis, braces added).

1 SRod book—"Adding these 40 Years to 1890 A.D., we are brought to 1930, the year in which *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, was first published."—1 *Shepherd's Rod Tract*, pg. 69:2 (bold emphasis added).

1 SRod book—"In 1931, after '*The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, came...we said God led us into all Truth or no truth.'"—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 18, pg. 21:3 (bold emphasis added).

1 SRod Tr.—"This {tract, copyrighted in 1930 and 1945} is the first revised edition of *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 1, originally published in {a book in December} 1930."—1 *Shepherd's Rod Tract*, pg. 6:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

2 SRod book—"This 'most startling revelation'... was published in the month of September, 1932, in a 304-page book entitled *The Shepherd's Rod*, Vol. 2."—1 *Tract*, pg. 37:1 (bold emphasis added).

2 SRod book—"The {*Shepherd's Rod*} message in this volume {two} was...to be the '11th hour' 'call'—the last, and at the right time."—2 *Shepherd's Rod*, pg. 9:3 (bold emphasis, braces added).

SRod books and tracts—"Never in the annals of the Christian church has there been a shaking...as a result of the circulation of *The Shepherd's Rod* series of books and tracts throughout the...Seventh-day Adventist denomination."—2 *Tract*, pg. 4:1 (bolds added).

SRod books and tracts—"And now louder and louder sounds the voice of Carmel, through the series of *The Shepherd's Rod* publications {books and tracts}."—3 *Answerer*, pg. 62:1 (bold emphasis, braces added).

SRod books and tracts—"Read closely every page of the solemn message contained in *The Shepherd's Rod* publications {books and tracts}. Let not a line escape your attention. Study every word."—5 *Answerer*, pg. 29:4 (bold emphasis and braces added).

PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE TWO SHEPHERD'S ROD BOOKS

From the time that Bro. V.T. Houteff was called of God to be Elijah the prophet at Los Angeles, California, and was inspired to print *The Shepherd's Rod* book, Vol. 1 in 1930, and Vol. 2 in 1932, he lived for a period of 25 years until his death in the year 1955. And during all that time, he **never removed** the foregoing statements from his writings. This unquestionable fact, therefore, not only proves that he never intended for the truths in these two books to be lost forever, but it also proves that he had intended for the Davidians at God's Headquarters to reprint them after his death. It was not, however, until after God's Headquarters was moved to Salem, So. Carolina in 1970, that the two Shepherd's Rod books were reprinted. And ever since that time, the Davidians have been praising the Lord that the precious truths in the two inspired books were not lost!

LET ALL SROD BELIEVERS BEWARE OF THE DAVIDIAN "OFFICE SEEKERS"

Let all new Davidians who have come in among the ranks of the Shepherd's Rod believers, take special care to "hear ye" all that the message of *The Shepherd's Rod* teaches. Then they would know that those Davidians who tell them that they do not need to read the two *Shepherd's Rod* books, are exposing themselves as "office seekers" (1TG 7:8,9). Their obvious objective is to keep the Davidians ignorant of a part or some parts of the SRod message, which the "usurpers" (1TG 14:22:0) do not want them to know, so they will be deceived into following them!

The Lord Jesus, however, did not command Davidians to let someone else "hear ye" (MIC 6:9) the SRod for them. Instead, He commanded them to "hear ye" all of the message of the SRod for themselves. And they cannot do this if they do not read and study the two books; because the SRod says that "all who are too lazy to study...get eternal death" (1TG 21:12:4)!

ALL DAVIDIANS WHO ARE TOO LAZY TO STUDY GET ETERNAL DEATH: DIE BY THE ANGELS OF EZEK. 9



STUDY THE SROD



TO STUDY IS A DAVIDIAN'S ONLY SALVATION

STUDY EVERY WORD, EVERY LINE, EVERY PAGE

The Shepherd's Rod also says "to... study is one's only salvation" (1Ans 75:1). So let every Davidian study every "word," every "line" and every "page" (5Ans 29:3) because these two books are the very foundation of the entire message of the SRod. There is absolutely nothing in this message that should be

hidden from the Davidians, since it is all truth. But the Davidian "office seekers" would make some believe that they should not read the two *Shepherd's Rod* books, because they are bad books! Note below a true story of a Davidian who bought the two books and found the truth that others hid from her:

A DAVIDIAN SISTER READ THE SROD BOOKS AND SAW THE TRUTH—A TRUE STORY

It was after M.J. Bingham began to teach his false doctrine of the "Bashan" pasture, and had moved from California to Missouri in 1969 to relocate his headquarters, which he named "Bashan Hill," that he exposed himself as an "office seeker" by claiming to be a prophet and calling himself the "porter" (Jn 10:3; 1Co 2:20:1). When he learned that the Salem Headquarters was selling *The Shepherd's Rod* books, he told his followers that he (their prophet) had instructions directly from the Lord to strictly forbid them to buy the books. The obvious reason why, is because he knew that if the Davidians should learn that the "Carmel" pasture is not the Headquarters at Mt. Carmel Center (Mic 7:14), and that Davidians are not in the Bashan pasture today, by reading these facts in the *Shepherd's Rod* book, which says "Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead are used as symbols of good spiritual pasture" (1SR 243:2), then he would lose them.

There was a time, however, when a Bashan Davidian (elderly lady) who decided to read the books for herself, because it was very hard for her to believe the false accusation that Elijah had written bad books; and she called the Salem Headquarters and ordered a set of the books. It was not too long afterwards that she called again and told me that one day while she was reading *The Shepherd's Rod* book (Vol. 1), that someone knocked on her door, and it was one of the Bashan Bible workers who came to visit her, and left a little while later.

Then she picked up the book and continued to read, and when she came to page 243, it was missing. So I apologized to her for the missing page, and told her that we would send her another book. But she said that it was not our fault. She told me that this Bashan Bible worker must have seen *The Shepherd's Rod* book (Vol. 1) on her table, because he asked for a glass of water; and that while she was gone for it, she thinks he deliberately cut out this page from her book. And she asked me what was so important on that page that he would cut it out so that she could not read it. And I told her that this page said "Carmel" is a "symbol" of a "good spiritual" pasture which has not yet withered, and that it could not be the literal Headquarters of old Mt. Carmel Center as Bro. Bingham was teaching. And after I also explained more to her about the subject of Carmel, then she ordered another book.

It was a few weeks later, after she had read the SROD book (Vol. 1), that she decided the Bashan teaching was wrong. And she broke loose from the Bashan association in Missouri; and joined with the Salem Association, and supported it until she finally died. So let all true Davidians beware of these "office seekers"! Do not "hear" them, instead, "hear ye" *The Shepherd's Rod* message, which says:

"God's eleventh-hour servants {true Davidians}, says Inspiration, are to be 'a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it.' Joel 2:2. They know what they believe, and believe what they know {by studying the message of the SROD}. Most important of all, they know that they are led by God, not by man {office seekers}."—1 *Timely Greetings*, No. 7, pg. 13:4 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Here is a Rod {of truth} which speaks; and its voice, the scripture points out, is the Voice of God to His people {in the Seventh-day Adventist church}. And since *The Shepherd's Rod*, the publications which contain the message of 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord' {Mal 4:5}, is the only Rod that has ever spoken, then it is the 'Rod' publications which the Lord demands all to hear."—*General Conference Special*, pgs. 35, 36 (bold emphasis, braces added).

"Nevertheless, one's {true DSDA's} only safety will be in the teaching of {the last prophet Elijah, Bro. V.T. Houteff}, for there will be no other voice {only the SROD} of timely Truth and authority to whom one {saints} may turn. Any others {Davidian usurpers} will lead their victims blindfolded into perdition."—*General Conference Special*, pg. 8:0 (bold emphasis, braces added).

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