

To whom it may concern:

As I was connected with the Seventh Day Adventists for a number of years, I became dissatisfied with some of their teachings as I could see there was not a perfect harmony and accord with the Scriptures. The Bible Advocate published by the Stanberry Publishing House came to my home, wherein they differed with the Seventh Day Adventists. Finally I wrote to eleven of their leading generals. We asked those men, Were the plagues past or future? Will men have water as the blood of dead men to drink? It should be the sole duty of each one to reach the honest in heart with the message of truth and give honor to whom honor is due. If there are deceivers, it is our whole duty to warn men against the deceivers or the blood will be on our garments. If we love Jesus we will not hold our peace but cry aloud for the salvation of souls and to establish the truth that Jesus bled and died for.

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ELDER H. N. VANDER SHUUR

October 16, 1935

"Dear Sister:

"We do, however, believe that we should take the Revelations figurative and not literal...Personally I believe the seven last plagues are all in the past but the seventh...The Seven last plagues have nothing to do with the destruction of the whore spoken of in the 17 and 18 chapters of Revelations."

ELDER J. T. WILLIAMSON

October 16, 1935

"Dear Sister:

"...We also enjoy wearing the true name "Church of God"..."

This body wore the name until the Michigan conference took upon itself another name, Seventh Day Adventists... In last week's issue a lengthy article appeared by B. F. Marrs relating to your question which I clipped to enclose. I am convinced that the cross is that mark. I find that the red cross was dedicated by Pope Cleremont as the "external mark."

CARL CARVER, VICE PRESIDENT

October 19, 1935

"Dear Sister Piper:

"...I do not believe we can find any authority for taking part of Revelation figuratively and the rest literal. Yet it is being done... You spoke of the water turning to blood... I believe that just emphasizes the anger that will be in the minds and hearts of men in that great battle of Armageddon. The expression "so mad you see red" seems to me to cover the ground... May I add that I believe that we are in the final stages of this world's history... Today I cannot see a single prophecy to be fulfilled before the coming of the Lord Jesus."

ELDER ENNIS HAWKINS

October 17, 1935

"Dear Sister Piper:

"...We do not believe the seven plagues are literal but figurative... We believe that many have received the mark of the beast in the Dark Ages... We are between the sixth and seventh seal, sixth and seventh trumpet, when time shall be no more. I think the nations will all be at war that will lead to Armageddon... We differ from the S. D. A. on many things in 1863 when the split came...."

EVANGELIST FRANK WALKER

November 4, 1935

"Dear Sister Piper:

"...We believe in the Bible alone as a safe guide... No we do not believe in the plagues as they (S. D. A.) do. However, some may differ with the way I look at them, but several of our leaders look at them as I do.

"I do not believe that the plagues given in Rev. 16 have a literal meaning. It is unreasonable to believe that the nations of earth could equip and prepare an army of men who were full of grievous sores and who had blood to drink and the sea poison as a dead man's blood. The poison vapor would kill those who attempted to cross the ocean, besides all would shortly die of thirst if the fountains were turned to blood... The World War was the sixth plague, for it did what was to be done as described... Where are we now then? the question may be asked. Between the sixth and seventh... The Bible does not teach that all will see eye to eye in this world before Jesus comes. It does teach unity of belief on essentials but charity on other points... Unity of belief on all things was not needful or expected as the means of binding them together.

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NOTE: Has the evangelist given Bible for their belief? He turned to history, some man's writings, and there he found France and Rome were that sea that became blood in 1786. The earth as it was drank the blood. This, he claims is the second plague. The Bible doesn't read that way. It reads that every living soul in the sea died. If France and Rome are the sea, every person in France and Rome died in 1781. We know that is not true even though it is recorded that way in History. It is history recorded by some Catholic Pope. God's warning, "Let no man deceive you by any means." God's wrath will be poured upon those who rejected God's word and not upon His church.

When the sea became as blood in the days of Pharaoh the Egyptians were forced to dig wells for fresh supply. It doesn't say every man received sores. Neither does it say it will hinder him from the Battle

of Armageddon. There are many today that have sores that are able to serve the Devil.

ELDER C. F. KNOTT November 13, 1935

"Dear Sister:

"....The Church of God also differs from the S. D. A. in that it does not lay down strong iron clad rules from which no man dares to differ. We believe in freedom...Burt Marrs believes that the plagues are not literal and that they are partly in the past. But personally I believe the plagues are future and literal just as they were in Egypt....I believe that all who preach the true Sabbath are preaching the Third Angel Message."

ELDER HUGH MILLER

October 20, 1935

"Dear Sister:

"....We teach the seven plagues are literal and future. Each one of them may not last long, but may, like the plagues in Egypt last only a few days...."

With those letters before me and understanding the general teaching of the Stanberry organization, can any one expect us to cast our lot with them and to support their work, their message that I know is out of accord with the Bible.

The Stanberry organization claims liberty but their liberty is for confusion. In Advocate No. 45, Article by Elder C. F. Knott on prophetic writings. The office editor branded it as non-essential doctrine because it was not in harmony with the old organization. Is that liberty for truth?

NOTE: Eight of those generals claim the plagues are past and figurative. Anything or nothing, they are not sure. Just two of them believe they are future. What can they do when prophetic writings are branded "non-essential?" Burt Marrs stated "How then can we agree with them that believe the plagues are future?" But let it be known that we cannot agree with them that believe they are past. Separate yourself from them that ye be not partakers of her sins.

A. S. Christenson, General President, Article on Charity in the same Advocate No. 45, Second Paragraph. "We do not believe anyone of us is sufficiently infallible to interpret prophecies. Only those who would be little popes claim that....The church of God is in perfect unity with all essentials of salvation....but when it comes to interpreting prophecies there is some difference."

Were Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Daniel little popes? No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. The President says, We have no interpreter. God says, Ye need no interpreter. Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Prophecy came not by the will of men, therefore we need no interpreter.

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Notice, some of those generals are making use of History and the work of great Bible Scholars to interpret Revelations.

The Pharisees with the Sadducees were branded as hypocrites because they could not discern the prophecies. Matt. 16: 1-3. When Daniel did not understand the prophetic word he prayed and an angel was sent to interpret. When John did not understand the prophetic things he wept much because no man was worthy. Rev. 5: 4. If those leading generals will weep as John, they will be visited by an angel and receive a blessing. Amos 3: 7. Surely the Lord will do nothing but he will reveal his secrets unto his servants the prophets. The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. We have an unction from the Holy One and we know all things.

If they speak not according to the law and the testimony it is because there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20. The Testimony is the Spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psa. 19:7. How can this be the Church of God when they have made the prophets of no effect and branded it as non-essential doctrine?

May I call your attention to Evangelist Walker? He states, "The Bible does not teach that we all will see eye to eye in this world before Jesus comes. Did Walker write that in his Bible? Let us prove all things. 1 Cor. 1:10. "Now I beseech you, brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus that ye all speak the same thing that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

He further stated that unity in belief on all things was not needful or expected as a means of binding them together. Amos 3:3. God says, Can two walk together unless they be agreed? Whom shall we believe?

My prayers are that the honest in heart will decide whom they will serve. We have no Bible that gives us any authority for division. God is not the author of confusion. Jesus prayed earnestly that we all may be one as he and the Father are one. My prayers are that those brethren will get on their knees and ask God to forgive them as they are misleading, taking away and adding to God's word. The third angel message and the seven plagues are the warning messages of the day. The Seven plagues are the wrath of God poured out upon them that drink from the cup of the harlot woman. If the plagues are in the past and the wrath of God is in the past, the woman and cup are in the past. To my surprise I never knew there was a church claiming to be commandment keepers that dared to ignore the prophetic writings as non-essential.

I was burdened for the S. D. A. but now another mission field has opened to me. The Church of God with headquarters at Stanberry, Mo. They have agreed to disagree on prophetic writings.

Burt Marrs in Advocate No. 40 on the Seven Plagues and the Sealing message, he interprets Rev. 7 chapter: The four angels standing on the four corners of the earth are Italy, France, England, and the United States. Four of the biggest war gods we have. In the closing of his article he stated, "It could be we are mistaken about the whole interpretation of these prophecies. If he doesn't know and is uncertain, why sound an alarm? Why speculate and guess on prophetic writings?"

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This is not a letter of criticism but a warning for those in darkness. Let no man deceive you by any means. Have no part in the works of darkness. May God bless each and every one who reads those lines to stand for Jesus, knowing that it is His words and not mine. Anyone that wishes to have further information concerning the Third Angels Message and the Seven Plagues being future, be free in writing and we shall help you as the Lord gives word.

A servant in Christ believing all what the prophets have spoken,

Mrs. Bessie Piper