

[This study was a recent discussion between a sister in Canada, quoted (in light blue), and myself, Tom Caldwell, in the USA (in black), and is edited for emphasis and clarification. This should be a profitable discussion for all concerning 'true worship' and the repeat of the Second Angel's message of Revelation 14:8 and Revelation 18:1-4. Brother Victor Houteff's message was the repeat of the First Angel's message, the warning of the imminent approach of the Judgement for the Living to begin, WHR37, which was one of the key themes of the Rod message]

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THE END OF CONFUSION BABYLON IS FALLEN IS FALLEN

Ephesians 4

The GIFTS of the church are GIVEN – UNTIL THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME

The Great Transition in the Movement

As Brother Houteff characterizes the work that "The Branch" brings, in his well known statement in 1TG8:24, that The Branch brings "this GREAT CHANGE". This has been a work that has been punctuated by "change" ever since 1955, beginning with the ministry of Ben Roden. But now, we must look for a "change" that brings something completely new, or brings a change, or the end to the "common order of things" TM300 by Ellen White. According to Victor Houteff, this "great change" is the result of "revival and reformation". This is our key to the nature and unfolding of the "great change" we should look for in our day.

Brother Houteff's statements more clearly outline the question we are dealing with at the moment, which is whether or not there continues to be the same emphasis on the human level of leadership when the seventh step of the Protestant Reformation goes forward, as described in Brother Houteff's study of Ezekiel 4 (1SR:114-133), also seen in the Branch as the step that follows the repeat of the **Three Angels' Messages** for the Judgment of the Living in the Adventist movement – Victor Houteff, Ben Roden, and Lois Roden.

Vol.1 Symbolic Code, Message No.4, p.6 – "As God had made a written covenant with His ancient people that He was to send them the Messiah, Christ came in fulfillment of that covenant, and having brought a message by His teachings, He was the "Messenger of the covenant. But the words of Malachi in chapter three, verse one, make plain that before the Lord comes "to His temple," He will send a messenger to prepare the way, at which time He is to purify the sons of Levi, -- those who minister in "His temple" -- the church...This particular **coming of the Lord** is also predicted in Vol. 5, pp. 80, 690 [also GC:424-26]...the one who brings the message must be the "messenger of the covenant," and when the Lord sends him he will fulfill the promise of Malachi 4:5. [2SR:240 insert - "Since the Scripture [in Mal.3] is for the last days, this messenger of promise can be no other than the one whom the Lord has promised: "Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." (Mal. 4:5.) **The Lord came to His temple in the most holy place in 1844** for the Judgment of the Dead, which was a fulfillment of Daniel 7:9, 10. Malachi refers to the judgment for the living, which is of the same events (judgment)]...though the title, "messenger of the covenant," is applied to more than one messenger, it rightfully belongs to the Holy Spirit, and only for the reason that the Spirit of God is in them are they designated by that title...It is for the fact of this union -- the Spirit in the messengers – that the Word says, "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Pet. 1:21.) Briefly summarized, the words, "messenger of the covenant," mean nothing more or less than to say, The Holy Spirit in Heaven's visible representative, or the invisible Christ in the message." End quote.

Just as every messenger had the Holy Spirit leading the messenger, **in the final analysis, the credit must be given to the Holy Spirit, as the Elijah (1AB79)**. It is time to give all the credit to the Holy Spirit (Daughter) and actually LOOK for Her to be revealed – brought forth in Person, in Jerusalem.

Now, let's associate that passage with Brother Houteff's remarks about the church being led by the prophets: 2TG:26:23 – "had it not been for the fact that some wide-awake ones throughout the ages have dared take up their cross and follow God through His prophets in order to be led from one height of Truth to another, the world would not have stood this long. **There is no doubt, the Church from creation till today has been led and preserved by the prophets, and she can continue in no other way from here on."**

True. But "when that which is perfect is come", the dependence on human messengers will either end or be secondary to the Spirit of Prophecy Herself. Joel's prophecy in Joel 2 will still be in effect. He will "pour out His Spirit on all flesh".

You are saying, Tom, that the revelation of the Daughter in the Godhead, through Lois Roden's writings, and the fulfillment of the 1560 time-type in 1990, has changed the previous system – of human messengers of the covenant being led by the Spirit to lead the church [which Brother Houteff is invoking in these statements] – in favour of the Holy Spirit alone being the “messenger of the covenant” for the Malachi 3 purification and the Elijah work of Mal.4:5-6?

This statement is true also, with the provision that the complete fulfillment is when the Divine Daughter is visibly manifested. The Holy Spirit is, “in the last analysis” the Messenger of the Covenant. Until that time the process of “perfecting of the saints” must continue with the offices presented in Ephesians 4:11-13. But the message now, since 1990, must be the complete focus on the Holy Ghost Daughter as the King and “Anointed One”, as “ruler, judge” and ONLY Intercessor for the church, to bring each of us to perfection. If we are not focused upon Her, and Her work, we will not be ready for Her APPEARING. Following a man, as leader, “ruler, judge” will disqualify anyone who does, or has the wrong focus.

That the role of Joshua in Zech.3 and 6, the role of the “golden bowl” of Zech.4, and the role of “Elijah” in Mal.3 and 4:5 are all carried out by Divinity alone in the seventh step of reformation, and that the human response is limited to the corporate level: “the men wondered at” of Zech.3, the seven lamps and pipes of the candlestick of Zech.4, the sons of Levi in Mal.3, and “the [repentant] heart(s)” of Mal.4:6?

Well stated. But our response to this message must be individual, as well as corporate, speaking the same things. Reformation is both individual and corporate. The Revival of the Spirit brings the reformation, individual and corporate.

This is indeed a big shift!

There are three pieces of evidence I can think of that might lead me to consider this as an option.

1. The church of the Apostles, the type for the “latter rain”, operated that way!
2. Ephesians 4 is describing that corporate structure, which is to be in place “Till we all come...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”.
3. There is a statement of Ellen White's giving a glimpse of a corporate level of the Elijah work of Mal.4:5-6. Curiously enough, it is included in a passage of Brother Houteff's meant to convince that the Elijah is one messenger! This statement is not included in the EGW database, nor in the present published Review and Herald volumes. It would have to be documented from earlier editions.

Victor Houteff did fulfill the “Messenger of the Covenant” in a major aspect even in his day since he was the “Elijah-John the Baptist” in antitype, in a special sense, since he announced the coming of The Branch message and messenger. Yet he also knew and proclaimed that there was a FINAL and END application of the “Messenger of the Covenant”, that of the Office-Throne of the Holy Spirit (Daughter). Each messenger gives the message progressively, up until the Seventh Step message. Ben Roden announced the coming of the Branch-She message, given by Lois Roden, YET this was only in a message. TODAY we have the coming of The Branch-She in PERSON. This message is the summation of all the messages, the spiritual preparation and crescendo of all the Advent messages.

It is apparent, that the former messengers always intended, through Inspiration, ANNOUNCING TO THE CHURCH, that the Holy Spirit was and would be the final emphasis and final messenger to the Body of Messiah – The Branch. What more could be “this REVIVAL and REFORMATION, THIS GREAT CHANGE”, that this message, The Branch, was to bring? It is She who would bring “this GREAT CHANGE”. Only the Holy Spirit can “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers”. Every previous messenger, every one of them, had this vision, woven into their respective messages, of the future leading of the Body. In the leadership of a man, or a woman, there is no fundamental “change” in the message and its outcome --- people are still following a man. This is because the eyes of the people are ON the human leader. Only those who recognize only Her as the King, Priest, Judge, will have a part in the final work to the church and the world. Yes, the people need to “come boldly before the Throne of Grace....” themselves.

["Review and Herald," February 23, 1864, quoted in General Conference Special: 36-37](#)

"But was the prophecy [Brother Houteff has been citing Mal.3:1-3 and 4:5-6 in the discussion leading up to this quote] wholly fulfilled in John the Baptist? We answer, No; for it is more intimately connected with the great day of the Lord than was the mission of John. His work had exclusive reference to the first advent but the prophecy must relate more especially to the second advent, which is the crowning event of the ushering in of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." -- "Review and Herald," February 23, 1864.

"Do you say the prophecy must be fulfilled by one person? We answer, Not necessarily; for the cause of John was shown us that it is not the individual but the spirit and power that fulfills the prophecy; and why may not this spirit and power accompany a body of men as well as a single individual, especially if the magnitude and importance of the work demand such an increased agency?" -- "Review and Herald," February 23, 1864.

Yes, the fulfillment of the "messenger of the covenant" was a progressive one, pointing to a climatic fulfillment in Deity, who would announce the coming KING (the Son), YET, an ultimate JOINING of the TWO KINGS, one in Heaven and one in the earth. This is why the Holy Spirit must be seen as the final fulfillment of the Elijah who announces the "Great and Dreadful Day of YHVH." Many office seekers have thought to fulfill the prophecy of Malachi 4, the coming of Elijah, in a progressive application, yet, when this is done, there is no place for the Holy Spirit "in the last analysis" to be Elijah (1A879). To some who have a man-centered message, it becomes a kind of continual progression of the office, to the last man, the last man standing, at least in their minds, as the last and final fulfillment of Elijah. Folks, we need the Holy Spirit. That is all. She is ALL SUFFICIENT.

"We say, then, that we believe that the third angel's message is now completing the fulfillment of Malachi 4:5, 6. Hence, let none be beguiled with the fancy that Elijah is yet personally to appear, but give heed to the work already going on before their eyes." -- "Review and Herald," February 23, 1864.

Not "Elijah" in person, but the Spirit of Elijah, in the very Person who directed Elijah in the type. Nevertheless, each messenger gave this message progressively, adding "line upon line" to the message. Now we must teach and expect the reality.

I can see that line of reasoning, Tom, that the possibility of two different applications in the former SOP writings could be there as a test of our willingness to engage the Spirit deeply in a search for the true meaning. That is how Sister White's view of the Kingdom has worked for Rod believers.

When we "engage the Spirit", who is the Divine Author of each message, we begin to see this Truth clearly.

I thought I had caught a glimpse of the leadership of the Jer.23 exodus being exclusively "The Lord Our Righteousness", but then I realized that the same description of the exodus from "the north country" being led by "the Lord" that "liveth" (v.8) is the same as for the first exodus (v.7), which also had a human leader. So, it's back to the drawing board on that one!

This is a very important prophecy given for our time from Jeremiah 23. More on this coming up, as _____ directly touched upon. When "type met antitype", the "types ceased at the Cross" so it is now Deity, fulfilling the antitype, no longer are the "types" as Moses, Elijah, David, Joshua, or porter, priest, king etc., to be seen as pointing to a fellow servant.

"The conversion of Saul is a striking evidence of the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit to convict men of sin. He had verily believed that Jesus of Nazareth had disregarded the law of God and had taught His disciples that it was of no effect. But after his conversion, Saul recognized Jesus as the one who had come into the world for the express purpose of vindicating His Father's law. He was convinced that Jesus was the originator of the entire Jewish system of sacrifices. He saw that at the crucifixion type had met antitype, that Jesus had fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Redeemer of Israel." {AA 120.2}

"Caiaphas was the one who was to be in office when type met antitype, when **the true High Priest came into office.**" RH June 12, 1900 {5BC 1104.3}

"Christ's Heart Rent. -- How different was the **true High Priest** from the false and corrupted Caiaphas. Christ stood before the false high priest, pure and undefiled, without a taint of sin. {5BC 1105.1}

"Christ mourned for the transgression of every human being. He bore even the guiltiness of Caiaphas, knowing the hypocrisy that dwelt in his soul, while for pretense he rent his robe. Christ did not rend His robe, but His soul was rent. His garment of

human flesh was rent as He hung on the cross, the sin-bearer of the race. By His suffering and death a new and living way was opened (RH June 12, 1900). {5BC 1105.2}

As I was waking this morning, the Daughter said to me “come boldly to the throne of grace”. Heb.4:16.

And I was reminded that it was YHVH’s first choice that the Israelites **meet with Him directly at Sinai**, but they were too afraid, and implored Moses to meet with Him on their behalf. Ex.20. And Moses told the people that YHVH manifested Himself in such a solemn way so that they would have enough “fear” of Him to think twice about sinning. YHVH knew that, in their fallen condition, due to the effects of their slavery in Egypt, they needed some firm boundaries set in their relationship with Him. See also PP:363-64.

But, when the time had come for Divinity to reveal Themselves through the promised Branch of Isa.11, Their purpose would be to reveal more emphatically the approachable merciful aspect of Divinity’s nature, about which Paul so eloquently wrote.

Yes, the way to the “throne of grace” has been made more accessible in our minds and hearts by what Christ revealed to us through His life on earth. Divinity came to live in the same “flesh” as humanity – which showed us clearly who we are meant to be in Their eyes.

Some false leaders today, as my personal experience has seen, more than once, that a purported leader claims to have a kind of Deity birthed into him, Messiah in antitype, as “the anointing”, teaching the people to watch him, seek him and his anointing, and he will show the way. It can get terribly convoluted, in reasoning and type applications, if you listen to them. The claim goes like this, as you stated above _____, as Christ came to DWELL in human flesh (a type) so Christ has come to dwell in the flesh of a fellow servant to LEAD the people as did Moses, or as Christ Himself for that matter. But Victor Houteff and Ben Roden wrote about this, in prohibition, that Christ would NOT come in a person, in a fellow servant that is!

And remember, Divinity coming to LIVE in the “flesh” as humanity --- is a TYPE also, which we cannot ignore, or change, to mean that CHRIST HAS COME TO LIVE IN THEIR FLESH FIRST, and that a man becomes the antitype of Christ today. No. I lived through this kind of thinking, this kind of teaching, therefore I am able to expose the error, reveal the truth, to show everyone that we are to NOT look to any man. Any man who says he is “Christ” in the flesh, or David “in the flesh” is in verity a FALSE Christ(s) and a “would-be David(s)”. The Divinity “in the flesh” we are to look for is the Divine Daughter, antitype of Christ Himself, and rightly qualified to sit on the Throne of David in the earth. It is Her RIGHT (Ezekiel 21:27). What man today, or ever, would have the audacity to say that it is his RIGHT to sit upon the Throne of David, in Jerusalem today?!

The application and navigation of the TYPES today are like walking through a religious mine-field for those who have not taken note of what the previous messengers have written, and particularly for those who are new or even fairly new to The Branch and the message that the messengers brought, preparing the way for Deity to actually COME and “take the reins”.

For a century the effects of that revelation stuck with us. **Followers of the Branch’s revelation of Divinity – “the sect of the Nazarenes” Acts 24:5 – were referred to as “These that have turned the world [of seeing God as unapproachable, and therefore having only a formalistic disempowered relationship with Him – the world of Judaism led by a corrupt, self-serving Sanhedrin] upside down.” Acts.17:6.**

Paul taught that the powerful effects of this breakthrough in our mentality about the heavenly Family, that gave us permission to “come boldly to the throne of grace”, would be largely lost to Christ’s followers again, due to the deliberate efforts of a corrupt priesthood that would work to change our focus on following the “times and laws” specifically associated with the process of providing power for spiritual transformation that is being ministered by Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and by the Daughter on earth.

Sister _____, that is exactly what we have today. Corruption of the Body of Messiah today through corrupt self-serving teachers (teaching) is the issue before the Body. But the Divine Daughter steps in with the direct impression, in your case, to “come boldly before the Throne of Grace.”

To “COME BODLY BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE” is to come before our Divine Intercessor in the earth without thinking to need a human intercessor, **a human inspector as it were**, even just to pray to, or through, TO the Holy Ghost (Rom. 8:26) as is otherwise taught by the Church of Rome, and her agents in The Branch today. Yes, _____, you may, and you (we) must

“come boldly before the Throne of Grace”. Her Throne is in the earth, still today! We have been invited to do so. How wonderful.

We stand on the threshold once again, of the completion of the reformation of our mentality concerning the ministry of grace from Heaven to earth, which the heavenly Family began to re-instate in 1500 AD, with the revelation to Martin Luther about the true way to find reconciliation with Divinity’s way of doing things. Ezek.4/1SR:114-133. And once again we are to experience a struggle to free ourselves from the mentality of a leadership (Ezek.34) that would avoid connecting us “boldly to the throne of grace” to obtain the “help” we need at this “time” - to be so transformed in our spiritual nature as to become fully capable of being restored to face-to-face fellowship with our Holy Family “of origin”!

The description above is, I believe, according to Lois Roden’s very short explanation of the Heralds of the Morning chart, what was to come, or begin, in 1990. _____, you say it in a whole different way, but so true – “We stand on the threshold once again, of the completion of the reformation of our mentality concerning the ministry of grace from Heaven to earth” It all becomes a PERSONAL experience between our Divine Mother and Her child of adoption, for all Her children by adoption. We do not need a personal experience of intercessor-ship between us, the truth seeker, and a man, BUT RATHER between the truth seeker, the repentant son or daughter, and their personal exchanges, conversations and private prayers, WITH their Divine Parents, BETWEEN the seeker and Deity. This is the true relationship between Heaven and earth. Lois Roden communicated this through her written message. She succeeded I believe, in the publication, “By His Spirit”.

The Daughter also made it clear to me in my own mind this morning that the various aspects of that restoration must follow the type of that which took place among the disciples during the “seventieth week” of probation for the Sanhedrin system in 27 to 34 AD.

It is the Laodicean leadership that is now under review - all three seal levels (in sequence – Branch first. Ezek.16:58-63) – for, which division of leadership of the sealing has not been in denial of their true spiritual condition; which division of the flock has not suffered being made a “prey” by their leaders’ selfish exploitation of their trust? Ezek.34.

Sister White also confirms that the Pentecost of 31 AD is a type for the Latter Rain. AA:54-55. Sister Roden understood the type and applied it to the years of 1977 to 1984, the outcome of which revealed the lack of spiritual transformation sufficient at that time to receive the outpouring. Sister Roden responded appropriately with repentance, and a review of her understanding of the truth about the Daughter that Divinity was trying to reveal through her.

The reason that The Branch Movement was not ready for this “*spiritual transformation*”, from 1977 to 1984, was the great upheaval coming to the Movement in the early 1980s, in the Judicial phase of the Judgement of the Living at that time, that seven year period, not only an upheaval of Truth, but time needed for many (everyone) in the movement making life and death decisions (decision time – or Judicial review – Judgement for the Living), also the needed time to permit the “man of sin” to develop and do his work, beginning with Vernon Howell, so that the Revelation 18 Movement could “incur the mark of the beast” as Ben Roden taught. Lois Roden’s message needed time to germinate, to work, to unfold.

So we are yet to experience that anti-typical “week” – seven year sabbatical cycle – which will be punctuated at the mid-point - the “midst of the week” - with a rejection of the transforming ministry of Christ and the Holy Spirit (an anti-typical crucifixion), also a “shaking” among true believers, leading them to be more aware of their shortcomings (Peter!) so as to take on a repentance and a more humble, teachable spirit that can receive all that Christ has wanted to teach us about the coming “kingdom” (Acts 1:3), which will culminate in a unity among us (upper room experience – AA:35-40) that is fit to receive the out-pouring of the Spirit as the latter rain.

The teaching of the coming “kingdom” must culminate with the Truth of the King, the final TEST for those who will receive the seal, the triple seal of Revelation 3:12, those who will be translated without seeing death.

When our Mother gathers Her initial number of Wavesheaf candidates, those who are looking for Her, then the HARVEST begins. Whether we need to go through the seven years in antitype again, as Lois Roden anticipated from 1977 Sukkot, to 1984 Sukkot, or whether the time is cut short in righteousness, we must wait to see. But the UNITY is all important, for all of us to see “eye to eye” and there be no controversy of headship in the body. Our “upper room” experience will be Ceremonial Pentecost. We must receive the outpouring of the Spirit in POWER, after we receive the outpouring in Truth. We need to pray that we are ready for all the Truth She has prepared for Her children, and then appropriate it.

Now, I think that we must necessarily follow the type as to how our expectations of the leadership during that time goes as well. That means that the first three and a half years of the seven year anti-type would be led by Christ and the Holy Spirit working directly with those who can “come boldly to the throne of grace”! This is, in fact, what Brother Houteff says, as I have already mentioned. 2TG:44:37-38.

2TG44:37-38 tells us that since the Lord could not find anyone to bring in the harvest, so He would do it Himself through His Glory, through His “Own Arm”. Isa. 63:5. This is Ezekiel 9.

Then what we can expect for leadership in the last three and a half years of purifying the church (the type being 31 AD-34 AD) (the truth of which is allowed for in Sister Roden’s Sign of Jonah chart, labelled as “second fruits Israel”) before the loud cry goes to the “Gentiles”, is that which Ephesians 4 describes: Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Pastor-Teachers, according to the several gifts that the Holy Spirit will give to individuals. Yes, there will be an administrative counsel, as there was with James heading that up in Jerusalem. There will be evangelists, like Thomas to India, and Philip to Ethiopia. There are believers in the Adventist truths in almost every country of the world. Prophecy seemed to be a well-distributed gift in the type. And there will be some Master gift receivers, like Paul, who will stand out prominently within our culture – Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, and Pastor-Teacher all rolled into one! Such prominent ones, however, did not substitute for the establishment of a whole web of leaders working toward the same purpose. The “men wondered at” are a plurality.

So, how does this contribute to an understanding of how the Joshua role plays out in the mix? Well, it may be that we have been misinterpreting the meaning of the gifts that have appeared among us - as an indication that the person receiving those gifts has to be the Joshua. It may be that it is rather the “men wondered at” beginning to make their appearance, just as James, John, and Peter were emerging within the disciples’ circle.

Both Ellen White, Victor Houteff, and Lois Roden in particular, endeavored to describe the Office of Joshua in a composite understanding, each giving many clues to this all-important Office that “finishes up the Atonement”. **The key to understand WHO holds that OFFICE of Priesthood, of Joshua TODAY, is to understand that that OFFICE is the “finishing-up” or “closing-up” of the Atonement (sanctification), THEREFORE – we must understand that NO (sinful) MAN has ANY PART in the Atonement, in the type or the antitype (Christ on the Cross) or a SUPPOSED ANTITYPE TODAY, with a fellow servant performing a work of intercessor, or priestly rites to absolve sin, as the Church of Rome teaches!** Since NO man today has any part in the finishing-up of the Atonement work, its completion today, the work of sanctification imparted (5T472), then where does this leave us in our understanding of who holds that office, the office of Joshua (Zechariah 3)? This is the very idea that a man can act in the place of Deity as a kind-of ‘pre-intercessor’, or “priest” “king” “judge”, where the man thinks he has a virtual role of Deity in the Movement. This is what we are dealing with today.

But now, we need to bring it all together, the Office of Joshua, as the Head of the Body, and the Body that needs a garment change that only the High Priest can provide, ALL COMING TOGETHER, when the Head of the Body is finally accepted for Who She IS. What part does any man have in the “finishing up” or “closing up” of the Atonement? None whatsoever.

If you think about Joshua’s role being designated as the High Priest, it would make sense that it would be on the level of Deity, since Jesus, “taken from among men” as the anti-type, was appointed High Priest in the role that supersedes anything on earth that had gone before. Heb.9:11. So, therefore, the Holy Ghost, whose role it is to intercede here for us on earth (Rom.8:26), would be the only choice that could fulfill that anti-type.

We need only look to Hebrews 8:1 - Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

We must look to our High Priest in Heaven only, as taught from 1844, and NOW our High Priest in the earth, since Passover 1990, when “the censer was cast into the earth” (Rev. 8:5), showing a transfer of Divine Priestly Authority to the One who will FINISH the work of the Atonement, the work of perfection, the work of sanctification for the Body of Messiah.

8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Yet, there is still the type of Moses, as the “under-leader” of the first exodus, which we must understand more clearly as it applies to the anti-type of Jer.23:1-8.

Only NOW, the “underleader” is the Divine Daughter. Really, She always has been the “underleader”. It was the people that wanted Moses, or Saul as their king, their underleader. Moses was a type of Christ, the Lawgiver, but there is now “the law of

our Mother." (Prov. 1:8) The completion of the Revelation 18:1 message, initiated by Ben Roden and continued by Lois Roden, is the message of the Glory of Messiah, Her cleansing and closing work for us (sanctification).

My purpose in sharing is to encourage an atmosphere of exchange of the strengths that the Holy Ghost may see fit to give to one or the other of us as we keep on learning to "come boldly to the throne" for the help we need to meet any and all of the challenges we face as being those who are charged with the responsibility to "strive with all the power that God has given us to be among" RH: Mar.9:1905 "the vanguard, and its army...from which are elected the 12,000 out of each of the twelve tribes of Jacob, "the 144,000". Leviticus of D.S.D.A. p.3

This summation above is uplifting and deep. Thank you, _____.

Going back to a former point made by _____, above, we must take the prophecy of Jeremiah 23 as the correct order and revelation of Who finishes the work. Verse 7 mentions the coming up from Egypt, which was by Moses, the underleader, since it was Deity leading Moses, THEN by the cloud by day and fire by night when the tabernacle was built. But verse 8 invokes a latter day coming out of the nations, apparently, by the Hand of Deity, directly, By His Spirit, which is what Ezekiel 36 and 37 describes. The latter Ezekiel chapters are all about what Deity does for Israel.

It is becoming apparent that Ellen White did understand who it was that was represented by Christ, as "this man" to reign over us. She never uplifted any man as King or President of the Church. Her statements in TM 475 and TM 300 are again worded according to providential purpose, to draw in the office seekers and bind them up into a bundle along with their followers.

"We will not have this man to reign over us," is the language of thousands. Luke 19:14. The smooth sermons so often preached make no lasting impression; the trumpet does not give a certain sound. Men are not cut to the heart by the plain, sharp truths of God's word. {PK 140.2}

"There are many professed Christians who, if they should express their real feelings, would say, What need is there of speaking so plainly? They might as well ask, Why need John the Baptist have said to the Pharisees, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Luke 3:7. Why need he have provoked the anger of Herodias by telling Herod that it was unlawful for him to live with his brother's wife? The forerunner of Christ lost his life by his plain speaking. Why could he not have moved along without incurring the displeasure of those who were living in sin? {PK 140.3}

"So men who should be standing as faithful guardians of God's law have argued, till policy has taken the place of faithfulness, and sin is allowed to go unreprieved. When will the voice of faithful rebuke be heard once more in the church? {PK 141.1}

"Thou art the man." 2 Samuel 12:7. Words as unmistakably plain as these spoken by Nathan to David are seldom heard in the pulpits of today, seldom seen in the public press. If they were not so rare, we should see more of the power of God revealed among men. The Lord's messengers should not complain that their efforts are without fruit until they repent of their own love of approbation and their desire to please men, which leads them to suppress truth. {PK 141.2}

"Those ministers who are men pleasers, who cry, Peace, peace, when God has not spoken peace, might well humble their hearts before God, asking pardon for their insincerity and their lack of moral courage. **It is not from love for their neighbor that they smooth down the message entrusted to them, but because they are self-indulgent and ease-loving. True love seeks first the honor of God and the salvation of souls. Those who have this love will not evade the truth to save themselves from the unpleasant results of plain speaking.** When souls are in peril, God's ministers will not consider self, but will speak the word given them to speak, refusing to excuse or palliate evil. {PK 141.3}

"Would that every minister might realize the sacredness of his office and the holiness of his work, and show the **courage that Elijah showed!** As divinely appointed messengers, ministers are in a position of **awful responsibility**. They are to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering." 2 Timothy 4:2. In Christ's stead they are to labor as stewards of the mysteries of heaven, encouraging the obedient and warning the disobedient. With them worldly policy is to have no weight. **Never are they to swerve from the path in which Jesus has bidden them walk.** They are to **go forward in faith**, remembering that they are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. They are not to speak their own words, but words which One greater than the potentates of earth has bidden them speak. Their message is to be, "Thus saith the Lord." God calls for men like Elijah, Nathan, and John the Baptist--men who will bear His message with faithfulness, regardless of the consequences; men who will speak the truth bravely, though it call for the sacrifice of all they have. {PK 142.1}

"God cannot use men who, in time of peril, when the strength, courage, and influence of all are needed, are afraid to take a firm stand for the right. He calls for men who will do faithful battle against wrong, warring against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. It is to such as these that He will speak the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:23. {PK 142.2}

"In order for Satan to maintain his sway over men, and establish the authority of the papal usurper, he must keep them in ignorance of the Scriptures. **The Bible would exalt God, and place finite men in their true position;** therefore its sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed. This logic was adopted by the Roman Church. For hundreds of years the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it or to have it in their houses, and unprincipled priests and prelates interpreted its teachings to sustain their pretensions. **Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the vicegerent of God on earth, endowed with authority over Church and State.** {GC88 51.3}

"The detector of error having been removed, Satan worked according to his will. Prophecy had declared that the papacy was to "think to change times and laws." [Daniel 7:25.] This work it was not slow to attempt. To afford converts from heathenism a substitute for the worship of idols, and thus to promote their nominal acceptance of Christianity, the adoration of images and relics was gradually introduced into the Christian worship. The decree of a general council [SECOND COUNCIL OF NICEA, A.D. 787.] finally established this system of idolatry. To complete the sacrilegious work, Rome presumed to expunge from the law of God the second commandment, forbidding image worship, and to divide the tenth commandment, in order to preserve the number. {GC88 51.4}

"In this instance we have a refutation of the doctrine held by the Roman Catholic Church that Peter was the head of the church. Those who, as popes, have claimed to be his successors, have no Scriptural foundation for their pretensions. Nothing in the life of Peter gives sanction to the claim that he was elevated above his brethren as the vicegerent of the Most High. If those who are declared to be the successors of Peter had followed his example, they would always have been content to remain on an equality with their brethren. {AA 194.4}

[Note: In understanding the above quote from AA, false leaders today do not invoke the type or teaching of "Peter" in Adventism today, or in The Branch, as the basis for their presumed supreme leadership in the Body. To those of us who are studied and discerning, that would be a dead give-away of Catholicism in our ranks. RATHER, the false teachers INVOKE the type of Christ Himself as their basis of power and authority as underleader or under-head of the church. Be aware of this.]

"In this instance James seems to have been chosen as the one to announce the decision arrived at by the council. It was his sentence that the ceremonial law, and especially the ordinance of circumcision, should not be urged upon the Gentiles, or even recommended to them. James sought to impress the minds of his brethren with the fact that, in turning to God, the Gentiles had made a great change in their lives and that much caution should be used not to trouble them with perplexing and doubtful questions of minor importance, lest they be discouraged in following Christ. {AA 195.1}

"There was no trace of fear in Peter's voice as he declared of Christ, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." {AA 63.3}

"Peter here used a figure of speech familiar to the priests. The prophets had spoken of the rejected stone; and Christ Himself, speaking on one occasion to the priests and elders, said: "Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The Stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." Matthew 21:42-44. {AA 64.1} As the priests listened to the apostles' fearless words, "they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." {AA 64.2}

"Of the disciples after the transfiguration of Christ it is written that at the close of that wonderful scene "they saw no man, save Jesus only." Matthew 17:8. "Jesus only"-- in these words is contained the secret of the life and power that marked the history of the early church." (Acts of the Apostles, page 64)

"Organization was designed to secure unity of action, and as a protection from imposture. It was never intended as a scourge to compel obedience, but, rather, for the protection of the people of God. Christ does not drive his people. He calls them. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Our living Head leads the way, and calls his people to follow. Human creeds cannot produce unity. Church force cannot press the church into one body. This has been tried, and has proved a

failure. **Christ never designed that human minds should be moulded for Heaven by the influence merely of other human minds. "The head of every man is Christ." His part is to lead, and to mould, and to stamp his own image upon the heirs of eternal glory. However important organization may be for the protection of the church, and to secure harmony of action, it must not come in to take the disciple from the hands of the great Teacher."**

—James White, "Leadership," Signs of the Times, July 9, 1874, p. 28.

God does not conceal His truth from men. By their own course of action, they make it obscure to themselves. - COL 105

With this knowledge, we may now truly "come boldly before the Throne of Grace" and be perfected (sanctification).

At the Minneapolis Conference of 1888, Christ was presented to the SDA Church, a fuller presentation of the Son of the Most High, and the beginning knowledge of His Divine birth in eternity past (given through E.J. Waggoner). That Truth was ridiculed and rejected by the majority and basically all of the leadership at that time. Christ the Son was crucified afresh by almost all the attendants of that conference. There was never a work of repentance of that sin. This was during the time of the Judgment for the Dead in the Advent Movement. Divine will PERMITTED Christ the Son to be "crucified afresh" in the church, in a message about HIM, a message that was characterized by Ellen White as a message to cause the church to "go forward and upward", or words to that effect.

Now, today, the final message of Christ the Daughter, the Holy Ghost, is making its way, making Her way, through the Body of Messiah, the Wavesheaf candidates, to give us a CLEAR AND FULL understanding of Christ, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily", which began with the message given to Lois Roden. Today we are in the Judgment for the Living and the Words of Christ ring true, "any sin can be forgiven, but the sin against the Holy Ghost CANNOT be forgiven" (Matt. 12:31.32). Those who reject the Divine Daughter, in Her final ministration, and the truth of Her Kingship, cannot be forgiven and will be left without the Seal of YHVH. There are many today who think they can follow a man, and yet think and believe that they (and their leader) are led by the Holy Spirit, but they are only fooling themselves, and their leader is fooling them all. Today, in the Judgment for the Living, if any one rejects the Holy Spirit as King, the real and visible King and only King, and rather look to a man as their "visible" King, with his kingly titles, to lead us into the Kingdom, then there is nothing left for such an individual, except their sinful king and their peer group, and all will suffer great loss because they had a choice. They chose a man as their king, rather than the Holy Spirit Daughter. That is as plain as I can say it. There is no excuse anymore. Any message that does not put Deity on the Throne of David is confusion (Babylon) and doomed to failure and disappointment.

"Be ye therefore followers of El (YHVH) as dear children....

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:1 & 5:11

This is the call OUT of false worship. Follow no man.

We are to follow Deity – The BRANCH He and The Branch She.

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MANY LONG FOR UNITY – HERE IS THE ANSWER

"The cause of divisions or discord in the church is separation from Christ. The secret of unity is UNION with Christ. Christ is the GREAT CENTER. We shall approach one another just in proportion as we approach the CENTER. United with Christ, we shall surely be united with our brethren in the faith." E.G. White, Paulsen Collection, p. 153-54.

"We long for unity to once again take place between all the brethren, but we see that the only way that such difficulties can be settled is if all give up their own ways and come under the CONTROL of the Spirit of Christ, doing nothing without a "Thus saith the Lord" to back them up. All difficulties are easily settled, all wrongs easily righted, when human beings are under the CONTROL of the Spirit of God." E.G. White, Spalding and Magan Collection, 347.

A man **cannot** be "king" "priest" "judge", along with the Holy Spirit, in reality. One cancels out the other. We must choose who will be our King, a man, or Deity (Christ). Some believe they are essentially Deity in the Movement. Those who claim the office of the "Joshua of today", or antitypical David, are claiming a virtual or essential role of Deity, or actual Divine presence among the people through the claimant, who is just a man. The Truth is, when the Body JOINS with the Head, accepting Deity as King, letting Deity "take(ing) the reins in His OWN hands" (TM300) we shall then have unity, the unity of the Body; the Head and Body joined as one Body, as "ONE NEW MAN" (Eph. 2:13-15). This is the true understanding of the Divine Presence in the

Movement, or the Divine presence flowing in the Body, from the Head. This is what comes first. Choose wisely. TC

“Christ is the GREAT CENTER” E.G. White