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## *INTRODUCTION*

When man rules over his fellowmen this arrangement takes away the control of God from over the ruled, and God is not in control of the ruler, so that both the ruled and the ruler are without God. Both need the gospel of total and complete justification through faith in Christ. It is the gospel that brings deliverance.

That Gospel, once believed truly, would establish God in the heart as the king of the soul and existence, and that temple would be held as God's own fort in a revolted world.

Faith works the spiritual obedience in the heart, and places the soul under the vantage point of divine influence to do the works of the Law, thus the soul is God's slave, and God is His puppet-master. The thoughts of the God-controlled person are free thoughts being not encumbered by the influence of the flesh or sin, and his works of obedience is his establishing of his freedom from man and things under God!.

Precious truths like that read above and many, many more, are the teachings of this book. The nature of Adventist church government in its present state of apostasy, and how this happened, plus the real type of church government that should exist among Adventist is what this book is all about.

This book calls for revolution, not violent revolution with carnal weapons, but a revolution that is based on the Gospel and the works it creates to deal with the present crisis in Seventh-day Adventism. May God help us all in Jesus holy name, Amen.

## **DISMANTLING THE S.D.A. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.**

These are trying times, and we want as much freedom as we can get to finish the work! The South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists presently holds the machinery, funds and property we need to finish the work if these things are to be brought under the use of the 1888 message of Righteousness by Faith. Thusia (S.D.A.) has the true message and spirit of the real original Adventism, but we need the resources to finish this work in this country and abroad. But the work has been steadily hindered by men who believe in some divine right to subject themselves to the General Conference Executive Committee and so become unfaithful steward of the Lord's goods.

The hierarchical form of Church governance presently practiced by the S.D.A. organization (as the leaders themselves have admitted) has caused the various Union Conferences and Local Conferences to come under the theological and policy sway of a few men up in Washington D.C. and this has strangled the work. Those in the South Caribbean Conference (no matter how they attempt to deny it) have come under the control of the head offices in Washington D.C., and as a result of this they are moving away from the pillars into a semi-Fordite (or New theology) position. No matter how they attempt to deny it, the facts are that the theological position of the S.D.A. world church is not set by a General Conference Session which sits every five years, but by the American Theologians of the General Conference who write the books, journals, teach at the schools, colleges and universities, and especially those who write the Sabbath School Quarterlies which are circulated throughout the world church.

An additional fact is that the Biblical Research (Theological) Committee of the General Conference (as called), made up of men with various mutations of the so-called New Theology, men who hold various serious errors that consequentially destroy the pillars of Adventism, also determine the theological nature of the S.D.A. denomination. From thence come the problems that are presently destroying the Church. But as the Local Conference believes they have some invisible bond of duty to follow whatever the General Conference Committee says. The whole church has been made subject to few men who no longer believe that Christ came in sinful human flesh (which is not sin), that the Atonement was not completed on the cross but is presently continuing in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary (some do not even believe that there is a literal sanctuary in heaven), that sinless perfection in our flesh before the second coming of Christ is possible, that the first work of Justification is subjective, that Sanctification is in the realm of sinlessness, and the total inspiration of Mrs. White.

So through the influence of the General Conference, passed down to the Divisions, Union Conferences and Local Conferences, the world church has been steadily and yet stealthily moving away from the pillars of Adventism so that the church presently has as image foreign to its earlier days and foreign to the Bible Standard. The end is about to come and this attachment to the General Conference Committee that has exorcised God out of the South Caribbean Conference must be broken, and Christ in the second apartment of the Heavenly Sanctuary must be given directorship.

The South Caribbean Conference must truly go Local and decentralize, that the members of individual churches could be free from obscurantism and discover their individualities and increase their potential. We want all the help we can get, and decentralization is the way to which the finger of God points. Christ in the individual must become the foundation, and this will establish a bond of unity of brother with brother and a cooperation of third angel message interests that characterize true Biblical organization. The average membership are like sheep. They do not have any just picture of what is going on, and no sooner we begin to make them aware, the self appointed leadership lulls the people into a sleep of carnal security.

It is all these things that the Spirit of Prophecy spoke about, and there is now need for them to be brought into practice. We appeal to the membership to form groups for the discussion of these things and appoint bodies in each church in the country to bring representation before the Conference leaders. Let the original representative-congregational form of church governance return. This is the only way something could be done. Be not afraid of the ministers or their threats. Do not be intimidated! This movement for Theological and Organizational reform will be small at first, but it will get bigger and bigger until it engulfs the whole church, and only then we shall see a grand movement for the latter rain. Do not be deceived by misinterpreted quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy done by the hierarchy to fool you about the 1888 message, off-shoots and organization. They cannot help you. The S.D.A. organization is only getting more and more corrupted and destroyed, and except you the people do something about it, these deceived and wicked ministers, stooges for bread and butter to an apostate governance that holds them as slaves, will lead you to destruction.

Be honest and open-minded enough to hear the both sides. You will know the evils of the policy control of these self-appointed leaders if they preach against us before the people, and do not give you the people a chance to hear us, thus knowing both sides so that you can choose properly. If they hit at us and refuse to give us equal time before you the people, that you may hear us, then you know that they have something to hide and they are afraid of us. Do not be afraid and be lulled into refraining from inquiry and action by dogmatic denials. If the hierarchy have nothing to hide, if they are not afraid of us, we DARE them to GIVE US AN OPEN HEARING before you the people. Spurn all their dirty rumors about us, for all men are totally depraved and our God could make the repentant man who believes and confesses, righteous. But it is essential and urgent that action groups for the discussion and implementation of reform be started, extended and strengthened and to make representation before the local South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that they may execute a severance from the **policy** or subtle **executive control** of the General Conference Committee.

This apostate body, mimicking the Papacy have no right to exist with its executive powers, for it is not in harmony with the apostolic church and it is against the teaching and expressive commands of the Spirit of Prophecy. The present General Conference Committee must be abolished, but if we down here in Trinidad and Tobago cannot do this, at least we can sever **policy** connection with the General Conference Committee. This is a call to abolish connections. These are suggestions for local autonomy :-

1. A new constitution based upon the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy teaching about autonomy

must be drafted up by a committee composed of twenty-five people from the broad spectrum of Adventists. Quarter must be composed of ministers and the rest laity, representing the two classes in the S.D.A. organization. A chairman must be appointed from the laity since they out-number the clergy and reputedly appoint them to office. Details of this will be worked out with other details by the body that has been appointed. Representatives of Thusia (S.D.A.) who suggested these ideas must sit on this committee.

2. A document divorcing the Local Conference from **practice control** or **executive connection** with the General Conference and professing alignment to the original Seventh-day Adventist world Faith must be drafted up and enshrined in the new constitution. 3. Inquiries into the history of 1888 independent of the declarations of the General Conference Committee must be held by a position based on the results of the study.
3. Inquiries into various disputed points of theology such as Justification, the nature of Christ's flesh, perfection, sanctification, the sanctuary doctrine etc., that are current in Seventh-day Adventism, must be launched independent of the General Conference Committee, by a similarly appointed body. A declaration of the stand of the South Caribbean Conference must be made upon the basis of this study.
4. A committee must be appointed to draw up recommendations for study on the necessity of and points relevant to decentralization.

A study of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy would show the necessity of all these moves, moves which will help the church and the work in the world. All the above recommendations, as progress is made, must be reported to the church at large.

The tendency under socially accepted norms is to find the above propositions revolutionary and as a disturber of the peace of the organization. There is no denial of this at all, for the propositions ARE revolutionary. They do disturb the apparent peace of the organization. At work in the world are dangerous forces just waiting to be unleashed to reek havoc and destruction. The apparent peace of the organization is only apparent and formal, but when brought into face to face contact with these forces, the S.D.A. organization shall be bitterly destroyed and souls forever lost. Why? Because sin in the hearts of the people generating the present organizational system have kept the people from being prepared to meet the coming crisis. It is better to disturb this false peace and agitate for the salvation of one's soul than to say peace and safety when sudden destruction cometh. It is true that the calls for theological and organizational reform are revolutionary, but it is only so to us because the present system has become the norm to us, but that does not make it gospel truth. The facts are, if the church had accepted the 1888 message, its organizational system would have long since been structured into harmony with this message to bring the forms herein enunciated. Now it is almost too late to act. Any time we have is marginal, so we cannot afford to foist things up. Ministers must be realists and refuse to lean any longer on policy. Laity must not now lose their last chance for liberty, development and salvation.

The lesson of history that we have learned is that the opposition forces that are small at first, if they persists in any effort to get their policies implemented, eventually become the majority.

God is on our side thus our movement is presently coming to its golden hour. Our victory is inevitable. Our success is sure. And now while the church is presently deteriorating there must be moves for its revival and reform. The laity must lead the way or they will never be liberated and will lose their souls; suggestions have been made, and while they are popular we are to fear no danger for the ways herein propagated are the only measures that shall ensure our safety. All one has to do is study the Scriptures and they shall see in this the salvation of the Lord. The education all need to make the appropriate action (with regards to severing executive contact with the General Conference Committee in Washington D.C) is written in the Spirit of Prophecy but they have been largely disregarded or blatantly rejected.

This part of the request for revolutionary change and individual participation in the day to day operation of the work of God is based upon the fact that faith brings forth works, and such works for the salvation of souls which ennoble and uplifts the participator must not be hindered by the concepts of organization held by the S.D.A. denomination.

“A church which proclaims the priesthood of all believers but does not, in fact, provide ways for the general priesthood to express itself, will teach not initiative but docile obedience as the Christian stance.” Rex D. Edwards, **Every Believer A Minister**, P. 76.

This is exactly the case in the denomination. To tell the membership that they are to work under God - to tell them that they must share their Faith with others - to put them into missionary work to support an upcoming crusade, is quite different to the policy practice of the leaders when it comes to doing the work as God would want it. These leaders harp quite a lot, but their legal (as called) practices are quite different, and manifest themselves when one has a conflict with the leaders. Let God speak to the individual heart by His Spirit (as He always does) and let that individual begin to grow in faith and holy living, and, as his exemplary life begins to shine out to the leadership, they begin to snub him or get out of his sight. And if the holy man of God is led by the Spirit of Truth to preach against the mass of heresies that the leadership has foisted upon the church, and begins to correct policy practices that are not now only the norm, but have been destroying the Faith of Adventism and the Church itself, he will come to the notice of the leaders who will try to stop him through warnings. If he persists (since he should rather obey God rather than man), he is then threatened with loss of employment if he is a paid minister, or in any other salaried position of the church.

If he is a lay member then he is alienated from the affections of the church members at large by the crude representations and misconstrued reports of his activities by the leaders. He is sometimes given a hearing in which his presentation of all the true evidences for the course of action he has pursued is flatly overlooked, and he is threatened to recant. If he is still adamant to give up his position he is then reported to the church as in apostasy, and the church members are usually lied to and told that the man refused to correct his ways after all that was possibly done to help him. Greatly piety and apparent sorrow is hypocritically displayed as the leaders claim that they have no alternative but to disfellowship the man, and members of the congregation who have not only been deliberately kept in the dark about the real nature of the issue, but who have, by exposure to the wrong system of church governance, been educated wrongly about their relationship to the leaders, vote the poor man out of church membership. Thus the leaders succeed in a large measure in cutting off the work of God from truly helping the Church.

It is therefore seen that the context of freedom in the S.D.A. church and of the priesthood of every believer is only in the sense of obeying the dictates of the policies of the leading men and not in following the Spirit of Christ whose presence is true liberty. That these things written herein are true is testified to by this author who has witnessed this sordid state of affairs a number of times, and who has even been subject to them also. This system that is destroying the church must be **removed**. It must be **put out of the way**. But this can only be achieved if the membership become awakened and follow the counsels given herein in this booklet. A first step in the decentralizing that has pragmatic proportions, is the liberation of the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from the control of the General Conference Committee. The Spirit of Prophecy agrees with this. But first, let us look at statements of apostasy by the leadership in Washington D.C. as all the more reason why local autonomy is necessary. What Faith from Christ will cause the leadership to make a statement like this?

“Leadership will lead in love and understanding, and fellowship will support the church leadership unflinchingly, even though necessarily critical of some decisions of the leadership.”  
Walter R. Beach, **Adventist Review**, Oct. 25 1979.

To the casual eye of the average Adventist who is not learned into the doctrine of the sovereignty of God and the accountability of the man to God alone, this statement seems harmless or perhaps very good. But to the true Adventist who understands the covert deceptions of the leadership and the power-hungry spirit of intolerance that would not take correction, that statement is seditious to the church, and the membership has a sure omen of coming danger. The same case applies to the following statement:

“**Another essential characteristic of a genuine Seventh-day Adventist is loyalty in spirit and conduct, to the church and its leaders, as it and they speak and act for Christ.** The church is a team; and every member of the team will play with the team and its leaders, not against them. The church and its earthly leaders are human; sometimes they make mistakes. This they themselves would be first to acknowledge. But as a member of the team the genuine Seventh-day Adventist will, even under such circumstances, continue to work in a positive way with the team and co-operate with its leaders.” **Review and Herald, Jan, 6, 1977.** p.13. (Emphasis supplied).

Again we have beautiful words, but they are only words, and the papal system which teaches that the leaders “... speak and act for Christ ...” is clearly recognized in the emphasized words. This has much implications. Whatever the leaders do, **they are speaking and acting for Christ.** The mistakes they make are because they are only human. But were they not human when they spoke for Christ? Sure. Thus this is an effort to remain in power even though they are doing grievous mistakes that are destroying the church. We are not to play against them. We are to “... cooperate with (the) leaders ...” even though our team loses in the game of life. Which truly sensible man on earth will follow such foolish statements? Are we a part of the Church to follow men and be lost? Nothing is mentioned about following Christ in the statement. Thus a few fallible men in the General Conference offices in Washington D.C. could lead the various Local Conferences of the world to lose out on their game of life.

The form of government presently yoked upon the membership of the Church, and the legalizing

of this hierarchical apostasy by the law of the land will cause many, many members to drink of the polluted stream coming from Washington D.C. and lose their own souls. What we therefore need is an autonomous Local Conference which is truly Seventh-day Adventist in teaching and practice. Now here are some evidences that the Local Conferences are politically subjected to the General Conference Committee in Washington D.C. In the **Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual**, page 53, different forms of church governments are explained. Of the Papal form of church government it is said:

“Papal-the form of church government on which the supreme authority is vested in the Pope. From him the church is governed by cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests, the local church or individual member has no authority in church administration.” **Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual**, p. 53.

“This form of church government is also called hierarchical “... the body of clergy of a church, arranged according to rank ... government by such a body ...” **The Scribner-Bantam English Dictionary**, Pg. 427.

The papal church therefore is a hierarchical church. Orders pass from the top right down to the bottom, thus the authority and executive power of such a church rests at the top. But what form of church government does the S.D.A. church have? Let us read it in the same church manual:

“Representative-the form of church government which recognizes that authority in the church rests in the church membership, with executive responsibility delegated to representative bodies and officers for the governing of the church. This form of church government recognizes also the equality of the ordination of the entire ministry. **The representative form of church government is that which prevails in the Seventh-day Adventist Church .” SDA Church MANUAL**, p. 53. 1981. (Emphasis supplied).

“Authority in the church rests in the church membership.”  
**S.D.A. Church Manual**, p. 46. 1967.

So we see that the S.D.A. denomination is supposed to have a representative form of church government. One in which authority rests in the church membership. This is the very opposite of the papal hierarchical form of church government. This is most certainly good if it is true, and Adventism would therefore be the very opposite of the papal form of governance. This would also imply that the Local Conference would have policy and executive autonomy so that decisions coming from the General Conference Committee would not be a **must** or a **dictum** for the Local Conference, and that the education on this matter would not be one that pacifies the local officers into compliance with the committee as if this is acceptable unto God, or in fear of losing their jobs. This would be a favorable state of affairs to the spread of the revival in Adventism by the preaching of the 1888 message. Apostasy coming from the semi-Fordite theologians of the Biblical Research Committee, the General Conference Committee and the writers of those **Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies** would not pollute the Local Conference nor would the influence of foreign policy impede the work of revival and reformation in the Local Conferences. But alas, in investigating the matter, we find that this is NOT SO! The General Conference Committee, while fooling the people to think that the S.D.A. Church has a

representative form of Government, they know that the form of governance truly practiced in the church is that of the hierarchical type. Read this shocking revelation:

“In an affidavit which he signed on February 6, 1976, (then) Vice President of the General Conference Neal C. Wilson said this; “The Seventh-day Adventist Church ... maintains ... a hierarchical structure of the church authority.” (presented to Judge Manual L. Real in Case (V 75-3032-R, US Secretary of Labor vs Pacific Union Conference and General of Seventh-day Adventist ...))” - **Excerpts Legal Documents, EEOC vs PPPA**, pp. 53-54.

“A ‘hierarchical’ church is one in which the decisions are made at top of the organizational ladder.” **Ibid**, 54.

This is the real truth about the S.D.A. form of church government, and it means that decisions from the General Conference Committee must pass down to the Divisions, then down to the Union Conferences, down to the Local Conferences and finally to the individual churches, thus what affects the top, or whatever bad decisions are made at the top affects the very bottom. This is the reason why there is need for a separation from policy and executive control of the South Caribbean Conference, if this is effected, then we shall escape the polluted streams coming from the top. But to make the point of the connection of the Local Conference to the General Committee. Let us look at some more concrete evidence:

“The emergence of the General Conference in 1863 was not the result of the imposition of authority by self-appointed leaders, but rather of the natural and gradual unification of the local churches in to a central and representative (hierarchical) organization.” **Ibid**, pp. 14-15. (Parenthesis original).

In this sworn statement, the General Conference president through church attorneys is claiming that the origin of the S.D.A. church government was based upon forming a hierarchical system. This is labeled as representative. But this is not true. This is a lie - a perversion of the history of the formation of the S.D.A. church government. Representative and hierarchical are two opposite poles, so it was wrong for the president to agree to or to insert the word “hierarchical” in brackets to explain the word representative. But the uncanny truth about this whole thing is that the S.D.A. organization is really hierarchical, so they should delete the word “representative” and stick to the true description of hierarchical. But to do so would be to openly contradict the claims of the **Church Manual** AND LOSE THE CASE IN COURT, SO THEY INTERPRETED THE WORD “Representative” to mean “hierarchical” hence the reason for the word hierarchical in parenthesis though the two expressions are complete opposites. These are blatant lies and deceptions, but the word hierarchical simply means that the Local Conferences must obey dictums from the top. Now what did the Spirit of Prophecy say about men who pervert the truth like that?

“Those who are controlled by policy rather by principle are not to be trusted. They will pervert the truth, conceal facts, and construe the words of others to mean that which was never intended. They will employ flattering words, while the poison of asps is under their tongues. He who does not earnestly seek the divine guidance will be deceived by their smooth words and their artful plans.” E.G. White, **Signs of the Times**, August 4, 1881.

All the more reason why the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists should seek autonomy from the executive and policy control of the General Conference Committee “hierarchy”. Again, the leaders of the General Conference Committee express their control over the whole S.D.A. Church in this sworn statement to the United States District Court, Northern District of California. They said:

“The plain and undeniable fact is that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is most assuredly not a “congregational” one (although it contains elements of congregationalism) but is clearly of the “representative” or “Hierarchical variety.” **Excerpts Legal Document EEDC vs PPPA**, p. 41.

On the same page the leaders put this footnote:

“Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint, and the term “hierarchy” was used in a pejorative sense to refer to the papal form of church governance, that attitude on the Church’s part was nothing more than a manifestation of widespread anti-popey among conservative protestant denominations in the early part of this of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned.” **Ibid**, p. 41.

And later, we are told:

“In the first place, it is true for a period in its history, the Seventh-day Adventist Church had an aversion to Roman Catholicism and especially to the papal form of church government ... it is not good Seventh-day Adventism to express, as Mrs. Tobler has done, an aversion to Roman Catholicism as such ... The term “hierarchy” or “hierarchical” has no such adverse connotation in Seventh-day Adventist theology as Mrs. Tobler suggests.” **Ibid**, p. 46.

The two above statements carry heavy implications to the teachings and practices of Seventh-day Adventism. One should rightly be shocked at the apostasy that has been going on almost unseen in the General Conference Committee and in the Church at large. These two statements will now be explained so that members will see what it means to the relationship of our Local Conference to the General in Washington D.C.

The leaders **admit** that the church once used to teach doctrines **against** the Roman Catholic system and its “hierarchical” form of church government, but they lie blatantly in claiming that what was responsible for that teaching was the widespread anti papal spirit in America. This is certainly not true. Adventism did not get its anti-papal spirit from the climate of earlier times, its spirit came from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy which expressly denounce everything papal including the “hierarchical” form of church government. This would mean that the church once used to adhere to the voice of God with regards to these things, but they don’t do so any more; the church is now in apostasy, so that the anti-papal and anti-hierarchical teachings have now been “... consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned,” and, “we have no such adverse connotation in Seventh-day Adventist theology ...” “.. It is not good Seventh-day Adventism to express ..” anti-papalism anti-hierarchicalism as

Thusia Seventh-day Adventists have done. We can now understand why Pastor Clive Dottin told this to the **TnT Mirror**:

“Pastor Clive Dottin told the Mirror that the Church was being embarrassed by the group (Thusia itself ...) He (Dottin) said the head of their church is the General Conference President. “And we would hate to think the Catholics would go to such length, if he should come to embarrass him.” ... Pastor Dottin said although their churches differ in doctrines, a move like that is not a Christian one. When asked if representatives would be attending the mass the Pope will be celebrating at the National Stadium, he pointed out. “Once we are invited we would surely accept ours if it comes to that. We have nothing against the Catholics and we really dislike what’s going on presently.””- **TnT Mirror Tues. Feb. 5, 1985.**

These statements of Dottin emphasize many things. Since it is presently not **good** Adventism to be against the papal system, Thusia was found to be wrong in their claim that Babylon as fallen and people should come out of her. But Thusia was not wrong! We were merely following what good old Adventism - the one of the pioneers - did. We were teaching exactly what is outlined in the holy scriptures. It is Dottin and the organization he was speaking for that is in apostasy, and God certainly does not like what they are doing. Dottin’s anti-Adventist outburst serves well to illustrate what we are saying. Whence came the fear of the South Caribbean Conference to speak against the Papacy? Why were they careful not to embarrass the papal man of sin? Back in 1974 when I left the Pentecostals to become a Seventh-day Adventist they used to preach openly against the Catholic system. There were no playing with Rome, and to be fearful to embarrass them would then be counted as apostasy. No officer would dare speak like Dottin and remain in office. Not only would popular Adventist indignation be against him, but we who spoke against the Papacy openly would have been counted as heroes by the membership. But now because we preach good old Adventism we are accounted as enemies. What happened? What occurred to bring about this dramatic diametrical change of things? The answer is that a polluted stream from the General Conference Committee in America has corrupted the South Caribbean Conference! What the leaders practiced as policy way up in America has now become policy, negating the Truth, in the South Caribbean Conference. This is why we have been requesting the ministers any laity to sever **executive and policy relations** with the General Conference Committee, and the sooner steps are made in the bravery of Christ to secure this great advantage for God to work amongst us, the more sure is our salvation. So much has Dottin’s words served to illustrate our point that when he said that the head of our S.D.A. Church is the General Conference President he was right as far as policy is concerned. But if a sinful man is the head of God’s church, not only does that church have a hierarchical church governmental system like the papacy, but that president usurped the prerogatives of Christ, since He alone is supposed to be the head of the Church.

Should the south Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventist have a man as its head who sits in office in Washington D.C.? No, certainly not. Then there must be a severing of executive and policy relations away from the General Conference Committee.

Further illustrations of the unlawful power positions of the General Conference Committee is seen in this statement:

“The General Conference, then is the Seventh day Adventist Church.” **Excerpts Legal Documents, EEOC vs PPPA**, p. 10.

When one asks what do the leaders in Washington D.C. mean by that statement? He is told that is has “... three overlapping meanings ...” which are:

“.. The embodiment of the Remnant Church as a Christian denomination, in a unified worldwide organization to which all baptized Seventh-day Adventists owe spiritual allegiance.

The actual quadrennial meeting of delegates, the General Conference of the Church ...”

But it is the third definition that strikes us the most: Read of this apostasy.

“... The permanent staff at world headquarters in Washington D.C., which, acting through the Executive Committee, attends to the work of the Church between the quadrennial conferences.” **Ibid**, p. 10.

To tell us that the General Conference is the Seventh-day Adventist Church according to the third definition is to place executive and policy power out of the Local Conference and into the hands of the General Conference Committee. Thus the Local Conference only acts out in the sphere influence that has been delegated to it. Its services are by this greatly hindered and the few men in Washington D.C. wield all the real executive power in the world field. So true is this that the leaders go so far to tell us in no uncertain terms. Read what they say:

“First, the phrase “General Conference In Session” is not an entity or organism but is one facet of the Church (the most important and powerful, of course, but still only one facet of the phrase “General Conference”), and they (two opposing members of the Church) fail to recognize that between the quadrennial (now quinquennial) sessions the delegates in General Conferences, the Executive Committee wields **all** of the powers of the Church, excepting only two:

The power to alter the structure of the Church and the power to alter its doctrine. Everything else, without exception, which can be accomplished in General Conference when it is in its infrequent sessions can similarly be accomplished by the General Conference Committee between those infrequent sessions.” **Ibid**, p. 44.

“... the Church Manual clearly states at p. 48, “that all subordinate organizations and institutions throughout the world will recognize the General Conference in Session and the Executive Committee between sessions, as the highest authority under God, among us ... During the interim between these sessions the Executive Committee shall constitute the body of general authority where all questions may be reviewed at a session of the General Conference or an autumn Session of the Executive Committee.” This clearly shows that the Church governs by a method of organization which in Seventh-day Adventists terminology is “representative”, and which embraces exactly, from a legal standpoint, the same kind of organization (in opposition to “congregationalism”) as is embraced by the term “hierarchical.”” **Ibid**, p. 45.

“Seventh-day Adventist terminology” may be better explained as “S.D.A leadership deception and thought manipulation”. The hierarchy has authority to rule in the general body, this is not representativeness. It is hierarchicalism because orders come from a few men on the top who

can excommunicate and trample upon the views of the governed, or by subtle and skilled political manipulation can influence a quinquennial Session to perpetuate their positions of power to institute their plans. This has certainly happened before, so we must not delude ourselves to the existent reality.

Another strange statement by the “hierarchy” that shows the Local Conferences to be controlled by the General Conference Executive Committee is the following quotation:

“In the Seventh-day Adventist denomination the term “Church” has a very comprehensive and broad meaning. It is used to apply to the general organization and headquarters for Seventh-day Adventists under the name of General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.” **Ibid**, p.25.

This obviously means that the headquarters, the General Conference Executive Committee, is the Seventh-day Adventist Church, thus shall have power in the organization as a whole. That this is truly the case, let us look a little further in the same document. This is what we find:

“It is also necessary for the Church to establish its authority in the community of believers.” **Ibid**, p. 26.

What more can we make of this statement? The church which is claimed to be the General Conference Committee must establish its authority in the community of the believers. And who are these believers? Why, they are the membership of the world’s Local Conferences; this undeniably proves the usurped authority wielded by the Washington D.C. based group of officers over all Local Conferences including the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

These men can only established their authority through cannon laws or policies not through the Holy Scriptures that forbid such things. Read these excerpts from the **General Conference Working Policy**:

“General Conference and division committees shall give careful study to the question of the location and transfer of men as between unions, and make definite recommendations to the union regarding the leadership of their work, and that like wise the union committees shall carefully study the location and transfer of men as between the local conferences, and make definite recommendations as to the conference concerning the leadership of their work.” Quoted from the **Nevada - Utah Conference Session Delegates Handbook**, p. 55.

Here we see that the General Conference has actual policy control over the Union Conferences, and through the Union Conferences they affect the Local Conferences. This kind of arrangement was never God’s plan. He never gave to men the right to tell men where to work, and in which field to work. This is to be the work of God alone through the convictions of the Holy Spirit.

When a few men in the General Conference Committee can decide who they want to put in power in the Union Conferences, they can get men who represent their ideas and values and who through this education will do their bidding to affect the Local Conferences, and who could put men in power representing the General Conference. So it is that the spirit of the men in the

General Conference Committee comes to be repressed right down to the local level. If God shall use any minister in the field or any lay member to start a revival, and this person rebukes the corruption in the church, then the men in the Local Conferences would act according to what is expected by the General Conference Committee. And so, if the head, the General Conference Committee is corrupted by satanic principles, then the expectancy that is obeyed by the Local Conference will crush out the revival and that man led of God to do the work could be forcefully removed from ministering to the people by being shifted around, and in this way Satan could stop a revival from coming into the church. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that Satan is determined that no revival should ever come to the Church, and it is precisely through this hierarchical form of church governance that Satan has succeeded in retarding the work, and will seek to do so in the future. And to add to the deception upon the poor flock. They think that the voice of the General Conference Committee is the voice of God to the people, for they have been educated by deceived and power hungry ministers to think that way, so that any communication coming from the General Conference that is against the revival that God has started, the people will think they are obeying the voice of God in obeying these corrupted communications. This is how they will shut out light and lose their souls.

This is exactly why our campaign “The Papal Beast of Revelation 13” was rejected by the South Caribbean Conference through one of its self appointed spokesmen, Clive Dottin; the South Caribbean Conference was merely doing what the Union Conference expected of them which is exactly what the General Conference Committee expected since they have cast all anti-Roman Catholic or anti papal viewpoints in the “historical trash heap”, and it is not good Seventh-day Adventism to express “... an aversion to Roman Catholicism ...” Who can now deny that the Caribbean Conference is right if it relinquishes policy and executive subjection to the General Conference Committee? We had better do it fast if we are to be saved from a corrupting influence and from losing our souls! Let us now consider this other statement from the same **General Conference Working Policy**:

“The reasons for the differences in the tenure-of-office periods proposed for General, union, and local conferences, respectively, is recognized as arising from the fact that those who work in more restricted areas and come in closer touch with the churches, put their personal mold in the work sooner than those farther removed in administrative work.” **Ibid**, p.55.

Did you see that? Those farther removed in the administrative work want to put their personal mold upon the work first. So if a minister is used by God to start the revival and reformation in Adventism, his preliminary success could be branded as “placing his personal mold upon the work” this would mean that at any level the various Conferences could stop a revival that comes at any level by simply shifting the person around to curtail the spiritual influence he emits. Those who are removed the farthest in administrative work from the Local Conference is the General Conference Executive Committee, thus the motive of control by placing their mold upon the work is seen to be the aim of the General Conference Committee. This abuse of power must be stopped! All of us are brethren and we have one master, even Christ our Lord, thus we call for LIBERTY, DEVELOPMENT, and SALVATION! **Down** with the rule of fallible men, **up** with the rule of our sovereign Lord Jesus Christ! The General Conference Committee’s rule, executive and policy control of the work in the churches and in the fields stretching from the Committee, to the Divisions, down to the Union Conferences, and to the Local Conferences must

be put to an end, and we should start it in our area as an example to the world S.D.A. Church. What we need is a thorough new reorganization. We need to start from the top and go right down to the bottom, that God may get a chance to work in the churches.

A wrong has been perpetuated. A wrong form of church government from 1903 that has constantly been built up, down to our times, and though church officers have persistently lied about this government, the present pronouncement by the General Conference Committee and its Presidents have exposed that not only has the authoritative and policy nature of the S.D.A. Church government been structured wrongly, but the education as to men's organizational relationship to each other with regards to positions of superiority, and the question of loyalty, answerableness and obedience, all have been a simulation of the papal and world order of things, that robs men of the Spirit of Christ, and exalts base humanity, which in turn causes injustice so that men come to regard the kingdom of God in a wrong manner, so that they drift into skepticism, infidelity and atheism - which is just where Satan is leading the whole world in preparation for a grand final and cataclysmic conflict. Could one now understand what Mrs. White meant by this wonderful statement?

“Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as day belongs to the methods of the prince of evil. His methods are practiced even among Seventh-day Adventists who claim to have advanced truth. If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become evil leaders in evil practice; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconceptions of God they weaken the faith of others in the truth, and bring in false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. Anything that lowers man's conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgment, any device or precepts that brings God's human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God, it separates the soul from God; for it leads away from the path of strict integrity and righteousness. God will not vindicate any device whereby man shall in the slightest degree rule or oppress his fellowmen.” Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 366.

I hope careful study is given to the above statement, because these ministers have a habit of overlooking these Spirit of Prophecy quotations or twisting them out of their context. While God will NEVER justify any device whereby man shall in the slightest way **rule** or oppress his fellowmen, the General Conference Committee has structured a church government - a hierarchical one, and has borne a knowledge to the churches to facilitate their rule over the minds of the people of the S.D.A. Church, and the people not only think that this is God-ordained ordinance, but they like to have this so, because they are fanned into ease and carnal security.

How many deceptions have been paraded under the guise of being in the interest of God's work? How many deeds against sincere Christians of Thusia have been done in darkness so that the average church members have not been made aware of the real issues, yet have been beguiled into putting up their hands to disfellowship these true Seventh-day Adventists?

How many times have Thusian Adventists been oppressed with violence by deceived and misled ministers acting on the behalf of their “employing organization” - the South Caribbean Conference whose officers do what is expected of them by the Union and General Conference officials, and all this have been perpetrated by coward men lacking the courage of Christ as they sought to preserve their positions over the Lord’s flock, and to secure their daily bread. This horrible system must be destroyed, for the evil influence has hindered the success of the S.D.A denomination. There must be a severing of executive and policy influence from the General Conference Committee.

“... as the human heart throws its living current of blood into all parts of the body, so does the management at this place, the headquarters of our church, affect the whole body of believers. If the physical heart is healthy, blood that is sent from it through the system is also healthy; but if this foundation is impure, the whole organism becomes diseased by the poison of the vital fluid. So it is with us. If the heart of the work becomes corrupt, the whole church, in its various branches and interests, scattered abroad over the face of the earth, suffers in consequence. Satan’s chief work is at the headquarters of our faith.” Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to the Church Vol. 4**, p. 210.

While this state of affairs existed in 1871, who can doubt that it is even worst? Readers must not forget what they have already read, and this testimony is certainly applicable to this present era of Adventist history sanctioning a breaking of Conference yoke:

“But the heart of the work, the great center has been enfeebled by the mismanagement of men who have not kept pace with their Leader. Satan has diverted their money and their capabilities into wrong channels ... the whole body is sick because of mismanagement and miscalculation. The people to whom God has entrusted eternal interests, the depositaries of truth pregnant with eternal results, the keepers of light that is to illuminate the whole world, have lost their bearings.” Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to Ministers, and Gospel Workers**, p. 397.

That was in 1896, but it is also relevant to this time in Adventist history. Things have not improved - in fact it has even grown worst. The General Conference Committee is a carrier of germs and any connection with it that is **executive** or relates to **policy** is dangerous. There are prediction that it is the General Conference Committee that will destroy the whole S.D.A Church, only remnants shall be saved. Let us read this statement:

“The same work that has been done in the past will be carried forward under the guise of the General Conference Association. The sacred character of this Association is fast disappearing. What will then be respected as pure, holy and undefiled? Will there be any voice that God’s people can regard as a voice they can respect? There certainly is nothing now that bears the divine credentials. Sacred things are mixed and mingled with earthly business that has no connection with God. To a large degree the General Conference Association has lost its sacred character, because some connected with it have not changed their sentiments in any particular since the Conference held in Minneapolis.” **Spalding and Magan’s Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies of Ellen G. White**, p. 35.

One should ask the question - what was the work that was done in the past which will be carried on (and has been carried on) by the General Conference? A careful study of the testimony clearly

reveal this. The testimony was written by Mrs. White from Australia to the then president of the General Conference in 1896, Mr. O.A. Olsen. The letter reveals that men were "... refusing to receive the testimony ...", there were "... ridicule, criticism, jeering, laughter ..." as "... manifestations of the Holy Spirit (in the 1888 message of Righteousness by faith) were attributed to fanaticism.' pp. 33-34. Also there was an enslaving of the souls of men by their fellowmen ..." and a "... scheme for consolidation ...: pp. 35-36.

What more evidence do anyone need to see how the General Conference Committee has been working to destroy the S.D.A. Church? The work that was done in the past was one of rejecting the Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy, the rejecting of the Spirit of God; it was also the work of rejecting the 1888 message and centralization of power, added to this was the work of men ruling in the hearts of men. All this work, the work that the done in the past by men in responsible positions, will be the work the General Conference Committee would carry on through its policies, and it will poison all the various Conferences that come under its influence.

This is the subtle underhanded work that has been going on all these years. This is the baleful influence the General Conference has been giving to the churches all these years. A polluted stream has been flowing from them engulfing all the Local Conferences in general ruin, thus we must pull away from this influence if we are to save our own souls and save others. In the same letter to Olsen Sis. White says:

"Some there do not detect the injurious effects of the plans which for years have been working in an underhanded manner ... The enslaving of the souls of men by their fellowmen is deepening the darkness which already envelopes them. Who can now feel sure that they are safe in respecting the voice of the General Conference Association? If the people in our churches understood the management of the men who walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, would they respect their decisions? I answer, No, not for a moment. I have been shown that the heart of the work is being diseased and corrupted at Battle Creek (the past location of the General Conference offices). Many of the people are in a lethargic, listless, apathetic condition, and assent to plans which they do not understand. Where is the voice, from whence will it come, to whom the people may listen, knowing that it comes from the true shepherd?" **Ibid**, p. 35.

This thing is very serious. In the light of this shocking revelation from the Spirit of Prophecy, it is left with us in the South Caribbean Conference to save ourselves by cutting the means this polluted stream uses to flow down to us. We do not want this Omega of deadly heresies - a work carried on by the General Conference Association, to destroy us. Thus the lay people and ministers must exercise their legal, God-given right to assert their liberty and become free from General Conference political control. It is liberation that we are calling for and this liberty begins with people's minds being ransomed from error first that they may correct their ways of being subservient to men and break away from General Conference control. Why was the Local Conferences formed? Let us hear what Mrs. White says:

"When we first met in Conference, it was thought that the General Conference should extend over the whole world. But this is not in God's order. Conferences must be organized in different localities and it will be for the health of the different Conferences to have this. This does not mean that we are to cut ourselves apart from one another, and be as separate atoms. Every Conference is to touch every other Conference, God wants us to talk for this, and He wants us to

act for this ... New Conferences must be formed. It was in the order of God that the Union Conference was organized in Australia. The Lord God of Israel will link us all together. The Conferences that are formed are to cling mightily to the Lord so through them He can reveal His power making them excellent representations of fruit - bearing ... The Lord wants to bind those at this Conference heart to heart. No man is to say, "I am a god, and you must do as I say." From beginning to the end this is wrong. There is to be an individual work." Ellen G. White in, **1901 General Conference Bulletin**, pp. 68-70.

Here we see that the Local Conferences were all formed not to split up the work into atoms but for the health of the different Conferences. While each Conference was to be in united to each other, their existence was in a type of Christian brotherhood from Christ, and in a unity of Adventist Faith being in harmony with each other, to flatly curb the dominance over of the General Conference over the world field. But today matters have changed, because while we do have various Local Conferences, the General Conference Committee in Washington D.C have by policy usurped the right of God alone and have taken world dominion over the world field, so that officers are educated to look to this body in North America (no matter how far away they are over the world) as the authority in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, or rather as the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**. This is a breach of the purpose of the formation of Local Conferences, and this statement of the Spirit of Prophecy is applicable:

"We want to understand that there are no gods in our Conference. There are to be no Kings here, and no Kings in any Conference that is formed. "All ye are brethren." Let us work on the platform of humility, seeking the Lord earnestly that His light may shine into our hearts, and that the arrangements we make may be after God's order." **Ibid**, p. 69.

The present role of the General Conference Association or Committee is the role of a god to the people. This is why as we have already seen, the work in the world is being formed in its image and likeness. It is true that the following quotation is therefore relative to the present state of affairs.

"That these men should stand in a sacred place, to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, - that is past. What we want now is a reorganization. We want to begin at the foundation, and to build upon a different principle." **Ibid** p. 25.

The reorganization of the General conference in 1901 was a step in the right way, but soon the leaders went back in these progressive steps in 1903, and since then the structure that A.G. Daniells has set up has expanded and grown large to embrace the whole field of the world. Now if we needed a reorganization in 1901, we more than need one in 1991 [or 2001] to abolish this "hierarchical" government and to cut the power of these General Conference officers who claim to be the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to be the "highest authority," or "to wield all the power" in the Seventh-day Adventist Church (**see Excerpts Legal Documents EEOC vs PPPA**). The best way to cut this abuse of power is to abolish the **policy** and **executive control** of the General Conference Committee over the Local Conference by drafting up a new local Constitution according to present necessity and to train by education, all the ministers and all the laity into this autonomy. We are happy to know that we are working in God's order, for we have the Spirit of Prophecy giving to us evidence that some form of separation must take place. Just

read the following statements.

“A strange thing has come into our churches. Men who are placed in positions of responsibility that they might be wise helpers, to their fellow workers, have come to suppose that they were set as Kings and rulers in the churches, to say to one brother, Do this, to another, Do that, and to another, be sure to labor in such and such a way. There have been places where workers have been told that if they did not follow the instruction of these men of responsibility, their pay from the conference would be withheld.” E.G. White, **Loma Linda Messages**, p. 229.

Now the ministers of the South Caribbean Conference cannot in honesty deny that this is a fact, for they all know that this is so. To men today whose hearts have been hardened in iniquity this is a common thing according to **General Conference Working Policy**, but according to Sister White this was a strange thing. And strange it is indeed that a minister should be employed by a minister, and his fellow minister should withhold his pay because he does not follow policy and obey the minister as if he were God. Ministers, we address you, no longer settle for this humiliating spectacle. Break away from this papal system. Demand your liberty and change the system! You can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth you! Be of good courage! Sister White continues:

“It is right for the workers to counsel together as brethren; but that man who endeavors to lead his fellow-workers to seek his counsel and advice regarding the details of their work, and to learn their duty from him, is in a dangerous position, and needs to learn what responsibilities are really comprehended in his office. God had appointed no man to be conscience for his fellow-men, and it is not wise to lay so much responsibility upon an officer that he will feel that he is forced to become a dictator.” **Ibid.**

So any policy and executive power that encourages such an arrangement must be abolished. Let us read on:

“For years there has been a growing tendency for men placed in positions of responsibility to Lord it over God’s heritage, thus removing from church members their keen sense of the divine instruction and an appreciation of the privilege to counsel with God regarding their duty. This order of things may be changed. There must be a reform.” **Ibid.**

This plainly tells us that if the church is to gain a keen sense of the need of divine instruction, and personal development in counsel with God and work in the field, this system must be abolished.

There must be reform just where has been identified before in this booklet. Thus the Testimonies of the Spirit say:

“I write this fully because I have been shown that ministers and people are tempted more and more to trust in finite man for wisdom, and to make flesh their arm. To conference presidents and men in responsible places I bear this message: Break the bands and fetters that have been placed upon God’s people. To you the word is spoken, “Break every yoke.” Unless you cease the work of making man amenable to man, unless you become humble and yourselves learn the

way of the Lord as little children, the Lord will divorce you from His work.” **Ibid**, p. 230.

It has been many, many years now since that counsel has been given, and things have gotten only worse. A most dictatorial system has been erected as policy law in the organization, and now men are educated into thinking that subservience to this system is the divine will in church organization and this has so enfeebled the membership and destroyed the work that something drastic must be done to at least salvage some of the people. We therefore call upon the laity and pastors to promptly come up to the needed action and abolish General Conference control from the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, or any other Local Conferences where so ever this booklet may reach.

Again Sister White tells us:

“Let those ... who suppose the voice of the general Conference to be the voice of God, become one with God before they utter their opinions.” Ellen G. White, **Manuscript Release # 246**.

The reason for this is that if they were one with God through Faith in His Love they would not see the voice of God in this General Conference Association, so there should be no obedience to the system of **policy** and **executive control** formulated in the **Working Policy** by the Committee. There should be the severing of such relationship. Again:

“It is working upon wrong principles, that has brought the cause of God into its present embarrassment. The people have lost confidence in those who have the management of the work. Yet we hear that the voice of the Conference is the voice of God. Every time I have heard this, I have thought it was almost blasphemy. The voice of the conference ought to be the voice of God, but it is not.” Ellen G. White, **Manuscript Release # 365**.

Is anyone yet in doubt that this voice should be cut off? Read yet:

“For years I have been instructed that there is danger, constant danger that our brethren will look to their fellow men for permission to do this or that, instead of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings, and permit themselves to be bound about with man-made restrictions disapproved by God. The Lord can impress minds and consciences to do His work under bonds to God, and in a spirit of fraternity that will be according with His Law ... the division of the General Conference into district union conferences was God’s arrangement. In the work of the Lord in these last days there should be no Jerusalem centers, no kingly power. And the work in the different countries is not to be tied up by contracts to the work entering in Battle Creek [the past center of the work], for this is not God’s plan. Brethren are to counsel together; for we are to be one in heart and soul, even as Christ and the Father are one. Teach this, practice this, that we may be one with Christ in God, all working to build up one another. The kingly power formerly revealed in the General Conference at Battle Creek is not to be perpetuated.” E.G. White, **Spalding Magan’s Unpublished MSS. Testimonies**, p. 311.

But the kingly power has been perpetuated and strengthened. And now it has become **policy directive** for ministers to follow into which they have been educated. So the new Jerusalem center of the work is Washington D.C. There seems to be no need for the Divisions of the

General Conference, but if the power and work of the Union Conference are scaled down to that of officers attending to necessary paper, publishing and contact work with no executive control over the Local Conferences, and if the men in office were skilled and qualified laymen on a one year revolving basis, how much money would be saved. This labor, free from any form of Conference control would afford their development as they learn to trust in Christ instead of leaning on men. Thus there would be hundreds of conversions where there is only now one. If this wonderful system was to be implemented, we would have a revival in our midst that would not be checked by power-hungry men, and the work would soon finish and Christ would return.

“I have been instructed that history will be repeated, and the specious working of Satan will be revealed by human agents. We must work discreetly and determinedly to adjust matters. The recent binding propositions, is the last that should be passed by without decided protest. Let us not take another step towards the acceptance of such propositions, lest we be ensnared.” **Ibid**, p. 312.

That which was done in the past has indeed been repeated. History has indeed reoccurred, for what Sister. White identified as taking place in her times has occurred time and time again, but in an almost unseen and subtle manner, that an uneducated and docile ministry and laity have allowed propositions (policies) to become law in Adventism until ministers and laity are blinded by these laws. Satan has used agents in the church to make human efforts to control human beings by working policy, thus the work has suffered greatly, and now the denomination is losing its social image and is declining in apostasy.

We of Thusia S.D.A. who are true revolutionary and original Adventists call upon layman and ministers to rally around the principles of this booklet and to protest these man-made policies. We are to seek their abolition and the institution of a new order of things. Neither are the General Conference, Divisions, Union or Local Conference to have policy and executive power to mold the work from their offices, for this is to be done by God working on the minds of the ministers (this includes laymen) who are working in the field. All Conferences from top to bottom, are to be manned by officers from the lay-people without executive or policy power over the work in the field, and they are to stay in office on a one-year revolving basis. Now let us read what Sister. White says about the General Conference Committee or Association:

“I have often been instructed by the Lord that no man’s judgment should be surrendered to the judgment or any other man. Never should the mind of one man or the minds of a few men be regarded as sufficient in wisdom and power to control the work and to say what plans shall be followed. But when, in a General Conference, the judgment of the brethren assembled from all parts of the field is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be stubbornly maintained, but surrendered. Never should a laborer regard as a virtue the persistent maintenance of his position of independence, contrary to the decision of the general body.”  
Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to the Church Vol. 9**, p. 260.

So we see that the few men of the General Conference Committee have from God **no jurisdiction** as to what plan should be followed in their relationship to the Conferences. They have **no authority** from God to tell their fellow workers what plans to follow. So their policies that do the contrary, that have been set up as laws or legal laborer-employer relations are all wrong—**THEY MUST BE ABOLISHED!** But what should be regarded and obeyed is a decision

made by the General Conference in Session composed of holy, duly elected men from the field (not offices). Sister. White did not see or accept the men in the offices of Washington D.C., (the General Conference Committee or Association), as a “hierarchy” or as the “church” or as having authority over the work in the church and/or in the field. Let us read what she says about this:

“At times, when a small group of men entrusted with the general management of the work have, in the name of the General Conference, sought to carry out unwise plans and to restrict God’s work, I have said that I could no longer regard the voice of the General Conference, represented by these few men, as the voice of God.” **Ibid**, pp. 260-261.

So the General Conference is not the voice of God to the people **and should have no policy or executive power over the world church or field**, for they have often carried out unwise plans and have restricted the work of God. But even the General Conference Session that now sits every five years have become dangerous, because many of these men are not “duly appointed”. This is no time to go in to the politics and psychology of representative elections within Adventism, but it is obviously known that since the church is in a “lukewarm” state lacking “eye salve” for spiritual discernment, men and women that are righteous by much “conference work”, that have economic and social standing above their brethren, are chosen by the church board at the local church level to be representatives going right up to General Conference Sessions. The selection of candidates are limited to certain qualifications imposed by men and not by God. That limits the choice of holy and sanctified candidates, and men are often put in power who are policy minded and are loyal to other men and are not truly controlled by the Spirit, not original, and not sound Biblical exegetes, so they carry on the same forms as the previous administrators, and this is also why the theological image of the church is rapidly changing into a semi-Fordite one. There is a **wrong education** about what it means to be a church administrator that has gripped the minds of the people, thus men put in office are afraid to be original and think it a God-ordained duty to obey legal working policies.

Electors are often spiritually blinded and do not know what is a true Spirit directed Christian. Thus they do not have appropriate Biblical standards to judge candidates more so to choose them. Another problem is that when they are confronted with a true S.D.A. Christian, led by the Spirit, these Christian men are often against the system so they are made unpopular by propaganda from the policy-minded ruling hierarchy. Thus the electors know the mind of hierarchy and feel that they are doing wrong against the Church (mark this well - the “Church”, not Christ) if they elect that true Spirit-led Christian into office, they are afraid that he shall change the system and destroy what they call “order” and disturb their carnal slumber and peace which they love to have so.

So we see that the elective process from a local church right up to the General Conference in Session is perverted and diseased thus a heavy burden. A galling yoke have placed upon the back of the church crushing out Christ and stamping out the last remaining vestiges of true Christianity from the Church. Lord Help Us! The Seventh-day Adventist Church has almost well nigh been destroyed. To say that we therefore have “duly appointed” representative men in the General Conference Sessions (as all other lower sessions) is not really sound, but “duly appointed” is the criterion for obedience to their voice. Let us read what the Spirit of Prophecy says on this matter:

“But this is not saying the decision of a General Conference composed of an assembly of **duly appointed**, representative men from all parts of the field should not be respected. God has ordained that the representatives of His church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference, shall have authority.” **Ibid**, p. 261. (Emphasis supplied).

We are now going to the last part of the statement which shows that the General Conference Committee that sits in office between sessions should have no policy or executive authority over the church. This part and others of the complete statement has been left out in the **S.D.A. Church Manual**, and a portion has been quoted to give a false impression to the minds of the readers of the manual justifying the excesses of the General Conference Committee. Let us read the revealing statement:

“The error that some are in danger of committing is in giving to the mind and judgment of one man, or of a small group of men, the full measure of authority and influence that God invested in His church in the judgment and voice of the General Conference assembled to plan for the prosperity and advancement to His work. When this power, which God has placed in the church, is accredited wholly to one man, and he is invested with the authority to be judgment for other minds, then the true Bible order is changed. Satan’s efforts upon such a man’s mind would be most subtle and sometimes well-high overpowering, for the enemy would hope that through his mind he could affect many others. Let us give to the highest organized authority in the church that which we are prone to give to one man or to a small group of men.” **Ibid**, p. 261.

The very same error that has been identified in this statement read before the delegates at the General Conference, Washington D.C. May 30, 1909, is **exactly** the same error that had been committed over a period of years in the building of the legal policy and executive excesses held today by the General Conference Committee, and Mrs. White says that it is all wrong, it is not true Bible order, thus it has been destroying the church.

The Testimonies therefore support our call for a breaking of **policy and executive control** relations with the General Conference Association. Power to the people, power from the Holy Spirit. Let the South Caribbean Conference be autonomous and run its own affairs. Let us escape the control of a few men. **MINISTERS and LAY-PEOPLE**, we call upon you to **DO SOMETHING**. Implement plans and a movement to discuss this matter seriously and by prayer and study follow the suggestions of this little Booklet. Christ is soon to come and we must **SAVE OUR SOULS** by God’s grace. Thus we must work to escape this stranglehold of unsanctified men through a wrong and self-appointed form of organization that is destroying the church.

“The church is built upon Christ as its foundation; it is to obey Christ as its head. It is not to depend upon man. Many claim that a position of trust in the church gives them authority to dictate what other men shall do. This claim God does not sanction. The Savior declares, “All ye are brethren.” All are exposed to temptation and are liable to error. Upon no infinite being can we depend for guidance.” Ellen G. White, **Desire Of Ages**, p. 414.

As true as this statement is, how many officers reject it just because they love power:

“Church organization is of God, but where does church organization stop, and church dictatorship begin. Dictatorship often hides behind a democratic form of church government. And when such power is opposed by liberty-loving members, it sends forth the smoke screen of “These members are opposed to church organization.” **Religious Liberty Now Excluded from S.D.A. Church**, p. 55.

This is exactly what has happened, but as Mrs. White said:

“A “Thus saith the Lord” is not to be set aside for a “Thus saith the church.”” Ellen G. White, **Acts of the Apostles**, p. 69.

“The organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts to the gospel. Those to whom was given the responsibility of the General oversight of the church were not the lord it over God’s heritage, but as wise shepherds, were to feed the flock of God ... being examples to the flock.” **Ibid**, p. 91.

Thus is set out the true **DUTY** of leaders in the church! Notice that no policy-control over church members is included.

Again, Mrs. White speaks against what is going on in the S.D.A. church today. She says:

“For years I have been instructed that there is danger that our brethren will look to their fellow men for permission to do this or that, instead of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings, and permit themselves to be bound with man-made restrictions disapproved by God ... the kingly power formerly revealed in the General Conference at Battle Creek is not to be perpetuated.” Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 8**, p. 232-233.

The truth is, this spirit is all over the world in all S.D.A. Conferences. Again Mrs. White says:

“Everything that has been planned in regards to consolidation shows that men are seeking to grasp the scepter of power, and hold control over human minds. But God does not work with them in their devising, and the voice they now have in the cause of God, is not the voice of God.” Ellen G. White, **Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers**, p. 291.

“Laws and rules are being made at the center of the work that will soon be broken into atoms. Men are not to dictate. If the cords are drawn much tighter, if the rules are made much finer, if men continue to bind their fellow-laborers closer and closer to the commandments of men, many will be stirred by the Spirit of God to break every shackle and assert their liberty in Christ Jesus ... they (the leading workers) do not care what results may follow their injustice. With it is rule or ruin. God has not appointed any man to do such work ... God will move upon men of humble position in society, ... many such will be seen hurrying hither and thither constrained by the Spirit of God to bring the light to others ... The Spirit of God will be poured out upon all who will yield to its promptings, and casting off all man’s machinery, his binding rules and cautious methods; they will declare the truth with the might of the Spirit’s power. Multitudes will receive

the Faith and join the armies of the Lord.” E.G. White, **Review and Herald, July 23, 1895.**

It is time for church members to **ARISE** and **REVOLT** against this system that has caused us to suffer for so long. Let the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, or any Local Conference break away from the control of the General Conference Committee and God might yet be able to save us. This is truly why we exist, but this spirit must spread. Amen.

End.