

*Apocryphal -  
Angel standing by  
Uriah Smith's side*

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May 9, 1957.

You speak of the suggestions of the Shepherd's Rod people that there  
was to be another prophet. I am enclosing a document entitled "Will  
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information. I think their claim is based upon a statement which is found  
in Testimonies to Ministers on page 112. I am enclosing a letter dealing  
with this particular statement.

Star Route  
Buxton, Oregon

Dear Brother

I have just received your letter, written May 5, and I hasten to  
send you the information which you seek. I have enjoyed reading your  
letter, and I appreciate the information you have given about your con-  
nection with the work down through the years. What a satisfaction it  
must give to teachers as they retire to be able to look out over the  
world field and see young people who came under their influence busy  
proclaiming the message and filling important positions in other lines  
of activity.

Now you ask us concerning a statement which has come to you  
attributed to Ellen White indicating that Thoughts on Daniel and the  
Revelation was a book written by Uriah Smith as an angel held his hand.  
I am sorry to have to tell you that there is no such statement in the  
E. G. White writings, published or unpublished. I am enclosing a docu-  
ment on the authorship of Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation which  
gives considerable information. On page 2 of this you will find a  
statement signed by A. C. Berdeau in which he says that Sister White  
stated that an angel stood by the side of Uriah Smith inspiring him as  
he wrote, but I am sorry to have to tell you that this statement cannot  
be substantiated. It comes to us based on memory, and we question the  
accuracy of some of the specific wording. I have heard my father say  
that Ellen White said that she saw an angel standing by Uriah Smith as  
he wrote, and we understand this to mean in the same sense that an angel  
stands by any consecrated worker as he labors, but we do not understand  
this to create an infallible product, or, in the sense that we think of  
it, to be inspiration.

I know this information brings a little different slant on the  
work of Uriah Smith, but I think if we take the statement as a whole,  
I need not write further in this letter about this matter.

I am also enclosing a statement by Ellen White on the value of  
Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation. It can be seen from this that  
she had the highest regard for the book, but that she did not consider

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inerrant or inspired. Of course, the Shepherd's Rod people will make the most of this, but we must handle this whole matter in the light of the facts as they exist.

You speak of the suggestions of the Shepherd's Rod people that there was to be another prophet. I am enclosing a document entitled, "Will There Be Another Special Messenger," which may give you some helpful information. I think their claim is based upon a statement which is found in Testimonies to Ministers, on page 475. I am enclosing a leaflet dealing with this particular statement.

I presume you have at hand the two pamphlets which were issued concerning the Shepherd's Rod, one entitled, "Some Teachings of the Shepherd's Rod Examined," and the other, "The Story of the Shepherd's Rod." If you do not have these, they may be secured from our office, but most likely you have them in hand already, and copies should be available from your local conference office.

It is good to hear from you, Brother Hanson. I trust that this information will be of some service to you, and if we can help you further, please feel free to call upon us again.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely your brother,

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Arthur L. White, Secretary  
ELLEN G. WHITE PUBLICATIONS

I am sorry to have to tell you that there is no such statement in the Revelation as a book written by Uriah Smith as an angel held his hand. I am enclosing a document which contains the Revelation on which you are basing your statement. On page 2 of this you will find a statement signed by A. C. Barber in which he says that Sister White stated that an angel stood by the side of Uriah Smith inspiring him to write this statement. I am sorry to have to tell you that this statement is not substantiated. It comes to us based on memory, and we question the accuracy of some of the specific wording. I have heard my father say that Ellen White said that she saw an angel standing by Uriah Smith as he wrote, and we understand this to mean in the same sense that an angel stands by any consecrated worker as he labors, but we do not understand this to create an infallible product, or in the same sense that we think of inspiration.

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