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### *The Indignation of the Disciples*

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Dear Denton,

The E-mail to sister M \_\_\_\_\_ which you requested me to send did not successfully transmit. Please check with her to see if she wants to hear from me. And if so, please send to me a correct address.

Regarding the question of your station in the Lord's work, is it as you claim!? You wrote to me in E-mail format expressing the conviction that you are Elijah/David. Just as a point to ponder and not a point of contention: if your claim is true and the Lord affirms to Davidia your profession, what should all of the myriad of other claimants to the throne of David do? Clearly, if you are the person whom you claim to be, then they have no choice; they should preserve their salvation by meekly acceding to your election. Bible faith can allow no other reaction. However, what a grueling humiliation that would be for many! Now let us flip the question: should the Lord present to you as His elect another, the President of the *Mustard Seed Advent*, Derek West, This author, for example, can you conduct yourself with the very same standard of meekness which you hope will be required of others? As you reflect, please understand that I am very content to not engage in battles with other claimants to David's throne. I see their boldness as a positive and consider many to be champions of the faith who strongly, honestly, and sincerely desire to be on the Lord's management team, His "disciples indeed", even if they have inflated their status in the work. After all, He did promise His disciples that the Holy Spirit shall be in you (plural) —see John 14:17. I base my claim on the Bible and not my ambitions; for with Bible as the predicate, one cannot go wrong for it merely takes scriptural evidence to affirm or deny. Thus we have many who are inspired workers for the Lord with very high hopes. And, the Lord's promise to David is that He, Christ, will establish David's throne again. My faith wars against any impulse to fret over competitors; I claim the righteousness of Christ, and I trust in His strength. Moses faced a similar problem, and it is described in Numbers 11-16. Remember Joshua's protest to Moses and Moses' reprimand to him,

**"...And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them they prophesied, and did not cease...and Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My Lord Moses, forbid them...And Moses said unto him, enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord should put his spirit upon them."** —Numbers 11:25-29.

Poor misguided and youthful Joshua —forty years prior to his very own exaltation over Israel, he, like Davidia today, had many lessons to learn. Unlike Moses, he was spiritually immature and unnecessarily jealous over the Lord's distribution of His Spirit. Today, just as then, the Lord desires to inspire us all; however, our immaturity, our doctrinal unsophistication, prevents it. We must learn an important lesson from this above text: When Christ inspired the 70 elders as described above, those same inspired men did not fully respect Moses' higher rank. If they did, then they would have taken Moses side when the report of the 12 spies was received only a few weeks later as described in chapter 14. They would have united their voices with Caleb and Joshua, Moses and Aaron to quiet the heightened anxieties which erupted in Israel over the negative report from the spies. Also, weeks after receiving their inspiration, they failed to unite with Moses and may have even united with Korah when Korah launched his rebellion against God's government. Korah, "**...all the congregation are holy...and the Lord is among them.**" —

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Numb 16: 3. It very well may have been that Korah, after seeing the Lord's powerful manifestation of His spirit, may have fallen into temptation because of that generous manifestation of divinity. All these events occurred sequentially and within weeks after Joshua's protest. Unfortunately, they did not then understand the concept of hierarchical rank in God's kingdom. Worse still, Davidia today also is ignorant and immature: they too need the benefit of Moses' wise ministry. Even Aaron and Miriam faltered on this issue. The Lord had to explain that there are prophets in His kingdom, and then there are *prophets like unto Moses*:

**“And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud...and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”—Numbers 12:6-8**

Today it is no different, the Lord has likewise distributed His Spirit amongst His people. He has inspired servants of different rank and stature. After all He desires that His Holy Spirit be in us all. Unfortunately, we have become immature in receiving the Lord's inspiration, and our immaturity has limited our usefulness to the Lord. To use a more colloquial vernacular, we become egotistical and “big headed”. Like the disciples of yesterday, we use our gifts of the Spirit to gain pre-eminent solitude. Just as did Joshua, we become envious of others who have the Spirit resting upon them. Like Korah and his **“250 princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown...”** Davidia today is extremely ignorant of the government of God and His distribution of authority. They presume that because the Lord's Spirit is in them and they have done a good work, that they, similarly to Korah, Aaron, and Miriam, need not manifest added respect and authority to the Lord's highest, the greatest among them, Moses. They assume, contrary to the lesson of *Joel two* ---**they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks**--- that Heaven has not given earth various ranks of authority. Moses represents the singular man today who beholds Christ's similitude, who identifies the Lord, and builds a house for His name. He is the one whom the Lord promised to reveal Himself—see Luke 10:22; he is the highest.

**“No one can search the Scriptures in the spirit of Christ without being rewarded. When man is willing to be instructed as a little child, when he submits wholly to God, he will find the truth in His word. If men would be obedient, they would understand the plan of God's government. The heavenly world would open its chambers of grace and glory for exploration. Human beings would be altogether different from what they now are, for by exploring the mines of truth men would be ennobled. The mystery of redemption, the incarnation of Christ, His atoning sacrifice, would not be as they are now, VAGUE in our minds. They would be not only better understood, but altogether more highly appreciated.” —EGW, COL, 114:1, underline and emphasis added**

Today, while the Spirit resides within the disciples, they may still, for a time, struggle for position and fight to discern who shall be on the Lord's left hand and on his right, who shall be David and Joshua, the two arms of the Lord in the Kingdom. Unlike most other Davidian groups, the MSA does not disparage those who hunger for position and power. Because of my years of experience with Bashan, I still have ringing in my ears the overused drumbeat, the much abused, unscriptural mantra which decries office seekers. They, the insecure and childish religious leaders, like the youthful and inexperienced Joshua, ever jealous that their brother, once receiving God's spirit, might out shine themselves, begin to decry the very thing which the Lord has promised as their reward, officiation or office. Davidia in her silliness, has evangelized the church for 77 years, and the very reason which has allured her “lukewarm, Laodicean” brethren to unite with her and become dissatisfied ---hot or cold--- the desire for the Lord exultation, His promotion to office, they decry and abhor as some great sin. They have a false sense of sin and righteousness. Therefore, it is a good thing that the Lord has kept His promise and sent His Spirit to **“...reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”**—John 16:8. For

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Davidia, having ignored the Lord's 3-½-year testimony, they consequently have very little understanding of right and wrong, good and evil: they need the ministry of the Lord's servant. This is made evident as they, just like the angel of Laodicea, to protect what they perceive to be their seat of great authority, fight against all independent ministries. This in itself is not the greatest evil. What is worse still, they twist the *Rod* and the Bible, perverting it greatly, so as to reserve and permanently etch in stone their self-perceived seat of authority. I have never met you, my brother, however, I hope that the Lord has opened your eyes and given you victory over this abomination against which the MSC sighs and decries. After all, the political desire in man, his yearning to receive leadership, was the very impulse which the Lord intended to excite when He gave to us, in His personal testimony, the rewards which the Lord promised to His end-time disciples —see Matt 19: 28, Luke: 12: 42-44, Luke 19:17. Power, government and authority is called the “joy of the Lord” —Matt 25: 23. Imagine the insult to the Lord when He returns to honor His “disciples indeed” with their reward, and they refuse His gift of government because they have engendered some phony standard of righteousness. Will they accuse the Lord then of being a deceiver, a devil, for enticing them with the gift of government? When He offers them dominion over 10 cities, will they say, get the behind me Christ, “we are not office seekers”?

However, as far as the question is concerned over who is Elijah/David, I am sure that the Lord has provided enough evidence to convince those who have read the MSC of the truthfulness and accuracy of my avowal. I have absolutely no insecurities. For I know that such an honor will never come by the works of my own hands any how! One who has infinitely more power than do I, The Lord, has promised to exalt the son of David. I do not have to argue, connive, or manipulate like the sons of Zebedee to receive my seat on the Lord's right hand, His hand of power. In fact, the Lord will shortly provide even more overwhelming Bible evidence. My only trepidation is that you and the other disciples will not disparage and become discouraged when the Lord brings to light His election for that will be a time of real testing. Similarly, when the sons of Zebedee instigated their power play, according to Matt 20: 24, the other disciples became offended and “*moved with indignation against the two brethren*”. The Lord did not share their indignation; yet, He did not deny that rank amongst them would occur. He merely said, “...*but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*” —Matt 20: 26-28. This is a command of the Lord! —great care should be taken to honor it. Somebody other than Jesus, the Son of man, is to be given pre-eminence. And we are commanded to let him be your minister. This burgeoning servant or steward will be “even as the Son of Man” or one “like unto the Son of man”. He is to emerge to become greatest among the disciples. When the Lord unfolds to you the election of this servant, do not become indignant; do not follow the example of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and become indignantly resentful of his rank. Instead, I say again: let him be unto you, your minister, the one who brings you to the “perfect day” and who teaches you the “fullness of Christ” so that the “incarnation of Christ”, the “mystery of redemption”, and the “atoning sacrifice” are issues which are no longer “vague” in your mind. Let him teach you ways of righteousness as Christ ministered unto the disciples. Let him feed you (serve you) meat in due season. He will make this duty of being your servant his full-time job. This will be Davidia's greatest hour of test, for only those who have mastered the Lord's command for meekness and humility will be exonerated. My counsel then is that some will be made rulers over 10 cities, others over five, some over only one; however, wisdom demands that they still become joyful and refrain from indignation. All must consider that if they cannot secure the highest seat of authority in the Kingdom, the authority over cities for an eternity is infinitely greater than the puny and dismal jobs which they currently occupy.

Sincerely,

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