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There is a Better Way!

Reply to Walt,
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Walt,

You sent an E-mail expressing concern over —if I may paraphrase— the heightened degree of inflaming comments that are exchanged by way of the SDA-E-mail group of which you manage. You also suggested —again paraphrasing— that you may have to monitor all transmissions to inspect, measure, and approve their contents. I understand your reluctance to do so, for such would be a tactic to muzzle the Lord. I am sure that you understand that we are approaching the judgment, the time when souls are to make decisions for an eternity. If the wrong choices are made, one could find themselves plunged into eternal damnation, the ultimate manifestation inflammation. Therefore, as a people who have anticipate Elijah’s stern mission, to prepare us to meet our Lord in judgment, all should expect that surprising and shocking sins will be disclosed. Such is necessary to give the righteous an opportunity to correct the error of their ways and to pass the Lord’s inspection.

To clear the confusion and explain your desire to muzzle the *Spirit of Prophecy*, maybe you should identify the specific profanities (offensive words) which you think (presume) to be harmful. Perhaps, like the Pharisees and Sadducees, you are offended by the “straight testimony”, and not recognizing, through careful self examination of motives, that the war which you think to wage is against an offender is actually a struggle against the Lord. Assuming her goal is salvation in the Kingdom, then in preparation, there is much counsel that Davidia requires. Due to the lateness of the hour, such counsel must be delivered straight and direct. The following is said of Christ’s end-time ministry:

“The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.” —Isa 42: 13,14.

Often times, such counsel goes directly against what custom and tradition, the laws and protocols of men, society’s standards of good, etc, specify as “proper behavior “or “good Christianity”. To illustrate, as has been indicated by the comments on this forum, today, in America, we find it abhorrent that an elderly man should marry or court a woman who is under 18 or that a significantly older woman date a man who is much younger than her. Like you with the material on the forum, we American’s also desire to censure such behavior as evil; yet, the Lord’s righteousness may offer a different judgment. The age 18 has been an arbitrary age assigned by the wisdom of men; though it may have merit, the Lord does not expect us to canonize such a theme. So you see, there are things which you judge to be good, which actually may be evil, and the reverse is true. Do you propose that we abide by societal norms, their standards of righteousness, or should we abide by the *Righteousness of Christ*?

“The inventive minds of men have advanced speculative opinions in various lines, and when the Holy Spirit lets light shine into human minds, it does not respect every point of man’s application of the word. God impressed his servants to speak the truth irrespective of what men had taken for granted as truth.” —TM, 70

Maybe the solution should be that all the members of the forum should list their most sensitive and untouchable idols, the ones from which they refuse to tear themselves away, those things in their lives which they will never give up for the Lord’s Kingdom, and then, when counsel from others comes —exception allotted for the MSC— all can tip toe around such themes. Exception is due to the MSC because its cry is *Christ our Righteousness*: nothing is placed before the

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Word, not even its very own feelings nor the feelings of others who may be on the path to hell! The point which should be censured as profane is the stiff-necked and proud refusal of most — Johnathan may be the occasional exception—on this forum, including you, to concede or acknowledge sound evidence that is offered by those whom they oppose; while at the very same time, these communicants seem to be lightning quick to decry the themes which they find offensive. If a member protest is to have any credibility, he should also honestly find the opportunity to commend. Go back and examine the example which the MSC has set. It has given acknowledgement to Henry, to Jeannie, to Johnathan and maybe even others.

“There are some who indulge in levity, sarcasm, and even mockery toward those who differ with them. Others present an array of objections to any new view; and when these objections are plainly answered by the words of Scripture, they do not acknowledge the evidence presented, nor allow themselves to be convinced. Their questioning is not for the purpose of arriving at truth, but is intended merely to confuse the minds of others.”—TM 108

This imbalance in conversation, this subtle, yet flagrant and perverse approach to communications, is the source and stimulus of the profanity which you speak. When Davidia has its upper-room experience, then all issues, whether they be race, children, family, marriage, bad habits, false doctrines, perceived defects of character, etc, will be required to be resolved. Only then will we have learned to choose the good and refuse the evil. Then can Adam and Eve — with their children—step back into the Garden of Eden, the land of perfect day.

Sincerely.

Derek
