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Heaven's Prayer to Humanity

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Dear M _____,

Thank you for your E-mail question and for your participation in the bi-weekly, Sabbath-evening studies. In both cases your questions seem to envelop around the use of language and our ability to vary the precision of our deployment of it. This is not dissimilar to the use of a *variable speed drill* or an automotive accelerator: in both cases, our purposes are best served by not always going full throttle but to rather give the accelerator as much thrust as the situation requires. To illustrate, in a school zone, wisdom dictates that one not “push the peddle to the metal” and surge at 120 miles per hour when safety requires merely a fraction of that speed. The Lord, being a language expert and His servant aspiring to the same skill, does so with words as well. For example, consider the term ‘son of man’ as deployed in John 8: 28: whereby our studies have proven that it applied to Elijah/John just as it does in Matt 17:11. In fact, it was shown that that same title was give to Ezekiel and Daniel also. Surely you must realize that there are titles, adjectives, and other descriptions which can apply to the Lord and to humanity as well. To illustrate, Mark 6:3 shows that Jesus was called “the carpenter”. Does this mean that such a title cannot likewise apply to other less reputable humans? Can humanity deploy that word with variable applications? Also, in Philippians 2: 7, 8 Christ is described as taking upon Himself “the form of a servant”, and being made in the “likeness of men”. Should teachers now regard those descriptive adjective clauses to likewise be solely and exclusively pertinent to Christ requiring that none other use those titles? Clearly, when the Lord described Elijah/John as the “son of man”, He was using the very same communicative tactic opting to be indefinite in the deployment of adjectives and nouns as required to discern meaning from each generation until the day when the full meaning was to be made known. The fact that such communications have confused some and have obscured the full thrust of the truth until now was exactly His goal: remember, Father hides the light from the wise and prudent so that He may first uncover it to the babes, humble disciples.

Your other question pertains to the MSC's deployment of language.

As a standard greeting, book 4.1, a book which, over the past year you have received at least one other copy, the personal message reads as follows:

“...Immediately afterwards, the disciples themselves performed the next miracle, a super-human marvel which you too can also learn. Simply by hearing the Word of the Lord, they gathered their emotions and calmed their fears ---what a stunning display of Christianity. Such amazing self control is the supernatural power which the Lord prays to receive from us all. Therefore, I urge you today to likewise heed His counsel and be of good cheer by carefully examining the pages of this booklet. For again the Lord uses unorthodoxy to enlighten His own by sending to you this, His still small voice.” ---MSC 4.1, Journey Through the Murky Bogs, introductory page.

This clause has been included in the introduction since the book was under distribution for some 2 ½ years. Every copy ---without exception--- that has ever been mailed contains the above collection of sentences. I think that all who apply themselves to it can easily understand its meaning unless one has pursued a mission to examine the work of the MSC with an ultra-critical

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eye, ever seeking to impeach its work. If such a mission were indeed the true case, then the ensuing 200 pages of the book would likewise cause such an individual, with every word, to spiritually gag, strain, and choke. The Lord did not approve of such men who **“strain a gnat and swallow a camel”** ---Matt 23: 24. Realizing that we have had good and harmonious relations to date and that you have been willing to masticate, swallow, digest, and assimilate the material in book 4.1 as well as many doctrines in advance of that publication, my suspicion is that your question reflects the objection of someone else who is less willing to heed the Lord’s counsel. If my suspicion is incorrect, and you suddenly have become confused about that standard section of the introduction cited above, then we have a different problem. In either case, I must ask you to prayerfully more fully apply yourself to your query. This tactic has been borrowed by the MSC directly from the Lord during His ministry to the disciples. Remember when He commanded His disciples to **“beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees”** ---Matt 16: 6. They, in a fit of spiritual malaise and inattentive or half-hearted mindless application to the Lord’s words, presumed that He was chiding them for forgetting to bring loaves of bread to consume for lunch. Resultantly, their conversations of confusion amongst themselves which resulted in wrong conclusions yielded for them a strong rebuke from Christ ---a rebuke that accordingly came directly from the throne of Father--- He refused to invalidate the mind power with which they were each created by giving to them more clarification or explanation. Instead, He gave to them a rebuke. His rebuke caused them to think a little harder until ---not the power of Heaven, or the promptings of the Holy Spirit, but--- the power of their own minds began to work causing them to increase the intensity of their study so as to understand the there-to-fore confused meaning. Thus, after such a rebuke from Christ the Bible says, **“Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine...”** ---verse 12. The MSA patterns its ministry after that of Christ; after all the command was issued, **“...whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your minister...even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...”** ---Matt 20: 26-28

You should discern that the MSC cannot begin to write commentaries to explain all of its commentaries; its readers, men and women destined for eternal authority and leadership in the Kingdom, have a duty to deploy some degree of self exertion and intensity to reading this work. The text understudy reads as follows: **“...such amazing self control is the supernatural power which the Lord prays to receive from us all...”** As humans, can we exhibit supernatural power in our own strength? We can when we consider that the natural impulse in humanity is to fear the unknown; thus, the Lord require us to rise above nature or to become “supernatural” merely by heeding His command to **“fear not”**. He said, **“be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid”** --- Matt 14: 27. This command, according to the *Testimony of Jesus*, came directly from the Father; it was relayed to Christ, and spoken through the lips of Jesus. It was not given to some eternal, exogenous, spiritual power with the intent that such a force would possess the disciples and then bend their minds into compliance so as to assist them in their mission to harness their emotions; instead it was a command, a petition, from Heaven to all disciples to take the reigns of their own minds. Just like the command to not steal or kill, to keep the Sabbath and not commit adultery, etc. It too is something which the Lord expects us to obey with our own powers of self control. But does God pray to us? For this question, no more words are required to answer. One merely needs to discern the definition of the word, “prayer”. Then such will provide the answer. I will give to you a clue: do your children make petitions to you their parent? If they do, then does

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that fact indicate that parents cannot likewise make petitions to their children? Hopefully, like the disciples and their conversation pertaining to bread, nothing more needs to be said.

May you and your family enjoy the re-reading of 4.1 and may it inspire you to heed the Commandments of God and the *Testimony of Jesus*. May you “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, thy soul, and thy mind.”

Sincerely,

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