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Perfecting Fullness

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The following letter is a reply to a reply from a member of the Davidian forum.

Barb,

Pertaining to the MSA's teachings, you wrote the following false and misleading reply. You said,

“Davidia has been able to refute this Light” — Me. Many have refuted this, but YOU refuse to hear. But as YOU yourself preach we can take the Bible alone to refute this and YOU still refuse to believe. The Bible and the Bible Alone!!” —Your 10-Jun-09 E-mail, emphasis (capitalizations) belong, some punctuation added to convey your perceived meaning.

To begin with a correction, the MSA uses all the tools with which Inspiration has endowed it including the writings of EGW and VTH. It has never advocated “the Bible and the Bible alone”. Instead, it teaches that all doctrines must be validated by the Bible. Though many may not now discern it —because they have never really understood the purpose of the *Spirit of Prophecy*— this distinction is a major difference from the theme of “the Bible and the Bible only”. This distinction allows it to deploy the great names of yesterday's prophets to buttress Bible validated themes which they advanced. In so doing, it successfully honors Christ. However, out of respect for Christ, our Captain, it does not elevate lesser angel's of light above Him: it does not use their work to correct Him or to explain His doctrines. The MSA accepts Christ as the perfect communicator, the Word, One who does not require assistance to reveal His teachings. Therefore, if EGW, VTH, or even Paul and Peter taught a “partial prophecy”, the MSA dutifully, almost in military fashion, salutes its Captain above those lesser commanders. Afterall, what well trained soldier would dare to ignore the commands of his presiding General so as to honor his drill sergeant? This approach to doctrine is exactly what EGW and VTH taught. You know this already; yet a dishonest cord within you, perhaps a whispering voice of deception, has compelled you to falsify your testimony. Added to this sin, you claim that Davidia , “Me”, has refuted the MSA. This is a bold deception greater than the claims of our arch nemesis of yesterday, the angels of Laodicea. It is even more false than was their claim that they gave the Rod and VTH a fair hearing. Why not free yourself from all deceptions and heed the Rod's counsel lifted from Ezek 2&3: the command to “...*be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house*”.

You also stated,

”One thing you do say I agree with 'The Bible and the Bible alone', the Bible does a wonderful Job in supporting Jesus as the Christ and refuting the theory you have coniuered up that exalts YOURSELF to a position that Jesus Christ alone is only worthy of.” —Your email 6/10/09

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The “Bible-and-the-Bible-alone” issue has been already addressed. Regarding the MSA’s so-called ‘self-conjured doctrines of Christ’, you must again be corrected as you have been several times in the past three years. If the MSA’s doctrine of Jesus/Christ is “conjured up” as you charge, suggesting that it has not been validated by heaven, then why did the Lord Himself whom you pretend to exalt validated it by saying that the only true Christians are those who will believe the themes of Jesus/Christ which Moses taught. Christ said, ***“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words”***—John 5: 46, 47. Exactly what did Moses teach about Jesus and Christ? He taught that They were separate and distinct individuals, that Christ, to accommodate Israel’s desperate plea, would lead them by one day hiding Himself upon a special Man, a supreme Prophet, Jesus, and He would do so in order to speak in a more gentle way through Him. Thus, the doctrine which the MSA teaches about Jesus and Christ is not self-conjured; it is validated by two major Bible authorities, Moses and Christ. The problem is with you and your beliefs: You don’t believe this —based upon Christ’s above, *John-five* analysis— because you are not a Christian. Not a Christian! —how so many may shockingly ponder? Let us all take care to think for a moment: Can anyone, including EGW, VTH, the Pope, etc define a Christian better than Christ, and He did so in His above cited testimony from *John five*?

Your disrespect of the Bible continues: You also say that the MSA is not worthy of the position that it claims the Bible has attributed to it. To quote you precisely, you say,

“...you have conjured up that exalts YOURSELF to a position that Jesus Christ alone is only worthy of.” —Your email 6/10/09.

Again you are shown to be —not a true Christian, but— an antichristian for Christ describes the duty of His end-time disciples. One duty was their commission to exalt amongst themselves one of their very own, a man who was not Jesus or Christ but merely another disciple whom Christ called the greatest among them —a disciple that is to be distinguished from the others by rank or greatness. He further commanded that they should let him be their minister THE SAME WAY that they let Christ minister and served them. Thus, by Christ’s very-own definition, that specific disciple is to serve in a capacity of leadership that he is indeed made worthy —he is for those of us who are “true”, Moses-and-Christ-defined Christians. The Lord said the following:

“Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children...She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom...And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said. Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: 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”—Matt 20:25-28.

First notice from this reference that Christ established the authority of the Mustard Seed and likened His authority to it or ***“EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN CAME...TO MINISTER.”*** Thus how say you that such authority is attributable to Jesus alone? Do you not do so by ignoring Christ’s words, by being “antichristian”? Also notice the jolting blow to the egos of those who presume that their non-bible validated feelings and thoughts always match those of the Lord: that is the presumption that because the disciples harbored feelings of hostility against any other disciple becoming elevated to the highest seat, is a righteously indignant feeling. Such antichristian jealousy which opposes the very words of Christ is carnal; it is the impulse which likewise incites your disdain and makes you “incensed” against Derek West. But a

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careful rendering of the text will show that it does not attribute to Christ feelings of resentment and anger against the sons of Zebedee, men seeking the highest seat; instead, it says the disciples “were moved with indignation” against them. As you make this observation, also remember that Christ promised life without death to those who receive and embrace His words. He said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my sayings, he shall never see death”** —John 8: 52. Instead of warfare, why not encourage the *Heralds-of-the-King* Davidians, your group, to banish their carnal impulses and keep Christ’s sayings so as to escape the slaughter, “death”. Christ’s words shows that, instead of issuing the rebuke which you evidently endorse, Christ told them to expect a prime minister who would garner the very same worthiness that you seek to deny the MSA. Instead of validating your presumption, Christ, in honor of the MSA’s promotion to authority, further taught that you must receive the one whom He sends with the same respect that you would receive Him. These things being irrefutable, you must now identify the source of your inspiration: Have you read a book of the Bible that has been hidden from the eyes of all others, or do you now trumpet the crusade of Lucifer, the one who claims that Christ is an inexact, untrustworthy communicator? As you prepare to answer that question, please examine the following statements which reveal that the servant whom Christ sends is —against the boundaries of your speculative theory— to occupy a seat and a position of which he is made worthy, is an authority validated by Christ. The Testimony says,

“And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as a little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me” —Matt 18:1-5.

“Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me” —Mark 9:37.

“And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great” —Luke 9:48.

So we see with greater clarity that it is not Derek West and his ego for he has adopted Christ’s ego, His mind —see *Phil two*. As such, he seeks full compliance to the principles of Christianity, true Christianity as defined by the Man Himself. Instead it is the phonies and pretenders, the anti-Christian zealots whom the devil deploys to mislead. They are the ones who have carved for themselves duties and responsibilities which violates Christ’s ministry. Evidence of this can be shown by Christ calling them fools. He Said, **“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand”** —Matt7:26.

So foolishly have you been that you seek to use recycled, Apostolic testimony, to advance your sophistry. But in so doing, you pretend as if those Scriptures have never been accounted for by the MSA. Do you not yet realize that it is wrong to dumb yourself down —blinding yourself by refusing to see— merely to pretend to others that you have a valid argument. Why be duplicitous? Why not give your all to the Lord; why use your full intellectual intensity to promote the themes that you love, then play the “fool” (Christ’s words) to answer an argument that resist your ideas? For example, why quote the following texts to advance your argument when you know that they have been answered and you know the MSA’s teachings on those themes? To refute the MSA, you cite the following text: **“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ”**? —1 John 2: 22. **“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”** —John 20: 31. The MSA does not assert that Jesus was not “the Christ”. It understands that if, at age 30, Christ rested upon Jesus in the form of a Dove, then Jesus became the mouth piece through which

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Christ promised to speak; as such, He fulfill Moses' prophecy and becomes One deserving to be called "The Christ". Christ was the Lord whose bright light and thunderous voice Israel spurned; therefore, if He were to advance them in the Gospel as He began to do first at Sinai, then He would need—in full compliance with the covenant of Moses (*Deut 18, Mal four*)— One to speak for Him. Thus, unable by legal restriction, to speak directly to His people, Jesus became the Voice, He became "the Christ". This is not dissimilar to a court-room drama: when, in a court of law, the verdict is about to be read, the judge says, "will the defendant rise." Upon saying as much, guess who rises with the accused: his voice, his spokesman, his attorney. That makes the accused and the attorney qualified to receive the title, "the defendant". You have been told all these things before; you simply choose to blind yourself to the light.

You have also been told that the Lord promised to raise His Testimony again in the last day. This could only mean that those who studied under yesterday's ministry, that of VTH and EGW, could not possible know the intricacies of today's light. For this reason, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a pearl of great price: you must dispense of your wealth, your knowledge acquired yesterday, to purchase it. This is much akin to Jacob and his rod-straked fountain, the fountain which made him rich by manipulating Laban's herds (see Gen 30). Afterwards, Jacob did not settle in his wealth and reclined in the reality that he was rich and increased with goods in need of nothing. Instead, he took his hands off of his wealth and with all his energy, held onto Christ; he wrestled all night for the blessing. You too must do this now to prevail. You must divest yourself of yesterday's doctrines, yesterday's manna, and exchange it for today's doctrines that you must now teach—not to the wealthy, lukewarm Laodiceans, but—to the poor, the sons and daughters of America's former slaves. This is the MSA's message, it is your pearl of great price. It is your perfection for Christ said to Davidia, the wealthy theologians today, "**If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor and thou shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me**"—Matt 19: 21.

To follow Christ, you must not change the gospel; you must preach the same gospel which the disciples taught lest, according to *Gal one*, you be accursed. The Gospel taught by the New-Testament Church was that in the day of perfection, they would expunge themselves of all of their former, prophetic and inspired doctrines, and receive a new concept, a fuller doctrine of Christ. Paul stated it best when he said, "**I have fed you with milk and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able**"—1 Cor 3:2. Continuing with this theme, he told them the following:

"Whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease, whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part: but then shall I know even as also I am known"—1Cor 13: 8-12; see also 3A 59& 2TG 32: 18.

Surely the wise can see this clearly. The Gospel taught that yesterday's light—as it were—nurtured or made us rich; it allowed us to grow from children to adults. It was like Jacob's speckled cattle that he usurped from Laban. But today, we must no longer be satisfied to see through a glass darkly. Instead, as wealthy, young rulers, we must discern Christ to follow Him: this is our perfection. To follow Him we must embrace His promised, recycled testimony, and

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He can only testify to us, according to His pledged covenant, through a surrogate, a prophet like unto Moses. To affirm this “gospel” theme which you seek to now violate, consider the other Gospel statements made by Paul:

“For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection” —Heb 5: 13, 14; 6:1.

Why change the Gospel, Barb? Why become accursed!? Did not Paul warn you: *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which ♦♦♦WE♦♦♦ have preached unto you, let him be accursed”* —Gal 1:8. As shown above, the Gospel that “we have preached” —we being the early NT authorities such a Paul— was that in the day of perfection we would garner a fuller understanding of Christ. Examine another citation of this theme from Paul:

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” —Eph 4: 11-13

I urge you again, do not become accursed, do not seek to change this Gospel that “we” preached yesterday. Do not seek to become the devil’s advocate by pretending that you have refuted these themes. Instead, seek the perfecting fullness which the early Apostles promised. Prepare yourself to advance unto perfection; prepare to honor the Gospel precepts and divest yourself of yesterday’s concepts of Christ so that you can have knowledge of the fullness of Christ and follow Him. This is our unity and our perfection.

Sincerely,

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