

The Solid Rock we Stand

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Dear Jeannie,

It is quite remarkable that you wrote an E-mail referring to my work and resultantly giving me a chance to reply to you. I say that it is remarkable because earlier this week, in the wee hours of the morning, I was given an additional pulse of light which further debunks the Female-Holy-Spirit heresy, the error which you refuse to relinquish. Having not heard from you, I filed the newly-revealed argument away thinking that you have had more-than-enough Bible evidence to defeat your false teachings. To validate that thinking, please see the E-mail entitled, *Plumb to the Leaning Tower & Father's Day Tongue*. It must be that someone other than you out there needs more evidence; thus, I thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve the King's interest on this issue again.

Before continuing with my discourse, I must reiterate the theme of the MSA, the *Testimony of Jesus*. We must make it our last-day orientation so that we can pass from death to life without ever seeing the grave. It was Father's formula so as to secure everlasting life for the redeemed in the last day. Can you imagine, we are promised freedom from the curse of the law? But we must do what all others before our time failed to do: we must embrace and believe the promises that Jesus uttered. This is just as Jesus promised when He said, **"Verily, Verily, I say unto you, If a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death"** —John 8: 51. Above all others, one testimony given by Jesus relates directly to your thesis of the "divine family", and it does not make the Comforter a female; it proves that He is not the mother of Christ as Lois Roden misled you to believe. The Word says,

"Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother" —Matt 12: 47-49.

Notice, Christ defines all who are considered to be His family members; He did so by **"stretching forth His hand"** —not towards heaven, the angels, the Comforter, etc, but— **"toward his disciples"**, and in so doing, He covers all potential members of a direct, nuclear family except for the title, Father. God is His only Father proving that those who become His brethren, sisters, and mother exclude any others from existing with the eligible ownership of those three titles, mother, brother, and sister. To become such a family-connected member, one must be a human, a disciple, who meets the requisite, one who does the will of the Father. For example, unless one believes in the rise of the *mustard seed* as promised by Christ, unless they believe it to be the beginning of the Kingdom and as a singular man who teaches and explains the Testimony of Jesus, then such a person cannot become a brother, or sister of Christ for Christ said, **"...This is the Father's will...that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."** —John 6: 39, 40. If the attainment was merely spiritual, then He could have likewise spiritualized the status of Father giving disciples the opportunity to win that status as well. From this fact we can see that family titles are taken literally as well as spiritually for Christ calls no man His Father except the Highest. There is no formula for anyone, no matter how obedient, to become the Lord's proverbial

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father. The same would then naturally apply: He would show the same respectful deference to His mother, if He already had one.

The criterion to become Christ's brother, sister, and mother is that one does the will of His Father —no other achievement strategy to reach the status of those lofty posts is given. He even posed the question, "...who is my mother? Who are my brethren? Is there room in this question to include any others? If you and Lois Roden were there, then you would have embarrassed yourselves by attempting to answer the Lord's question: you would have said, the Comforter is your mother, Lord! The MSA has saved you from that embarrassment.

Johnathan, another one who has embraced your female-holy-spirit theory, raised questions that can also benefit from this study. He inquired about whether the Lord's *mustard seed* can be labeled as the "son of Man" in the Scriptures:

- **"When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am (XX), and that I do nothing of myself: but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things"** —John 8: 28. (XX) KJV supplied word, "he" omitted.
- **"When the Son of Man (Christ) shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory (Christ invisibly resting upon the son of man)... Then shall the King (Christ through His spokesman, the son of David) say unto them on his right hand..."** —Matt 25: 31, 34.
- **"And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and upon that cloud one sat like unto the son of man having on his head a golden crown"** —Rev 14: 14. This particular son of Man was coronated with one golden crown and not many crowns as described of Christ in Rev 19: 12. He is the king of *Matt 25*, the promised son of David.

The son of Man in each of these texts points to one who is like Christ; he meets the definition which makes Christ the Son of God, He subordinates his will to that of the Father's. Thus, we now have even a clearer answer: Father is the Man defined in each of these texts, indeed in many others, of which the noun "son" antecedes. Christ is the Son of Man because He is fully subordinated to the Father. Jesus is the Son of Man because He does likewise, and because He is the biological Son of God. Humanity is termed "man" because Adam and Eve were created in God's image and after His likeness. It says, **"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion..."** —Gen 1: 26. To illustrate Christ's connection to the Father by total submission of His will making Him the Son, He said, **"...the Father hath not left me alone: for I do always those things that please him"** —John 8: 29. He further defined His relationship to the Father as the Son by saying, **"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: BECAUSE I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, but the will of the Father..."** —John 5: 30. If Christ did not thusly subordinate His very own will to that of the Father, the thing which makes Him the Perfect Judge, and do so above all of the angels, then He would not be called the "the Son". Since Christ is the Son of Man —Man meaning God, "the Man"— because He does the will of the Father, and since we, in this last day, becomes His brethren by the same formula, then we, by becoming brethren to Christ are, by virtue of this fact, likewise worthy of the title, "sons and daughters of God, of "The Man". For how could we be Christ's brethren and not be Father's sons? Thus the only issue left to be addressed when seeking to discern if Derek West is the son of Man as defined in John 8: 28 is, does he, the *mustard seed*, honor the expressed will of the Father? By evidence of his testimony to this forum these past three years and by the very focus upon the scriptural evidence supplied, even in this E-mail, the evidence is unimpeachable. Derek West is the first to fully honor the Testimony of Jesus, the expressed will of the Father.

How then, when studying these texts, can we discern the difference between Christ, Jesus, and the *mustard seed*? We can only do so by consuming strong meat, by discerning between good and evil, by becoming educated in the name of the Lord from studying the teachings of the one promised to come teaching to us that very name. So enlightened, then we will learn, from reading the context, to distinguish between Christ and Jesus. Illustrative of this point is the fact that Christ promised to never speak to the church, according to *Deut 18* using the blast of His own voice;

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instead, He promised to use the voice of the prophet like-unto-Moses as he is raised in the last day. Thus, when Christ is seen speaking to the sheep and the goats, being a Man of the highest turpitude and integrity, One who keeps His word, we know that He could only be conversing to the sheep and the goats of *Matt 25* in a manner respectful of His covenant. For if Israel felt the imminence of death by His thunderous voice, then what hope would there be for the sheep and the goats 3500 years later who are more highly steeped in sin? This is why *Matt 25* says, ***“Then shall the King say unto them...”***

To further establish the Father as “the Man”, we must examine Christ’s Rock-solid evidence to affirm this point. He told us, ***“...no MAN knoweth who the Son is, But the FATHER; and who the Father is, but the Son...”*** —Luke 10: 22. If the rule is that no man knoweth the Son but the Father, etc, then Father and Son, by virtue of the word “but”, must be considered Men taken from the population of all men, Men who are exceptions to the rule, Men who exclusively are privileged to know that which no other men have discerned. They are the exceptions to the rule which counts the total population of men who know the Son and the Father, and since Father falls into that narrow population, we have proof, by the very testimony which He delivered to humanity, that He, Father, is indeed the Man. He is a different type of Man, One Who does not need to lie or repent for we are told, ***“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...”*** —Num 23: 19. But He, God, is still a Man. Resultantly, the title *son of Man* is a broad rendering which includes within its total population all males who deny their own personal desires, their wills, and their ambitions, because they have supplanted those things with the Will of the Father. On the other hand, Satan and his fallen angels, by virtue of the fact that they knew Christ and Father, must be excluded from this definition of manhood. The Bible shows their knowledge by the following description of the devils’ reaction to Jesus: ***“...what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? ...I KNOW THEE who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying ‘Hold thy peace’... And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ”*** —Luke 4: 34, 41. The devils tried to uncover to humanity that which Father deemed to be a secret, the hidden presence of Christ upon Jesus; thus, they, while speaking to Him, suggested that He was someone else; they said, ***“I know thee who thou art!”*** Who else could Jesus be but Jesus, unless someone else was working clandestinely through Him? Christ, the Speaker, concealed within Jesus, the One who desired that “no man” discern His hidden presence commanded them to be silent or to “hold thy peace”. He did so because, unlike all humanity until the *mustard seed*, they knew Him; that is why He commanded their silence —not because they were lying. Thus, the angels, fallen or unfallen, were obviously not created in the image of Father or Christ; therefore they, including Gabriel ***“that stand(s) in the presence of God”*** —Luke 1: 19— cannot be used to defeat or refute the Lord’s categorical statement of *Luke 10*, for therein he described the population of all “men” —not all intelligent living beings— who knew both Christ and Father.

Finally, Jeannie you posed the question that Derek West is/was required to read all the literature of Lois Roden. This she forwarded to launch a charge of inconsistency and hypocrisy for imposing that same standard upon Walt. This counter claim is false and dishonest for the following reason: Derek rejected Lois Roden’s doctrine on the basis of Scripture. He has gone to the Bible and has resoundingly proven that the Comforter is not a female. Instead of likewise so doing with the doctrines of the MSA, none, in the three years of his exposure to the forum, have ever given counter, biblical evidence —the only legal evidence admissible— to explain or validate Sister Roden’s position. If Jeannie had argued that she has a book which proves from the Bible that the Comforter is female and Derek refused to read it, then she would be approximating a standard comparable equity with the MSA’s claims against Walt whom she seeks to defend. Should they ever offer such evidence, then the MSA will dutifully examine it especially if it comes —not in the name of the Comforter, but— in the name of the Lord. Instead, the Lois-Roden quadrant of the *Branch=Davidian Movement* has forwarded inadmissible evidence: They have argued that the Bible writers are biased against females; that the word, “Spirit”, is a feminine word; that EGW speaks of

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the holy family; etc. They have not offered one iota of direct, Bible logic to sustain their position. This being the case, there is nothing else to read. Contrary to this approach, Walt has not conducted himself with the same turpitude and honor. He used Bible-defined and SOP-defined illegal and inadmissible evidence as the basis for discontinuing his duty to investigate. By his own admission, he put down the writings of the MSA because he saw that it disagrees with the writings of EGW and VTH. He ignores the Lord's own requisite for salvation: Search the "**Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life...**" —John 5: 39.

So we have it, Christ defined the members of His family: They are the Father, and all disciples who deny their will and embrace the will of the Father. We see that the title of "son of man" applies to all of God's son/Sons, men who become brethren to Christ by entirely submitting their will to that of the Father. Finally, we know that our duty to investigate means that we must measure all of our beliefs against Bible: On Christ, the solid Rock, we must stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Sincerely,

Derek,