

The Mustard Seed Advent—News Letter, IV

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*“If thou wilt be **PERFECT** go and sell that thou hast (doctrines!!), and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven: and come and follow me” —Matt 19: 21*

News Release



Greetings in the name of the Lord to all brethren of the faith who love the present truth. Recent developments have caused the MSA/MSD to rekindle it's news letter. This should keep all abreast of the station of the work.

AUDIO STUDIES

We continue to give Friday evening, bi-weekly studies. These are given over the electronic medium of phone conferencing. All should now be aware of our new phone setup. The calls are free when phoned in from the US and Canada for those who already have that long-distance service. Please dial in by use of the following information:

	Phone Number	Pass code
USA/Canada	213-226-0400	145668

The next study will be held on 04-May-2012 and every other Friday evening at 8:30PM, EST, thereafter. A reminder is sent a week in advance and by E-mail, and if you would like to be included on that list, please express your desires by sending your E-mail address to the above MSD E-mail address. All are invited to call in.

AUDIO EDITING

This year we began with the mission of editing all the audio studies. This task has been done and now the studies, 110 of them, have been more carefully edited. This allows for a shortened listening experience. Also, to the best of my technical abilities, much of the disruptive, background noise has been eliminated. Please feel free to upload these studies on your electronic, listening devices so that the message may be bound to your hearts.

MINISTERIAL DISMISSAL

Ever since 2009 when the assignment to “go out and bring in” became a current appeal, the MSA has embraced its gospel commission to baptize. Beforehand, Davidians were restricted in this regard. Then our evangelical reach was limited to the reformation and revival of those within the SDA church, members who were already baptized by the then, authenticated & certified, SDA ministry. However, in this we were to anticipate the eventual day promised to us by the Lord when we would leave Zion, the highest church on earth and leave by the impress of Christ's invisible promptings through His anointed: “**But he** (a man) **that entereth in by** (Christ) **the door is the shepherd of the sheep** (the son of David, Ezek 34: 24) **...and he** (the inspired man) **calleteth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out**” —John 10: 2, 3. The light has now advanced beyond the reach of the SDA ministry; thus, the MSA now rejects the efficacy of the ceremonial ritual of baptism when officiated by the SDA elders. How could such a formerly grandiose tree become thusly hewn down? David explains:

“Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the PERFECT MAN, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off” —Ps 37: 34-39.

The MSA now recognizes that to go down into their SDA pool and to come up again is a tarnishing—rather than purifying—endeavor. This is so because the baptismal candidate, by so doing, becomes sealed in their crime, that of taking the Lord’s name in vain, the violation of the Third Commandment. This charge is made real because they ignorantly baptize in the name of the Lord, and He promised, “...***The Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain***” —Exod 20: 7. Only in this hour and only by virtue of the MSA, the divinely-ordained, “faithful steward” that has identified the name of the Lord, can resultantly, by its advanced certification, baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as commanded in *Matt 28*. For any others to do so today, the day when, as promised, the son of David was to reveal the identity, the name of the Lord, is indeed an exercise in ‘vanity’.

BAPTISMAL RETREAT

Correspondingly, the MSA has two candidates, new to this work, who have petitioned it for pre-marriage counsel and for baptism. Thus, we have calendered, on July, 7th, a baptismal performance. Any others who are associated with this work and who would like to become so cleansed in the “house of Jacob”, yet, have not been previously baptized, should now petition this office for an opportunity to receive this grace. Please express your desires by phone, fax, or E-mail in accordance with the data supplied above. There is enough time between now and then to include you on the baptismal roster. At the end of this letter you will find a recitation of our beliefs and our baptismal vows. All who are considering becoming baptize should read those official pronouncements.

The baptism is merely one event on our week-end retreat. It will be conducted in a hotel facility in the suburbs of Toronto, Canada, and will occur at 9:00 AM, Sabbath morning, July 7th, 2012. The Friday evening beforehand, a Bible study will be conducted from 6:00PM until 9:00. Likewise, a full Sabbath session, with a lunch break between, will be held after the Baptism. The hotel-catered luncheon will be free of charge; however, donations will not be discouraged. A Sunday morning session is under consideration but has not been planned. The MSC has booked several rooms for any who would like to participate in this retreat. The cost of the rooms and the specific location and number of the retreat, will be available upon request. Again, please make use of the above E-mail address to communicate your affirmative plans.

MATRICULATION

On this past Sunday, April 29th, 2012, our eldest daughter, Natalie V. West, received her *Bachelors of Science* in the field of Chemical Engineering. For the past year, Natalie has sought to reaffirm her connection to this house; we



are elated that much progress has been made, and we look, with great anticipation, for her to complete the cleansing process. In reward of her efforts, the Lord has blessed her with this monumental achievement.

We feel vindicated by the Lord for giving, at least, academic success to all of our four children as they have, by His inspiration, been home-schooled from kindergarten until college. Thus, this achievement is a major affirmation, by the Lord, of His blessing upon the faithfulness of this house.

Many of you know our youngest son, Lawrence James (LJ). He has recently returned from a 10-day, business trip to Japan. His computer-software, engineering company sent him on that assignment. In this the Lord's educational process must also be cited for He prompted LJ, by his own private initiative during the days of his homeschooling to learn to speak Japanese. It was this skill, along with his mastery of Computer Science, that we believe won for him that assignment. We thank the Lord for giving to him that opportunity to grow.

Should any have announcements to include in our next letter, please submit them in advance. I hope to continue this letter every month on the fifth of each month; therefore, your announcement should be received by this office before than date. With this we end this letter.

Sincerely,

Derek W. West, Sr
President



Creed of the Mustard Seed Advent, Oct 2006 to present

The Mustard seed Advent (MSA) is an up shoot organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SDA) and has been established, by divine calling, to bring that church to full spiritual maturity. As such, it recognizes, based upon many Scriptures, that the said church, likewise called by the Lord to function in 1833 under the leadership of William Miller and then E. G. White, has been established—not only to champion the Lord's gospel commission, but also—to grow in grace, in doctrine, and in spiritual maturity, much as a fruit develops on the tree or a branch on its vine. Therefore, the MSA is not merely commissioned to bring the SDA church to full revival and reformation, she is also initiated to lead and feed her to make her wiser, stronger in faith, and more committed to Bible righteousness (Christ our Righteousness) in order that she, the SDA church, may successfully finish the gospel commission. To facilitate this goal, the following articles have been instituted:

ARTICLE I:

The MSA recognizes the Bible as the brightest light given to humanity and it is efficacious in making a man, through its examples, instructions, doctrines, and reproofs perfect and mature in his relationship with God. Being that it has this efficacy, all other written or oral themes must become subordinate to it. Thus several clauses accompany this article:

Clauses of Article I:

1. The writings of EG White and VT Houteff, although prophetic and inspired by the God of the Bible, the Word, they cannot supercede the Bible and they must be measured by it—not the reverse.
2. Such inspired, “lesser lights” writings were given for—not absolute, but—relative themes of righteousness. They were given to meet the unique circumstances of their era so as to grace the church with the ability to successfully abide in the world without incurring any hazzard due to the unique circumstances in which they would preside and abide. For examples, see publication 4.1.
3. The writings of the MSA, aka, *Mustard Seed Chronicle* (MSC) are equally inspired and are likewise subordinate to Scripture. However, such writings have primacy and are superior because they advance a Scripture-based doctrine of greater maturity and insight, and they come at the end of the proverbial day. They teach the SDA members how to “choose the good and refuse the evil”, a mission which the aforementioned authors could not do.

4. The themes of the MSC will continue to advance in wisdom until Immanuel (its teacher) reaches the spiritual (not the literal) age of maturity, 20.
5. Humanity must learn to forego any and all competitive sources of doctrine and counsel in deference to the Bible. This includes all of our customs, traditions, and ideas.

Article II:

The MSA recognizes the King James Version (KJV) as the only valid translation of the Holy Scriptures. Thus all points of faith and doctrine must be discerned from it. This is so by Bible definition, is practical because it was written in an age removed from the current disagreements, and was instituted by the first legitimate, Christian power or nation, one that obtained the highest levels of righteousness, since Calvary.

Article III

The MSA rejects the doctrine of the Triune God, a doctrine which splits the Father into three separate personalities while at the same time making them one and the same. Therefore, the MSA teaches the scripturally-well-founded doctrine that Jesus, that Christ, and that the Comforter are all separate and distinct personalities who have non-identical, independent ideas and judgments from that of the Father. They are “one” by virtue of the choice made by each to recognize and exalt the Father to be God with judgment and wisdom superior to their own. Thus do they petition or pray to the Father on their own behalf as well as for our behalf, and thus do they subordinate their will to His will. The following Clauses emanate from this teaching:

Clauses of Article III

1. The Father, Who is the One and only God, and Christ (Michael or Melchisedec) are eternal beings who have never seen a beginning of days, who will live forever, and who have never died. The Comforter, aka, the Holy Spirit, is thought to be the same.
2. Jesus did not pre-exist His birth; He was conceived by the Father through His human, mortal, and non-sinless mother Mary. Therefore, He is not a spirit, but is flesh and blood like all humanity.
3. Jesus, being the One and Only begotten Son of the Highest, after successfully completing His mission on Calvary, after rising on the third day of His time of imprisonment and death, was promoted by the Father to sit on His right hand to rule the universe.
4. Christ, a.k.a., the Second Person of the “Godhead”, while assuming the form of a dove, descended and rested upon Jesus. This union occurred at Jesus’s anointing when He was 30 years of age. Christ clandestinely remained and abode upon Jesus for duration of His 3 ½ year ministry only to leave Him at the point of Jesus’ death.
5. All the teachings of Jesus, pronounced during His three-and one-half-year ministry, were not His own but were articulated by Christ, the hidden being within Him —Just as prophesied in *Deuteronomy 18*.
6. The teachings of Christ through Jesus were not given of His own wisdom, desire, intellect, or judgment but were carefully dictated to Him by God, the Father, and were the keys of eternal salvation for humanity (see John 12:47-50, 8: 15, 5: 22,30).
7. Jesus will return “in like manner” to His departure and at the end of world history. When He does, He will be accompanied by the voice of the Archangel who is Christ and the trump of God, the Father.
8. Christ, will again return and rest upon his faithful and wise steward. This return will be separate from that of Jesus and will be invisible. It will be done in order to redeem Israel, empower His Church, and evangelize, in great power, the world.

Article IV

The only escape from hell and death provided for humanity is the provision, given by God, to restore man and transform him into a literal, physical, eternal being, a being who is guaranteed to never taste the sting of death. The only provision extended to effect this blissful gratuity and benefit is the words uttered by Christ through Jesus as He abode upon Him during the days of His three-and one-half-year ministry. The power of His communion and communication with humanity during that short span of time gives us His complete testimony and is figuratively described in Scripture as the healing fountain. This is a concept which describes Jesus’ words preached during His ministry, “they are spirit and they are life” —John 6: 63. These very words will judge humanity in the last day. There is no other escape from the grave.

Article V

The SDA church is the seventh and last church headed by Jesus. Afterwards, Christ, the morning star, will be recommissioned to, in a very short span of time, save humanity by way of His invisible return. He will again be hidden within a man; and through that vantage point, He will judge the nations. No other man has proven to be faithful to His commands except the steward described in *Luke 12*. Thus He will clandestinely rest upon that sin-overcoming, human servant. That servant is described as the literal and genetic son of David. He has been revealed by the name of Derek W. West, Sr, the president of the MSA, a.k.a., David. He is the man who brings the church to full spiritual maturity through the unfolding of God’s word; he is given the fountain. He does not believe in self magnification of any man unless such a man is described in the Bible as an appointee of God for such magnification. Then, under those unique circumstances, such a man is commanded to “live by every word” and to teach the gospel by teaching the observance of “all things whatsoever (Christ) has commanded.”

Therefore, being duty bound, the faithful and wise servant, careful to follow all of the Lord's commands, identifies himself to the church. He does not hide his light under a bushel.

Article VI

David, will grow in strength as he identifies the individual personality of Christ, who is the Word and who has been described in the Old Testament as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Thus is he, David, commissioned to declare the name of the Lord. This —not self promotion, nor exaltation of Laodicea, nor the prophets of the past, nor even the 144,000, but— the definition and declaration of Christ's personal identity, will be the catalyst to promote David to primacy in the church and under Christ.

Article VII

The MSA recognizes two separate groups within the Church, the lukewarm and the hot or cold members. It recognizes these metaphoric conditions to prevail even among its reformatory groups who promote the *Shepherd's Rod* (An inspired message brought to Laodicea by VTH). Thus, the MSA is inspired to target these reformers as they seek to lift up the general body of the church.

Article VIII

All are invited to partake in the healing fountain and receive life without death. It does not matter the religious affiliation, the race, the sex, the history of sin, there are no prescribed qualification for membership, one merely needs to ask for its literature. Again, the literature is targeted to believers in the *Shepherd's Rod message*; however, it's literature, will be mailed free of charge to any who inquire and request it —so long as financial considerations permit. What the recipients of the said literature choose to do with it is a matter between them and the Lord.

Article IX

The MSA has open membership. All are encourage to live up to the standards of faith as taught by Christ during Jesus' three-and one-half-year ministry. Should they fail to do so, then they will be made to give an account to the Lord, at His invisible return. Since this return is only months away (the exact date has not been revealed), then the MSA, will trust its adherents to choose the good and refuse the evil on their own with the foreknowledge that they will be judged by the Word. It has no disfellowship policy. Any who obey the Savior's command to support this work with their tithe and offerings and who express open belief in the doctrines presented in its literature can become a member of good standing. The only provision is that they become baptized into the faith by the SDA ministry unless or until another ministry is ordained for that purpose.

Article X

The MSA recognizes the *Shepherd's Rod* to be an inspired message calling the church to reform. Therefore, it counsels, encourages, and rallies all who support and subscribe to that message to fulfill their obligation to it by reading every word therein and proving all of its themes by the Bible. The MSA has been ordained by the Lord to successfully enforce this requisite and to teach others of its discernment between good and evil'. Therefore, it supports, teaches, and ratifies all themes contained within the *Shepherd's Rod* literature which have been validated and proven by Scripture.

BAPTISMAL VOWS

Below are twenty fundamental baptismal articles as defined by the Mustard Seed Advent. All principles of salvation are not limited to, but extend from, these doctrines.

SECTION ONE, *Teachings about God:*

- Do you believe that it is the essential duty of all humanity to search the Scriptures so as to determine the requisites of salvation and to therefrom define the nature of Christ, Jesus, Father, and the Comforter (John 5: 39)? In so affirmatively stating, do you resultantly reject all other sources of doctrine, as a predicate for admission into heaven's Kingdom, including the following:
 - A. Tradition
 - B. Age of Doctrine
 - C. Personal Thoughts or Ideas
 - D. Partial Prophecies
- Do you believe that God, called "Holy Father" in the Bible (John 17: 11), is eternal, all wise, all powerful, and all loving?
- Do you believe that God, as a manifestation of His love as well as the other above-listed qualities, gave to the world Jesus, His Only Begotten Son, and He did so to save them?
- Do you believe the following qualities about His Only Begotten?

- A. That Jesus was conceived in the womb of His mother, Mary, after she was “overshadowed” by the Holy Father/the Highest —the term conception maintains its dictionary meaning
 - B. That Jesus lived righteously, taught, was crucified, was resurrected and was ascended to heaven
 - C. That Jesus was not the God who presided before His conception in the time of the Old-Testament; rather, it was Christ, the Eternal Son of God (Exod 6: 3; Deut 32: 7-10; John 1: 1; 1Cor 10: 4, etc), who so presided
 - D. That Christ, also known as “the Word”, was covenanted to clandestinely rest and abide upon Jesus, an event which endured for almost 3 ½ years until moments before Jesus’ death
 - E. That through Jesus’ physical body, Christ spoke and revealed His testimony which in turn has given to us —once it is fully understood and embraced— the keys to the Kingdom and to everlasting life
- Do you believe that Christ is worthy of worship —not because He is God or equal to God but— because Father loves Him and desires that we honor Christ even as we honor Father Himself (John 5: 19-23) and that Father, being King of the universe, has the authority, the right, and the prerogative to govern or to delegate His authority and power as He so deems appropriate and wise?
 - Do you believe that Jesus is also worthy of worship because He has been given all Power (Matt 28: 18)?
 - Do you believe that Christ’s life-saving testimony spoken while concealed within Jesus was a testimony given in proverb (John 16: 25, 26)?
 - Do you believe that Christ is not a covenant breaker and thus, will keep His promise to raise up a man, the *mustard seed*, to make His testimony plain only today, in the “last day” (See Deut 18: 15-19, John 5: 45-47, John 12: 48, *John six*, John 16: 22-25)?

The Next Section defines fundamental tenants of faith which pertain to the emergence of the Lord’s faithful and wise steward promised to the House of David

SECTION TWO: *The Promised Mustard Seed*

- Do you believe that the Kingdom of heaven, in the last day, is to be comprised of people and will begin as a proverbial mustard seed (Matt 13: 31)?
- Do you believe that this mustard seed represents a disciple who has been elevated above all other disciples (Matt 20: 21-28) and is manifested in the work of Derek West and the publications of which he authors, the *Mustard Seed Chronicle*, also the Gospel ministry which he heads, the *Mustard Seed Advent* (MSA)?
- Do you believe that, though many people may not like surprises, Father has chosen it as a tactic of salvation and promises to resultantly and completely surprise us with these, His MSA-revealed, Bible-based doctrines (See Isa 29: 13, 14: 48: 5-8; Luke 10: 21; John 6: 39, 40; John 5: 19, 20; etc) so as to confound the “scholars” and defeat human arrogance?
- Do you base the foundation of your faith —not in Derek West, but instead— in the Testimony of Jesus which Derek now seeks to open to you, a testimony communicated to Christ by the Highest.
- Do you further believe that you must not copy the resentment of the original disciples as they resisted the sons of Zebedee. That is, you must not become hostile to Derek’s promotion to leadership. Instead, you must wisely choose to accept Christ’s rebuke of their resentment as a proverbial example to heed the Lord’s command to let him, the *mustard seed*, become the highest disciple so that he may serve as your minister, “**even as the Son of man came...to minister**” (Matt 20: 27, 28)?
- Do you believe that the above-said testimony teaches all of humanity to relinquish its six-thousand-year practice of following man and that it instead shows to all the newly promoted and unique theme of how to follow Christ?

- Do you believe that accordingly, the very same Testimony of Jesus is to be the exact themes which are to be “reminded” to the end-time disciples by the Comforter Whom Father promised to send to them (John 14: 26) and that it is this evidence —not that of following man— which causes you to recognize the Lord’s voice through the person of Derek West?

Additionally are the fundamental tenets of faith as expressed in

SECTION THREE: Charity for the 144,000

- Do you believe that, though hated in the world, the sons of America’s former slaves represent the people of the Bible called Jerusalem, the leaders of Israel yesterday who were to pay double for their sins, soon must become the people of our first-fruit harvest, aka, the 144,000?
- Do you believe that charity towards them, instead of vegetarianism, is the Atoning “fast”, the soul affliction which Christ now has implemented for the House of Jacob?
- Do you also believe that we, as good Samaritans, are commanded by Christ to accordingly recover and restore them to honor and to their regal calling, so that they, under our leadership and tutelage as disciples (See Matt 19, *Jer three*, etc.) may forward the work of the *Three Angels’ Message* so as to evangelize the world?
- Do you believe that all races and sexes have an opportunity to now unite with this work, even in its beginning stages of growth, so as to receive heaven’s grace?

Finally, as fundamental tenets of faith, we move to

SECTION FOUR: The Perfecting of the Saints

- Do you believe that the Testimony of Jesus as made plain through the MSA will commit and cause you to deploy appropriate, spiritual energy so that you may become a perfect and superior saint, a candidate for everlasting life, one who is being transformed into a moral, decent, honorable, loving person who will resultantly refrain from all polluting and corrupting influences or practices as identified and published in the MSC: practices including, but not limited to, eating unclean foods; drinking intoxicating beverages for vain, non-sacramental, and non-medicinal purposes; violating the commandments from Sinai and from Jesus’ Testimony; promoting non-biblical themes as a basis for salvation?