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“...For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder” —Matt 19: 5, 6

Caption: “Indeed, it is by this process of full disclosure that a man and a woman become united, by uncovering each other’s—not just literal but—proverbial nakedness. It brings to them their joy, and no man can serve as an aide in that function of marital exposure. Only the couple can deliver to themselves such a blessing in intimate knowledge...”

Monthly Dispatch



THE TRIUMPHANT DAVIDIAN

Greetings to all again as we continue our journey to Jacob’s home. Since 1935, we, the faithful of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, have called ourselves “Davidians”, but only now have we given precise and official meaning to the name. Now we can know that to be a Davidian does not mean that you have been doused in the *Shepherd’s Rod Message*. To think that way is to attribute greater stature to those who have studied longer: It prescribes honor to the oldest, the tallest, and the most favored. Rather than that prescription, to be a Davidian means to be like David, and to be like David means to be a man/woman after the Lord’s own heart —see 1Sam 12: 13, 14; Jer 3: 14, 15. This latter qualification can only be attained once you discern the identity, AKA the name, of the Lord: once you understand that He is the Holy Spirit —not the Comforter Who was also called the Holy Spirit and Who was promised to come after He left, but — the One Who descended and abode upon Jesus —see John 1: 32-34. Unless you gain this knowledge, you cannot be a man after Christ’s heart for you would not know His heart, His character. This we know because David prophesied of Christ, and his, David’s, promised son was to emerge in our day to declare Christ’s name. Consequently, to search to discern the Lord’s identity is to uncover David’s nature for “...**Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward...**” —1Sam 16: 13.

David had seven other brothers, and all thought that they would be anointed; yet none, even their father, Jesse, ever considered David for he, like the *mustard seed*, was isolated and left abandoned and alone in the field while they communed in worship. This is a perfect lesson for all to consume pertaining to Davidia today. In fact, the meaning becomes even more stark when one considers that the eldest son of Jesse, Eliab, was pronounced by Samuel —thus by divine inspiration— to be the next king. What a perfect type to illustrate the principle of doctrinal nullification. This conjecture, like all unscriptural, Davidian anticipations today, stood firm until the Lord corrected His prophet, Samuel, and reprimanded him for his presumption. We read of this episode and consider it an insignificant and frivolous miscalculation unworthy of a sermon; therefore, we do not seek to there from derive weighty and material meaning. However, though to Samuel,

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it may have been a fleeting moment of mindlessness, it was a real pillar of doctrinal faith and etiquette in Jesse's house, the house of ordination. So firm and pervasive a canon of conviction was it as an assumption, that, before Samuel made that erroneous pronouncement, he had to forestall the religious sacrament until Jesse complied with his request to assemble all of his sons. The power of that pious party of prospective prelates was no puny prophetic petition. The picture can be more fully discerned when we remember that this sacrifice was a grand occasion, a church service. And even more shocking to all, Samuel announced the ordination of Jesse's sons even before he assembled them to service. In other words, when Samuel arrived, he declared Jesse's house to be the special target of his ministry—and this even before they were gathered together for the service. The below Texts helps to give clarity to this point:

“And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, comest thou peaceably? And he said, peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice” —1Sam 16: 4, 5.

Samuel came to Bethlehem, met the elders—perhaps at the gates of the city—sanctified Jesse's house before those very dignitaries, and then summoned Jesse and his sons, along with the elders, to join him in a special service. As we perceive our prophets today, EGW and VTH, Samuel's presence was likewise so lordly and imposing that the elders of the entire town trembled at his visitation. He told them to make themselves presentable, clean, and proper—the same that we too would do if we were called to church services—this was his meaning when he commanded the elders to sanctify themselves for the sacrifice. But today, added focus is elicited from this Bible account: We can now discern that, as a second manifest of prophetic purpose, Samuel pointed to Jesse and said that he is the man of the hour, the one to be acknowledged and set apart. Samuel did so—not by requiring Jesse to sanctify himself, but—by Samuel, the lofty spiritual dignitary, the spokesman for God, himself sanctifying Jesse and his sons. How did he do this? Perhaps by simply saying to the elders, “God called me to meet with them”. Studied care must be taken to preclude one from losing the meaning for such was to be fulfilled by the Holy Spirit's ordination of the SDA Church—first the nominal elders and then Davidia. The prophet commanded the elders to sanctify themselves and then he sanctified Jesse and all of his sons. Afterwards, Samuel was impressed with Eliab, Jesse's first born's stature. This is just as many today examine the entire body of Davidia and then assume that the most prominent group, oldest and the largest, are ones whom the Lord is to favor. Today, the youngest and the smallest of all Davidia, the *mustard seed*, finds a useful parallel to this Bible allegory to recognize its favor with God. It realizes that, no matter how long one has studied the *Rod* or how big is one's organization; if the heart is not right, the Lord has already rejected such a one as He did Eliab and all his other brothers.

Stunning as it may seem, even lofty prophets can perform their work in ignorance. Samuel gives us the classic proof of this vital finding. The Lord, in order to signify this point, told Moses in *Numbers 12* that all prophets—Samuel, EGW, VTH fit this category—those that He has elected to be “among you”, prophesy in dark speeches for only the prophet-like-unto-Moses knows the identity of the Lord. You must seek education at his feet, his washed or sanctified feet. Then you can preclude all inspired blunders as you learn the nature of the Lord. Samuel's correction, the wisdom that reversed his presumption, only came when he was informed about the nature of the Lord, and this occurred immediately after he erroneously saluted Eliab as the next king. The Text says,

“And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, surely the Lord's anointed is before him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature: because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart” —1Sam 16: 7.

He learned that the Lord appraised men differently than does the rest of humanity. Do you, as a *mustard seed* Davidian, feel small, isolated, and rejected? Are you daunted by the greater presence of your elder brothers? If so, then I salute you because feeling small is the path to righteousness. You cannot enter into the Kingdom otherwise, and Kingdom entry is the apex of progress for the living today! Then, upon your complete entry, you will receive your lofty elevation; you must heed David's appeal and recognize your triumph as you **“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in...Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory”** —Ps 24: 7, 10.

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Some time, just before His invisible return, the leaders of the temple, those who allow entry to the masses, the proverbial gates and the doors, are to be told that they will, just as promised in John 17: 22, receive the Lord's glory; He will come in unto them. These ones, men and women who have learned of the Lord and have fallen in love with His salvation, are the true, the triumphant Davidians, those isolated from and lifted aside from their other, elder, ordained and sanctified brethren. Their heads are bowed down in humiliation for they have just undergone the ordinance of humility: Their sins and reproaches have been uncovered and they feel the sting of their confessions. Can the Lord love them? He will do that and more: He will dwell in their midst.

David promised in the Psalms that he would ultimately be victorious; that his seed would reign, and that he, himself would be at peace upon resurrection in the Kingdom —see Ps 16: 9-11; Ps 142: 7; 86: 9-13; 89: 3-36, etc. This promise was given for *the Triumphant Davidian* and given without the need for resurrection. Ergo, we must now bask in this moment of Davidian cleansing for it is time, at the pinnacle of the MSA's work, that the Lord again seek to cleanse the disciples. As we partake of this prescribed *Ordinance of Humility*, one facet central to our study now is

PROPER MARRIAGE COUNSEL.

There are occasions when the *mustard seed* affirms to its friends and detractors their options for study: They can peruse the website with special help and guidance; they can call and discourse with either Vinnette or me by phone, (number given above); they can write E-mails or letters; and finally, as a most drastic measure, they can request a personal visit. Earlier last month Vinnette and I exemplified the genuineness of this offer and of our calling; we did so by again traveling 312 miles north into Canada and to the city of Mississauga, a suburb of Toronto, to give pre-marital, couple counseling to our newly baptized members who there reside. This section of the Newsletter seeks to convey the wisdom disclosed at that meeting, and without personal details unfolded, share it with all couples.

We discoursed in the intimate environment of our hotel room, specially equipped with a table and chairs, and gave to them the Lord's counsel for all marriages. Some of the points that were covered included the reason why the MSA does not perform

Marriage Ceremonies.

Wedding events with all of the trappings including the guests, brides maids, a chapel, a preacher are all addendums to marriage inserted by man even though many of the ceremonies were practiced in recorded-Bible history. A myriad of human customs, honorable as they may be, have been added to the process of a man and a woman uniting in love. However, this we do not condemn; they serve a very useful purpose. Especially is this the case as the church dwells amidst the gentiles, people of renown dishonor. Their words, even when accurately remembered, cannot be trusted or relied upon. In this, they must officially certify all of even their simplest contracts, and marriage is indeed a covenant which requires certification by written and public decree. If such did not happen, then couples would quickly tire of each other, ignore their nuptial commitments, and abandon the marriage, with all of its complexities. Then society would be without any recourse to assuage the aggrieved party. This very crime is even now plaguing society with couples who explore sex without a public manifesto of commitment, a public wedding. It is very common in such cases to witness tragic episodes of reckless abandonment of partners, children, and property. Thus, a wedding ceremony is useful, if for no other reason, to only publically certify a man's and a woman's intentions. If the *mustard seed* performed such functions, it would, by presumption, be expressing an endorsement of that unity and resultantly allow occasion to deceive couples in the idea that their work to foster honor and divine approval has been done for them. Such a validation of a marriage can be done by none other—not Christ, nor Jesus, not Father, nor David, but— only by the united couple. The reason for this is expressed below. Thus, anyone can accept, declare, and authenticate your public profession of marriage, but nobody but the couple can transform themselves into the “one flesh” status which Father honors. They merely need to make record of your pledge to marry, to validate that it is legal, and to be a witness to that event. But only God can

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preserve it so that “no man (can) put (it) asunder”. Hence, we must examine

Asunderment of Marriage.

Each person, the man and the woman —whether newly wed or married for years— must now decide to become “one flesh”, as commanded by Father, and this means that they cannot hide the reproaches and sins in their lives from each other for, as shown in prior studies, you cannot become united in love unless you know the person for whom you claim to love. Of course this sobering rule is only now, after 6000 years of marriage history, being made known and imposed, because today is the only day in history which affords a couple to walk together in love and union throughout eternity. It does not appear that Father will have a divorce court in His Kingdom. Consequently, this rule of unity did not and does not apply to couples who are or were scheduled to die as death is the ultimate divorce decree which eternally ends the marriages of the deceased and the survivor. A couple, one of which has died will never be reunited by marriage covenant. Resultantly, unless you, a *Disciple Indeed*, one who is scheduled to never see death, can conceal your life and your history from yourself, you cannot receive Father’s validation and protection if you seek to conceal such things, things that are conscious in your mind, from your spouse.

Reproaches and sins in the lives of a prospective couple are hidden for one simple reason: They presume that it will not win for them the love which they seek. This we know because the opposite is true: They, during the courtship process, openly name and claim all of their stellar accomplishments, even from the cradle. Some even show old pictures to capture and bring forward yesterday’s faded beauty. These citations of valor are done to win love and high appraisal for themselves. Likewise should the disconcerting qualities of life be also openly revealed. To hide those things, to proceed in a marriage under a dark cloud of yesterday’s hidden misdeeds, is to perpetuate an eternal fraud upon their spouse, and perhaps more offensive than that crime, it is to seek to do so with endorsement of the ‘Holy Father’ and the agent of law, the asunder-putting-son-of-David whom He has sent (See John 13: 20).

The *mustard seed* cannot be the one elected by a couple to expose the dark secrets of the past for obvious reasons. Neither can the *mustard seed* recommend to a potential spouse that they accept their prospective partner once they gain full knowledge of the other. To do so would nullify and stultify free choice. This is the reason, promised above, to explain why the *mustard seed* does not perform marital ceremonies. Incidentally, all fear that to reveal the full truth, before marriage, would devalue themselves in the eyes of their prospective partners and thus jeopardize their plans. But, to hide the truth adduces the very same crime of disunion. Thus did the Lord say, “...**whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery**” —Matt 5: 32. Fornication, not just adultery, is just grounds for divorce. A man has a choice—not a requirement—to relinquish his commitment to his wife if, at a later day after his marriage to her, he uncovers unsavory qualities about his wife’s sexual history that were hidden from his eyes. If the *mustard seed* conducted such marriages, then the expectation would be for him to divulge such intimate details leaving him to be exposed by the accuser of the brethren with the charge of fraud. This is not God’s style or rule of order; He has given all men the ability to be honest. If the Lord unfolded to him such things, his work would be multiplied several fold; he would not be able to grow the Kingdom; and he would be hard pressed, by his own personal judgments, to even proceed with the very marriage ceremony that he was called to perform. Whereas the couples themselves could proceed and negotiate, in the confines of their union, a resolution to the indiscretions of the past. The *mustard seed* can help, by consultation, with such negotiations. Yet, God forbids that another man’s marriage, once unity is fully achieved, should fall under the auspices of anyone else’s judgment, a thing that Father condemned when He said, “let no man put asunder.”

Indeed, it is by this process of full disclosure that a man and a woman become united, by uncovering each other’s—not just literal but— proverbial nakedness. It brings to them their joy, and no man can serve as an aide in that function of marital exposure. Only the couple can deliver to themselves such a blessing in intimate knowledge. To expand on this point, can you imagine that some women, when examined by a doctor during pregnancy fully, as required by their doctor, disclose their entire medical history including their history of pregnancies and abortions. The doctor cannot otherwise, with full wisdom, decide the issues of their health and life to their benefit. Yet, in many cases, this same detail pertaining to former abortions or

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other operations is concealed from their very own husbands at the request of the female patient! Conversely, some men hide from their prospective mates the truth about their contamination with sexually transmitted diseases or about the vast number of other sex partners. Additionally, some conceal from the man whom they have married even the true parentage of their children born to them by past or even present sexual indiscretions. The list of potentially disuniting factors which hide identity goes on and on—yet all, by quoting *Matt 19*, (what God hath joined together...) seek God's validation in their fraud—how pretentious and presumptuous! All couples who fail in this regard—even if they win salvation—will have their marriages annulled for “no man” can put asunder a marriage that leads to full unity which is oneness of flesh, but the opposite is not covered in that divine affirmation of Father's endorsement. Hence, God's man can relinquish, by divorce, all other marriages. Many resurrected couples will be shocked to find all the details pertaining to their former spouses. As a case in point, I think of Bathsheba: Did she know that David actually killed her husband, Uriah? The Bible merely shows that, per David's instructions, her husband was killed in battle. Afterwards, after Bathsheba finished her mourning for Uriah, David took her for his wife (See 2Sam 14-27); this he did though she was already pregnant with his child. To address these issues in ultimate peace, we must remember, those who have died, upon resurrection, will not marry or be given in marriage. **“For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven”**—Mark 12: 25. Knowing this, none of our Bible heroes will be married in the Kingdom of heaven, but they still will be exposed to their true history—especially David, for his is recorded in the Bible.

Marital Autonomy

The overall counsel is that marriage will not endure without God's blessing, and the disciples who seek such a union, as eternal beings, must uncover their nakedness to their spouse. None other but Father can bless that union, and God's blessings will only come when the two, a man and a woman, become one flesh. If you do not believe that such a state of oneness requires the revelation of all hidden secrets, then ask yourself a simple question: Is there any information that you, an individual, know in your mind about your own history that you do not know in your mind about your own history? You say, “What a ridiculous question; of course not!!” —for every person, unless afflicted with a drastic case of a split personality, is one flesh unto themselves. Then, by *Testimony-of-Jesus* counsel, the same information belongs to your eternal spouse, the person with whom you have elected to become one flesh. Suppose that you cannot remember all of the embarrassing facts of your life. If you cannot remember, then you cannot reveal it; it is not a part of your own flesh, and no harm is done; since you do not know, your spouse cannot know either. But once you are reminded then you must share it no matter how embarrassing it may be.

VINETTE'S BIRTHDAY

Today, as I complete this newsletter and examine the date, I am reminded that it is Vinnette's birthday. For me, this is a day of celebration as the Lord, more than 50 years ago, released my eternal bride from the womb and continued to direct her on her path towards our union and then our “oneness”. My love for her has continued to grow in a way never before anticipated; she greatly assists me in all of my work; she has showered me with love; and I ask all who know her to pause with me to offer to the Lord a petition of thanksgiving for our union. No other salutation, gift, or commemoration is necessary. How can we as a movement ever comprehend the Peace Offering mandated of the church by the Lord, if we cannot achieve the specifics of that ritual by giving thanks to Him for all of His provisions? Especially should this be done for our everlasting-life partners.

WORK PRODUCT

Yesterday, we took sister Marlynn to the airport as she completed her visit in Pittsburgh. We had a blessed week together fraught with much spiritual communion. She had an opportunity to fellowship with some of the brethren here locally and partake of, with them and with me at home, the ordinance of humility. Upon leaving, we prayed that the Lord will quickly bring into her life the joy which she seeks based upon His

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promises.

Two more audio studies and three E-mails were released in August. By the time you receive this communication, they should be available on the website. Below is a list of the most recent ones which can be now found on the website:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
8-24-2012	<i>Peace in the Judgment, Ps 32</i>	Audio Study	76:00 Min
8-19-2012	<i>Escape from Waco's Wrath, Part II</i>	Letter	
8-18-2012	<i>Escape from Waco's Wrath, Part I</i>	Letter	
8-10-2012	<i>Peace and Casual Friday</i>	Audio Study	64:00 Min
8-03-2012	Never Knew Love Like this Before	Letter	
7-27-2012	<i>Cross to Peace</i>	Audio Study	80:00 Min
7-22-2012	<i>Freedom in the Name of the Lord</i>	Letter	
7-13-2012	<i>Ordinance of Humiliation</i>	Audio Study	59:30 Min
6-29-2012	<i>Counsel of Peace</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-26-2012	<i>Follow the Lamb</i>	Letter	
6-22-2012	<i>Christ, the Most Precious Truth</i>	Letter	
6-15-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part III</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-14-2012	<i>Fallen Tree</i>	Letter	
6-01-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part II</i>	Audio Study	69:09 Min
5-18-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part I</i>	Audio Study	70:34 Min
5-04-2012	<i>He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!</i>	Audio Study	66:35 Min
4-20-2012	<i>Adulterous Generation</i>	Audio Study	74:01 Min

I hope that this release will bring all who receive it further along the trail of cleanliness.

Derek West