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A Name Removed, Part II

Dear Cindy,

06-Aug-07

Dear Gene and Cindy, you responded to my E-mail, "A Name Removed" by the following reply:

"Brother, I really feel sorry for you. Your attitude toward those who do not agree with you is so raw. We are told that 'The spirit and attitude we show toward our brothers shows our spirit and attitude toward God.' You must have a lot of pain in your heart to make you treat others that way. If you really knew Jesus Christ you would have His compassion for others. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? You can be free from your pain. The Living Jesus can heal you. He desires to do that for you." —Your E-mail 03-Aug-07, 6:39 PM

In reply to this statement, my wife, Vinnette, wrote to you stating the following:

"Do not feel sorry for Brother Derek, he is wide awake and not slumbering. The Holy Spirit has given him a message that comes to you in the name of the Lord that will give you everlasting life, Life without seeing death, this we believe according to the testimony of Jesus. See John 8 :51 read it for yourself then explain it. Yes we do have a lot a pain in our hearts when we see our Adventist brethren reject the truth without investigating it just as Sister White recommends. You need not worry about our relationship with Jesus the only begotten son, it is solid as a rock, so is our relationship with Christ the Eternal son, Father and the Holy Spirit. We do not believe in the Papal teachings as they define the Trinity. I leave you with this verse to ponder. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; and hold fast that which is good. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" —1 Thess 5: 18-21. Vinnette, Derek's Wife

My current E-mail is committed to reply to your next response as it provides an opportunity to teach and enlighten all. You response to Vinnette's appeal to your senses by issuing the following note:

"Dear Vinnette, Thank you for your note. It is so easy to get caught up with the "Truth" and lose sight of Jesus. Jesus is the Truth. The way that we know that we know Him is by how we act and react to our brethren. Jesus said, "By THIS shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We asked to be removed from your list not because we disagreed with the things that you teach but that we disagree with the attitude it is presented in. As Derek's wife I wonder if you even feel loved. Statistics show that men who get so violent for their truth end up in moral failure. It wouldn't surprise me to know that your husband is into pornography or having an affair. In his eyes he is right and everyone else is wrong. What a dangerous position. You are in my prayers, Cindy" —your 05-Aug-07, 11:15 AM E-mail,

Apparently, due to your continued desire to correspond with this office, you have rethought your request to receive our E-mails. And it is no wonder, you have obviously had your eyes partially opened to the gravity of your request to cut this last link to the Lord by despising the prophetic office. I do understand your desire to be saved and thus the reversal of your position regarding communication with the MSC; however, reflecting back to the experiences of Ananias, Sapphira, and Peter, you do not well serve your goal of forging a stronger connection with heaven by lying on the Holy Spirit, the source of both Peter's and the MSC's inspiration. For this reason you should immediately apologize for your baseless insinuation: your suggestion that I have not shown fidelity or love in my marriage and that I am "into" pornography. Vinnette and I have been married for almost 26 years, and for the duration of that time, I have never conducted

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myself in such a manner. Perhaps you are confusing me with the nominal SDA ministry, such a charge of marital infidelity and pornography have been proven to be more compatible to their modus operandi. I will say no more so as to avoid the malpractice of “boasting” of my good works and my clean hands. Suffice it to say that Christ has shielded me from such evil.

You claim above that “it is easy to get caught up with the ‘Truth’ and lose sight of Jesus”. By Jesus, I will presume that you mean Christ, the Dove who spoke through Jesus. The power who started the whole Christian epoch. How could this statement have any semblance of wisdom when, even by your own admission, Christ (Jesus) is the “Truth”? Understanding as much, could be the only reason for your use of a capital “T” when, in your E-mail above, you wrote the word truth. By your use of this illogic, it will become clearer to you the degree of your spiritual slumber. For, if a man suffers the malady which you describe by finding himself caught up with the “Truth”, then he has reached heaven’s desired destiny of salvation; he has gained victory over the “father of lies”; he has become the ultimate disciple, a disciple indeed; he has learned the practice and the limits of Divine love; and he has received life everlasting. What else is there to strive for? Such a successful disciple will find Himself exactly where the Father desires that he should be, nestled in the embrace of the Lord. Obviously, your criticism, that of getting caught up with the “Truth”, is no insult against the Lord’s mustard seed, it is the highest of compliments. Sadly, your use of such logic, suggesting that there is a better approach to theology and religion than to “get caught up in the truth”, gives a very clear insight into your rebellion against heaven, your idolatry, and your false worship.

You took great offense to my last E-mail, “*A Name Removed*” and suggested that it did not exhibit the Christian graces and kindness which you, without a Bible basis, feel is mandatory for my office. Rather than offend your sensibilities further with illustrations to countervail your deception on this point by quoting some of the Lord’s remarks to His own disciples and to the Pharisees and rulers, I invite you to give this rash judgment and false analysis of my work a little more Bible study. Please re-read the *Testimony of Jesus* and witness the verbal commentary and the pointed reprimands which He used in reply when confronting the thoughtless, the false, the pretentious, and the hypocritical opponents to truth in the day of His ministry. Particularly examine His discourse with Peter for rejecting the Lord’s promise to go to Calvary in *Matt 16*. Upon making such a careful examination, you will, if honest, recognize that the MSC has not violated the Lord’s example, and it has been quite gentle, yet firm, with all. This assignment of reviewing the *Testimony of Jesus*, once properly completed, will cause you to cease in your impulse to recreate the Lord into your own worldly-defined, popular image and, resultantly yield for you a desire to withdraw from your false system of worship. It, under the careful tutelage of the “faithful steward”, will also cause you to receive the promptings from the Holy Spirit without judging the spirituality or demeanor of that very steward. You will be made to realize that the church, ever so deep into its slumber, requires only the most jolting of messages to awaken them. EGW referred to this jolting message as the “straight testimony”. In fact, to belabor this theme just a little more, the *Testimony of Jesus*, according to *Deut 18*, was the substitute to Israel’s complaint that Christ, at Sinai, was too abrasive. He too was accused of being unloving; thus, did He promise to give them His testimony in a less menacing way, through Jesus and through the one whom Christ elected to redeliver that very testimony in the “last day”. He said:

“The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet (Jesus) from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me (Moses); unto him ye shall hearken; According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the Lord said unto me, they have well spoken...I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth...and it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he (Jesus) shall speak in my name (Christ), I will require it of Him” —Deut 18: 15-19.

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Then, during the ministry of the Prophet, Christ promised to rekindle that same testimony, today, the last day (see John 6, & 12). This is the reason why only those saints who have the *Testimony of Jesus* are the only victorious Three-Angel Messengers and are the ones promised to escape the Lord's destructive wrath according to *Rev 14:12* ,& *12:17*, respectively. If the Testimony of Jesus, a message designed to reverse your path to hell, is too offensive, then such is a sad pity for there will be no other remedy for humanity, and those who ignore it must consequently accept the Lord's penalty and judgments.

You originally requested that your name be removed from the books evoked from the MSC the following reply. These are themes which you assert to be so offensive:

- 1) **the MSC accuse the SDA church of being locked in a time warp, one which has frozen their progress in Bible truth for over a 100 years ---such is irrefutable truth.**
- 2) **It revealed to you that the MSC has been called to minister unto Davidia and not the entire SDA church because the 100 years of ignorance has stunted their upward progress on the proverbial ladder of truth.**
- 3) **It claimed that you failed to use "bible-based" evidence to measure the MSC's doctrines.**
- 4) **It also asserted that EGW's most dominant theme was that you establish all doctrines from the Bible.**

All of these things are truthful; none are to show unkindness by the MSC; but they are all eye opening and awakening. Neither was it unkind to make the following assertions:

- 1) **The truthful assertion that your best SDA theologians cannot refute the message of the MSC.**
- 2) **That it is now nearly impossible to awaken them and their flock from their spiritual slumber.**
- 3) **Finally, it was also not unkind to remind you of the end results of your rebellion a "post at the side of the Papacy."**

None of these truthful assertions comes close to the falsehood which you attempted to insinuate about me. As gentle as my words have been, you must yet be made to realize that David is to emerge in the day of judgment; thus, much of his work will be viewed as unkind to those rebels who have united with Satan to frustrate all of heaven's offer of salvation: The Bible promises of David, *"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers...and I will give Him the Morning Star."* —Rev2: 26-28. The Lord promises the same spirit of wrath against the wicked when He, while speaking of that day, said *"the Lord shall go forth as a might man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war...I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once"* —Isa 42: 13, 14. I think that your problem with the MSC has now been successfully analyzed: you have forgotten about the judgment; your assessment of Christ's conduct only encompasses His demeanor yesterday, the day of greater patience, the time when He was "still" and "refrained" Himself. Today, His efforts will be different: they will be expressed with heightened urgency and frustration, like a travailing woman.

Finally, by your great misunderstanding of the Lord's themes of love, you manifest your desperate need to connect with the faithful and wise steward whom the Lord promises to raise up in the "last day" to give clarity to His testimony. Instead of fully appreciating His doctrine, you have drowned His word in popular, mistaken sentiments rather than in the concept of love which He expressed upon careful review of His words: Your below statement exemplifies this point:

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The Lord did not say that men will know your discipleship if you sugar coat His word, if you are accommodative with your rebellious “brethren”, if ye fail to show the erring the hazards and mistakes of life, and if you ignore your commission to **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...even unto the end of the world”**—Matt 28: 19-20. These are the things which you and your sleepy-eyed, Lukewarm, about-to-be-spewed-out, brethren have twisted the Lord’s words to mean. In His statement of John 13:34, 35, the Lord was speaking of the disciples love ---not for humanity, nor for their fellow church brethren, nor for the established ministry, but--- their love for their fellow 12 disciples. That love was to manifest to the world, “all men” that they belong to Christ. The statement reads as follows:

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another”

Interfacing the fullness of the above text with the qualification required to become a true disciple, a disciple indeed—the people required by Christ to love one another— further exposes the folly of your shallow judgment. For, according to Jesus’ very own testimony, none can ever become true disciples, if they reject His advancing light. He said, **“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”** —John 8:32. Truth has advanced step by step ever since the gospel was proclaimed to the world. Yet, with each advance, many church brethren, as is the case with you and your spouse, dropped out and lost their discipleship, you lost the love of the Lord. To be a true disciple, a man must step-by-step ascend higher and higher up the Lord’s ladder of advancing doctrine. When the final advance arrives, as it has done with the MSA, the very movement which Christ said would begin the Kingdom, then the world will recognize and know that those saints which have reached that highest of rungs, are the true Christians by their love ---not for the vomit-inspiring, lukewarm angel of Laodicea, but— for each other. Only such people are true disciples; only such can win heaven’s love and heaven’s freedom from the curse of the law. Even Christ professed His love for His disciples: but He knew that some would become disciple drop outs. Such would consequently not continue in His love. He said,

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be (future tense) my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love....This is my commandments that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Yea are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you”—John 15: 8-14,

This text clearly shows the limits of Christ’s love. He leaves the decision of His continued love entirely in our hands; thus does He command us to continue in His love. Also He shows that His friends, those men who are to benefit from the Jesus’ sacrifice, are those who keep His commandments. Is this not the very message of the MSC, to show all how to win freedom or eternal life through the Lord’s testimony? It is not too late for you and your husband, even with your profane innuendo about the Lord’s Mustard Seed. You too can win eternal freedom; you too can become a disciple indeed; merely keep the Lord’s commandments, the Testimony of Jesus. You can begin by heeding his below cited mandate: **“...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: 26,27. Instead of fighting the MSA, the beginning of the Lord’s eternal Kingdom, why not repent of your false charges and join it today. Let this servant minister unto you and show you the full meaning of the Lord’s words and His testimony so that you will not make the mistake which you have done in your letter presuming that you understood the limits of the Lord’s love. For this reason did the Father commission the Holy Spirit to come,

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in the last day, and to remind the church of the statements which Christ made during the **three-and-one-half years** of His ministry when He walked upon this earth. ”

“These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”—John 14: 25-26

You express an annoyance that my communication to you was devoid of love. Yet, you say that you are not even a Davidian, one who has continued in the Lord’s word. This suggests that you have discerned that I am a disciple of Christ, a “real” Christian, one who is known by his love for the disciples. It also suggests that you feel a void because you do not sense my love. To remedy this great void in your life, I suggest that you seize the opportunity today and become a disciple indeed. Join David and his merry band, men and women who love one another. Then, you too can cast aside the icy, cold pretense of love that you find in the church and win the fellowship of the Mustard Seed Adventist, the true love in the church. This you can win even in light of your false accusations against the Lord’s prime minister.

Sincerely,

Derek