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Walk After the Spirit

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Dear Johnathan,

In your prior article, you displayed your inability to "choose the good and refuse the evil". This unskillful maneuver in discernment has become grossly apparent by your egregious instillation of unbiblical conspiracy theories into here-to-fore respectable, Davidic doctrine. You presume, without Bible evidence, that paying appropriate taxes to Caesar, as he carefully defines the amount, exposes a man to sin and consigns him to some concept of 666, *Mark of the Beast* status. By you lauding such theories to the people of God as *meat in due season* or end-time doctrine, when Christ and the SOP demand that all doctrines come from the Bible is an egregious offense. It is worse than even those who elevate the SOP above the Bible for such theories are pure imagination. At least with the spiritually youthful propensity to elevate as primacy the SOP, one is consuming the proverbial murky waters from the three murky bogs described by EGW. However, but by promoting non-Adventist gentile theories as life sustaining doctrine, you are not even serving up murky water; such is better described as sewage. I urge you, Denton, Kathy, and others smitten by this paranoia to immediately recant and begin to recognize your inability as milk-fed babies, to choose the good and refuse the evil. Instead of giving warnings about the abuses of the IRS, you should immediately deploy yourselves to a non-teaching, elementary student posture so as to continue to receive instructions on the hazards (evil) and benefits (good) that the saints can anticipate. This posture must be assumed by you until you heed the NT command to leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ: *"...For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are 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.. Therefore, not everyone can

Accurately Represent the Mustard Seed.

In an E-mail sent a couple of days ago, one that I will not respond to, you represent to Jeannie the doctrine of the *Duality of Jesus* as taught by the MSC. You have done so in a very substandard and inaccurate way. Since Heaven has not authorized you to speak on behalf of the MSC, I must request that you refrain from any such future representations. You have not even read the literature, and you have maintained a posture of open opposition to the burgeoning *Mustard Seed Kingdom*. Thus, just like your "*Mark of the Beast*" conspiracy theories, any explanation which rolls from off your lips or your pen can only yield confusion. If Jeannie or any other member of the forum desires clarification on the things taught by the MSC, then let them come directly to me or, any of the MSC's appointed lights. For the Lord Himself gave a command during His testimony, one that He promises will judge you in the "last day". He said, *"...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister...even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant...."*—Matt 20:26, 27. The Lord has called me to leave my full-time employment in the world so that I may cease my servitude to the world and fulfill this obligation to Davidia; therefore, anyone who desires to understand the Lord's newly unfolded doctrines should feel free to fully exploit my ministry as commanded. In other words, they should let me be their minister. Jeannie has been copied on all my E-mails; she obviously can write well; she has been given my phone number. She can easily direct her concerns to me. If the need demands, she or any on the forum can even personally visit me in my home to fully avail themselves of my graces. Thus there is no reason why she cannot understand my doctrine unless she has ignored her obligation to investigate and has deleted my work sent to her. If such is the case, she will

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have to answer to the Lord for her ignorance. But as for the MSA, we will explain to any who desire to understand

The Evidences of Jesus' Intricate Nature.

Now I shall address the primary point of this E-mail. Recently, you wrote several concerns and questions about the duality of Jesus. Unfortunately, you are at the end of a year long path of rejecting light about Jesus' nature. You have been advised several times of the following bullet points proving the duality of Jesus. These points you seem to desperately desire to ignore. They are restated as follows:

- **The Lord clearly reveals that none are Christians, nor can be construed to be such, unless they accept Moses' testimony about Jesus as described in *Deut 18*. See John 5: 45-47, also 1 TG 15 p5; V1, p 163,4, etc. All Davidians who have ignored this clear and incontrovertible criteria must cease from "fronting" and now openly declare their own non-Christian religious affiliation.**

- **It has been shown that all who deny the clear statements in the Bible are copying the tactics of Lucifer: while masquerading as light of heaven or Davidian Christians, they are using sophistries and subtleties to war against Christ and impeach His word, His ability to communicate? Is this your religious affiliation?**

- ***Deut 18* clearly and plainly expresses the mode of communications by Christ, future to the day of that church: He was to be hidden upon the Prophet. And since the Lord, during His 3 ½-year ministry identified His ministry as such, why do you insist on ignoring this theme and trying to parse the Lord's words to sustain the Papacy and its doctrines. Is it not better to change your ideas rather than insult the Lord's ability to speak?**

- **Paul, describes the NT-church epoch as only partially prophesying and having only a partial understanding of the nature of Christ. And since the SOP agrees, this leaves, as your key source, the Papacy. For it is the only other source of authority to describe the nature of Christ to which you can appeal. Do you plan to openly and publicly profess your true theology, an apologist for the Papacy?**

- **The Lord clearly stated that no man knoweth who the Son is except one individual to whom He will reveal Himself. See Luke 10:22, John 14: 21-23. If not the Pope, whom do you recognize that individual to be? All others, except the MSC have trumpeted the Papal position to one degree or the other.**

- **Christ also promised that the Comforter was not present during His ministry; therefore, whom do you attribute the Dove to be, the Dove who rested and abode upon Jesus, the Prophet, for His entire ministry? And, since you reject the theme of Jesus' duality, you continue to insist, Against Moses' testimony, that Jesus singularly spoke to His people, Then how do you explain the abiding presence of the Dove?**

Since the Comforter's commission is to not only guide the NT Church into all truth but to also remind us, the "disciples indeed", of Christ's testimony, then why do you so easily ignore the Words spoken by Christ as cited to you by the MSC?

- **Gabriel stated that Jesus was conceived in the Womb. He also instructed Mary to call Him Jesus ---not Christ. Since conception means the union of a seed and an egg --no other meaning has ever been established in Scripture nor in science--- and since the two cells unite to become a one-celled creature, since Gabriel referred to the Lord in this stage of development as a "holy thing", and since the Bible offers no other explanation about Jesus' beginning or conception, why do you boldly presume to edit God's testimony and change the Christmas story which He presented to us?**

- **Christ, in His prayer to end His ministry expressed a yearning to continue to conceal His hidden identity in order that Jesus may be glorified. He expressed this desire because His, Christ's work, was finished on earth at that time, 2000 years ago. Yet, Jesus' work had just begun as Rev 1 – 3 proves.**

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- Christ in that same prayer, John 17, petitioned the Father to give to Him, Christ, the glory that He had before the world was, a time when humans did not exist and could obviously not give any recognition or glory to Christ.

- Therefore, it is no wonder that your faith is being tested to the utmost. You are being challenged to believe the Bible as newly unfolded, to overcome human pride, jealousies, and to learn the "fullness of Christ". This means that you will have to discard all fables and accept the revelations which the Father, in compliance with Christ's petition, has hidden from your eyes until now.

You are also now required to lift up Jesus and give to Him the independent recognition that He has earned these past 2000 years. See John 8: 28.

All this and more evidence has been supplied to you from the Bible. Now you must cast aside your errant, *female holy spirit doctrine* and abide in the truth if it is not too late. As you reflect on these above bullet points, I will address your questions by explaining

The Complexities and Vagaries of Communication.

The best that I can discern, your entire list of questions envelopes around two issues. The first is that Christ identified Himself as the "*Son of Man*" who came down from Heaven. To quote you, "...*it would make no sense that the Eternal Son would refer to Himself as the 'Son of Man'*". To answer, this is your claim, not the Bible's. Christ authored the Bible and both you and He have proven to have vastly divergent concepts of logic. The MSC urges all to trust in His assessment of things which do and do not make sense and question your judgment. The term "son of man", like the label, president, is a title; it is not a name. Thus, it is applicable to many individuals, just as do the separate composites of that term, "son" and "man". These terms are titles that are attached to many humans; they are also applicable to Jesus and Christ. Therefore, when ever this term is employed, we need more detail from the Scriptures to discern to whom the title belongs. When dealing with language, all terms have various degrees of vagueness and specificity. Some terms are more precise and concrete while others are abstract. The genius of the Lord is that He knows exactly how concrete or how abstract to be in order to save humanity. Remember, amidst all of the Father's goals of communication, one was to hide certain doctrines from the "wise and prudent" in order that He may reveal them to the less respected, the babes --- Matt 11: 25. Since it was clearly Christ's expressed Biblical desire to conceal the identity of the Son until the "last day" when David was to emerge, it becomes clear why He chose to refer to Himself using a title that is abstract and broad in its application. This tactic allow for multi-dimensions to the word: only thusly could 'new meaning come forth from familiar text' ---CSW 35. The Lord had a duty to speak to different people at different times in the future and the present; thus, like a parent addressing children of various levels of maturity, he may be purposefully vague by telling their children that, "your mother and I came together" and you were conceived. This explanation works for the seven year-old as well as the 17 year old child. Afterwards, as time advances, the Lord can explain Himself with more precision. Thus, being abstract in imprecise communications has educational benefits. Christ, intending to reveal the truth of Himself more fully to David in the "last day" and at the right time, he, David, can now be employed to open up the plain and simple descriptions of the Lord and cause the men who worship at the alter of populism and tradition to fully manifest their love for the Lord by changing their doctrines accordingly. Without the Father's wisdom at hiding doctrine, such a test could never be administered. And since, Isaiah, Christ, and Gabriel all affirm that Jesus was conceived and born and since Moses and Christ testified that it was the hidden presence of Christ who abode upon Jesus, then we have no reason to presume in this day of advanced maturity that Christ was referring to Jesus as the son of man who came down from heaven. He was referring to Himself using a vague and abstract title, the son of man. How could this term apply to Christ?

It could because is has multiple meanings according to the Bible. Had Christ spoken differently, had He specifically said that Jesus came down from Heaven, then you would have

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found your long sought contradiction, the isolated needle in the proverbial haystack. Then you would have unwittingly given glory to Lucifer in his age old struggle to impeach the righteousness of Christ and also given yourself good reason to ignore Moses' prophecy. But, before you celebrate these achievements, you must first be made to understand that in the Old Testament the term "son of man" is used often. To illustrate, the Bible says, "*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...*" ---Numbers 23: 19. Therefore, if Jesus were the same as Christ and was the God of the Old Testament as you teach, He could not have used the title "son of man" to apply to Himself either. He could not have done so as it is narrowly defined in Numbers. In that text, the term is used to indicate members of the sinful and fallen human family, people who lie and need to repent. It describes people who are deceived like those today who speak against the MSC and falsely represent the truths which it teaches. However, to show the multiple and diverse uses of that title, consider that in the book of Ezekiel the Lord employs a higher concept to that name. Christ, in a very positive way, refers to Ezekiel as the "son of man" throughout the book. When He does, He is not speaking to the carnal and latent dimension of humanity, the propensity to become children of the devil, liars. To illustrate, Christ says, "*...son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And he said unto me, son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me...*" ---Ezek 2: 1, 3, 6. This phrase is used as a title for Ezekiel more than 70 and almost 100 times. You can make a precise count if you desire. However, each time it is used, it appears to be a directive for Ezekiel to discern and/or reveal some point of enlightenment to influence righteous behavior. For example in chapter 43, verse 10 it says, "*thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel that they may be ashamed of their iniquities*". Also, chapter 33: 10 it says, "*O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; thus ye speak, saying, if our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live.*" Also, consider 11: 4, "*therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said unto me, speak; thus saith the Lord; thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.*" Finally, "*Moreover he said unto me, son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears*" ---Ezek 3: 10 Clearly, the Lord's profuse use of this term to label Ezekiel is done to entitle him to enlighten and reform the church. It is used to signify one who meets eye to eye and face to face with humans, in human form to perfectly represent to fallen humanity the will of God. He was to enlighten them ---a perfect description of the work of Christ as He concealed Himself within Jesus. This was Ezekiel's mission. He worked extensively to compel man to righteousness. Adam, whom the Bible calls "man" was commanded to remain righteous, but he faltered. The Lord's mission since that time has been to restore to full glory his, Adam's, sons, the descendents, men who will learn righteousness, who will learn to choose the good and refuse the evil. All who cooperate with Christ in this commission are sons of man. This point is magnified when you consider that Ezekiel's ministry prefigured VTH's commission to the SDA church: he too was sent to enlighten and to restore humanity from status of ever repentant deceivers and liars to eternally righteous sons of God. Daniel, in chapter 8 and verse 17 was also called the "son of man". This being the case, then Christ, being the source of our light is more justified than any other to be called "Son of Man". He is our perfect light who was sent by the Father to minister to us and, through honesty and integrity, win us back to righteousness. He did so as He spoke to us through the fleshy Veil, Jesus. Only through the full knowledge of Jesus and Christ can we cease our propensities to deceive, no longer manifesting that unsavory quality of humanity, and embrace the Lord with more righteous spirits. For to truly worship God we cannot be deceivers, we must

Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

This bring us to the answer to your second query, will flesh and blood humans live in the Lord's eternal Kingdom. You, while again failing to appreciate the Lord's expansive use of

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communicative skills, concluded that since He states, "flesh and blood cannot enter into the Kingdom", how is it that Jesus went to Heaven. You state: "*flesh and blood shall not enter the kingdom of God.*" *This can only mean flesh and blood was never in the first place,(heaven) and Jesus had no need for a human body until the fullness of time come and He was sent to be born of a woman.* Your analysis ignores the fact that Jesus ascended after being resurrected as a fleshy Human being to the Father, and shortly thereafter, appeared to His disciples and proved that He was not a Spirit. This fact easily defeats your assumption, if I am fully understanding your point. Beyond that, your conclusion, that Jesus existed as a spirit before His conception, is not supported by your evidence; thus you are being very illogical and unclear. First point of confusion is you are making Heaven and the Kingdom synonyms. Then you make Christ and the sinful human subjects whom He was addressing on the same level. To affirm your logic, you forward a presumptive conclusion, "...*this can only mean...*" to make your case. This tactic is called a non-sequitur argument. It is a poorly founded assumption which seems to indicate that you do not understand fundamental SDA doctrine. Adventists, whether Davidian or nominal, have, since 1850 and even before, always taught that we are to be saved as flesh and blood beings in the kingdom ---but not as carnally minded beings. Paul clarifies this theme when he states,

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. for to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." —Romans 8: 4-9

Clearly, Paul and Christ were teaching the same lesson. The phrase, "to be in the spirit" describes the way a man walks, the path he follows. Paul tells us that our salvation, our membership in the Kingdom, is determined by our frame of mind ---to be spiritually minded is life and peace, he says. Conversely, some, the condemned, are carnally minded. Who belongs to which class is determined by the way they choose to think, and the things that they believe to influence their walk and their talk. This phenomena describes the source of the information which they esteem to be truth. How does one become spiritually minded? Christ gave a simple explanation and a command which they follow: they receive their theories about the Kingdom and salvation from their search of the Bible ---see John 5: 39--- not by becoming a ghost. Such men, Paul exclaims that the Comforter, "the Spirit of God", is in them. Therefore, those saints who will inherit the Kingdom are those disciples who continue in His word, just as Christ explained. They receive into their minds and hearts the truth which only the Comforter, by Heavenly designation, can deliver to them (John 16: 13,14). All flesh wars against unpopular Bible evidence; however, for the righteous, they ignore such promptings and receive all Bible-validated doctrines because they realize that Christ is right. They do not integrate into their doctrines unbiblical, gentile conspiracy theories and elevate such cheap fodder as legitimate food for the flock on the level with Bible doctrines. When the One whom Paul calls the "Spirit of God", the Comforter, completes His mission and reminds them of the Words which Christ delivered during His testimony, they who are spiritually minded accept such teachings as legitimate; they embrace them as the fountain of life. This means that they change their ideas, theories, habits, and practices accordingly. In other words, they make straight their paths (Isa 40:3, 35: 8, etc): they walk after the spirit, not after the flesh! Christ's words which you cite, His comments about flesh and blood inheriting the Kingdom, in no way contradict this explanation. How could it? ---there is no other way for physical beings, as man was created, to enter into the kingdom. They must fulfill the Lord's prayer and proclaim to the Father, "thy will be done". Thus to worship God, we must grow to fully submit to the Father's will, ever trusting that such yield the most happiness; thus only can we worship Him in spirit and in truth. We must do as Christ did; in so doing we will have denied our carnal impulses and adopted the Spirit of Christ. His spirit is His demeanor

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and temperament, His deference to the Father's will. When such a transformation takes place, we forgo our private understandings, our fears of all evil and will ignore the promptings of the flesh so as to fully exchange those doctrines for the light which Christ reveals to us from His Word, we become spiritually minded. Such can only occur when we "know who the Son is": when we can discern between the Eternal and the Only Begotten Son. **"When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am, and I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things."** ---John 8: 28. This is the Spirit of Christ; **"if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."**

This doctrine of "spirits", we have dealt with before. Then I told you what I will tell you again: go back and study basic Adventist doctrine pertaining to the mortality of the soul. Apparently, your *Branch* affiliation has led you to believe the Babylonian doctrine which teaches that man has a private ghost within him. Such a teaching has taken you deep into idolatry and perhaps even witchcraft and has left you severely confused. Christ is speaking about our inheritance; we will not inherit the kingdom as long as we reject the spiritual requirements of His word, unless our minds, hearts, and souls are turned away from lies and liars, and *the father of lies*, Satan, who clearly whispers into the ears of many *Branch* adherents. Turn today, I implore you, from this system of deception, turn from those who say **"seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter"** and turn towards our Heavenly Father for **"should not a people seek unto their God?"** Your flesh is your natural instincts. It is not to be trusted just as familiar spirits are likewise deceptive. Neither will bring you to the feet of the Lord, nor will they afford you the opportunity to worship God in spirit and in truth To give a closing illustration, the flesh demands that a man retaliate; however, Christ demands that he ignore the promptings of the flesh and heed His words by "turning the other cheek". We must allow Jesus' testimony to override our carnal impulses, the impulses of the flesh then we are all of His.

I pray that the Lord, at this late hour, will compel you to soften your heart to His still small voice. .

Sincerely yours to worship God in Spirit and in truth,

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