

The Mustard Seed Advent, 18-Oct-2010

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The Lord's Bountiful Table

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I came down to work this morning anticipating working on *Jacob Typology*. A divergence from that was realized when I read your E-mail. Despite my need to reschedule my work, I was happy to learn of your continued zeal to study. After responding to your question, I can now revert back to my assignment so as to grace the Lord's table with the nourishment that He has provided. Before so doing, you asked the following question which must be answered:

QUESTION I

"I was re-reading the Confederacy Trap, page 49 to be more specific, and noticed that Christ 2000 years ago had not yet learned to resurrect, Father had not taught this skill to Him yet. Did Christ learn this power by watching Father resurrect Moses, Lazarus, Jesus and the other elders? When Christ prayed to Father in John 11:41, and called Lazarus forth, is this evidence that Christ did not have the power to resurrect, but was still unlearned as your book states on p. 49? EGW says that "Our personal identity is preserved in the resurrection, though not the same particles of matter or material substance as went into the grave." SDA Bible Commentary Vol. 6 (1956), page 1093, paragraph 2." —Your E-mail, 17-Oct-2010, 11: 20 PM, EST

Answer I

~~~~~ Davidia, the highest light in the history of the world until the MSA, has never discerned the truth of Christ, has never distinguished between Him and Father, and has never discerned that Christ needed to learn more from Father. If Davidia has not learned it, then neither have any others in world history heretofore so done. Yet, by Father's beneficent mercy, He has graced us with that heretofore unfathomable wisdom. He did this even before we ever became curious to learn of these distinctions: He gave to us before we asked. And now, that not being enough, you desire to be satisfied seeking to open up more of His secrets, matters that have absolutely no relationship to the reading material that you reference. The burden of page 49 of the book, *Confederacy Trap*, is to unfold to you the marvels that we are to expect by illustrating how men will today be made to fear the Lord's name. It is not to give a biological lesson revealing the technique of human resurrection nor is it to expose or transcribe the Lord's learning curve. Neither is its intent to define the source of power being deployed with each and every miracle. Such issues may be fun to ponder, but they add to the *mustard seed's* workload, they force Bible research that is not now needed —research that the questioner himself can do— and they detract from the work at hand. When pondering on issues of miracles, think of it this way: If Father could aid the disciples in their miracles, why suppose that He could not do the same for Christ or the Comforter? After all, did not Christ, while hidden upon Jesus, help Him with miracles? This we can know because Jesus' first miracle occurred after His anointing, after the Dove (Christ) abode upon Him. For me, it is like switching on a light to chase away darkness. I am satisfied to merely enjoy the power; I do not need to trace it to the source. If the Father did assist Christ in miracles, He did so to elevate both Jesus and Christ, to glorify Them "**with His Own Self**" —See John 17: 5. Therefore, to uncover His hidden technique is to supplant His work to glorify His Son. Remember, for 2000 years, the world was not to discern between Christ and Jesus; thus, all the miracles performed during His ministry were credited to Jesus. This very credit is what Christ asked for when He petitioned the Father and said in His closing prayer, "**Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee**" —See John 17: 1. To further illustrate, *John six* shows that the *mustard seed*, the son of David is to come to Christ by Father's prompting. You might desire to ask, when this occurred did David distinguish the source of this prompting before reading of it in *John six*? After much perplexity, you would —no doubt— eventually resolve that it

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really makes no difference; the important lesson is the fact as stated in Scripture; it is to enjoy the power and light.

Humanity, that is the very small number of experts in the science of Biology, have barely scratched beneath the surface of that study when it pertains to living human life; how then can we seek to discern the atomic science (“**particles of matter**”) of the resurrected being? Christ said it best: **“If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things”** —John 3: 12. In your advancing belief on earthly and heavenly things, you cite EGW’s comments on ‘particles’. By her use of that expression she must have had reference to the cells of the body. Earnest men seeking to understand more about human biology have learned more about the “**particles of matter**” since her day. Now we know from them that each cell of the living and breathing human replicates itself quite frequently.

**“....As to the question of what you are...think of this...about 75% of your body is water and every month or so almost all the water in your body is replaced, about 7% of your body weight is blood fluid and blood cells, most of which are replaced in three months. And the mitochondria that provide most of the energy in most of the cells of our body are actually bacterial descendants that live in perfect harmony. Then subtract the non-cellular bone matrix and there isn't much left of us to wonder about...”**

**“Different cell types have different longevities. The cells on your skin and in your mouth for example have a very fast rate of mitosis. The cells lining your stomach also divide to replace the ones that are eaten away by stomach acid...Your bone marrow does replenish your red blood cells every 3 months. But some cells never divide again once they are made. Some of the cells of the nervous system fit that bill.”** —see *Ask a Scientist*, Cell Longevity, 3/22/04, [www.newton.dep.anl.gov/askasci](http://www.newton.dep.anl.gov/askasci)

Thus you have some understanding, from modern biology, about the human bodies that have gone into the grave and which are also in need of resurrection. Since the body is 75% water which is replaced every month, then the Lord, with an abundant supply of that material should have no problem resurrecting at least 75 percent of a person. Likewise, the mitochondria, comprised of bacterial forms seem to be available to Him to give us energy. You can use your own life to understand more fully: When you changed your internal water last month, did you become a different person? When God changes the water and the bacteria of the resurrected saints, I suspect their experience will be the same as ours when our cells replicate themselves. But what about the organs? They too are comprised of cells which replicate at varying rates of frequency. When your skin is renewed the next time, will you look and feel differently? Skin renewal to match that which it replaces is based upon our unique DNA. Also, the thing that we call the “spirit” is unique to the individual; it is comprised of the personality, the memory, the intellect, the temperament, the charm, and the patterns of thought. All of these things are configured and mapped in our brains. This explains why an intoxicated man experiences an alteration of each of these mental qualities, and this is why alcoholic beverages are called “spirits”. God merely needs a record of the human DNA and the human spirit to restore a man again to become whole. Because of scientific advances, today we can learn more about human biology pertaining to these things than we could have known in the past. We often preserve people alive who are rendered comatose and whom we call brain dead. If a man damages his brain, denying oxygen to it, his knowledge, his memory, his thoughts all disappear rendering such a man a mere living lump of flesh. If he recovers, oftentimes he will suffer permanent amnesia. Thus, to himself and to others, he is a different person. To stretch the analogy, the same occurs when a computer crashes making it useful to this discussion. Modern science can copy all the data from one computer and reinstall it in another so that the second has all the functions, the power, the personality(?), and the memory, of the first which, for our purposes of analysis, is about to crash or die. Science can even beam this data over millions of miles, deep into outer space, so that the computer system of a voyaging satellite can be updated. We can be safe in the assumption that Father can likewise keep a record of the infinitely more complex human brain recording all of its functions so that the revitalized lump of flesh can have spirit and life again.

This analysis is an “earthly thing” which comes from the findings of faltering humans; it is unreliable for doctrine because it was not taught by Christ. To heed the Lord’s reprimand of *John*

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*three*, let us more fully embrace the earthly lessons which He is only now revealing instead of searching out the technical formulas of Father's skills or His "heavenly things". To do otherwise is eerily reminiscent of Eve's early experience whereby she sought to be like God: She sought greater light from the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, and she did so even before she had taken the opportunity to learn much of the bountiful knowledge readily available to her in the garden. Recent MSC audios studies and seminar presentations have shown the opportunities, such as sexual joy; the wonders of her husband, Adam; the joy of replenishing the earth and realizing God's blessings in a pre-lapsarian or sin free environment which she failed to learn because she sought to first uncover God's mysteries. Even still, an addendum to this correlation to Eve must be offered: Unrestrained human curiosity seeking scientific breakthroughs about the "**particles of matter**", when it is not combined with Bible revelations, is not harmful and should not be condemned.

However, when one seeks to titillate their own curiosity so as to venture beyond the mission of the MSA, they should considerably bear upon themselves the expense of time, study, and research.

When this restrained methodology for seeking knowledge is developed, then our "disciple love" will be made more perfect. The MSA desires to continue in its mission to unfold the things that are revealed in Scripture and that are applicable to preserve the saints in the *Judgment of the Living*.

Such is a very specific and special mission. After all, there are no scientific annals or any other work that can be searched to uncover the formula for winning everlasting life and passing in this judgment hour.

You desire to understand the technical aspects of resurrection. But to pray to Father to resurrect anyone means that such a petitioner expects Father to perform the miracle; it is not an exhibition of one's personal prowess nor one's technical knowledge. If it were, then the prayer would not be needed. Consider an example: If **today** a loved one became sick with cancer and this same loved one's family member prays to Father in the name of Christ—not Jesus, nor Yashua, nor Yahweh, etc—to heal them, and He does, can the petitioner be considered an expert oncologist, one who has mastered the science of curing cancer? Christ clearly, in the simplest language, said, "**the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do...For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel**" —John 5: 19, 20. Cannot we just take Him at His word without deciphering the details of His heavenly, educational transcripts? Furthermore, how would such a deciphering help us? Has not heaven's ministers exhausted enough energy seeking to teach humanity the lesson already written? Would not the burden be multiplied if the MSA produced a text book showing the technique of resurrection? What would be the use anyhow? Would Lazarus have been made even more whole had he learned the source of power behind his resurrection? The MSA only knows and teaches the Bible revelations which it has published. It encourages all of its students to abide by the following counsel: "**The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us...that we may do all the words of this law.**" —Deut 29: 29. Let us master the doctrines contained within the work; then, as disciples, let us seek to teach those things to others. In other words, let us learn to drive the car, and then, perhaps afterwards, we can learn how to lift the hood and analyze its functions. The light in the *Confederacy Trap* is nearly six months old. Seeing that it has not been revealed in the 6000 years prior, should we not rejoice in it seeking the answers which it has uncovered? Or being convinced of its doctrines, should we—forgetting our ignorance yesterday—allow its unimpeachable solidity to be our consternation and thereby search for answers beyond the scope of its purpose? You also ask the following:

### QUESTION II

*Since Christ created Adam from the dust, what kind of different form must the resurrected now take in the future, that differs from the original creation? Was or is the missing skill in the ability to put together a man or woman with the same personality and resemblance as he or she went into the grave with? Or is it a complete new structure or bodily form that the resurrected are to take, that differs slightly or majorly from the humans we see on earth today? Are these resurrected beings without*

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*genitals and or have other differences? What is the difference between creation and the resurrection that Christ had to learn?* —Your E-mail continued

### Answer II ~~~~~ Much of this question has been answered already.

And, let me remind you, I can only use my imagination to also address the rest of it. But I ask, why should my imagination be more valid than anyone else's? Some may consider that, according to the Lord's expressed formula of leadership described in *Matt 20*, for the prime minister to minister unto the disciples "**and to give his life a ransom for many**" —Matt 20: 28— this includes helping those same disciples resolve all the issues of their overly-active curiosities. This thesis of MSA mission requires more study. Until it can be resoundingly certified and resolved, let us not fasten our faith on any man's independent mind and speculative thoughts; instead, we should do as commanded and inquire, "What saith the Scriptures"? If It says nothing on this matter —just as it is silent about the cost of tea in China, I think!— then how can any expect the MSA to have reliable and certifiable commentary? Additionally, this question of yours does not intersect nor correlate with any lesson now at hand. The MSA has never made an analogy between creation and resurrection; human DNA has greatly multiplied since the lapse of Adam; therefore, until further educated, it (the MSA) manifests the necessary discipline to avoid presuming any relationship between the two miracles. Regarding the existence of genitalia on the resurrected, we cannot assume that the function of male and female genitals have only the solitary purpose of human reproductive engineering and design. They serve as a part of waste elimination, as hormone producing stations, etc. In fact, neither science nor the Lord has revealed all the uses of human reproductive organs. If you do not believe this, ask a woman who has had a hysterectomy and then begins to get facial hair. Thus, we can feel safe in the resolution that we should wait and see. Yet there is room for more study on this topic. Therefore, those whose imaginations compel them to know more should do as commanded in John 5: 39: They should undergo the task of searching the Bible themselves for more details, then present their curious correlations from their findings to this office for comment if this is what they desire to do. In this regard, the MSA is at your service as pre-stipulated in *Matt 20*. In other words, find a Text that explains the presence and usage of human genitalia among the resurrected, and then inquire, "Does this contradict Father's testimony of *Matt 22*"? This approach is far better than the saints asking the MSA, with its limited time and resource, to reread the Bible so as to investigate their unbridled curiosities.

Furthermore, the MSA looks forward with great anticipation to the special resurrection. Its burden is to teach others to now have that same, enthusiastic anticipation. It does not anticipate the assignment of logging or chronicling the biological body parts of EGW, VTH, MJB or any other "angelic" light who has died in the *Three-Angels' Message*. The proverbial fruit with which the Lord has so copiously supplied us, is more than sufficient to excite the *mustard seed's* palate and stimulate its spiro-digestive and assimilative functions.

Remember, Christ said, "**For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven**" —Matt 22: 30. This simple statement has been cited by Christians for 2000 years. Even Davidia, including VTH who spoke much about the *Judgment of the Living* but who did not so much as quote that Text in his work, failed to see its value as a proof Text to enlighten and benefit those who pass the *Judgment of the Living*. Yet, this light is revealed; it belongs to the redeemed saints. In spite of this, none until the MSC has ever made the conclusion that the Text is limited exclusively to resurrected people; it is they who will not marry nor be given in marriage. Our burden is to prepare the church for the largest class to be saved in the Kingdom, the Great Multitude and the 144,000 (Jerusalem), people who will not need resurrection and who will correspondingly marry and be given in marriage as our other studies of the Bible have proven. This fact being freshly unfolded today by the Comforter, should cause all to rejoice in their greater understanding instead of seeking to uncover the nakedness of the resurrected?

### QUESTION III

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*Is Christ to teach us, his disciples how to resurrect after he abides upon you, Derek? Or are we to be schooled in the resurrection technique by Christ before we are to go out resurrecting while gathering in the 144,000? I understand also that perhaps these things may be not ours to know at this time* —Your E-mail continued

**Answer III**~~~~~This question, once given careful study and thought, seems to answer much of your other above questions: It directs the mind to discern that we will resurrect by divine aid and not by divine knowledge. After a little research in the Bible, I uncovered Acts 20: 9. It shows that Paul brought a brother to life without any special training. This fact shows to us that care must be taken to avoid confusing the mechanics with the license! Having said that, I must remind you that Christ has already taught His disciples how to resurrect!!! Before deploying that teaching, all must revert back to the central point of the MSA in this regard: First one must **SECURE HIS LICENSE**; they must become a disciple! Many seem to presumptuously ignore this requisite assuming themselves to already have this mission resolved; then, they venture beyond it seeking after other spiro-diverging, career pursuits. First things must come first. Christ said, “...to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...” —John 8: 31, 32. A disciple indeed cannot ignore the Lord’s expressed formula for learning the skill of resurrection. His teachings pertaining to this skill of resurrection was simply put: He said, “**Whatever ye shall ask the father in my name, he will give it you**” —John 16: 23. Also, He said, “**all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive**” —Matt 21: 22. Does the word, “whatsoever” include the act of asking for resurrection? Since it obviously does, then we can all now consider ourselves educated in the simple technique of resurrection. Several times, with several members of my family including Vinnette and myself, I asked for healing of a variety of serious health problems, and the Lord delivered relief —sometimes even instantly; other times I had to wait. On most occasions, I did not even know the nature of the sickness beyond a generic description of problems; thus, how could I know the technique used by the Lord to heal? The only thing I needed to settle was Whom to ask, Whose name to reference when asking, and the intensity of my belief. Being just like you, being taught these things already, I merely needed to put my faith in action fully realizing that Father would honor my request. Finally, I refer you to another “Scripture” to search, that of *Matt 20*. It shows that the resurrection will come when “...**the Lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first**” —Matt 20: 8. It is a bit like driving a car: One does not need to be a master mechanic to learn that skill either; he merely needs a license. In this case your license is your abidance in the *Testimony of Jesus* and your care to comply with its counsel.

To close, the MSA resoundingly supports all of its doctrines with the evidence available. In so doing, it has presented marvelous tenets of faith which have never before been explained, questions which the prophets and the wise of yesterday could not unravel. This grace is indeed sufficient! All who now understand these themes contained therein must celebrate. Let us not do the opposite: We must determine to avoid the trap that entangled Eve. That is, we must not insult the Lord’s table by blunting our enthusiasm for His bountiful provisions seeking instead the fruit which He has not set before us.

Sincerely,

Derek