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Dear L _____,

As a young sister in the message with an obvious love for the Lord, I am glad and rejoice in your determination to read the book, *Confederacy Trap*, and I thank you for receiving and understanding my reply to your query. The book has taken years to write and is packed with many interlocking and complex themes which have never been properly explained or understood before. Great care was taken by me, its author, to both anticipate and to explain all potential questions. Thus for me to answer a question thus pertaining before one has read the book would require that I rewrite it again.

You wrote the following question:

‘I am kind of confused on page 53-55 about Immanuel and Isaiah, because on page 53 it say that Immanuel went in unto the prophetess, then on page 55 it talks about Isaiah going unto a prophetess and Isaiah is included in this sign. Can you clarify? Thanks’ —Your E-mail, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 12:22 AM.

I responded to you as follows:

“Vinnette and I reread the page that you question. It seems self explanatory. Also, as you advance in the book the theme is clarified more and more. Much is devoted in the book to that very issue, and as you advance you will see it.” —Reply to your E-mail, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 01: 24 PM.

Next, you sent the below reply:

‘OK. I’m just a slow learner. Things sometime aren’t clear, but I am determined to finish this book to gain light, that is my goal’ —Your E-mail, Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:05 AM.

I am writing to deliver through this letter words of wisdom to others as well as words of encouragement to you. As I do so, I must say that this work is full of “slow learners”; such is the plight of humanity. Thus has it taken 6000 years for us to come to this day. Many of the doctrines which are in the book have taken me years to learn, and many were not fully understood until I began to write them. Having met you and studied with you, I disagree with your self assessment, your claim to be a slow learner; even still, I must say that the Lord’s Kingdom is not a call that is limited to the intelligent or the quick learners but to those who persevere and, like Jacob, wrestle with the angel until they get the blessing. EGW testifies of this very thing by saying the following:

*“The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in **ANGEL ROBES**, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to ‘science falsely so called’ will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light...”*
—EGW, *Testimony for the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 80

Notice, EGW points to a day yet future to her above prophecy, a day now here but that was in her time fast approaching, a day that will be replete with perplexity and confusion. What day could that be other than the day which the Lord called, “the last day”? It is in this day that the “very elect” emerges, and only he is shielded from Satan’s ferocious blizzard of deception. Only he and his students will be preserved. As you look across the landscape of Adventism, especially Davidian Adventism, you see the multi-winds, as doctrines, which seek to misguide the faithful. Leaders today, because they are centered by their own ideas, have become adverse to all other teachings; consequently, they point to the MSC as a source of deception. Contrary to this, EGW indicates that it is in fact those very leaders who will be the source of Satan’s sophistry. We know this because she says that, having succumbed to the Satanic deceptions, those very leaders are to lose their post and no longer “**stand at the head of rank and file**”. To no longer have that post means that, before

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the light, they once were placed at the head of rank and file. So we have it, the deceptive winds of doctrine will come from Davidic and SDA leadership, winds that another man, God's appointed leader, will refute. The sure and certain clue to expose their sinister inspiration is that they all elevate, against SOP counsel, the lesser lights, either EGW or VTH, above Christ. Such has always been Satan's passion. Thus, success then to shield oneself from these multi-directional blasts of doctrine can only come with the same perseverance that I urge upon you; that is, continue to read the book.

You know that my ministry is Bible based; yet, having spent more than 30 years studying the writings of EGW and VTH, I as well have achieved mighty scholarship with those works. Still, even though I believe and celebrate their inspiration, I refuse to thereon predicate my work because then, if success is achieved, I would not have led the saints to Christ but to men—at that, deceased men/women. Today is the day when we must discern—not EGW our righteousness, nor VTH our salvation, nor Jones and Waggoner our life, but—Christ our righteousness. We must trust in His biblical revelations. To do so requires that we, like never before, wrestle with the Scriptures until we are thereby blessed. Consequently, I encourage you to, amidst the raging tempest, continue in your resolve to read the literature.

In fact, when the Spirit of the Lord inspired EGW to point to this day and say, “*every wind of doctrine will be blowing*”, she could have only been referring to men/women who illegally promote her work, VTH's work, Jones and Waggoner's work, M. J. Bingham's work, Jemmy Bingham's work, Ben Roden's work, Lois Roden's work, M.L. Jordon's work, etc: They are the source of those blasting winds. Why, we can see that it is these writings, to some degree or another, that all the leaders who stand at the “*head of rank and file*” employ to advance their pet doctrines. Each leader has his own mix of doctrines which have been handed to them by one or a combination of more than one of the above leaders. I shudder to include both EGW and VTH in this cauldronal soup of prophecy as their work was clearly the highest source of inspiration; however, since Paul say that they all prophesied in part until the day of the elect, until the day of perfection, then they too must be included. Some advance one partial prophet's work while others hold onto and teach that of the other. They do so in opposition to the still, small voice, the *mustard seed* who is to, as promised by Scripture, remind the saints of the *Testimony of Jesus*, the source of life without death. We have been told by Christ, “**These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter...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. This Testimony, promised by Father to be raised in the last day, is the gentle, doctrinal wind that is taught by only the elect of God. We are told as much by Christ when He, at the command of Father, said the following: “**And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son** (the elect, the son of David, the man whom Christ promises to raise) **and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day**” —John 6: 39, 40. Since it is Father's will that this son is to emerge so as to reiterate the Lord's testimony in the last day so as to also purvey everlasting life, then none of the other inspired prophets having gone into the grave, could have known or taught this light. Consequently, everyone who cites their work in opposition to that of the *mustard seed's* work are blowing countervailing winds to direct your ship to humanity's heretofore inescapable and cursed destiny, the grave. Having said this, we must not blame EGW & VTH for the limited efficacy of their doctrines; instead, we must correctly and accurately place the blame where it belongs, squarely on the shoulders of Father Himself, the Highest. We must do so because He chose to hide this light until now, the last day. Through His prophets, He relayed to us their light. They became His angels to lead us home. And now Satan, as promised above, enshrouds himself in “*angel's robes*” to deceive. Just as was the case with the manna, it became polluted when stored until the next day, likewise with yesterday's partial prophets. Thus, Satan takes this worm-filled manna; he takes the partial, prophetic light, “*angel robes*” and uses its obsolescence to deceive. This is why the prophets, the angels who previously covered themselves in those doctrinal robes, demanded that we

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secure all our doctrines from the Bible. The Comforter Who inspired them knew the limited range of their benefit. Thus we see our perplexity; as was Job tested, so are we. The test is, can we climb higher than yesterday's light with His last-day revelations, or will we promote yesterday's light, blowing it's doctrines, to avoid the perseverance required for salvation in this day? The test is also our love for God for He demands the full force of our love to be dedicated to Himself in order that we may survive this hour of storm. Now you can see the need to put to the stretch all your power to understand the book in which you strive to read. As your eyes are opened to this challenge, you will learn more and more of the resistance over which you must triumph: Some of the gale-force winds which seek to impede your progress may surge even from deep within your very own heart reminding you and calling you back to yesterday's manna.

EGW affirms this Bible-based conclusion by issuing the following counsel:

“It is necessary that our unity today be of a character that will bear the test of trial. . . . We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed. When a brother receives new light upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position, and every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the Inspired Word” —EGW, *Testimony to Ministers*, (Ellipsis belong to quote) p.30, 31

Notice, EGW's emphasis is in complete harmony with the *Mustard Seed Chronicle's* (MSC) perspective; that is, in the day of unity, a thing never completely acquired in the history of the church making it a thing to anticipate only in the “last day”, is to prevail. New doctrines will come, not by blowing to the church or to the world her teachings, her lessons of religion. Instead, new doctrines will come only by abandoning deeply-held cherished ideas that we have learned before the last day and then by replacing those same doctrines with new Bible-based-only doctrines. Thus does she say —not that the writings of EGW, but the doctrines of— God and heaven alone are infallible. People who have written to me objecting to the MSC's teachings do so by insisting that EGW and VTH are infallible; thus do they cite their writings in order to defeat the Bible. Instead of relaying to us that countervailing wind, she demands the opposite. She says, *“When a brother receives new light upon the Scriptures, he should frankly explain his position”*. While others try to frankly explain their doctrines from partial prophets, Derek West, in a frankness never before witnessed, points them to the Bible. When this is done, as it now has been, *“every minister should search the Scriptures with the spirit of candor to see if the points presented can be substantiated by the Inspired Word.”* Thus, as you read the book and you see that it justifies the Lord's OT approval of polygamy allowing for Immanuel today to go in unto the prophetess in a way that the book carefully defines, then you are seeing the “frankness” of Bible revelation which EGW predicted would prevail today, the time of our *“test of trial”*. This frankness can only be discerned by carefully examining the entire book.

Illustrative to the above point, I now have two lines of E-mail correspondence on my desk today, one from Brother Mbanyele and another from Brother Harrell. One seeks to alter the MSA's direction with a gale-force wind from EGW pertaining to the Sanctuary, a thing that she only partially explained, and the other with her diet of vegetarianism. None of these brethren seem willing to replace their doctrines with the ‘frankly’ revealed light of the MSC that comes directly from the Bible. Consequently, whatever intellect that they may have, it is invalidated by their pride, arrogance, and ignorance; they do not desire to *“stand at the head of rank and file”*. Hopefully, I can convince them to cherish your superior wisdom and, instead of clinging to yesterday's teachings, take the bold approach recommended to us by Father and, in this “last day”, begin to unlearn the light of yesterday and learn the doctrines of the Bible by reading the literature. Sure this is not an easy task; it requires great perseverance; it requires of all to love God with all their hearts, their souls, and their minds by putting to the stretch all their powers:

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“There is yet much precious truth to be revealed to the people in this time of peril and darkness, but it is Satan's determined purpose to prevent the light of truth from shining into the hearts of men. If we would have the light that has been provided for us, we should show our desire for it by diligently searching the word of God. Precious truths that have long been in obscurity are to be revealed in a light that will make manifest their sacred worth; for God will glorify His word, that it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it (Including His light on the sanctuary and on diet) But those who profess to love the truth must PUT TO THE STRETCH THEIR POWERS, that they may comprehend the deep things of the word, that God may be glorified and His people may be blessed and enlightened. With humble hearts, subdued by the grace of God, you should come to the task of searching the Scriptures, prepared to accept every ray of divine light, and to walk in the way of holiness”—EGW, *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p.25.

You know of the “*precious truth*” which the Lord has, by use of the MSC, unfolded to Davidia from the Bible; this is just as predicted above. You have seen that these doctrines “*have long been in obscurity*” and are now revealed “*in a light in which we have never before beheld it*”. Now I encourage you to not rely merely upon the keenness of your intellect; instead, use your zeal, your heart, and your energy; put to the stretch your power to learn. When you cry out to Christ for the blessing, as did Jacob, then it will come and never leave you.

Thank you for receiving my counsel.

Sincerely,

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