

The Mustard Seed Advent, 24-Feb-2012

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Call No Man Father

Tony,

In response to my 23-Feb-2012, E-mail, *Farcical Call for Unity*, you wrote the following:

“Bro Derek, I agree with you totally about leaving your doctrine behind. We (my wife and I) plan on being there but we do not plan on leaving our doctrine at home. I do have one question for you. In your response below you said the following, ‘Commensurately, will they finally confess their exaltation, today and yesterday, of the Popes definition of God and Christ? Will they replace in their hearts his doctrine of “Triunity” with the Testimony of Jesus?’ Are you referring to the trinity doctrine? What is ‘Triunity’?” —Your E-mail, 23-Feb-2012, 8: 37 PM

I will not be attending the conference for reasons already expressed and lament that I will not have a chance to meet both you and your wife. But I am glad to answer your question. Much written work has been done on this issue of Triunity. In a nutshell, our passage in the *Judgment of the Living* is achieved by our embrace of the *Testimony of Jesus* —volumes of studies have been written on this. The *Testimony of Jesus* clearly enunciated the theme of “Currency Exchange” meaning, all doctrines today must be sold, relinquished, exchanged for the “Pearl of Great Price”. This even includes doctrines taught by our “founding fathers”. Our refusal, yesterday, to heed EGW, VTH, Paul, and the Lord’s counsel to comply with this need for change should be one of the very first issues for the Waco brethren, indeed all Davidians, to “confess”.

Regarding the issue of Triunity, allow me to warm up to that issue by making an observation: In reading your E-mails, you seem to have a doctrinal bend towards that taught by Allen Stump and the Historic Adventists. Correct me if I am wrong. Though I have read Allen’s work and respect his research on the issue, as a Historic Adventist, he teaches, as a premium, that which he believes the “founding fathers” of Adventism taught about the Holy Spirit. As an underpinning platform, a foundational plank of faith, he presents their findings as food for the flock, the very sheep which Christ promised would hear His, and no other, voice. If this is your perspective, then I must warn you, this pension is an idolatrous disorientation; it elevates fallen human beings above Christ, He Who is our righteousness. If it is not, then you have this light to broadcast in warning to those who so teach it. Though it must be said, the Historic Adventists, properly reject the Papacy’s contributions to Christianity regarding the doctrine of God. Unfortunately, they commensurately feel the need to disqualify the Holy Spirit refusing to acknowledge Him to be a separate and independent person. As a matter of **MAJOR** distinction, the MSC is very careful in its rejection of doctrines: It manifests this care by use of words which distinguish between the rejection of the “Trinity” —it teaches against Allen’s theme and promotes, instead, the separate personage of the Comforter/Holy Spirit— yet, it rejects the Papal theme of “Triunity”. This care in presentation, so as to not confuse any on these vital issues, causes the *mustard seed* to take pains to not condemn the “Trinity”. Triunity is a related, Papal doctrine which dominates most all Christian theology: It expresses the non-biblical notion of a three-in-one God or one God split into three Persons. “Tri” meaning three and “unity” meaning one —hence, Triunity. The MSC, based upon overwhelming, Bible evidence, proves that Christ and the Comforter are separate Personalities who unite in submission to the Third Personality, the Highest, Father. Jesus also falls within that circle; however, as shown by the Bible, He was begotten; His life **BEGAN** 2000 years ago. Yesterday, the day of our founding teachers, a generic concept of the “Godhead”, a Tri-une teaching, may have been enough to allow us to win salvation by passage through the grave; however, the standard of “perfection” prevails in this hour, the hour of the *Judgment of the Living*.

To assert that a doctrine should be embraced merely because our “founding fathers” so did puts us in direct violation of the *Testimony of Jesus* from a different dimension: We are commanded to “...**call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven**” —Mt 23:

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9. For one to appeal to the teachings of another, a prominent leader of our recent past, and set him/them up in the eyes of the people as icons of virtue who can, from the grave or not, harness and gauge the current or preset light of the church, very literally elevates such former champions of truth to be preeminent teachers in a posture of fatherhood. Hence, such men are called “founding fathers”. To go beyond that and teach that we should take care to correspond our faith to theirs seals the violation in a very stark and literal way. Our faith must not be vested in our champions of history but in the One Who yesterday elevated them to win our attention.

You seem to be unwilling to read literature or attend seminars to educate yourself. This proclivity of yours demands that the message be rewritten over and over again, a demand that my Boss, Christ, has not imposed upon me for my mission is to declare His voice with the understanding that His sheep will respond. Please cooperate with the Comforter and study for this is your Fourth-Commandment duty, the requisite to do all your work, including study (2Tim 2: 15) in the six-days allotted to all. Tomorrow, at the midnight cry, such an opportunity will be forever lost. After compliance with this law, then you can have Heaven’s salvation. You can begin by reading the attached article, *The Two Comforters*, sent to you under a separate cover by Vinnette, my helpmeet. Also consider the new one attached to this E-mail. If you have a problem with this commission — my Boss is indeed very gracious— I can personally visit and study with you.

Sincerely,

Derek