

## The Mustard Seed Advent, 13-Nov-2012

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### Derek: the Tor-ā'h-ic, Mos-ā'-ic, Cleric

Dear Pastor Randy Brehms,

You responded to an E-mail from my helpmeet, Vinnette. She is very earnest in her desires to spread salvation, and for that, I offer no apologies. In spite of this, her communique to you has engendered some confusion. You mistook my ministry, the *Mustard Seed Advent*, an upshoot of the *Shepherd's Rod Message*, for that of another, disreputable ministry, and for your mistaken identification of my work, you wrote an apology. Your apology of course is accepted, but before I fully respond to them, allow me, for the benefit of my adherents, to chronicle the short history of our full discourse. After receiving an E-mail broadcast from Vinnette, you first wrote the following letter to me:

*“Please remove me from your mailing list. I firmly believe that Victor Houteff was a false prophet, and that he was Jesuit trained as a dissembler therefore the teachings of the Rod are apostate. I care not to hear from anyone who sees themselves as the only channel of light. The 'Rod' has been discredited, time and time again and it's very mission exclusively aimed at the Seventh-day Adventist Church makes it out of gospel order which is to be reaching unto all the world. This single fact disqualifies and discredits it. It is by nature a predator, divisive and looking to create division with false doctrine that is confusing and convoluted. From the Gathering, to the understanding of Ezekiel it is designed to attack and destroy the church with the remnant message. I have found those associated with the 'Rod' to be augmentative, quarrelsome and confrontational . . . As a youth I observed deception and subterfuge in their attempts to infiltrate and snare members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As youth, they deceived me personally and with a truck with a sandwich sign proclaiming the Rod message entered Soquel Camp Grounds and with a loud speaker began to proclaim their message. I would never have allowed them through the gate had I known what their intentions were, and they knew I would not have done it. They abused my trust, and I have no time for them. I actually had a black member of the "Rod" in my Ashland Kentucky Church who would stand up in church and take issue with teachers. Was belligerent when asked to stop, and would say things that were so unbelievably odd that he discredited himself regularly. He finally left saying he had done as much as he could there at Ashland. Strange he seldom attended when I was in the pulpit because he knew I would not put up with his foolishness. I met Derek at 'Bible Explorations' and still have a couple of DVD's that he did there. While I found him amiable and friendly I have no use for the 'Shepherd's Rod' Kindly remove me from any further e-mails” —*  
Rand Brehms, Monday, Oct 15, 2012, 11: 29 AM

I am a Davidian, and, apart from your imaginary invectives and insults against Victor Houteff (VTH), I find your well-articulated, historical accounts of the unsavory, out-reaching tactics of our work of yesterday to be quite the sobering tool of education as your words closely align with my historic assessment of the Davidian experience. Yet, I forge an opposite conclusion, that of divine, Davidian, certification even in light of their disreputable behavior. Hence, your assessment of the character of the Davidian movement corresponds with my criticisms; although I prove from the Bible that these qualities which you besmirch, were ordained of God. Thus, your above letter elicited my below reply:

*“Dear Brother, I no longer evangelize from the SDA church. My mission has been, for nearly 20 years to try to convert Davidians. The charges that you make against them, I find credible. Those qualities were ascribed to them from the Bible just as Jacob, though anointed by the Lord, swindled, through deception, Laban while on his ranch. You say that you met me, 'Derek,' at 'Bible Explorations' and you have my DVDs. I do not recall ever going to Bible Explorations, nor do I recall ever producing a DVD for distribution. I have no problem removing you from my E-mail list; however, you have piqued my*

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*curiosity. Perhaps you have me confused with some other man named Derek. My name is Derek West. I am 56 years old. I have not been associated with a Davidian organization, other than my own, since 1982. My picture is on my website, mustardseedadvent.com. If you so choose, please clarify. If not, may God give to you a good life as you close your days on this earth.*” — Derek West, Monday, October 15, 2012 2:51:40 PM.

Then, obviously convicted of your mistaken identification of me, you admirably wrote the following:

*“I must apologize in the individual I referenced was Garrick, not Derek, He was a Dravidian. I have some very lovely people who are Davidian who attend my Upperlake congregation. I am an anomaly in the Adventist Church in that I am Torah Observant. If you have information that would be useful in helping these individuals be free of the Davidian thinking I would be most grateful”* —Rand Brehms, Monday, October 15, 2012 6:29 PM

I accept your apology; however, I respectfully challenge your credibility: Let’s be real, I have searched for years and find it nearly impossible to uncover what you describe, “*some very lovely people who are Davidians*”. I think that the Lord has won to my collection all that exist; however, I would be glad to be proven wrong. Davidians were trained —not by the Jesuits (Catholic Church) as you surmise, but— by the Comforter; their mission was to be staunch and aggressive in their work. For the Lord commissioned them as follows:

*“...<sup>3</sup>Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me...<sup>4</sup>they are impudent children and stiffhearted...<sup>5</sup>and they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. <sup>6</sup>And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house...<sup>8</sup>But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house...<sup>3</sup>: <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house”* — Ezek 2: 3-6, 8; 3: 8, 9, parenthesis belong .

So you see loveliness was not one of Davidia’s divinely-endowed attributes. Instead, the ferocity of their calling was given them to correspondingly countermatch the rebelliousness of the SDA. For the Lord to do otherwise would be for Him to give them no guard or shield against the thorns which they were scheduled to encounter. The lovelessness which we both have encountered was the Lord’s shield against your daggers; ergo, what you construed as unkindness was actually a divine, defensive shield to protect the heart from injury. An example of the need to install such a guard can be seen by your own statement, your citation of Sabbath-school disruption: I know that such could not be the case for having been there and done that, I know that what the church calls “belligerence” usually results from their stultification and inability to answer, Davidian, doctrinal cross-examination by use of the SOP and the Bible. Yet they launch a charge of belligerence. This, I believe to be a dishonest retort and a misrepresentation of the facts, a thorn and a brier. Instead of a humble and honest reply such as, “Thanks for the enlightenment;” a proud reply is given such as, “How dare you challenge my wisdom; I’m the teacher; who the (expletive) are you?” Rather than awakening from their slumber, they decry the Lord’s messenger. Davidians, as a people in the Lord’s Gospel work, were assigned to warn —like the stone-quarry, explosion-alert siren— and dutiful to that assignment, they have suppressed, if not eroded, their ability to be “lovely”. It would be like calling David’s throng “lovely” after they paraded Goliath’s head through the streets of Jerusalem (1Sam 17: 54); love was not David’s endowment to fulfill that assignment. Only today, with my message, the full extension of the *Shepherd’s Rod Message*, can Davidia be thusly transformed into loving people, a non-Pharisaical people who will teach Father’s love (Luke 11: 42). But, sad to say, when the commission becomes fully in vogue, our work will no longer be extended to the SDA Church, the rebellious house; hence, I have no message for you and comply with your desire for non-contact.

Evidently, you have confused me with Brother Garrick Augustus. He is a man, a Davidian leader, who likewise opposes my work —though, if I might add, he does so hypocritically. He and his comrades have gone full circle: They now have become the house of rebellion, the people who

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refuse to hear the Lord's counsel. For this, I do not blame you for dismissing his work as his literature seems to be quite shallow and inconsequential and given into Pharisaical hypocrisy. I have written him on at least one occasion in the past to tell him that very thing. If you'd like, I can send to you a copy of my written work to him.

But, to preserve your peace, if your Davidian "friends" give you any trouble, simply ask them if they have read the *Mustard Seed Chronicle*, the work of Derek West, a Davidian himself. If they claim to have so done—they too are dishonest and likely to wear a false face—then ask them why they have not heeded his call to cease their work for the SDA church. Tell them that they should practice what they teach and preach: They should open their minds and sit in study with him. He has new light from the *Rod* devoted exclusively to them, a light which shows to them their path to glory and the errors of their ways. If they cannot thus comply, then merely ask them, Why do they expect the SDA Church to exhibit more grace than their own "spirit" can conjure for themselves to exhibit? If the SDA church is more righteous than they, then should she not be their teachers? Are they now the purveyors of hypocrisy; is that their Gospel call? As it stands now, they refuse to investigate my literature, and therefore they can no longer, with full credibility, assail the SDA church for her bigotry and her rejection of supposed revelations of "new light". The *Shepherd's Rod Message*—though they ignorantly have failed to perceive it—demanded the investigation of all "new light"; this is their Ezekiel commission. They have been told, "**But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house...**" I would be glad to personally commune, by phone, by letter, or by personal visit to any of your Davidian "friends". I know that this may be a stretch of a request from me to you, but any symposium setup by you for me to discourse with your Davidians would be well received by me and a credit to your own Gospel commission. If they refuse, then you have a just basis to refuse all of their overtures.

You claim to be "Torah Observant"; I am not sure what that means. Webster defines the Torah as follows: [**3: a leather or parchment scroll of the Pentateuch (first five books of Scripture) used in a synagogue for liturgical (sacred) purposes**]—Webster's new Collegiate Dictionary, Parenthesis added. I suspect that your profession may indeed mean that we are closer in belief than what I may have first suspected. You do not claim to be a nominal Davidian; yet, that may not now be an indictment against you for, by embracing the Law, you have advanced in step beyond the work of VTH; although more spiritual growth for you is still needed. What Davidia has failed to understand is that no true Davidian can ignore the Torah for David, the quintessential David-ian said the following, "**The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.**" (Ps 19: 7, 8) —he, like you and I, had great love for the Torah and its applicability to human perfection, salvation, conversion, righteousness, wisdom, joy, and happiness. Believe it or not, you may have qualified yourself, unwittingly, as a *Davidian indeed*, a man who loves the Mosaic Law! To assist you further, if I may be so bold as to seek to educate you on your own Tor-āh-ic falterings, I must tell you that, if you have not installed or included the *Testimony of Jesus* into your estimation of the purview of the Torah then your path to righteousness is an incomplete map, a trap with an unsuspected gap. Embracing Christ's words declared while He spoke to the church some 2000 years ago—some 1500 years after Moses handed to Israel the Pentateuch—is part of the Mosaic Law for Jesus was the Prophet through whom the Lord promised to speak so as to complete Israel's syllabus of legality, knowledge, and salvation. This is clearly expressed in Deut 18: 15-18. Israel was commissioned to abide by all the Law, and, as the crescendo to their path of wisdom and righteousness, they were to therein include the Testimony that Jesus was to, by the abiding power of Christ, reveal to them. His testimony was, by the very edict of Moses and the Torah, a 'requisite' for Israel's—indeed humanity's—salvation. Thus did Jesus announce, "**For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?**"—John 5: 46, 47.

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Patience, peace, and understanding has forestalled me from taking offense to your invectives pertaining to VTH. My peace comes from Ezekiel's above-cited promised, "*yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.*" The day will come when his work will be vindicated, but in that day, it will be too late for the rebellious house, both Davidia and Laodicea. As I close this letter, I must explain the Catholic involvement in all non-MSA, Christian doctrines. The Papacy gave to us the unscriptural doctrine of the Tri-unity, the teaching that Father, Christ, and the Comforter are all One-and-the-same Being. Emperor Constantine also canonized the false doctrine that Christ and Jesus are the same: That is that Jesus pre-existed His conception as the Creator of the world, Christ. If these things you believe and teach, then it is you who is the Jesuit agent, though you know it not. The theme that Jesus is the same as Christ violates your emphasis on the Torah; it attacks the basic, Pentateuchal promise that Christ would speak to the world through, Jesus, the *Prophet like unto Moses*. Accordingly, Christ cannot be the same as that Prophet! The SDA church, the organization which you represent, at least 'anomalously', also, in violation of the Torah, teaches the same. Yet, you charge VTH as follows: "**I firmly believe that Victor Houteff was a false prophet, and that he was Jesuit trained as a dissembler therefore the teachings of the Rod are apostate.**" There is no evidence that VTH was an agent for Catholicism; to the contrary, the evidence of his genuine inspiration is found by measuring his writings against the Bible—discourse in truth that has caused all dishonest Adventists to flee. Yet it is one thing to run from the truth but it is another to call the source of light a devil. To adopt that tactic is to do what the Patriarch Job refused to do, to curse God and die, for it is to say that His word is demonic. This is the reason in verity to explain why the Lord has caused me to re-direct my work away from nominal Adventism and towards my fallen brethren in Davidia. I thank you for this perfect opportunity to make this issue clear.

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