

The Mustard Seed Advent, 10-May-2012

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Newsletter Idiosyncrasy

Stefan,

As requested, you sought to post the latest newsletter, 03-May-2012, on the forum and encountered some problems. Thanks are extended to you and the others who are trying. This letter will hopefully answer your and their concerns. In fact, some of your concerns have been raised by others, even Vinnette; thus, I will publish my reply and send it to the group. My hope was—not that the Newsletter be posted on the forum, but—that the message inviting them to the link be posted thereon. Hopefully, this can be done.

You expressed some concern about coloration. The *mustard seed* uses, for the most part, two colors in addition to black. They are official and consistent. The colors are defined by computer language and they are **MAGENTA** [my color is defined as a mixture of (red, 150), (green, 13), (Blue, 154)], and the color **BLUE** [defined as (red 0), (green, 111), (Blue, 209)]. The number definitions are important as there are literally hundreds of variations to each color. All who understand the meaning behind these colors are free to use them when they write and deploy them as intended by the MSC. They can do so easily once they get use to the format. I believe that these colors, with the corresponding, digital numbers, transit all operating systems and work for *Word Perfect*, and *Microsoft Word*—just like the number of fingers on one hand that are extended to indicate “peace” likewise transits different cultures. However, there is no need for you, at this time, to reconfigure the E-mail; merely, the invitation to receive the news should suffice.

The date in the newsletter for our next study, 4-May-2012, is not a problem because the letter itself is dated, 03-May-2012. It states that studies will continue bi-weekly thereafter. Should this fact change, it will be a matter of a news release. Because you are reading it close to its date of mailing gives you pause; however, a month, a year, a decade from now, such info will not seem inconsistent. You received it after the study date, but people who view it on the website will not know that. It was edited with that consideration in mind.

The issues of MSC authorization to baptize should not be edited or updated in the “MSC Creed”. Instead, the Creed is a constitutional document which should not be amended unless it takes a direction that was not, beforehand, accommodated. Such a diversion, I do not anticipate. The wording in the Creed is exactly as intended and accommodates our work for today. When Joshua, the high priest, comes, I now perceive that he will be authorized to baptize and assume that responsibility; that announcement will likewise be posted. Yet, such advancement will be in complete harmony with the Creed. Legitimacy and wisdom demands that, unless the message needs clarification, we do not do too much unnecessary back editing but that we, instead allow people to trace our trail along the upward-inclining, ever-narrowing path. In view of this, I would be absolutely elated and overjoyed if some give the newsletter the appropriate focus and study required to become puzzled by this seemingly inconsistent statement: The MSC recognized the SDA ministry yesterday but not today. If CNN or Fox News cited this problem in their next broadcast, such would be an obvious cause for joy and not one for edition. It would be a good launching point to begin a spirited discussion, and such an enticement, should it allure the curious, will be the proverbial hook to secure them into the net—mixing metaphors. Also, please be advised that both the Creed and the Baptismal Vows are already included in the website showing that, to alter them in the least would yield, in the eyes of the enemy, reason for impeachment by the charge of inconsistency and sophistry.

The MSC still prefers *Word Perfect* as a writing tool and uses it exclusively for its books. As I now consider it, it harmonizes with my calling in a very neat and symbolic way—making perfect the

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Lord's word. No wonder I fell in love with it and still enjoy and prefer it. Using it and others, I can truly say that it is a master tool for my job —though expedience demands that I also deploy *Microsoft Word* (MW). However, it does create problems as the world seems to be dominated by *Microsoft Word*. It causes at least one of the problems that you express, the abrupt cut-off on page eight. My website facilitator who uses MW is working to correct it. The problem deals with the interfacing of *Word Perfect*, as opposed to (MW) and the necessary *PDF file*. Our purposes have crossed. This is so because, to save on mailing costs, I produced the letter on 8.5 by 14 paper, as you will see shortly when you receive it; however, that format does not work well, or is incompatible, with the facilitator's. Perhaps it is good that you did not send the letter to the forum until it is done. Besides all of this, the E-mail letter which accompanied the invitation to go to the link invited any and all who so desired to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. A paper copy was sent to many beyond our small group, to those who have shown a prior interest. My burden was to get the letter to them. We can continue to tweak the formatted letter on the website in the interim as we are now doing. A final note on releasing the short note to the forum: If you and others feel so moved, do a little creative advertising, a little "cheer leading" and say, "Behold this notice; it is marvelous the work that the *mustard seed* is doing. Please examine the below link." These are my words; I am sure that others can infuse their own creativity.

You say the following: "***The Mustard Seed Creed does not have a direct statement of your overriding authority to baptize but it is inferred and likewise neither do the Baptismal Vows...***" As a matter of parliamentary procedure, the Creed and the Vows do not need to make such a statement; the publication, including the newsletter, is the function of such announcements.

Regarding the cost of the phone calls, you are correct: One has to have the free-long-distance, service plans provided by their carrier. I am told that most do. Those who do not and who regularly participate should advise me of that. Nonetheless, a qualifying statement will be included on the website newsletter. The claim that the calls are free is not the same as saying that they are toll free. Like the Gospel, let us not stress, at this premature stage, the definition of "free". Let those who seek new light come to the fountain and challenge me to make it free for them. Rather than haggling over the details, again, I would relish the opportunity to solve the problem of a newcomer who demands participation in that service. In approaching the release of news in this fashion, I can devote my energies and efforts to carefully parsing the details of the message.

Others, along with you, have expressed joy that the newsletter has been rekindled. I am beginning to take notes so as to have the next one ready on time. If any have special announcements worthy of inclusion, please advise.

Thank you for this opportunity to explain.

Sincerely,

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