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Dear Jamal,

Please accept my apologies for the delayed reply. Of late, much work has crossed my desk, and I am reticent to acknowledge that battles with dark forces have placed demands upon my time. All in all, God has given me victory, and I am assured that all diversions will ultimately become a benefit for the rise of His kingdom. In this vein, I will publish this, my reply to you, to the field as well, and I will do so while protecting your identity and privacy.

You come to the Lord with several problems, and, in wisdom, you have sought my counsel. To further your climb of Jacob's proverbial ladder, you must not think that your vices are insurmountable and that they control your life for the most significant step is that which you have already undertaken: honoring the Lord's voice, His *mustard seed*. He plainly says in His word, "**He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me...**" —John 13: 20. My seat —though some men who do not know the Lord's salvation may call it self-serving, egotistical, and cultish— is indeed validated by Christ in this Bible Text and many others, and you are welcome to join me and the other *disciples indeed* in this movement as we anticipate the day, nearly upon us, of our elevation. After all, the Lord, while speaking of this work, promised, "...**I will raise him up at the last day.**" —John 6: 40. You too, though you may feel distraught about the failures in your life, can likewise —while yet on this earth — be lifted up and seated high in the invisible presence of the Lord. You are wise beyond many to realize that such an aspiration is not "pie in the sky". To this end and this goal of your elevation, my overall counsel to you is that you continue to read the MSA books placed in your hands. Below, I will tell you the secrets of mastery of the literature. But for now, if you have a problem understanding most of what is therein written, then you are not alone for the doctrines are not what prevails in the religious world today, "milk"; to the contrary, the doctrines represent the promised "strong meat" of the Word, the proverbial flesh and blood of the Lord. Accordingly, you, like all others, including myself, cannot comprehend the vastness of the writings with just a single reading; thus you will need to reread it several times to fully appreciate its wisdom. This process is called "spiritual mastication", and it relates well to the appropriately descriptive metaphor of consuming "strong meat".

You wrote the Following:

"Hi there, my name is Jamal (comparable pseudonym). Here is a little bit of info of me. I am 'first nations' (Native American from Canada). I have 5 children 3 of them are mine and I take (the) 2 (others) as my own. (Because) I work away from home, they stay with my (live in) girlfriend...of 10 years...I was praying (that)...you are not too busy to help me start my personal journey with the message. I have read a couple of your books... Murky Boggs and the Rod...I really did not understand (them) that well but I felt so good reading the words... Sister Loida W_____ and brother Edgeton B_____ pass the book to me to read...I pray that I can understand more of the message; I have trouble reading most times or can't really spell that great... (I also have several besetting vices) I drink, ..when I get the chance to and it goes on for 2 or 3 days. Also, I smoke cigarettes and w_____. W_____ helps me sleep and takes the body pains away. Most of the time I would love to change my ways... I am asking for your help and (the) blessing of you and your helpmeet... I tell lies (and seemingly) every day I catch myself (so doing), (and I do so)... to fit in were ever I am... I don't want to be a liar, (a) bad father, friend, son, brother, And... a (bad) husband... Please help me... God bless you and your family. May good health happiness bless all of you" —Your E-mail, Monday, May 19, 2014 10:07 PM. All Parentheses added. Carefully edited and reconstructed to clarify meaning for publication.

My solution requires that you take several simple steps, but, as an immediate action, you must join or

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Forge a Study Group~~~~~: First, you must put down the *Rod* (*Shepherd's Rod* literature by VT Houteff) and focus entirely upon the updated work of inspiration, that of the MSA. It quotes the prophetic work of the *Rod* and the *Spirit of Prophecy*, and it does so as they were intended by heaven to be understood. But today, we are to diminish our consumption of the “milk” so as to masticate the “strong meat”. Hence, those books, being “lesser lights”, will confuse you. Instead, take one book, *Murky Boggs*, and, in unison with your “wife” (Loida, the one whom you call a girlfriend of 10 years) read and then re-read it so that the picture becomes clearer. When you have finished each section, then choose an MSA pen pal (one or more) as a companion in a newly forged study group. You can write each other and share your findings and your conclusions. Be prepared for them to give to you advice which will allow you to clearly express yourself. As your study group is forged, you will need to give to them a brief summary of what you have learned and what issues therein still confuse you after you finish each section. Be sure to copy me on your correspondence; you can use the blog on the website. As you proceed in this vein, anticipate the Lord's great blessings in understanding and communications causing you to become a more polished man, a ‘jewel in His crown’. As you read each section, use a dictionary, and as you write to describe your advances, study punctuation as part of your assignment. Any punctuation that you find in the writing to be in error, please convey such things to me —our help must go both ways. This will make you an expert and improve your spiritual acumen (spiritual ability to understand, teach, talk, and write) for the Lord has called you because He desires your helping hand. After you finish the first book, you can move on to the next one. If you agree with this approach, please advise me, and I will send both you and Loida fresh copies to begin this assignment. Do not be embarrassed; I often refer to the dictionary to correct spelling errors. Also, I often ask my wife, Vinnette, for spelling accuracy. Our women were gifted to us by God to help us in this way as well as in other more obvious ways. I have additional help: The Lord has given to me editors to help on these and other issues, and I often call the *Carnegie Reference Library* for even more assistance as well. These things manifest a greater intensity in my/your work for the Lord, a more perfect sacrifice. By increasing your intensity in the light, the Lord, being impressed by your determination, will bless you and polish you in all the areas of your perplexity and frustration. Be confident that, as you assimilate this advice, you will receive

Victory Over Enslavement to Sins~~~~~: You mentioned several weaknesses in character, failures which lead you to degeneracy and cause you to yearn for victory. The Lord celebrates your outcry for He desires that you win His freedom. He already knows of your anxieties. This we can be assured because He said, “**Whoever committeth sin is the servant of sin...If the Son** (of David) **therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed**” —John 8: 34, 36. The first vice of concern is your self-professed falterings in honesty, that which you call the impulse to deceive or lie. Let us learn a new word which is more descriptive of your problem, the expression “to dissemble”. [**Reverso dictionary: Dissemble : 1camouflage, cloak, conceal, cover up, disguise, dissimulate, hide, mask 2affect, counterfeit, falsify, feign, pretend, sham, simulate**]. This word covers all the meanings that are intended when one acknowledges themselves to be a “liar” or launches such a charge towards others. We all must grow to overcome the vice of dissembling. Showing the importance of victory over this malady, David said, “**He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight**” —Ps 101: 7—this theme his son, “the son”, must also enforce. All of God's children can become more honest, and I salute you for championing this charge within our ranks. Hence, I shall make it a teaching point and share with others your desire to polish away the tarnish and stain of your heart so as to fully divest from any connected to the MSA this character blotch.

To polish away this bad behavior, you must first discern what it is that causes you to fear self-exposure for such fears force men to hide or to camouflage/cloak/cover-up/dissemble, the truth about themselves. Why do you seek to hide your face? To answer, I must be plain and direct in my counsel; accordingly, I suspect that, being less than polished as a communicator in upper-echelon, Canadian society, and wrongly deemed by some in those societal quadrants as inferior —perhaps due to your lack of education or your Native-American heritage and culture— you seek to

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psychologically hide your face with a mask of dissemblance. As a man blighted by the African-American heritage, I can more easily read your heart in this regard better than any other person for such is my divine calling. I must reach all of God's children. Feeling already humiliated and fearing ridicule, if not emasculation [**Emasculation: depravation of manhood...**], you desperately seek to preclude even more societal demerit to be heaped upon you; so you have chosen to hide your face behind a mask of lies; you do so in order to "fit in". Instead of masking the truth about yourself and hiding behind such a facade, you should boldly, in Christ, suffer the anticipated insult —take up your cross— demand that people love you for who you truly are and do so all while you devote the upcoming years of your life, perhaps three to five of them, to the perfection and cultivation of your social and theological presentation, your face. (I have already met your "wife" Loida, and she appears to be a tender soul who can, arm-in-arm, help you to victory in this regard.) Afterwards, others will seek your counsel; you will fit in. To conceive of this solution as being integral to such a victory, consider as an example the joy of a formerly overweight person who spends three years in the gym; consider how he/she then desires to display or expose more of themselves, their physique, by the wearing of less concealing or more revealing clothing so as to exemplify the fruits of their successful work-out strategy, that which has graced them with more confidence. True indeed, beforehand, some will denigrate you for the image that you now reflect; they will ridicule your work, your life, your heritage, but the MSA, once it learns the entire truth about you, will embrace and love you as we eagerly help you to grow in Christ. That grace, I have found to be sufficient.

As you pursue this path, practice Christian grace by refusing to ridicule others who may have also fallen into even deeper despair and humility. Break from the group who instinctively find joy in the ridicule and attacks of others, the social "bullies", for such attackers cause the men/women who witness it to tremble in the fear of their own denunciation, and this tempts them to hide themselves, to become dissemblers. Instead of joining in such attacks, do the opposite and take up the cross of the despised and condemned; seek to shield them from ridicule and insult even if it means more denunciation for you —for true indeed, vicious men will turn to attack you. Such is a necessary act of charity. It reflects the counsel of the Apostle Paul: "*Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up...And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity*" —1Cor 13: 4, 13. It also reflects the Lord's wisdom when He commanded the following: "*...All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them...*" —Matt 7: 12. Let these words make you free. When you have felt isolated and excluded, would you not have loved for one who is in on the in-crowd to honor you? If so, then when Father shows to you someone in the same isolated station in life, help them to "fit in" by seizing for yourself the opportunity to practice this lesson in charity. It will win greater love for you from your family and friends as you become

Reforged into a Gentleman~~~~~: Of a surety, if you can master the MSA literature —Loida, your "wife", has already made great strides in this mission— then the Lord can present you to the world as a man higher than the pompous doctors of religion and theology who dominate the spiritual landscape —people who, believe it or not, may have just as many skeletons in their closet as do you. And, if you can receive that morning star in your life, then you can glitter with more brightness than can come from any other accomplishment in life which has formerly occupied your attention. Such men of high, religious circles don't even know to distinguish between Christ, Jesus, and Father; they do not understand that it was Christ who clandestinely hid upon Jesus, at Father's behest, and spoke through Him the words of Father's last will and testament. This refinement in theology, I suspect, the book, *Murky Boggs*, has already taught you. Knowing this Bible fact, I further counsel as a parenthetical interjection, you must always offer your prayer in Christ's name. Hence as another central step of your advancement, you must let that practical advice become the first tenet in your new walk with the Lord. Then, having devoted more energy to being polished in Christ, you can step forward with more confidence, and the impulse to dissemble so as to preserve integrity will have disappeared —for you will fear no man. The bottom line is simply this: Don't seek to win approval by denying the truth about

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yourself; instead, become a free man by improving the truth about yourself so as to step forward in Christ as a well-sculpted bodybuilder in the faith. Do not fear men and their popular consensus of opinions; instead, heed the Scriptures and “fear God” only.

Of course, your drinking and smoking —indeed, all forms of intoxication— must also become targets of your mission of self-improvement, and God can give you time to win this victory. But the steps on that upward inclining trek must start immediately. The path which you have elected is a calling from God; it requires practical efforts: work for your hands, your feet, and your mouth, and not merely empty clichés. The message requires other victories as well: You must avoid pornography, avoid places of licentiousness and drunken revelry; all must now turn their feet from those dark trails. The MSA disapproves of, strip shows, bars and the like. You did not mention such things in your list of bad habits, but the call of the hour mandates that I enforce them among the brethren and thereby include them in this published counsel.

The same applies to the use of profanity: Jesus, we are told: “...*Increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man*” —Luke 2: 52. We are told to be wise and harmless, “...*I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves*” —Matt 10: 16. In other words, we are commanded to be “gentlemen”, people who win favor with God and man. Our work is alienating and sufficiently anti-social already; we mustn’t compound it with offensive verbal vulgarities. Profane words point to human humiliation, human deeds of insult and degradation, and crass unseemly biological functions which should be concealed from the eyes of the public so as to win their “favor”. Such graphic words of vulgarity can offend and yield societal disapproval as much as if the graphic deeds which, if done publically, they depict. Therefore, people who lack discipline in this regard, preclude heaven’s efforts to “fit” them into the upper echelons of society. To work such repulsion among men yields for us the Father’s disfavor; this, Jesus did not do and His life is to be our example. We must discourse as gentlemen. The use of anti-social, verbally graphic forms of self-expression, like drunkenness, is also a manifestation of heightened, social discomfort, and it is a form of dissembling, an attempt to camouflage, cloak and conceal the anxieties of the heart. Men who profusely swear and curse, like the jungle-dwelling gorilla who beats his chest and grunts so as to intimidate, are men who seek to disguise their inhibitions and low self-esteem. If these things afflict your home, then I recommend that you and Loida pray together to the Father —again in Christ’s name— to change your life. Vinnette and I will pray with you both, and, when you make enough progress so that you understand the baptismal vows (expressed on the website), then I will arrange to baptize you into the faith.

Finally, in order for any of these things to progress forwardly, I have another mission: You must remove from your home all of your spiritual relics. These include any good-luck charms, all sculptures and graven images, or any symbols of false worship which you may have inherited from your past culture or from the Christian cultures who use graven images. These things invite the spirits of your fathers into your home, and those same spirits have yesterday won for them and their people their current state of despair. Instead, accept a higher calling from heaven for your people; embrace the Lord’s hand to integrate your home into His Kingdom. Upon so doing, you can be a champion of relief for, not only your own people, but for all men on the earth. You can show to all the path to righteousness.

May God Bless you in your ascension of Jacob’s ladder,

Derek.