

# The Mustard Seed Advent—NewsLetter, XI

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## Monthly Dispatch



### SHELTER FROM STORM

Dear Brethren,

On 29-Oct-2012, Hurricane Sandy, a category-one storm, hit the northeastern portion of the United States in one of its most densely populated areas. It left the costal and shoreline areas of the states, New York and New Jersey, with much devastation. Houses, boardwalks, amusement parks, trees, utilities, and human lives were all ravaged and afflicted by her stroke of fury. Being that Pittsburgh, a medium, US City to the west, was within the 600 mile, circular swathe of the storm’s rage as it hit the eastern seaboard, some, while viewing the news event on TV, have understandably expressed concern about our well-being and the status of our property and neighborhood.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania did not report any damage, and our headquarters/home has been left unscathed. We did receive several days of rain giving to us a little more than four inches. Quite curiously, as the storm proceeded in its westward path, it violated its anticipated trajectory—it was projected to come in land and shift north before reaching us—instead, it centered and then stagnated directly over our city for approximately a day in its weakened, downgraded state. Yet, locations on the outer parameter of its range and its circulating, cloud formations continued to deliver destruction to some of our neighboring cities. For example, Cleveland, a city some 150 miles to our northwest, suffered from power outages, flooding, and wind damage. Also, in locations such as West Virginia, 150 miles to our south, received several feet, some estimate as much as eight feet, of wet snow.

Pittsburgh is uniquely blessed in its geographical and topographical setting. We praise the Lord for His choice to locate this, His end-time headquarters, some 380 miles away from the eastern seaboard. It is also separated from that ocean by the lofty, Allegheny Mountain Range which extends as a wall from southwest to northeast. The Allegheny Mountains are a portion of the

Appalachian highlands. In fact, Pittsburgh rest in the lower-land side hills of the Alleghenies as they begin their westwardly transition from lofty elevations into rolling hills and then, eventually, the midwestern plains. This is appropriately reminiscent to the locale of the health-restoring fountain described in the *Spirit of Prophecy* by Elder Loughborough in his dream recorded in EGW's book series entitled, *Testimonies for the Church*. She introduced his dream calling it prophetic by saying,

**“...We enjoyed a precious season at Monterey with the brethren of Allegan County. Here we met Brother Loughborough...Brother Loughborough handed me the following account of another dream which he had...‘the prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream.’ Jeremiah 23: 28... ‘I thought in my dream that I was in my native town, at the foot of a long sidehill. I spoke with considerable earnestness and said: “Oh, that I might find that all-healing fountain!”’ ...”** —EGW, 08-Sep-1867, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 1, pp 600-604.

The details of this dream seem to have more meaning than that of merely a coincidence, and our current work has subtle applications which should no longer remain unnoticed. It is no coincidence that the *mustard seed* has now and from this location —not only explained this vision which EGW published, but has also— published the very fountain of which Elder Loughborough yearned, in the seclusive and protective foothills —not of Allegan, but— Allegheny County. Pittsburgh, the home of the *mustard seed*, is located in Allegheny County. In fact, the very location of its headquarters, 100 years ago before it merged with the City of Pittsburgh, was a separate city called, Allegheny City. For more of the MSC's detailed application of Loughborough's dream, please read, *Journey Through the Murky Bogs*, Chapter Five.

The mountain range has served as a mighty shield from many storms of the past and has done so again with Hurricane Sandy. True indeed it is that wind storms, like people, lose energy when they are made to climb lofty heights. Accordingly, storms that approach us from the east are tempered by that difficulty. We praise the Lord for this and for the fact that all of the brethren to our east in the Maryland area who abide more closely along the northeastern coast have likewise reported few to no problems. Sadly, Many others, of course not affiliated with this work, who resided in the touchdown zone still suffer from flooding, outages, deaths, water shortages, wind and flood destruction, fires, looting, and now even cold and snow. Many attribute these phenomena to the fanciful theory of global warming. Such an account is delusional and the predicate of evolutionary science. It assumes that the world is getting warm by comparison to its temperature over millions of years. This it does in spite of the fact that the earth is merely 6000 years of age and for several other glaring fallacies:

- **Also, man has only been able to accurately measure world temperatures in the past century until now. Thus, to forge their conclusions they rely upon crude and hypothetical as well as anecdotal evidence that comes from Arctic or glacier-ice samples and ancient tree rings.**
- **Men arrogantly and egocentrically assume that violent weather in America reflects world-wide temperatures. I must ascertain, before presuming that the world is getting hotter, the temperatures of other spots on the globe.**
- **Let us assume that their temperature guess work is accurate and the globe is getting warmer; could it not be attributable to other factors, such as the proliferation of deep-sea, ocean-floor volcanic activity —a phenomenon which, being covered by miles of oceanic water, gets unnoticed but which continuously spews large volumes of extremely hot, volcanic lava onto the ocean floors? This seam of volcanic action spreads the globe like the seams on a base ball. This it does on the bottom of all the oceans. Should not they seek to do the impossible and plunge seven miles down to the ocean floor so as to gauge the volume and temperature of that lava, produced worldwide, before they zero in on just one explanation? The fluxuation of this volcanic material would definitely contribute to the same fluxuation of the ocean waters, the source of our storms.**
- **Another potential source of global, climatic influence could be the constant change of our position in space. Just as the moon journeys around the earth and both journey around the sun, the entire solar system travels through space at a very fast rate. Consequently, our galactic neighborhood today is never the same as it was before. We are like a space ship that is ever traveling through deep space. If the radiation and temperature in space is not constant —we have no reason to believe that it is— then it is likely to affect our climate here just as likewise the moon and the sun everyday.**

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Only God can know all of the factors which affect our planet, but Christians, and thus Christian nations must trust in His care. After all, He claims to see every sparrow that falls and He considers us more valuable than many sparrows. Therefore, we should live out the youthful refrain which nearly all Christians were taught to embrace: “He’s got the whole in His hands.”

The factor which the *mustard seed* uses to explain the violent weather which is continuously besetting America in these troublesome times is that we find ourselves in the time of God’s judgment. This is why, just as promised by the *mustard seed*, America has witnessed the proliferation of many devastating, “500-year storms” as they are often called. We are in His day of judgment, and those who find themselves and their property smitten by the onslaught of storms must realize that they are in the day defined by the Bible as the judgment. If the experience greatly diverges from that which they have anticipated to accompany that drama, then it is only because they, like the ignorant scientists, have heeded to the theories of men to explain the actions of God.

**“The mind is led directly from God; the interest in his precious word is gone. Here is a book given us to guide our feet through the perils of this dark world to Heaven. It tells us how we can escape the wrath of God, and also tells of the sufferings of Christ for us, the great sacrifice that has been made for us that we might be saved and enjoy the presence of God for ever. And if any come short at last that have heard the truth, as they have in this land of light, it will be their own fault. They will be without excuse. The word of God tells us how we may be perfect Christians, and escape the seven last plagues; but they took no interest to find this out. Other things diverted the mind, idols were cherished by them, and God’s holy word has been neglected and slighted. God has been trifled with by professed Christians, and when that holy word shall judge them in the last day, they will be found wanting.”** —EGW, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 1, p. 126.

Notice, EGW recommended that all garner their understanding —not from their pulpit minister, but— from the Bible. This pertains, not just to the *Seven Last Plagues* that she mentioned, but to the hazard in which we now find ourselves, **“the need to guide our feet through the perils of this dark world”** so as to **“escape the wrath of God”**. The *mustard seed* has dutifully heeded this counsel and can relay it to all at this time. It can now educate all on this issue by showing all, from the Bible, what they are to expect in God’s judgment, and it is nothing like the myths which they have learned in church. Believe it or not, Christian ministers are even more ignorant of the Bible than are scientists ignorant of worldwide evidence upon which they should rightly build their theories, and both seek to protect their pride and reputations more than they seek to know the truth. For more investigation into the prophecies about the judgment, please go to the MSA’s website and read the letter entitled, *Shelter in the Time of Storm*, 26-May-2009, also, *Mountain Fountain and Falling Tower*, 10-Jun-2006. These letters show that, according to the Bible, the judgment began with the falling of the Twin Towers, just as promised by God. Short of that, consider the following Bible verse, describing the day of America’s judgment: **“When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.”** —Isa 57: 13. Is not this a remarkable assessment of the ethics of our current age, the time when people, indeed even the so-called conservative Christians, worship at the shrine of Capitalism. It condemns them by saying, “If you trust in corporate organization, then let them deliver you from My storms.” Let all soberly reflect upon this Bible statement as they ponder upon the corrupt sentiments of the times.

## **FIELD MINISTRY**

This past month several trips have been taken. On 05-Oct-2012, we had a week-end retreat in Edmonton Canada. We had a Friday-evening vesper and two studies on Sabbath. The meeting was well attended and the studies were spiritually enlightening. The visit and the return home went almost flawlessly.

After returning home on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we journeyed by car to Mississauga, Canada on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We likewise had a wonderful weekend retreat with the brethren there. As to be expected, the Lord blessed us in our journeys.

## DOCTRINAL AFFIRMATION

**Marital Equity**~~~~~Whenever the *mustard seed* declares a doctrine that starkly diverges from our normal expectations and then events unrelated to the MSC affirm the doctrinal point, such lends credibility to its work and thus credibility to Christ; resultantly, it becomes newsworthy. Faithfulness demands that such be cited to affirm the Lord's guidance in our work for we need to know that He "holds the cords" and we also need to shout praises to His name—in this case, praises relate to affirmation of the wisdom of His judgments and laws.

One case in point is what the MSC has explained about human sexuality. The message has taught that an inherent element of male sexuality is the component of jealousy. In fact the Bible refers to it as the "spirit of jealousy" (see Num five, Deut 22). "...**And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: Then shall the man...**"—Num 5: 14, 15. Men, the Bible shows, can become suspicious legitimately or falsely, and both cases require remedy. This phenomenon can result in a man, after marriage, to reach back into his wife's past and become gripped with resentment or suspicion pertaining to her sexual experiences with other males. It is not merely the emotional reaction to one's partner who, while married, gives inappropriate sexual attention to another for in that case both males and females have that aspect of jealousy. Instead, I am speaking of a quality associated with only male sexuality. For men to know themselves and for women to prepare themselves for marriage, both must understand that men expect pristine, sexual chastity from their spouses. This expectation is true even though most men have not taken the time to identify, recognize, or analyze this dimension of their emotions; it is a unique fold over their hearts. Thus, all females must integrate this variable to gauge future happiness. Realizing this powerful component of male behavior, Dr. Ruth, a renown sexual therapist of the world gave to females bad/unrighteous counsel in a recent communication observed by Vinnette on television. She disclosed that the best way to preserve a relationship was for females to completely conceal their sexual pasts. The point must not become misunderstood: The MSC does not elevate Dr. Ruth as a bastion of sexual wisdom. Instead, it merely cites her work to confirm the existence of the Bible-defined emotion in men. This emotion, the curiosity in men, being prevalent in all marriages, is certainly not a quality that could go unnoticed requiring only for inspiration to be the first to seek to define it; even though the world has been dull to recognize it as an integral component of a man's spirituality and slow to differentiate that emotion from those of females. By implication, such advice to hide history could only manifest that Dr. Ruth professionally or instinctively recognizes this quality, the spirit of jealousy within men. Only thus could she forge the counsel to boldly tell all females to avoid all discussion pertaining to their past sexual history with men. The *mustard seed*, in divine wisdom asserts that her counsel in this regard will never work; it will never yield peace for men will always find clues that will arouse this spirit within them.

One of the obvious clues which the MSC has disclosed is vaginal spaciousness. Others include sexually skillful tactics deployed by the female, special techniques in her sexual repertoire, expensive lingerie and clothing owned by her before marriage, expertise and skill in hotel and restaurant decorum, clues of conversation or slips of the tongue—not just during intoxication but also—during moments of casual or light-hearted discourse, dreams disclosed by her which include people of her past, a need to hide medical history, group discussions with current friends and relatives, inadvertent run-ins with people of her past, etc. The list is almost endless. Imagine the immense burden hoisted upon her shoulder should a prospective-female marital partner elect the counsel of Dr. Ruth. What type of marriage can any have if they cannot have light-hearted discussions, or discuss dreams, friends, vacations, sexual yearnings, etc? The woman would need to become a shell or a mannequin,

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and in so doing, she would place upon her and her husband's ability to love a great stress, and this would condemn any hope for a joyful marriage. The point that must be reinforced is that, by Father's judgment, full disclosure will yield the best peace. To do otherwise is to commit fraud and to seek His approval under such terms; for Father will not seek to win happiness for the female at the expense of the ignorance of the male. After all, she was created to cure his loneliness and not the opposite. He says that they must become one flesh, and as revealed in prior releases, to become one flesh, you cannot hide yourself.

But what if the wife has hid her past from her husband? In this day of the *Ordinance of Humility*, the time when we, to wash our feet of our past, remove their coverings, how can she survive full exposure which will yield his deeply felt resentment? The answer to this question, one that the corrupt scientists of the world completely ignore, is marital politics. All men and women have negotiating power in marriage, and there are other ways, ways to cure his jealous spirit, ways to preclude sexual imbalance, so as to win his heart and ensure his happiness without making him to play the fool before His God. Women, as they now seek a husband by the Lord's hand, must know these things for their own peace; they must know that, in marriage, they will lose leverage politically if they cannot present themselves with full virtue. If there are no new sexual tactics for them to unleash upon their husbands, tactics which the husband could not beforehand impose upon the marriage, then absent of this resolution, she can bring to him the feeling of equity by allowing him to have a mistress. In so doing, her fear of abandonment will be allayed by his openness in such an interlude. Many men may have already, subconsciously sought this as a resolution only to be condemned by society's unwise ethics. They should know that the Lord understands; although, he condemns their secrecy, for remember, oneness means no secrets. He forbids a man from hiding his candle under a bushel. Such a political resolution, if done in justice, will bring joy to his heart and equity to their marriage. Besides, many men, unwittingly, opt for this remedy subconsciously. Yet, if done openly, it is far superior to Dr. Ruth's solution of making the man to be a total fool. Perhaps now all can better see the righteousness of the Law and the wisdom of Christ in His marital requirements. May we all praise His holy name!

**Casual Day**~~~~~The *mustard seed* produced an audio study entitled, *Peace and Casual Friday* on 10-Aug-2012. In it, it disclosed the need for the brethren to fully unveil themselves, one disciple to another. Its emphasis was to express that we cannot love one another as disciples, the way that the Lord mandates, until and unless we fully know each other. It further expressed that just as companies have a day when they allow their employees to dress less formally, casual Friday, so should we, just before our eternal Sabbath rest, likewise relax from our normal facade and disclose the less-than-favorable qualities of our lives, imperfections formerly left undisclosed by our outlandish spiritual shrouds, so as to allow us to know each other. Such is essential for us to love each other. The example was used that it is wrong, even in marriage, to conceal from the partner their unflattering qualities for to continue to do so perpetuates a fraud. If your face, your hair, your body parts are not real or true, then, you need to dress down, to become casual. Today, Jacob's name is to be changed; his identity is to be revamped. No longer does he live by deceit and fraud; he is no longer a supplanter.

In the news, another report accentuates our need for full honesty in marriage. As reported in the internet magazine, *First to Know*, 01-Nov-2012, page 22, a man successfully sued his wife in a South Korean court. His complaint was that she failed to disclose to him, before marriage, that she had received extensive, beautifying plastic surgery and thus defrauded him. The husband's suspicions were only aroused when their baby was born and did not resemble either of them. After a DNA test proved his paternal link to the child, he uncovered the truth about her identity. She transformed herself into a more beautiful person with \$100,000 worth of surgery. This story may seem humorous, but it makes a real point: Couples need to know each other fully before they can love each other.

**RESOURCE LIST**

Two more audio studies were released in October. By the time you receive this communication, they should be available on the website. Below is a list of the most recent ones which can be now found on the website:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
11-02-2012	<i>Righteousness of the Righteous</i>	Audio Study	72:00 Min
10-19-2012	<i>The Gig is Up</i>	Audio Study	60:00 Min
10-14-2012	<i>I Did it My Way</i>	Letter	
9-24-2012	<i>Creation's Validation Bell</i>	Letter	
9-21-2012	<i>Grqvity Sting</i>	Letter	
9-21-2012	<i>Peace in the Upper Room</i>	Audio Study	74:00 Min
9-07-2012	<i>Peace in the Rain</i>	Audio Study	71:00 Min
8-24-2012	<i>Peace in the Judgment, Ps 32</i>	Audio Study	76:00 Min
8-19-2012	<i>Escape from Waco's Wrath, Part II</i>	Letter	
8-18-2012	<i>Escape from Waco's Wrath, Part I</i>	Letter	
8-10-2012	<i>Peace and Casual Friday</i>	Audio Study	64:00 Min
8-03-2012	<i>Never Knew Love Like this Before</i>	Letter	
7-27-2012	<i>Cross to Peace</i>	Audio Study	80:00 Min
7-22-2012	<i>Freedom in the Name of the Lord</i>	Letter	
7-13-2012	<i>Ordinance of Humiliation</i>	Audio Study	59:30 Min
6-29-2012	<i>Counsel of Peace</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-26-2012	<i>Follow the Lamb</i>	Letter	
6-22-2012	<i>Christ, the Most Precious Truth</i>	Letter	
6-15-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part III</i>	Audio Study	63:00 Min
6-14-2012	<i>Fallen Tree</i>	Letter	
6-01-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part II</i>	Audio Study	69:09 Min
5-18-2012	<i>Peace, Wonderful Peace, Part I</i>	Audio Study	70:34 Min
5-04-2012	<i>He Leadeth Me, O Blessed</i>	Audio Study	66:35 Min
4-20-2012	<i>Adulterous Generation</i>	Audio Study	74:01 Min

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