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Part One: Blaspheme & Christ in the Flesh

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Johnathan,

Your statement is inaccurate when you say, “you keep saying that Christ is hidden in the flesh of the prophet (Jesus)...”. It is wrong to credit me with that statement —the Bible makes that claim. Please revisit *Deut 18*, “***I will put my words in His mouth and He (Jesus) shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him...***” See also the words from the “greatest prophet” in John 1: 32, “***And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.***” See John 4: 24; according to that Text, the woman at the well gave her testimony and said, “***I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.***” If these references be not enough, then please see, Phil 2: 7, it says, “***who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant (not a one-celled zygote or a fetus) and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as (not a child, a youth, a baby, a toddler, but) a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death...***”

Consider *Isa 53* and its description of the birth of Jesus:

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is not beauty that we should desire him....But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth...He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him...and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many: for he shall bear their iniquities”—*Isa 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.*

EG White and VT Houteff promised that “new meaning would flash from familiar text”.—CSW, 34. *Isa 53*, when examined objectively clearly, becomes such a text. It begins by showing—not one as tradition has taught, but—three personalities. It says, “***Who (3) hath believed our report? And to whom (3) is the arm (2) of the Lord (1) revealed.***” Clearly, you have the Lord (**one**); then you have the Arm (**two**), and finally you have the man to whom these things are revealed (**Three**). For sake of brevity, we will only discuss individuals 1 & 2. The “Arm”, it is the extension, the instrument which the Lord employs to effect His will. It is clearly, from the context, a figurative description of Jesus. But then, after identifying the *Arm of the Lord*, we must next uncover the identity of the Lord who deploys the Arm. Much work has been done to unequivocally prove that the Old-Testament Title, Lord, is a reference to Christ. Jesus was His Arm; He was the Prophet Whom the Lord promised to employ in order to communicate to us His Word. The text shows that the Arm shall “***...shall grow up before him***”. Clearly here there are two personalities that are being described. Someone is to grow up before Christ, the Lord. That someone is the Arm; He is Jesus; the context will not allow it to be any one other person. Therefore, Jesus is to grow up before the Lord. When did Jesus’ maturation process begin? —in the womb. What did He look like during

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this process, a man, a servant, or some non-descript form? To put it differently, how did He appear in the nine months before His birth when He began to grow up as a “tender plant”? The Scriptures reveal that He had no comeliness. [**Comely: having a generally pleasing appearance: not homely or plain--Webster**] During this facet of His life, Jesus had no comeliness, no beauty. Let the Scriptures explain, “***For HE shall grow up before HIM as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.***” —vr 2. Jesus, before He was “found” as a swaddling baby in the manger, looked like all humans do during the early stages of gestation: He had no recognizable human form; He had no comeliness. The Arm —not Christ, the Lord— was born like all babies, without comeliness, without manly maturity, stature, or beauty. It says, “***he hath no form nor comeliness AND when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.***” This describes the time before and after Jesus was made visible to the world. Beforehand, He had no form or comeliness; afterward, at birth (like all babies [I am sorry to tell the truth mothers]) He had no beauty that we should desire Him. That describes His birth —what about His adulthood! I would dare say that Jesus, in adulthood, being the genetic son of God and Mary, was probably a stunningly handsome young man. At least we know that His detractors, men who used every argument that they could muster to belittle Him, never assailed Him as “uncomely”. Were they being nice and gentlemanly? —I think not since these same men unjustly crucified Him. It should be noted additionally, that humans, while entrapped within their mother’s womb are uncomely and without discernable human form. Christ was never described as being without form; remember we were created in His and the Father’s image. This text therefore could not be a description of Him. Skipping, for brevity some important verses, the Word continues: “***But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.***” Vr 5. Who was bruised, the Lord, or the Arm? Since spirits cannot be bruised —Luke 24: 39— Christ, the Lord, did not fulfill this text, Jesus, His Arm, did. Vr 6 continues: “***...and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.***” This verse clinches it. It plainly reveals the harmonious work of both Christ and Jesus during their united, three-and-one-half-year ministry to save humanity. The Lord laid iniquity upon someone else, Jesus. The only possible outlet to evade this conclusion is a more entangling web, a snare and a trap, one in which I pray you will not become snagged. That illusory escape way is the argument that the Lord, in this text refers to the Father. By now you realize the mountains of evidence awaiting you should you further resist conviction and seek that venue as a face-saving tactic. Only one who refuses to see will attempt to make this pristine fountain of truth more murky.

There are many other verses which could be used to prove that Christ was hidden in the flesh of Jesus. But you should never again allow the enemy to seduce you to presume that Derek West, independent of Scripture, is the man responsible for resounding this theme. You should not make such a claim because Derek West uses Scripture primarily to articulate and validate this new-light concept of the nature of Christ. For any to fail to make that acknowledgement, could very well be construed as a subtly attempt by the enemy to discredit the Spirit and the Word.

The same is true with your next assertion. You say, “***then to make matters worse, you say ‘Jesus for the first time did not need Christ after His three-and-one-half-year ministry.’***” Really! —is it I who unfolds this revelation? I believe that a more careful analysis will manifest a different author of that theme: Jesus Himself makes this profession. In *Matt 28*, after the Spirit Who abode upon Jesus was “commended” back to the Father, after His resurrection, and just before His ascension, Jesus said, “***all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.***” He, evidently, for the first time in His existence, became almighty; He became just like His Father. He may have needed Christ as a working partner; He may have needed both the Father and Christ to teach Him how to deploy His power (John 5:19-23), but evidently, the “all power” was a quality which He was given, a quality that He did not have before. Thus, instead of the Dove resting upon Him at His anointing to facilitate

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miraculous wonders, Jesus, after the resurrection, announces Himself to be Almighty. If this is a doctrine which you choose to attack, please do so with Scripture—not presumption. You continue your assessment of my Scriptural exegesis by asserting the following, “*if that is not blasphemy, then I don’t know what is.*” The question must be immediately posed: Blasphemy against whom?—you cannot Blaspheme God by accurately and soberly quoting His very own words. It is His word which was revealed to us so that we may know and love Him all the more. “*The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law*”—Deut 29: 29 However, you can blaspheme the doctrines of God’s enemies. Doctrines from the Pope, which slyly pervert and debase God’s true character and His nature. By calling God a Triune being, is to suggest that He has a split personality. This is the position which the SDA Church, after the passing of her founding fathers, has chosen to teach. This doctrine is in harmony with the teachings of the Papacy; they originated that thesis. I will ever be willing to proclaim the name of the Lord so as to blaspheme that false doctrine. For, in reality, it is accusing the Father of being schizophrenic. Let us speculate for a minute: It may well be that, when the full truth is told, schizophrenia, may not even be a natural human debility; it may be a sickness caused by demons. If that be the case, think of the charge which you make against God. It is no wonder that *John the Revelator* described the reign of the Papacy as the pre-wounded stage of the Leopard like beast saying, “**And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name...**”—Rev 13: 6.

I extend with love my appeal to you: Rather than fight this truth, why not put down the false themes which have gripped you; pick up the Bible and join David and his merry band.

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