

## **History of the Mustard Seed**

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Dear forum:

Below the following false and baseless charge was made against me by a timid Davidian sniper:

*"...I believe it is plainly clear to all that this particular brother is only feeding off of all of your comments. He knows that the ideas he proposes are ridiculous, but it's just what he needs to supply his need for attention. I'm afraid that by replying to his posts, all of you are not helping him whatsoever. He most likely suffered some traumatic calamity at a young age..."*

To respond to this charge requires a dossier of my personal history. Thus, I am including such a summary of my personal history for the benefit of those inquiring minds that may seize upon the above commentary and ascribe to it any degree of credibility.

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Dear Bro. and Sister S\_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your background dossier describing the spiritual path which the Lord has caused you to travel. I am glad that you find the book, 4.1, entitled, *Journey Through the Murky Bogs*, "intriguing". And I hope that you do not mind me sharing my reply to you by E-mail with my E-mail group. I will, of course, protect your identity. You wanted a brief background of my history and I am glad for the opportunity to share it with you.

I was born and raised in a SDA home and matriculated through the SDA educational cultures, but not fully. From age eight to age 14 I attended SDA schools. I was always keenly interested in Bible theology: I remember, at the age 10 (I just turned 50 yesterday, June 18) sitting alongside my mother and deliberating with Jehovah's Witnesses who would visit our home in the housing projects. I joyed in my success at exposing their errors. Years later, at age 22, I was introduced to the *Rod* after finishing my BA degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Resultantly, I joined under the leadership of MJ Bingham and was a field representative for Bashan for two years. In October, 1980, I met Vinnette Moore who was a devout Adventist vacationing in Florida from England. In November, 1981, after a ceremony in an Anglican church in England (The SDA church opposed our union) she became Vinnette West. More of our relationship is described in the end of one of the books, 4.0, that I am sending to you. Your questions regarding the African American experiences as it relates to the Bible is also thoroughly covered in 2.0 which is also being sent to you.

In August of 1981, a couple months before our actual marriage, I was told by Bashan that they could not support the both of us at Bashan (they likewise opposed our marriage) so, by God's guidance, we departed to make our own nest (little did I realize then that our home would become the Lord's Mustard Seed, the beginnings of His kingdom). From my perspective, I believe, our parting of the ways was forged on the principles of Christian charity and was amicable. Therefore, and I, still consider myself a Bashanite, a son of Bashan. We continued to study although we secured full time work in the secular marketplace. In 1994 I began to make public many of the gems of truth which the Lord had been revealing to me. It seemed that whenever I became perplexed about a doctrine, he would shortly thereafter unfold to me its meaning, and the meanings would grow in SOP and Bible validation. Some of those early doctrines will be shortly republished as soon as I am finished editing and compiling (in a few weeks).

You ask, how does one identify David amidst all those who make similar claims? The answer is simple: the Scriptures will unfold to us the answer. In my book, I prove my avowal therefrom. I

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cannot reproduce all of the evidence here and now in this forum neither does the Lord desire for me to do so. In fact, this very answer points to the first clue to identifying David: he builds a house for the Lord's name. Therefore, any proclaiming to be David must have a message which clarifies the name, the identity of Christ, they must distinguish Him and identify His name. In fact, that famous Text, Micah 6: 9 says as much: "*the Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name...*" Since you are reading book 4.1, you will see all the evidence pertaining to this criterion therein. In an E-mail that I recently distributed to the "field" it shows that David and Elijah are synonymous descriptions of the same person. Other synonyms are as follows: The faithful and wise steward, the Mustard Seed, Jacob, Zerubbabel, the Master of Thyatira, etc. But you must bear in mind, Joshua, the High Priest, is a separate and distinct person. This is a clue to identify many of the pretenders, for they claim that they are both David and Joshua, when in fact that is an impossibility. The E-mail which I sent, if you like, can be redistributed to you. It unfolds one commission that David/Elijah fulfills: he is commissioned to turn the hearts of the children (Israel, the descendants of America's former slaves) to the Parents (Davidia, the ones who dream to give birth to Israel, the 144,000). Clearly, today, just as EGW promised in 1SM. 174, the "*elect of God know without question*". None others, not even VTH, have served in this commission to turn Davidia to her children; all others have failed to see that their work for the "excuse makers" described in Luke 14 will shortly come to a halt, and Davidia will be sent out, before the Kingdom and before the Slaughter, into the streets and lanes of the city to bring in the "poor, maimed, halt, and blind". Thus does Elijah rise to receive his commission: "*he turns the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...*"

Much effort could be exhausted in E-mail to distinguish the *mustard seed* from the imposters. However, with the publication of 4.1 which you are now reading, the Lord has convinced me more clearly of my commission. My horn will not become exalted by declaring my avowal, neither will it become exalted by identifying Israel, neither will He raise me up by my attempts to expose the false claims of others who aspire for office. My horn will be exalted exactly as the Lord promised in *Psalms 89* and as revealed on 4.1, by declaring His name. This has been the subject of most of my work since I released 4.1; it has been the focus of the three seminars conducted. It has been the keystone message of my E-mails; and it is the issue which I desire for all Davidians to resolve at this time. For casting aside the Papal definition of the Lord and understanding the true identity of Christ, by knowing it was He who commanded Jesus what He should say during His 3 ½ year ministry, is the key which gives to us the fountain. It is our eternal salvation. I yearn for the support of Davidia; it is a passion which burns day and night in my heart. But, if embracing Derek West as David, and if recognizing America's former slaves as Israel, is the key to winning her support, I do not want it. I desire to proclaim—not my own righteousness, but—the Righteousness of Christ. He says, "*...I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right*"—Isa 45: 19. By my ministry, Davidia will become united in Christ. We will know of His separate identity, we will learn that He speaks only those things which the Father commands Him to speak, and we, while loving and appreciating the SOP as the "lesser light", will recognize every word which Christ has uttered to be righteousness. Therefore, we will not substitute His words for our own nor the words of any other man, no matter how inspired they may be during the years of their "partial prophecies" (see 1 Cor 13: 8-12 quoted in the Golden Bowl and thus part of the *Rod*). We will claim the righteousness of Christ. It is my prayer and personal invitation that you and your husband join me and become part of David and his merry band.

Sincerely,

Derek