LEADERS IN CLOAKS AND MASKS

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In my dream, I am sitting along the edge of the top of a mountain. The edge is actually a cliff and there is a vertical drop-off. Far below me is the rocky bottom, and in front of me I can see for a great distance. I sit there looking down, as well as straight ahead. I know that I am not afraid of where I sit; I know that I am always safe. Behind me is a grassy field. I notice that it is not a rich color as I have seen in other dreams. Around the area are trees that show life on a planet of sin.

As I sit, I think about the previous dream, which I was instructed to post quickly. I think about the importance of stressing the vote the General Conference would make regarding women's ordination. I do not question what I was shown. I realize that just as God indicated in the last dream, the way has been cleared so that women can serve as pastors. This is true, in spite of the fact, that many think the votes indicated the opposite of what the dream said. I am to serve as a messenger and deliver the message as I was instructed.

I begin thinking about those who have mistakenly assumed that the message was wrong. I think of those who would send out information to discredit me, and worse, they would try to show that the messages I receive are valueless. {1} I feel unshaken by those who express doubt. I have learned that I only serve as a messenger. It is not my place to convince others to believe.

I hear a voice call me by my heavenly name. I look up from the view below. Straight ahead is a sight of how it would have looked to see Jesus walking on the water toward Peter. Before me I see Jesus walking on the air. There is nothing below Him but the vast bottom of the cliff far below.

I hear Jesus say, "Blessed be the ones who believe before the evidence mounts." Jesus now says that many wait for a sign before they will believe His messages. For so many it seems very difficult to understand that these are the final days. The events that are unfolding before us are, and will be, rapid. Jesus becomes quiet, looks down and back up, then says, "As I have asked many times before, Will I find faith? Will I find faith before the evidence mounts?" {2}

As before, the words Jesus says remind me of the dream "Final Events and the First Supper." He extends His right hand to me and we begin to walk on the air. As before, the words are always in front of us. While we walk, Jesus reveals that the faith He has asked of many, He sees in so few. He says that many are called, but few are chosen; many are called, but few choose. He shares that God has sent many messages through prophets, yet they have been hated, some were killed, others were lied about, and most people quickly dismissed their messages. Jesus says,

"Before the evidence mounts many will stand waiting for a sign before they believe. For many, when they see their proof it will be too late."

As I stand in the air holding the hand of Jesus, my mind returns to the thought of how many times Jesus has stated, "Will I find faith when I return?" And yet, He has stated that those who believe before the evidence mounts are blessed. I think about those words over and over again. If we had evidence for everything, there would be no need for faith. I realize that what Jesus said could also be phrased in a different way: Cursed be the ones who do not believe, even after the evidence is shown. {3}

Jesus begins speaking about Jonah when he was sent to preach to the Ninevites about their coming destruction and their need to repent. The Ninevites fasted and repented. As a result, God spared the city. When Jonah protested against this, God stated that He was showing mercy toward the population who was ignorant of the difference between right and wrong. {4}

Jesus and I have been walking on air for some time. I know we have ascended higher in the air. At times we have walked on top of the big, white clouds. Jesus continues saying, "Because some sincerely fasted and prayed about the General Conference vote, God is once again showing mercy by delaying His promised judgments and postponing His demand of restitution from the guilty." {5}

He continues saying that many seem to think that it was a clear case of a simple vote. They were quick to repeat to others the outcome and spoke against the message in the dream I received. Jesus clarifies that the motion proposed by the leaders was a case of the right hand doing something behind the back, while the left was moved in front of all to distract those who are blind to what was already planned behind the scenes.

Jesus explains the following: "You have wondered why I told you that the General Conference Session would vote in favor of ordaining women, when the visible results of the vote were 'No.' The result of the vote was what I said it would be. Most do not realize that the wording of the question to be voted on was planned and carried out in a devious, underhanded way. The leadership planned it that way {6} and included it in the agenda. {7}

"Notice that the question voted on was not a clear, 'Does God want women to serve as ordained ministers?' Instead, the question placed before My people dealt with another issue altogether. {8} This confused many. {9} Since the vote did not address the issue of whether or not women should be ordained to the gospel ministry, it opened the way for the leaders to continue to ordain women. {10}

"If the vote had been 'Yes', the world divisions would have been allowed to decide whether or not to ordain women in their territories. Some divisions would have decided to do so immediately, and others would have waited. However, since the vote was 'No', things will continue as they have in the past. {11} Licensed pastors are already allowed to perform most of the duties of the ordained. {12} Women will still serve as pastors;

they will still be ordained when a local conference chooses to do it. {13} After all, has any disciplinary action been taken toward the conferences that have ordained women? Is there not a conference with a woman president? {14} Is there not a woman serving as vice president of the General Conference? {15}

"It is important to note that women who already have been ordained are not being prohibited from continuing to function as pastors. There has been no talk about revoking their credentials. Instead, the leaders have stated that they will continue to do what has been done. Not to forbid is to allow; to allow is to be in favor.

"The vote was deliberately intended to deceive. {16} The leaders have talked about one thing, then turned around and done another. {17} They planned and knew that the current status would prevail, regardless of the outcome of the vote.

Jesus asks, "How much longer will this people continue to transgress My laws and choose to follow men? He asks, "Why does this people who say they love Me continue to disobey My instructions and discredit My messages and My chosen messenger for this very time? I have given specific instructions regarding how My church is to be and how My services are to be conducted. Many do not heed the instructions of how to test the fruits of the leaders. Does this people blindly follow everything the leaders say?" {18}

1. Selected Messages, Vol. 3, p. 411

In this time ... [men] will misinterpret and misconstrue the statements of the messengers of God.

Note: The previous dream stated that when the votes were counted the way would be set clear for women to serve as pastors. That is exactly what has happened, as the rest of this dream shows.

2. Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the... evidence of things not seen.

3. Manuscript Releases, Vol. 4, p. 330

Unless the human agent inclines his heart to do God's will, and takes up God's service, the light will shine in vain. A thousandfold more light and conviction would accomplish nothing. God knows he has had sufficient evidence already.

4. The Great Test. October 2, 2010

It is clear that even the leadership of His end-time church has set aside the teachings that He has provided. No longer do His teachers prepare His people for what He has shown will happen. No longer do they teach with the Bible in one hand and the Spirit of Prophecy in the other. No longer do they prepare His sheep for His coming. No longer do they spend time in what He has written. Time is now spent in honoring man and not God.

5. 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is ... longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

6. Entertainment vs Truth, July 16, 2011

Jesus now shows me a scene of individuals whose names will not be mentioned. They hold positions as leaders or pastors. I see them put on a white mask to make themselves look good and to hide their true identity before appearing in front of people. They smile and say soft, smooth things. There are other individuals who serve in their own ministry and are not a part of an established conference. However, they are controlled by the same leaders who wear a mask. All these masked individuals are placed by the hand of Satan to control and direct unfaithful churches. They pretend to serve but instead delegate and dictate, and the people follow along as sheep being led to the slaughter house. These sheep will stand along with their leaders in the final resurrection. They have been told to test all things.

7. The Review and Herald, September 14, 1897

Satan must deceive in order to lead away. "In vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird." Underhand work must be done; a deceptive influence must be exerted; pretenses must be set forth as truth; suspicion must be lulled to sleep. Satan clothes temptation and sin with the garments of righteousness, and by this deception he wins many to his side. Christ pronounced him a liar and a murderer. O that unwary souls would learn wisdom from Christ!

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 20, p. 28

This scheme has long been followed by Satan. He works under cover, and we must seek for a full understanding of what it is necessary to do in order to gain the victory. When we imagine the foe routed and dispersed, we find them working in an underhand way through betrayers of sacred trusts. With all the deception of which he is capable Satan seeks to falsify and misrepresent. When we least expect it we may be in the greatest jeopardy. Watchfulness and perseverance, painstaking and constant effort, are necessary in the Lord's work.

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 20, no. 1423

... Some, whose eyes are now blinded by Satan, seem to be proud of their smartness and keenness, as revealed in their deceptive, fraudulent, underhand dealings. But a day will come when the Word of God, as summed up in His law, will be vindicated.

General Conference Session Agenda

Item 428-15 GS Licensed Ministers Amendment": (underlined phrase to be replaced by **bolded phrase**)

"<u>Licensed Ministers—To give men</u> <u>Licensed Pastors—To give individuals</u> an opportunity to demonstrate their call to the ministry, especially in the area of soul winning, prospective candidates are granted <u>ministerial</u> **pastoral** licenses by the

conference. The granting of such licenses confers the opportunity to develop the ministerial gift (*Church Manual*, p. 34)."

Note: The word "ministers" is usually understood to refer to men; whereas the word "pastor", as commonly used, includes women. There is pressure to demonstrate non-discrimination and inclusion. Thus, the proposed wording, planned well in advance of the session, replaced the word "men" with the general term "individuals." During the Friday, July 10, 2015 session, this amendment was approved. This was verified by a phone call to the General Conference Secretariat department on July 15, 2015. Sadly, this will allow women, and even homosexuals, to be considered and included as candidates for ministerial licenses and future ordination.

http://www.adventistreview.org/%E2%80%8Bfourteenth-business-meeting

8. The motion read in full: "After your prayerful study on ordination from the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the reports of the study commissions, and; after your careful consideration of what is best for the church and the fulfillment of its mission, is it acceptable for division executive committees, as they may deem it appropriate in their territories, to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry? Yes or No."

http://2015.gcsession.org/fileadmin/gcsession.adventist.org/files/galleries/2015-gcs-agenda-website.pdf

9. 1 Corinthians 14:33

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.

Regarding Angels, December 12, 2011

There will be leaders shown to be spies sent from the Catholic Church to infiltrate God's chosen church. They will be shown to be Jesuits placed to misguide Seventh-day Adventists.

10. NAD NewsPoints, July 9, 2015

http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742990/news/current-newspoints/newspoints-july-9-2015-women-s-ordination-divisions-may-not-decide

http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073743001/news/current-newspoints/july-10-2015-reissued-statement-of-clarification-on-the-roles-of-women-in-ministry

Adventist News Network, July 10, 2015

http://news.adventist.org/all-news/news/go/2015-07-10/gc-president-says-ordination-vote-doesnt-change-current-policy/

Counsels for the Church, p. 335

...The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending.

11. The Senior Pastor, November 2, 2011

While the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not Babylon, some of its leaders are "masked" Catholic and Jesuit spies. If they were true Seventh-day Adventists, these "leaders" would stop the apostasy and spiritualism flooding throughout the Seventh-day Adventist organization... If evil is seen, those in leadership should not just speak against it, but rather put an end to it. Those who do not stop the evil, or try to stop it, are a part of the evil.

12. Note: The following briefly shows the progression toward the acceptance of women ministers, starting from our early Adventist history to the liberal stance of today.

https://www.adventistarchives.org/ordination-in-sda-history.pdf

"The **1885 Session** underscored both the ordained pastor's prerogative in administering the ordinances and the unique ministerial authority to establish a new church when it adopted a resolution proposed by a 'Committee on Theological Queries', which stipulated that an unordained (i.e., licensed) minister did not have the right to 'celebrate the ordinances, to administer baptism, or to organize a church.' p. 14

"We also know that while licensed ministers were expected to preach, they had no right to baptize, administer the ordinances of communion and foot-washing, ordain, organize churches and so on. The 1879 GC Session resolution on 'Ordination' specified 'that none but those who are Scripturally ordained are properly qualified to administer baptism and other ordinances'—that included elders but excluded licensed ministers. As part of the debates about the roles of elders at the 1885 GC Session, the authority of the licentiate was also clarified, in very stark terms. The report of the 'Committee on Theological Queries' (which the Session adopted), stated baldly:

It is well understood that a license from the conference does not authorize the licentiate to celebrate the ordinances, to administer baptism, or to organize a church. And, therefore, if a local elder receive a ministerial license, it does not enlarge his sphere of action as an elder; it gives him no authority to celebrate the ordinances outside of the church of which he is acting as elder.

"In other words, **only an ordained minister** could 'celebrate the ordinances . . . administer baptism [and] organize a church'. p. 19. *Ordination in Seventh-day Adventist History*, by D. J. B. Trim [Emphasis supplied]

http://www.sdanet.org/atissue/wo/IRSandRedefinition.htm

As a result of a **1976 agreement** between the North American Division and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), it was agreed that licensed pastors may "perform all the functions of the ordained minister...". *The Internal Revenue Service and the*

Redefinition of Adventist Ministry, by Bert Haloviak, former Director, General Conference Archives

The Adventist Home, p. 195

From a worldly point of view, money is power... Wealth is often an influence to corrupt and destroy...

https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2013/02/a-job-for-superman

"The world church has 12,736 ordained ministers serving as 'Evangelistic and Pastoral Employees,' 5,615 licensed ministers (**unordained but on the path to ordination**), and 8,368 categorized as 'Other' meaning they work as pastors or evangelists but with a commissioned minister, missionary, or some other type of credential or license. That means there are 13,983 unordained pastors serving as 'Evangelistic and Pastoral Employees.'" [Emphasis supplied]

13. Note: Local conferences and churches will continue to promote women as pastors. The 107 women already serving as pastors in the North American Division (NAD), whether ordained or not, will continue to serve.

NAD NewsPoints, July 8 and 10, 2015

Since the motion "did not disallow this," Dan Jackson, newly re-elected president of NAD stated, "We will continue with our intention of placing as many women into pastoral ministry as possible."

https://vimeo.com/131616219

Video of NAD Report to GC Session 2015, at 15:30 minutes stated that the goal of Women in Pastoral Ministry is "to increase the number of female pastors serving more than 5000 congregations in North America.... Currently there are 107 female pastors serving in North America and the goal is to double that number in the next five years."

www.adventist.nl/2015/07/10/verklaring-inzegening-vrouwen-in-nederland/ After the vote was taken, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Netherlands issued the following statement (a translation).

"At their [constituency] session in the fall of 2012, the delegates of the Dutch churches voted to ordain women the same way as their male colleagues. The decision was made in June, 2013, and continues to be in force. The decision of the General Conference Session in San Antonio does not change this.

"Female pastors will continue to be ordained in the Netherlands Union Conference. We thank God that He calls men and women to serve Him. We heartily want to confirm that call by the laying on of hands."

14. Sandra Roberts has been president of the Southeastern California Conference (Pacific Union, North American Division) since 2013.

- 15. On July 6, 2015, Ella Simmons was re-elected as general vice president of the General Conference, a position she has held since 2005.
- 16. Conferences already may, under certain circumstances, allow a licensed pastor to perform the duties of those who are ordained.
 - "... Licensed ministers are authorized to preach, to engage in evangelism, to lead out in outreach (missionary) work, and to assist in all church activities.

There are circumstances, however, where it is necessary for the conference to appoint a licensed minister to carry responsibility as a pastor or assistant pastor of a church or group of churches. In order to open the way for a licensed minister to perform certain pastoral functions, the church or group of churches being served must elect the pastor as a local elder." 2010 SDA Church Manual, p. 34

17. Smooth Sayings or Surrender, January 12, 2011

"The Herald states that Ted Wilson calls for revival, repentance, and reformation. Yet each must examine the fruits of his words. Has there been a true form of repentance in the Seventh-day Adventist Church? A look at the obscene worship services will warrant a 'no' answer. Has the Church reformed, or is it still in a Laodicean state? Is the Church in the midst of apostasy? Is spiritualism rampant throughout the Church of which Ted Wilson stands as president? A resounding 'yes' is the only answer to each of these questions."

18. Acts of the Apostles, p. 504

Ministers of the gospel sometimes do great harm by allowing their forbearance toward the erring to degenerate into toleration of sins and even participation in them. Thus they are led to excuse and palliate that which God condemns, and after a time they become so blinded as to commend the very ones whom God commands them to reprove. He who has blunted his spiritual perceptions by sinful leniency toward those whom God condemns, will erelong commit a greater sin by severity and harshness toward those whom God approves.

The Review and Herald, January 31, 1893

There are men of the world who will volunteer to be our guides; they regard their course as wise, but they are of the class who, professing to be wise, need to become fools in order to become wise in God's wisdom. They lead away from the path where the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." They are false teachers, blind leaders of the blind. They divert the attention from the very work to be done in this period of the world's history. But those who follow the Leader step by step, will hear and recognize the voice of the True Shepherd.