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He that my soul loveth

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OUR SECRET LOVE

The Shulamite of Song of Songs stirs our souls as she yearns for the kisses of her far away lover. This small book hides itself in the center of the Bible and somehow does not fit with the warfare and carnage that we encounter in so much of the Old Testament.

The word “Shulamite” is thought to be derived from “Shunammite” which was a part of the country famous for beautiful women. So this appellation lets us know that this young maiden has been chosen by the king for her beauty. However she describes herself as “black” but comely. She has been exposed to the sun too long and even her own mother has treated her like a lowly servant.

While the maidens of the palace are bathing her and perfuming her to make her ready for the king, she is carrying on a secret conversation with the one whom her soul loveth. She has met this captivating one in the vineyards of Engedi and deep down in her heart she hides the sweet secret of her love for him and he for her.

Those around her would not and could not understand this, yet she feels drawn to the love of this mystical shepherd... *“Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedeth, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of my companions?”* (S of S 1: 7)

We know the moving story and by the Spirit we relate to this love. The Shulamite had no choice but to follow the traditions of the land and come to the palace to give herself to the erotic desires of the king. So the maidens help her to transform herself

from the little sun burnt shepherd girl to a beautiful young woman that will satisfy the king.

I know that the popular teaching of this book is that the king is a type of Christ and the Shulamite a type of the bride, but that does not fit the story at all. There is indeed something much deeper in this writing. The Shulamite is indeed a type of the bride of Christ, but the king and his splendid palace is a type of the worldly religions that have ensnared God's people in their opulence and power.

This king has many maidens that serve him and give themselves over to him to do his bidding, but he is not the one that the soul of the Shulamite desires. His approach leaves her empty and barren without the life of God. This is the difference between life in Christ and “religion” as we know it.

When we take hold of the life of the Christ within, every morning is new as the dew. We feel exhilarated and even through the darkest time we are propelled by His love and peace within. When we have religion, it is the same boring thing every day. It is the same old manna that we pick from the ground and the joy has to be pumped up by something externally exciting in our life; it is always temporary.

The Shulamite had found the Shepherd's love. The glamor and hub-bub of the palace held no appeal for her. So it is for us today- the things that excites so many in their mega assemblies and worldly games hold absolutely nothing attractive or thrilling to us. These may have been our lovers in time past, but they are now totally dead for us.

We are still in the world, but our secret Shepherd is

the only One who thrills our hearts as He whispers His words of love in our ears.

Have we not felt like this Shulamite in the palace when we were in churches or assemblies filled with people who were ready to give their undivided attention and admiration to the next king who would thrill them from behind the pulpit? Yet each time they would go home as empty as ever.

Nevertheless, the “palace” time is where we were groomed. It is there that we felt that there was more and we began to hear the voice of our Shepherd from the depth of our being. It was among the maidens of the palace that we began to yearn for the love of the true Shepherd who declares, “Behold, thou art fair; my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.” (S of S 1: 16)

As He continued to whisper in our ear, we became disenchanted with the pompous works of the palace and the need to please the king. We knew that these worldly churches have nothing that resembles His love. We began to yearn for the fresh and loving way of our Shepherd's daily embrace. Our bed is green. Our rest in this world is in His life.

As the Lord spoke this word to my heart, He began to reveal Himself in a new and living way. Indeed more and more we are feeling the drawing of His love and the solace and serenity of His embrace in our daily ordinary life. Little by little, Our shepherd has been revealing Himself to us.

We know Him as Savior, as Lord and as our High Priest. He is our Provider, Protector and Husband. Now He wants to reveal Himself as the **faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God-** (Rev.3:14b) **The firstborn among many brethren-**(Rom.8:29b) **The Alpha and the Omega- The beginning and the ending-** (Rev.1:8) The One who knew us before we knew Him and who has always been there for us.

THE ONE WHOM OUR SOUL LOVETH

In his heartfelt prayer for the church, Paul writes, “*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling,*

and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.” (Eph.1: 18) Paul was travailing for the church. The fire of God burning within him was that the church may know Christ's calling and His inheritance in the saints. We mostly think of our calling in Christ, but here Paul was speaking of Christ's calling and His inheritance in us. It is so important for us to realize that the Christ within each one desires above all to possess us for we are His inheritance.

He is the One within that stirs us by His Spirit so that we, as the Shulamite, might seek Him and leave no stone unturned until we find Him. “*I will rise now, and go about the city streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth I sought him but I found him not.*” (S of S 3: 2) Yes we have sought Him in many places of worship. But we have not found Him there. Yet we hear Him say to us, “*How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! How much better is thy love than wine!*”(S of S 4: 10a) Yes, He cleanses us and chastises us but never without great care and great love. He is the Lover of our souls.

Do not let anyone, even yourself, lay guilt and condemnation upon you. Do not allow them to rob you from the great Love that is in Christ Jesus. Do not let them take away the sweetness that He brings to your soul daily and the joy that is yours in Him.

Yes, He takes us through many difficult times and much fire but our Shepherd always leads us beside the still waters. In the midst of it all, He is there and He is our peace.

Paul wrote to the church, “*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will perform it.*” (I Thes. 5: 24-24) It is He who has called us who also performs the work in us.

We have been the “dead” but when the hour came for Jesus to call us out of our grave (darkness of this spiritual death) we heard His voice and followed Him. “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the*

voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (Jn 5: 25) From that day forward, He has been performing His work to bring us unto Himself and preserve us wholly.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD

At this point I feel somewhat like the man whose eyesight Jesus healed. At first he saw men as trees...his sight came a little at a time so that what he saw was not exactly what it really was yet, it had a similarity.

We might ask, "Who is this One whom our soul loves? Is he the One that was created in God's image? *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created him them.* (Gen.1:27)

This is the man that God made in His own image. God is a Spirit, so this man is spirit. He is the HEAVENLY MAN. He is the beginning of the creation of God. This man was given dominion over the creation of God, yet he is not an earthy man and the creation that God made is earthy. This man could not till the ground. He could not work in the earth realm to care for it.

So we read, *"...For the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and **there was not a man to till the ground.** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the **Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**"* (Gen.2: 5b-7)

We are told that God had finished creating. *"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day..."* Gen.2: 2a) So God no longer created but He formed a body of earth for His man. This was the earthy man. We are well acquainted with this man. When God formed him, his body was inert; it had no life; it was neither breathing nor moving and it had no personality (no soul). Then God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a moving, thinking, breathing man with his own personality;

the man was now a "living soul" with a self- life in his nostrils (soul life). We are told that God visited Adam in the garden in the "cool" of the day. The word "cool" here is best translated "breeze." This man communed with God and as long as he heard the voice of God, he lived.

In Gen 2:17 we read that God brought the beasts that He had formed out of the ground to this man- ADAM. This is the first time that the name Adam appears- The word Adam means RED. He was called Adam because of the red earth from which he was formed. Adam does not represent only one man in the garden long ago. He held in his loins the seed of all humanity, he represents all that would come after him in the earthy image as well.

ADAM'S WOMAN

Then the Lord God saw that the man needed a help-meet for him. It was at that time that, *"Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. So Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**"* (Gen.2: 19-20)

To fully understand the spiritual meaning that is conveyed by the way God brought His creation into being, one must see that the beasts of the fields represent the many natures that are present in mankind. This is why when the Lord speaks to us in dreams, He uses animals to let us know the nature of the spirit that is working in us or around us at the time. For instance, we may dream that we hold a dog on a leash. Because a dog is the faithful defender of his master this let's us know that the force that would cause us to defend ourselves in a certain situation must be held in check (on a leash).

So when the Lord God brought all the beasts of the field to the man, he was able to know the nature of each and named them accordingly. However, none were found to be in the same class as Adam and to be a help-meet for him.

So the Lord went into action, *“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.”* (Gen.2 :21-23)

Adam's help-meet came out of his own body. She had to be part of who he was. The word said that God took a **rib** out of the man. This word “rib” means “a side or a chamber.” A help-meet is one who is able to help meet the needs of this man. Man needed to multiply upon the earth and his help-meet would help him do just that. She was the womb of the man and she was called “woman.”

A SOLEMN WARNING

When God formed every beast of the field, He also formed the serpent. One thing to know about the serpent *“He was more subtil than any beast of the field.”* (Gen.3: 1a)

He proved to be more subtle than the woman. The word subtil or subtle applies to one who is so slight and crafty that his intentions are difficult to detect. One who is able to fool and mislead even the most intuitive by his mode of reasoning what is right and wrong.

These are the characteristics we observe in defense lawyers who win intricate cases for their guilty clients. They are the epitome of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They know how to twist the evil and make it look like truth. The serpent spirit made his case against God's word and defeated the intuitive and impressionable woman. The serpent was able to deceive the help-meet of the man.

The Word that the Lord gave to the woman was pure, but the serpent twisted it and she received a lie. The Word was true but the woman believed the lie instead. This is how the serpent deceives us today; the word is true but the mind brings it down to

a literal word and twists it in such a way that it becomes a lie. The woman is called to overcome the lies and give birth to the Manchild of Truth.

This is why the woman (the church) is being cleansed from the lies that she may love the truth and cling to it. The true Church is the bride of Christ. She is made up of those who follow the Spirit, hear the voice of the true Bridegroom and hold on to the Word of truth.

Natural death is when we have no more contact with our environment. Spiritual death is a state where man can no longer access the Spirit; he is separated from God. He has no connection with the spirit realm that rules over him and he is only occupied with the needs and wants of his natural man.

God had warned them, *“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* (Gen.2: 17) Man died as soon as his communing with God was cut off. So God set a limit on the length of man's natural life. First it was less than a day (a thousand years) for God had said that IN THE DAY that he ate of the forbidden tree he would die.

A day being as a thousand years, man lived to be almost a thousand years. But as time went by and sin increased man distanced himself farther from God and his life upon the earth became shorter until it came down to seventy years. *“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.”* (Ps.90:10)

This earthy man has been multiplying in the earth but in spite of all his scientifically advanced discoveries to keep himself alive longer, the graves receive their dead bodies each and every day. The prophet wrote, *“Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?”* (Isa.2: 22) The Amplified translation quotes, *“Cease to trust in weak frail and dying man, whose breath is in his nostrils for so short a time; in what sense can he be counted as having intrinsic*

worth?" In other words the kind of life that this man has cannot really be trusted. It is only occupied with "self." Paul cried out, "*O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*" (Rom.7: 24)

PLAN "A"

Was God's plan thwarted by Adam's sinfulness? Would He have to destroy them and start over again? Remember that when God finished His creation, He rested. This means that it was complete. All the ingredients necessary to bring His plan to fullness were in place.

God has no "plan B" it is all "plan A." God had prepared for everything. He had already created the man in His image and He had formed the "woman" or the earth that would receive the Seed of His man. However, both had to be made ready for this. For the union to take place, the man of Spirit had to die and the woman or man of the earth had to be a plowed and fertilized field to receive the pure Seed.

Why did the man after God's image have to die? Because "*...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*" (Jn.12:24b) This Man was destined to die from the beginning. The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world. He was the "Lamb" called to give His life to save God's creation from the death cycle it had entered. He is the One who is called to plant the Seed of the new creation man into the prepared woman that she might be saved in childbearing. The miracle of birth! How beautiful!

The Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world. He was born to die. Jesus Christ is the First and the Last. He is the beginning of the creation of God and He is the ending too. He is the last Adam. He is the firstborn from the dead. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

God is a God of order. There is a time and an order for everything. We read, "*But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adop-*

tion of sons." (Gal.4:4-5) Jesus' earthly body was formed in the womb of Mary. John the Baptist made sure that we know Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

When Jesus was about to finish His work on the earth, He prayed to His Father, "*I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do, and now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*" (Jn.17: 4-5)

When Jesus rose from the dead, He returned to the glory that He once had with the Father. Only He returned with something more...Now He was not only Spirit, He had a visible body of glory. He was the firstborn among many brethren. He was a new creation in God and the Father gave Him a bride to reproduce the new Seed that He had acquired. So Jesus told His disciples, "*...wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me.*" (Acts 1: 4b)

The next verse tells us that the promise is the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit is the Seed that holds the Manchild- The new creation of God in Christ- The one who knows the true God and has His life- eternal life.

Now the Holy Spirit was ready to prepare the Bride to receive this new Seed. The Bride is called the church because she is comprised of His "called out" ones- They are the ones who hear His voice and come out of the world's religions (other lovers) and desire only Him. He makes them virgins.

Jesus returned to the Father and the Father sent His Holy Spirit in the hundred and twenty earthen vessels who had gathered with trepidation in the upper room. This was the beginning of the formation of the Bride of this new creation Man.

From that day forward, the Seed was multiplied in earthen vessels but this "Incorruptible Word" needed to be nurtured in order to develop its full potential. This has been happening over the centuries and we are now coming to the time of revealing the new Man to this dying world.

The young shoot had much to overcome, but as Jesus said, *"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* (Jn 16:33b) The same Spirit that was in Jesus is now in us to overcome as He did.

Just as the first Adam needed a help-meet to multiply his seed, so the last Adam needed a bride or woman to multiply His seed in the earth. We know by the history of the Old Testament that Israel, was once called the wife of God but she polluted herself with other gods. Since then, the Lord chose some among Jews and Gentiles to receive His Word and nurture it to maturity.

These have been set apart. They have been called out of the religious orders of men and have followed the Lamb unto His death. The church who is the Bride of the Lamb has never been the visible order of Christian denominations that we see in the world. She has been called out from among them.

The Son has been with the Father from the beginning. He first came down into the womb of a virgin woman who gave birth to His earthen body. It was when Jesus was baptized of John and the Spirit came upon Him and remained on Him that God declared Him to be His begotten Son. At that moment Jesus received God's Holy Spirit and a new source of life. He was still a mortal man in the flesh but within Him He was the first begotten Son of God.

Jesus is the Seed of the Christ Man in God's image. When he said, *"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."* He laid out an earthly principle: the law of sowing and reaping. He was talking of Himself as the corn of wheat. The Seed of eternal life was now planted into the earthy man so that He could arise and be the image of God in the earth. This is the Seed of a brand new creation.

This seed had never been in the earth before; it is a new seed of life. It is the seed of the Man whose life source is the Spirit of God. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus sent the life of that seed into these earthen vessels so that His new life (eternal

life) may take root.

When the Spirit of God dwells in us, He begins to turn us around so that little by little we draw our life from the Holy Spirit and no longer from the soul man whose breath is in his nostrils (our carnal minds). Christ is the Savior of our soul and of our body. As we are one with Him in Spirit, we become flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone.

Comparing the relationship between Christ and His church to the relationship of a man and his wife, Paul wrote, *"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY."* (Eph.5:23)

"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be ONE FLESH. THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY: BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH." (Eph.5: 30-32)

Our Lord is redeeming us wholly, spirit, soul and body. *"He shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."* (Phil 3: 21) He is providing us with the body in the image of God as He subdues the soul of the earthy man that we were. *"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."* (I Cor.15: 47)

GOD'S BETTER PLAN

The writer of the book of Hebrews writes about the Son whom God has appointed heir of all things. In Gen.1:26, the man that God created in His image had been given dominion over the creation of God but he had not yet appeared in the earth. So now the writer speaks of this one who sat on the right Hand of the Majesty on high.

The day came when Jesus submitted himself to the baptism of John and fulfilled all righteousness. *"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and*

comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.” (Matt.3: 13-15)

It was at that time that the Spirit of God descended like a dove and lit upon Him. It was then that the voice from heaven was heard *“Thou are my Son, this day have I begotten thee.”* (Heb.1: 5b) This was the first and only BEGOTTEN of God the Father. Up to that time, man had been either “created” or “formed” but this One was “begotten.” When God's Spirit gently came upon Him and remained, the Son was born of God.

And the Spirit proclaims that this One is *“Made so much better than the angels, as he hath **by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.”* (Vs.4) It was to this man that God said, *“Thy throne O God, is for ever and ever...Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”* (Vs.8b-9)

When the time was fully come, Jesus was born of a woman, but when He was baptized by John and the Father's voice was heard *“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”* Jesus received the Spirit of His Father and He was born from above or born of God. He was still open to temptation for He was still in flesh and blood and was tempted in all things even as we are but He never sinned.

“Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” (Heb.2: 17)

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, YET WITHOUT SIN.” (Heb.4: 15)

It was necessary that He be tempted or tested and that He partake of the pain and suffering that we are subject to in these bodies. Not only did Jesus taste of sufferings during His stay here on earth, but I believe that because He is within us by the Spirit, He

also tastes of the pain and suffering that we each go through daily.

This Son who had never known sin came down into this realm of sin and death to deal with sin once and for all. He came to overcome sin in the flesh therefore overcoming death and making peace... **And to established a new covenant with men.**

THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS SPIRIT

“In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.” (Heb.8: 13) This is what infuriated the rulers of the synagogue. They saw Jesus as a heretic who had come to tear down all of their religious traditions. The Law was what they held over the people. They exacted their tithes and offerings according to the Law. He came to change everything and they would see Him dead.

The new covenant was indeed a threat to the religious traditions of the time. Up to now, man had failed in keeping the old covenant of the Law of Moses, and because of it, they were compelled to come and buy sacrifices to offer at the temple. This was one of the temple's most lucrative business; it would be wiped out.

This new covenant promised to change man's evil hearts. It says that God will put His laws into the minds and write them in the hearts of men. This is infuriating to those who breathe the Law. And what is even more infuriating to these self righteous ones is what God stated, *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”* (Heb.8: 12) This means that the Pharisees would no longer be considered to be above the people.

The self-righteous spirit of these Pharisees has not ceased in the world. It is the same spirit that works in the “the mother of harlots.” She sits over the people *“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls...And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...”* (Rev.17: 4a, 6a)

She is called “harlot” because she calls herself by His name but sells herself to the spirit of the world. All the religions that have spun out of Christianity came out of this woman's womb. She is decked with the gold and purple which are the colours of the true church. She is an impostor and she has shed the blood of any saint who has stood in the truth. She stands to this day but we know that her hour is at hand because the saints have all been called out of her.

The truth is a threat to her lucrative system. She has fleeced the sheep and given them crumbs in return. She has not bound up the wounds but rather has caused greater hurts. She has ruled the flocks by fear and intimidation. In the words of the prophet, *“My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.”* (Eze.34: 6)

Is this not a picture of where we have been? When we stood for truth we were despised and we wandered through all the mountains (men's kingdoms). We looked for a place to worship and fellowship in the truth but found newer bondage at every step. Our very presence infuriated the leaders who were quick to get rid of us.

I remember once when one of the pastors of a group my husband and I had been attending called on us. This group operated in a semblance of five-fold ministry. They had delegated this pastor-elder to be their voice so he had called several days earlier to set up his visit with us. We had been with this group for about three years and we did not know what this was about. We first figured that he just wanted to know more about us. But the night before his visit, my husband heard from the Lord and the next morning he told me, *“Get ready, they are coming to put the word down.”* This was the way the Lord had told him.

The pastor came with his wife. We sat at our table and served them coffee and cake while talking pleasantries but then the pastor explained that although he was not really in agreement with what he was about to say, he was sent to tell us that all five

elders had come to the conclusion that we must remain silent in the services. He insisted that they had nothing against our way of life, but we must refrain from prophesying in the services. Others could prophesy but not us. We must also refrain from sharing in the Sunday School or else we could no longer fellowship with them. This was the squeeze. This pastor was very humble and delivered the message in the most loving way possible and we appreciated that.

Later we found out that this particular pastor left that group as well and it was not long until there was a breach among the people. It had nothing to do with us personally, but I know that it really had to do with their rejection of the Word.

The truth ALWAYS infuriates those who prefer to remain in their traditions even when they once stood in the truth that they had received and were themselves persecuted for breaking through the traditions of that time. This is a great lesson for us all to learn. It is so easy to think that we have reached the highest revelation and perhaps we have for the time being, but if a brother or sister in the Lord comes in the right spirit and shares something that sounds strange to us, let us not cast them away. Let us just put the new word on the shelf until the Lord makes it clear to all of us; He will.

The self-righteous spirit does not only come from others against us; it often rises up in our own hearts. It is the spirit that tells us that we do not measure up to the Word. It tells us that we do not study or pray enough. It is an accusing spirit that wants to keep us in bondage of our own laws.

Let us discern the spirits and know that the truth makes us free. *“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”* (Jn.8: 31b-32, 36)

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