

# The Summit Lighthouse® and Church Universal and Triumphant®

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Dear Keepers of the Flame,

We are reluctant to write this letter yet we feel compelled to communicate with you about some incorrect statements that have apparently been circulated about Marsha Covington and David Lewis who have made recent claims to be messengers for the ascended masters. These statements relate to their supposed relationship, training and chelaship under the messenger.

While we do not desire to speak about anyone's personal relationship with the Guru, it is time to set the record straight. As you know people can claim all kinds of relationships with the messenger, yet Mother is no longer commenting on the outer or refuting these claims. However, in these two cases the facts do not support the claims, and we felt that it was time to let you know.

David and Marsha, who have most recently claimed the mantles of messenger, have never been trained by the messenger. They claim instead to be trained on the inner and through their years of association with Mother. In both cases these individuals were associated with Mother but did not have an especially close relationship with the messenger. They were disciplined by the messenger on a number of occasions for various matters. David worked on staff from an early age and went through several disciplines, being removed from permanent staff and being reinstated again a number of times.

It is true that Marsha taught a course in communications at Summit University under the direction of the messenger. But, in fact, the messenger told two Teaching Assistants: Neroli Duffy and Susan Kulp in a meeting prior to the commencement of a Summit University session in the 1990s, that El Morya was refusing to allow Marsha to teach because of her vibration and the inaccuracies of her teaching. El Morya said that the only way that Marsha could teach communication was if the messenger directly sponsored her under Mother's own mantle and took complete responsibility for all that she taught. Mother then directed Rev. Annice Booth, the head of SU, to ensure that either Annice or a Teaching Assistant was to be present at all times when Marsha was teaching and if an incorrect statement was made by her it must immediately be corrected.

In addition, in earlier years, when Marsha was helping Mother in preparing material for some of her lectures, Mother found that some of the material that Marsha produced was not factually accurate, and was simply the product of her own imagination.

On several other occasions the work done by Marsha was rejected by the messenger as not acceptable. Mother refused to allow her to serve as an editor. Yet Marsha has repeatedly implied that Mother was somehow training her to be a messenger and was totally supportive of her work. However, this is not the case.

In 1999 Marsha called Mother's executive assistant, Rev. Linda Worobec, to see if Mother would like to publish Marsha's book. She sent a cover letter that explained how she wrote her book, "Saint Germain on Communication," along with said manuscript. Linda recalls presenting this material to the messenger. Mother did not want to look at the cover letter or the manuscript. She did not even open the pages. Mother asked Linda what the cover letter and manuscript contained. Linda said she didn't read them closely but it appeared to be about the communication field and some communication with Saint Germain. Mother tossed the manuscript back to Linda and instructed her to give the following message to Marsha: "You need to publish it yourself. You should say that Saint Germain inspired you, otherwise it will go to your head." Mother was not interested

in this manuscript at all. Mother did not wish to sponsor this book by having it published by Summit University Press.

Mother has said it is easy for the false hierarchy to intrude upon our spiritual experiences and, in fact, it may not be the master instructing us at all. Mother's earlier direction to Marsha was to speak only of her "inspirations." The book that Marsha has published, which claims to be messages received from Saint Germain, is directly contrary to the instruction that she received from the messenger.

Apparently Marsha is also now taking credit for writing a number of the songs in our *Church Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*. Over the years some chelas did write some songs, executed artwork, performed projects, researched and prepared lectures and wrote books under Mother's direction and mantle. People were able to do many tasks often beyond their normal capacity because Mother lent them her mantle and they functioned under it. Their agreement with Mother and the masters was that they would remain silent about their roles and not have their personal attention on the songs or their work or take credit for them. It was a point of initiation and humility for these individuals. Also if there were untoward attention upon these people, this energy might even take them from the spiritual path.

Marsha is now apparently breaking her confidence with Mother. It is another example of what Mother warned her about—if she was not careful, her ego would take over. Mother taught that God is the doer in all things. We do not need to mention who wrote the songs. It was a gift from their Causal Body at a certain time and under a certain dispensation. It also teaches us not to have idolatry about anyone's human consciousness. Rather we should sing the songs we have been given with the love of our hearts, concentrating on the words and the music as we send our love to God.

While we practice upholding and honoring one's privacy in matters related to Mother's communications and counseling, we feel that these points are necessary to disclose in light of Marsha's and David's claims. There is more that could be said about these individuals' service while on staff, however we hope that this will be sufficient information to assist you in discerning the truth about their claims. We believe that we are in a period of intense testing, and it is very important that each of us be true to the masters and their path as taught by their true and anointed messengers, Mark and Mother.

A small deviation can take us many miles off the spiritual path. Mother has explained that the psychic imposters who come in the name of the masters are not ascended masters. She once said to some students who were dabbling in the psychic and taking dictations from the false hierarchy, "If your choice is to be channels among many channels, your choice is an easy one. But if your choice is to be chelas and you are willing to undergo the rigors of the disciplines of the path you have chosen—the highest and the most intense as well as the most difficult way—it is a sound choice. I trust that you will summon the courage to make it. I would suggest that you study the life of Milarepa to know that in the process of training God tears down the pride of self-development so that we can truly build upon the rock of Christ within."

We know that the forces working in these situations are very cunning, and it is easy for anyone to be taken in by them. We ask you to pray earnestly and deeply for discernment and for the discernment of your brothers and sisters on the Path. If anyone has been taken in by Marsha and David and their claims and are having second thoughts about their supposed messengership, we welcome you to contact Customer Service or a member of the Office of Ministry. No one will condemn you for your past choices. Please know that the door is open for you to return if you forsake the psychic.

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