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Subject: Re: Dutch Province
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Dear +Ruben,

I will answer your message, paragraph by paragraph.

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>In your last e-mail, you mentioned that my analysis was centered mainly on
>material items. This is true because I do not have enough data or info to
>make a logical conclusion regarding ecclesiastical matters i.e. women
>ordinations.

I certainly believe that your note was focussed on securing the properties and finances of the Dutch Province. I have no idea for whom or for what purpose. Para. 33 gives the authority to the members of the Church to elect a board to manage these assets.

You are neither a lay person, nor a member of the Dutch Province.

It is therefore difficult for me to assess your position, and especially your motives, in this situation.

>I therefore decided to share with you my thoughts and feelings
>regarding this matter while I was in Holland as follows:

Thank you.

I have always appreciate a direct and frank contact between people.

In my experience, too much is said behind people's back, and especially in closed Theosophical circles, where gossip is usually assimilated to truth....

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>Ian mentioned during the meetings that you said to Philip that his Lady Mary
>ritual for the various stages for women is a fake.

I cannot remember when, where or to whom I would have used such words. My position in this matter is the Order of Mary CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS TRUE ORDINATIONS by the Church. The Order of Mary is an organization valid under Canon Law, as any lay Order (Order of St. Alban, etc...) but not as a replacement for Minor or Major Orders. I cannot consider these ceremonies as

falling under the Sacrament of the Holy Orders, or any other Sacrament. If some people, including the Presiding Bishop, believe that such assessment translates into "fake" that is their opinion, not mine.

I doubt very much that the Presiding Bishop would say such thing to others about me, without telling them first in front of me. He is too honest to do things like that. Furthermore, I always speak Dutch with +Philip, as I am fluent in this language and +Philip doesn't speak English, there may have been a mistranslation.

>If this is true, why will

>you say that, unless you have something similar or more superior than what

>Ian is experimenting with Carla along similar lines? So, I asked myself:

>Knowing that Maurice is involved in esoteric organizations, he must have

>something about the Mother of God, World Mother, Astarte, Isis, or the Lady

>Mary. And since he is not mentioning it, it must be secret and the members

>are not free to share it outside the organization. If this assumption is

>true, is it the reason why the Dutch province is so adamant about women

>priests because the candidates belong to your organization and are qualified

>candidates for such orders? If this is the case, you must already have a

>revised version of the Liturgy to incorporate the proper wordings in the

>Liturgy thus making the Ian-Carla version of the Lady Mary redundant and

>unacceptable by the Dutch Province. (I observed the reaction of the people

>when Ian mentioned his Lady Mary, they were just amused.)

I marvel at the deductions you can make on hearsay.

Yes, I am a member of esoteric movements, and so are you.

No I am not a member of movements involving women ceremonial activities.

No, I didn't revised the Liturgy to incorporate anything else that what was decided in the Sydney Synod. I mistakingly understood that these words could be used for all the Minor Orders. Such mistake was made in good faith, as my brothers bishops had the charity to admit. I have confessed my mistake before the Synod in Camberley, and did not repeat it since.

Yes, I have declared, in Camberley, that the ladies I have mistakingly admitted would most probably agree to be transfered to the Order of Our Lady.

No, I didn't had any dealings with the members of the Dutch Province, regarding their position in ordaining women to the priesthood, because I never had the intention to go further than the Order of Acolyte, as discussed in Sydney.

Yes, I have spoken to the ladies I had mistakingly ordained and convinced them to join the Order of Mary, which they have agreed to do when, the current difficulties are over.

You may thus conclude that my ideas on the validity of the ceremonies designed by Mrs. Hooker have not changed, and that I think that they have their place OUTSIDE the Sacrament of Holy Orders, but are not sacramental replacements. I will not comment on the reactions of people in the Netherland, as I was not there.

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> If all of the above is true, there is no solution to the current
> situation unless you come out in the open and inform the GES on what you
> have and introduce it and declare it as a much better and more superior
> ceremony than Ian-Carla version of the Lady Mary experimental ritual.
> Otherwise, there will be no end to this current Maurice-Joan versus
> Ian-Carla rivalry, and meantime the Dutch Province is suffering in the
> process and the GES is in confusion.

I am not aware of any personal rivalry. Joan met Mrs. Hooker twice in her life, in Sydney and Saint Albans. All I know is that they had a private conversation that seemed friendly. To my knowledge they didn't speak to one another since. Furthermore, Joan has absolutely no interest in the LCC Priesthood, in Minor Order, in the order of Mary, or any activity in the LCC. She helps me, as a person, as she helped her father, two brothers, and sons who are or were Priests, she acts once or twice a year as a Server when nobody else is available, and that is the extent of her involvement.

She is active in a worldwide organization called "The Order of the World Mother" (the name is registered under the laws on intellectual properties and trade marks), having a valid feminine Priestess succession. This organization is reserved to women, and has, and doesn't want to have, any relationship whatsoever with the LCC. Many members of that Order are also members of the LCC, practically in every Church Province, including Australia and the United States of America. None of them have a real interest in the LCC Orders, as they are quite satisfied with their Priestess line. However, many participate in the LCC Church services and are members of the Theosophical Society. An announcement of the existence of this organization was made to the GES more than 20 years ago. This organization is not secret. It even has a web site for everyone to visit.

I don't speak about it, simply because I am not a member, and that it is not my business to promote such organization. I am just grateful for the help I have received from its members.

What regards the "rivalry" between +Ian and myself, I have attributed the harsh remarks made to me by +Ian in Camberley, when he declared in full session of the Synod "that there was something in my voice he didn't like" to tiredness and irritation, but kept no grudge. I have offered my services to him in several occasions, and he has made use of them.

Disagreement is not rivalry. Everyone knows that I not aspiring in filling his office. My 27 years as a Bishop have proven over and over again that I will defend forcefully my position before a vote is taken in the GES, but will submit to the result as soon as the vote is taken. You are probably too young as a Bishop to have noticed.

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>I can not share the above with the GES because they are all assumptions and
>no foundations unless I get more data and information from you and have your
>permission to share it.

Feel free to do so, if you think it is your duty. If you have a complaint it is your duty to file it before the GES. But you better come with proof in stead of hearsay and speculation.

As you have quoted the Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Hooker, I feel obligated to send them a copy of this reply. Would I hear that your comments have been received verbally or otherwise by other people, I will send it to the entire Synod. I sincerely hope that it will not be necessary.

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>While I was a ship captain in the Navy, I took courses in intelligence
>gathering, analysis, interviews, interrogations, making guesstimates of the
>situation, etc., and of course we learn how to listen to our Intuition too.
>We are also taught not to underestimate people and situations.

Good for you.

It is however my opinion that you have in this case, and in spite of your training, seriously misjudged (or misguesstimated) my position. When I was consecrated to the Episcopate, I joined a brotherhood of Bishops in which the vow existed that one "would never misjudge or misunderstand a Brother, knowing that he also has taken this solemn Obligation".

I am effraid, my Brother, that your "gresstimates" are seriously out of line with the principles that have guided the members of the General Episcopal Synod since its foundation.

Sincerely yours, In Christ's service,

+Maurice.