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Subject: AIN'T NOTHING "BLIND" ABOUT CHRISTOPHER OH, MY SISTER!!!

My Dear Ma Ju!

It has taken me this long, (2 whole days), to react to your posting because I needed to "gahda skin small first", and then I wasn't even sure if I should send a private or public response. After using Dear, Little Christopher Duffley's STELLAR performance as the basis of my Morning Meditation/Devotions again today, I've decided that it's about time I wrote down some "stuff" which has ALWAYS been on my mind, and I am saying it to YOU, and to anyone else who happens to read this, whether they're DIRECTLY concerned or not. Ah know say ah sabi talk me plenti (especially when mah heart FLOP TO OVERFLOWING as it is right now) so I have to make my remarks in points, so I can ATTEMPT to limit de "verbosity":

1. JESUS & CHILDREN:

No doubt, JESUS loves ALL of His Creation, BUT it is crystal clear to me that He had and still has a SPECIAL PLACE in His Dear Heart for some. NO ONE who has read a copy of the Bible I have in front of me right now can dispute that statement, because He not only SAID so, He acted accordingly. eg!

- What does Jesus Himself say after His Famous Trilogy regarding "The Lost" (Coin, Sheep, Son), which reveals His penchant for SINNERS?

I tell you that in the same way there will be <u>more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who</u> repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

- His compassionate heart led Him to raise many from the dead, but there is only 1 record of Him WEEPING over their demise, and that was in the case of LAZARUS. In case you have fRogotten or did not notice it before, this is how LAZA's sisters, Mary and Martha worded their message to JESUS: ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, <u>the one you love</u> is sick." (John 11: 3) Wetin ah go dey argue wit Mary and Martha their "grammah" for, wey Jesus sep sep, to whom their message was delivered did NOT did NOT contradict their statement with an "Ah say eh? Wusai wona comm'ot wit da kind idea?"

- Jesus be get na how many disciples? No be 12? To how many of them did He CHOOSE to reveal a GLIMPSE of His Coming Glory during THE TRANSFIGURATION? 3 ONLY! You know how some events are recorded only in 1 Gospel and not in the others? Not in this case oh! In fact, the recording of the event by the 3 Saints who retell the story is STRIKINGLY SIMILAR, virtually the same word-for-word, so much that it is incredible that they did not sit down in the same room at the same time to write it!! Behold what'am sayin' for yo' self!

1. Matthew 17:1

After six days Jesus took with him <u>Peter, James and John</u> the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2. Mark 9:2

After six days Jesus took <u>Peter, James and John</u> with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before **the**m.

3. Luke 9:28

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took <u>Peter, John and James</u> with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

By the way, it is this same TRIO he chose IN HIS VERY LAST DIFFICULT MOMENTS ON EARTH, in the GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, when he needed companionship and friendship the most, to ask to Watch and Pray with Him! Just follow the progression with me: He had just had The Last Supper with ALL 12 of the Disciples, including Judas oh! (You can even check Leonardo Da Vinci's painting if you so wish! LOL!) Next, after dismissing Deh TRAITOR/MONEY EYE to go do his atrocious deed, He left with the remaining 11 for the Mount of Olives. When dem reach for dey, wetin happen? Here's the answer, according to Matthew, one of those NOT "chosen":

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ <u>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him,</u> and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Can there be anyone who has read the Gospel of John and managed NOT to notice the 2 statements below?

When Jesus saw his mother there, and <u>the disciple whom he loved</u> standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," (John 19:26)

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" (John 21:7)

Think I have made the point to the best of my ability already, but all of the instances above involve ADULTS – full grown hefty fishermen! Let me move on to the CASE OF **CHILDREN**, and to do this, I'd rather just quote JESUS HIMSELF!!!

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mark 10:14)
And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

- But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Luke 18:16)

2. SIGHT IS WONDERFUL, BUT PERCEPTION IS WHAT'S VITAL OH!:

Little Christopher's eyes may be devoid of sight/vision, BUT HIS SPIRITUAL EYES ARE WIDE OPEN OH, and that's what matters WAY MORE! God has sure answered the Prayer embedded in the song he is singing, and OPENED THE EYES OF HIS HEART, enabling him to SEE his SAVIOR "High and Lifted Up, Shinning in the Light of *His* Glory"!!! HALLELUJAH OHHHH! Chris de Boy, should not be pitied oh! The people who need pity are those of us with 2 mbolo eyes who, even with our spectacles and pussy-eye contact lenses, do not PERCEIVE "nweng", as in "nating-nating'!!!

Remember what Jesus said in reference to the "FAR-E-SEES" (Pharisees) wey, unlike de sound of their name, dem no be evah SEE FAR?

...so that 'Seeing they may see and not **perceive**, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them." (Mark 4:12)

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not **perceive** the plank in your own eye? (Luke 6:41)

But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not **perceive** it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. (Luke 9:45)

3. MOMS & POPS ARE HANDPICKED OH! :

GOD is NOT portrayed anywhere in the Scriptures as a "Tumbu-Tumbu", Haphazard, Flying-by-the-seatof-your-pants type of Being. Much to the contrary, He is portrayed as the PRECISE, CONCISE, ALWAYS IN CONTROL MASTER PLANNER, POTTER & WEAVER that HE is! NOTHING He ever does, is a CHANCE issue. It therefore stands to reason that He chooses the PARENTS children get to have. It was certainly no different when, in the fullness of time, He sent His Only Son down to us. He definitely saw all of the Ngondérés and Bomboys in Israel, YET he HANDPICKED Dear MARY to bear Jesus, and JOSEPH to be His earthly father. I have already "established" that children are special in His sight, and even though I don't have specific scripture to back/prove it, I HAVE A VERY STRONG feeling that THE SOULS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN ARE EVEN MORE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT, by virtue of the fact that they have so much more to overcome in their journey through life!! In the same way He naturally gravitated towards and cherished The Widow, The Orphan, The Sick, The Blind, The Lame, The Deaf, and The Speech Impaired when He walked the Earth, I know He has a special place in His Heart for the particular segment of His Creation who happen to have Special Needs. How then would He not TAKE THE TIME TO SELECT THOSE WHO NURTURE THEM – Their Moms and Dads – biological and adopted? I believe He sends these dear children to PARENTS HE TRUSTS to be STRONGER, MORE DEDICATED, PATIENT, COMMITTED, DEVOTED, LOVING, NURTURING, SUPPORTIVE, ENCOURAGING, & SELFLESS than the rest of us!!!! My dear, for me, when I look at the clip you posted, the part at the beginning which shows THAT BLESSED DAD patting and holding Christopher's hand is JUST AS IMPORTANT & SPECIAL, as the singing itself!!! It is quite clear WHO, with GOD'S GUIDANCE, is responsible for wonderful performance of THE MIGHTILY ANNOINTED KID we – and thousands of others have now had the chance to see and be BLESSED by! TO YOU, MA JU, as well as to MA KATA, MA ADELINE and ALL THE OTHER MOMS who have been ANNOINTED and SHOWERED with DIVINE GRACE to mould, nurture and raise GOD'S SPECIAL DARLINGS, I HAVE THE NERVE TO SAY:

SPECIALLY BLESSED ARE YOU, MY SISTERS, AND BLESSED ARE THE SPECIAL FRUIT OF YOUR WOMBS; YOU HAVE INDEED FOUND FAVOR IN GOD'S EYES!

Obviously, my ATTEMPT to limit my "verbosity" FAILED WOEFULLY! (Ah sure say ah miss de Prayer Meeting during which de Anointing of **BREVITY** be cam down!) Anyway ... Make ah go continue mah cry in front Television, as I watch one of God's Highly Gifted Daughters GO HOME TO HER MAKER WHO ALONE, IS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE HER! SHALOM.

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(Begging Obase for the GRACE to be as mindful as she can of de big-big TIMBA/PLANK wey dey inside e own 2 eye, before e begin dey look de bamboo for anohda man e own!)

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10 year-old Christopher Duffley was born premature, blind, and was later diagnosed with autism. But those hardships haven't stopped him from following his passion, singing! Watch here as he electrifies the stage with this awesome performance of "Open the Eyes of my Heart" and be inspired!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPTMA7HIIyk