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Bringing Hidden Things to Light



Psalms 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter dark sayings of old... We will not conceal them.

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Series 2 of the Parables Bookshelf contains a variety of writings covering a wide range of topics related to the Kingdom of God. These writings originally appeared as posts on the Heart4God website, or the Parables Blog, both of which are the websites of Bible teacher Joseph Herrin.

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Syncretism - Part Seven - Parting of The Ways

Joseph Herrin (02-22-2010)

This is the most important post of this series, for in it I will address the motive behind the practice of syncretism. Without any doubt in my mind, understanding this matter will be a key issue for all who would walk as overcomers in these last days.

As I have meditated upon this subject, asking the Spirit of Christ to guide me, I have pondered what the root cause of this practice of syncretism, this leavening of the church could be. The conclusion I have arrived touches

the very foundation of Christianity.

Those who fail to accept the cost of discipleship; those who reject The Way of the cross, are susceptible to the unclean practices of syncretism. A

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Christian who has not given his or her life wholly to Christ to live as He chooses, have already adopted a spirit of compromise. This compromise opens the door to further compromise in all areas of life.

The Way of Christ and His disciples is a very narrow way. It is an afflicted way. The way of Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot, is a way of ease and self-indulgence.

Consider for a moment the contrast between Christ and His disciples, and Mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot described in Revelation.

Of Christ and His disciples we read:

Isaiah 53:2-4

For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

I Corinthians 4:9-13

For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

Of Babylon, the Great Harlot, we read:

Revelation 17:3-6

And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast... And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Revelation 18:7-16

She glorified herself and lived sensuously... for she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning...' And the kings of the earth... committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her... And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more; cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives... and all things that were luxurious and splendid... she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls.

Can a greater contrast be found between Christ and His disciples and the description of the Great Harlot, Mystery Babylon? Christ and His disciples had an afflicted path to walk. As men viewed their lives, they were judged to be stricken and smitten by God. They were strangers in the earth, without homes, without possessions, in many hardships and distresses. Their pathway was the way of the cross.

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The Great Harlot, in contrast, has all the world's goods. She says that she will never see mourning, for her heart is set to avoid all suffering. She is esteemed by the great people and merchants of the earth, where the true disciples were scorned. The harlot walks comfortably in the midst of this world system. Her path is broad, and multitudes join in her company, while the way of Christ is narrow, constricted and afflicted, and few are there who find it.

I will tell you what led to the compromises of the early church, and the corruption of the virgin Bride of Christ into a Great Harlot. It was a loathing of The Way, the narrow way, the way of the cross that all true disciples must follow.

Perhaps you have noticed that I have been capitalizing the words "The Way" throughout this series. This is the expression used to describe the early disciples of Christ. The early disciples were called "followers of **The Way**."

Acts 9:1-2

Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **the Way**, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:9

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of **the Way** before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:23

And about that time there arose no small disturbance concerning **the Way**.

Acts 24:14

"But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers..."

The early disciples were referred to as *The Way*, more often than they were called *Christians* in the New Testament. These verses above reveal that those who belonged to The Way were persecuted; they were "the disciples"; disturbances followed them; and they were viewed as a sect of Judaism.

Strong's Concordance defines the Greek word rendered as "Way" in the following manner:

hodos (hod-os'); apparently a primary word; a road; by implication a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means:

KJV - journey, (high-) way.

We see that this Greek word can be used to signify both the route and road one takes, as well as the journey. The walk of those who were true disciples of Christ was very different from the path all other people around them were following. The disciples of The Way stood out in the society they found themselves in. Their priorities, values, and manner of living was altogether different from the pattern of the world.

Christ declared to those who gathered to hear Him that The Way to life was very different than the way of the world.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and **the way (hodos)** is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and **the way (hodos)** is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

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I want you to understand this post, if you do not understand anything else from this series. There is apparent today two bodies, both women, who are identified as the Bride of Christ. One body is small in number. It is described as “a pure virgin” that has been espoused to Christ (II Corinthians 11:2). There is another body comprised of vast multitudes. It too claims to be espoused to Christ, but she is a harlot in her affections. She has eyes for the world, and the things in it.

Both of these bodies are walking very different roads. The pure virgin, few in number, is set upon an afflicted path, a narrow and constricted way. They aspire to be led of the Spirit in all they do. They have counted the cost of following Christ, even to hating their own lives, and have accepted the cost. These are following The Way that leads to life.

The other body is walking together with the world on a very broad path. It is the path of least resistance. They walk hand in hand with the merchants and money changers. They are focused on buying and selling, on eating and drinking, on building and planting and marrying. Their lives are focused on satisfying the desires of their flesh and the dreams and passions of their souls. Although a great many profess to be followers of God, these are walking the way that leads to destruction.

Among the early believers, the cost of following Christ was very clear. The early disciples, and all the 120 gathered in the upper room during that first Pentecost of the virgin church, knew very well the path that Yahshua had walked. Many had been witnesses of His crucifixion. All knew of His suffering and persecution and death. They were aware that He was an outcast from the Jewish religious system, hunted by the leaders of the Temple and synagogues.

The early church proclaimed the cost of following Christ. The first disciples knew that it would cost them everything. Christ made it clear that even as He was persecuted, so too would they. Even as He

did not possess this world’s goods, neither would they be promised the things of this world. They had to accept whatever provision their Father in Heaven chose for them, for Christ was their pattern, and they were to be conformed to His image.

When the rich young ruler approached Christ, we read the following:

Matthew 19:21-22

Yahshua said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

When the Scribe approached Yahshua wanting to be His disciple, we read:

Matthew 8:20

And Yahshua said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

In these words we read that Christ did not require a permanent dwelling place on this earth. He never owned a home. He went wherever His Father directed Him, and was content with whatever provision God chose for Him.

When Christ addressed the multitudes, He declared:

Luke 14:33

“So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”

From a strictly material point of view, there is nothing in The Way of Christ that would attract followers. One must choose The Way for no other

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reason than that it is the only path that leads to life. It was for this reason that Christ's disciples continued to follow Him when the majority fell away.

John 6:66-68

Many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore. Yahshua said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life."

Yes, if you want eternal life, if you want to be a possessor of the life of the Son of God, there is only one Way to walk. It is The Way of the disciples. It is the narrow way that promises nothing in this world, but has laid up its treasure in heaven and in an inheritance imperishable and incorruptible. It was in recognizing the truth that the Christian's reward is not in this present life that the apostle Paul penned the following:

I Corinthians 15:19

If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

The Way to life is a costly way. It is a difficult way. It is a way that only those who embrace death to the natural life, to the desires and passions of the soul, alone can find.

Luke 14:26-27

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, **and even his own life**, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

What Christ is describing is the complete opposite of the broad path that "seems right unto a man." Christ exhorted all who would be His disciples to count the cost first, to see if they could finish what they began. Were they willing to pay the full cost of

what they began? Would they shrink back at anything?

People of God, the Spirit has instructed me in The Way during the past eleven years. In 1999 the Spirit of Christ challenged me to give all things I possessed over into His care, including my wife, my children, my home, my job, and even my own life. He asked me to commit to following Him wherever He would lead me, and to doing whatever He asked. I have written of this journey in the book *Evidence of Things Unseen*.

<http://www.heart4god.ws/id426.htm>

One thing I have fully discovered is that there truly are few who are willing to walk this narrow path. Many who are dear to me have fallen away, choosing a different course. Many trials, losses, suffering, and persecutions have been my lot over the past decade. These experience included the departure of my wife and son, of being rejected by fellow ministers, and having the doors to today's synagogues, the churches, closed to me. It has led to my living as a wanderer in this earth, and even experiencing homelessness, and living at a Rescue Mission for a year. I have lived out of a car, in a tent, in a camper/van, and in other people's homes. I have gone where the Father has led me, even when that included spending time in jail.

II Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Let me share with you something I have discovered along The Way. When we count the cost of following Christ; when we accept the cost setting our faces as flint to continue to the end; when we will bear every loss without seeking an easier path, then we will also find that our the compromises we once embraced in other areas of life will also fall away from us. These compromises include the doctrines and practices of an apostate church system who is

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walking on the way that is broad and leads to destruction.

The Way of Christ is an ever narrower Way. Yahweh is ever calling His people OUT of the world to be HOLY unto Him.

Revelation 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "**COME OUT** of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues..."

The very word that is translated as "church" in our English Bibles speaks of this call of God upon those who would embrace The Way of Christ that leads to life. The Greek word "ekklesia" is translated into the English word "church." Ekklesia is more literally translated as "called out assembly." Those who would walk holy unto God are constantly being called OUT to a narrower place where there are fewer walking the path. This narrow place is a part of their journey. It is The Way, the narrow Way.

Consider now, what the inducement was among the early believers to look for another Way. The natural man despises the cross. The natural man does not desire to suffer, even if the suffering is necessary in order to fit sons and daughters to rule and reign with Christ. The natural man will seek a path of compromise where the way is not so difficult, and the most odious suffering can be avoided. Over time even the smaller acts of sacrifice and suffering will give way to a desire to be constantly at ease, endlessly entertained, and perpetually in a state of pleasure.

II Timothy 3:1-4

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited,

lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...

These words describe the state of the visible church today. Today, ministers do not even mention that there is a cost to be counted before committing to becoming a disciple of Christ. People are told that Christ has done it all. They can get their "get out of hell free card" by making a confession and saying a prayer. Then they can continue to live for their own will and desires, and God will even help them to attain all that their soul lusts for.

Such ones will inevitably find themselves following a broad way upon which the teeming multitudes throng. Having embraced a life of compromise, they will find themselves embracing mixture in all areas of life. In their religion they will see no difficulty in mixing the holy and the profane, for in their commitment to Christ they have mixed the will of God with their own Adamic will. They will obey God as long as it is pleasing to their soul, but if it does not please them, if the will of Yahweh leads to some sacrifice or suffering they do not wish to make, then they will choose the profane leadership of the fallen nature over the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Have you heeded the command of Christ to count the cost of discipleship? Have you considered that following Christ means death to your own ways? Have you considered that you must let another lead you, and live for the pleasure of another, in order to be a disciple of Christ? Are you willing to go wherever He would lead, and do whatever He would ask you to do? Have you considered that your life is not your own, for you have been bought with a price? Are you willing to live as a bondservant of God, living daily to do His will?

If you have not yet made this commitment, then you are a candidate for Satan deceit of syncretism. God requires everything. There can be nothing held back. Yahweh will ask you to lay that which is most precious to you on the altar as He directed Abraham to sacrifice Isaac.

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If you will not pay the cost, then you have already compromised your faith, and you are an open target for Satan to bring in more and more compromise and error until all is thoroughly leavened. Satan's work is far advanced in the church today. The Spirit is calling His people to come out of Babylon, to come out of the world, to come out and be a people holy unto Him.

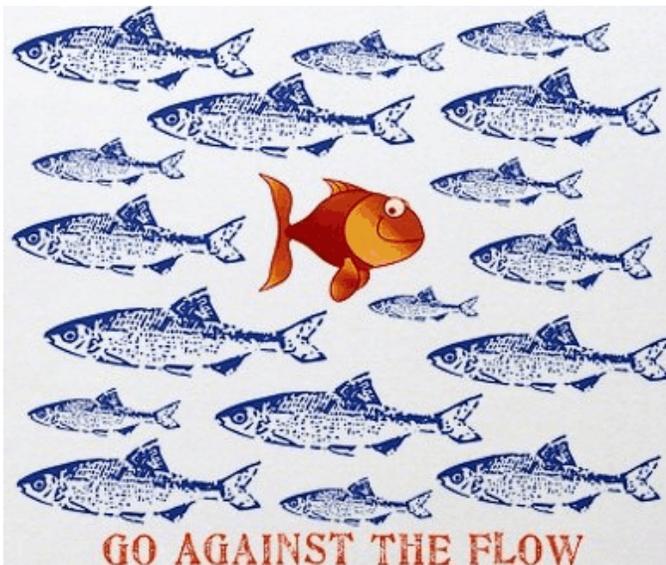
Syncretism is mixture. Syncretism is compromise.

Will you heed the call?

To be continued...

Syncretism - Part Eight - SYNC or SWIM

Joseph Herrin (10-23-2010)



Perhaps you have considered that the practice of Syncretism that has been revealed in this series is the opposite of the separation that God has always required of a people who will be holy unto Him. Syncretism is the mixing of the holy and profane. It is to travel in a path contrary to that of being separated unto a holy God.

James 4:4

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship

with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Observing the trend of the churches today as they strive to be "seeker friendly," we see that the chief means by which the church seeks to accomplish this end is to embrace the world. Does the world love rock music? The church will give them rock music. Does the world love sports? The church will create Christian sports leagues and build ball fields and a sports complex. Does the world love entertainment? The church will install big screens, professional lighting and sound systems, and put on a show. Does the world love its celebrities? The church will build a personality of cult around its gifted speakers, singers and entertainers.

Of course, those Christians who embrace all the things of the world, declare they are doing so in a quest to be "relevant." After all, they reason, how will they reach a lost world if they do not appeal to the desires of the world?

The problem with this way of thinking is that, having drawn worldly people into the church, the seekers find no significant difference inside the church. The church merely presents them with a "cleaned up" version of what they had outside. The church has all the same values of comfort, ease, pleasure, and entertainment; they are presenting a religion that satisfies the soul of man, instead of leading people to the radical change of focus that they need.

Mankind apart from Christ is by nature a consumer. He lives to satisfy his natural appetites. This became the state of all men when Adam transgressed in the Garden of Eden. Adam failed to subdue and rule over the beasts (and by extension the beast nature). Adam submitted to the rule of the serpent. Consequently, the curse on the serpent became mankind's curse.

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Genesis 3:14

And Yahweh God said to the serpent... "Cursed are you more than all cattle,

And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life..."

This curse contains a great parable. To go on one's belly, is a parable of living to satisfy the appetites of the flesh. Man's flesh was formed of the dust of the earth, and this became the food of all those ruled by the nature of the serpent. The apostle Paul alludes to this fallen state of mankind, and those in the church who continued in it, in the following words:

Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that **they are the enemies of the cross** of Christ: whose end is destruction, **whose god is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame - **who set their mind on earthly things.**

If one sets their mind on earthly things, then they are an enemy of the cross that all disciples must bear. If a man or woman is ruled by their belly, by the desires of their flesh and soul, then they are not following the pattern of Christ who testified that He did not come to do His own will.

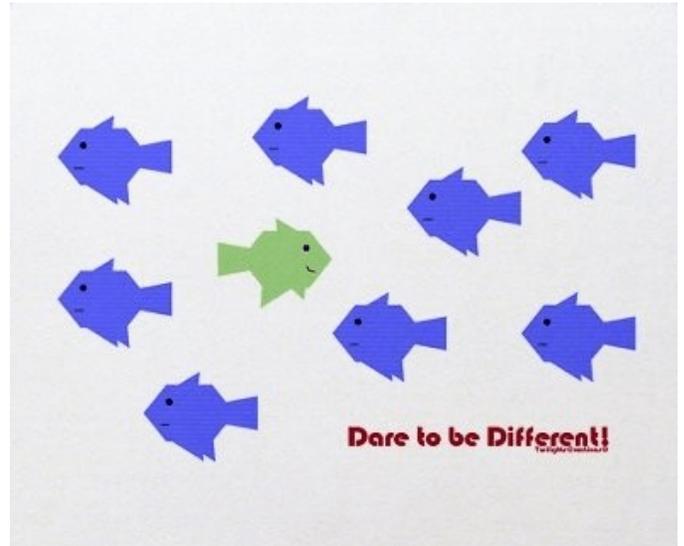
John 5:30-31

"I can do nothing on My own initiative... because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

The world knows nothing of living for the will of the Father. A worldly church is following the pattern of the world. Christians are running over with personal initiative. They live their lives according to the desires of their own soul. They have merely adopted sanitized versions of the things the world pursues. The course of their life has not been al-

tered. They are still living for self.

To be a disciple of Christ, one must make a complete about face. One must dare to be different.



To be a disciple, one must make an about face. They must no longer live to please themselves. They become the bond-servants of God, having been bought with a price.

I Corinthians 6:20

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

As I shared in the previous post, the disciple must hate his own soul.

Luke 14:26-27

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate... even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

Both Christ and His apostles contrasted The Way of the cross with loving the world. If one loved the world, and the things in it, if they were ruled by

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their belly, they were said to be enemies of the cross.

The church today has lost this distinctiveness. They have become as salt that has lost its savor.

Luke 14:33-35

"So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

It is the cross that gives the church its intense flavor. I am speaking here of the cross each disciple is called to bear. The church today speaks only of the cross that Christ bore. In their own lives there is no cross. Most Christians are not denying themselves, but rather living for self.

Some have written to me after the last post asking if there must always be suffering in our lives. Must we continually be subjected to hardship, loss, difficulty and distresses? Both Christ and His apostles have answered this question for us.

Luke 9:23

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross DAILY**, and follow Me."

I Corinthians 15:31

"I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Yahshua our Lord, **I die DAILY.**"

This does not mean that we must be miserable every moment. It does not mean that suffering is our daily portion. What it does mean is that every day we must live for the will and pleasure of God rather than for our own will and pleasure. The cross always is applied to the soul of man. Our de-

sires, our will, our ways, must be set aside in order that we might do the will of Yahweh. Though all the world and a worldly church are pursuing their own will, those who would be disciples must go against the flow. As they do, all who observe them realize that they have a very distinct flavor. There is a pungency about them that is absent in the lives of others. Their lives are potent by virtue of their sacrificial obedience to the Father.

II Corinthians 2:15-16

For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.

Let me clarify that which I shared yesterday. Some have wondered whether we must be always suffering. Must we embrace poverty, and never know any ease or comfort. In God's sight one condition is not superior to another. Whether we are well dressed, or ill-clothed; whether we are abundantly fed, or experiencing hunger; whether we are financially well-off, or experiencing great leanness, there is no moral benefit in one condition versus another.

Some do err by thinking they must always be abased, and suffering some austerity. These will not accept blessings of abundance when they come from Yahweh's hand. To have such a mind is equally as much in error as those who will only accept blessing and abundance, despising and rejecting any thought that they should ever be lacking in every good thing. The apostle Paul addresses this error in the following words:

Colossians 2:20-23

If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" (which all refer to things destined to perish with the using) - in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to

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be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

Paul is addressing those who are asserting that “self-abasement and severe treatment of the body” are required for one to be walking in a pure religion. In other places the apostles and Christ address those who go to the other extreme, desiring always to be rich in the goods of this world.

I Timothy 6:9-10

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

Despite the marked difference in the outward appearance of those who are pursuing a life of austerity, and those who are pursuing a life of material abundance, the error of their hearts is the same. They are both “self-directed.” Both groups are choosing for themselves what they will accept in this life. Paul has declared this when he speaks of “**self-made religion**” and “**self-abasement.**” It is obvious from these words that “self” is the origin of this lifestyle. In contrast, Christ never did anything that arose from self. He lived to do the will of the Father.

John 4:34

Yahshua said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.”

John 6:38

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Romans 15:3

For even Christ did not please Himself...

Christ came into a world that was living for self. He swam against the current. His life was very distinctive. He was exceedingly salty.



I have often shared in this blog that a Christian need not choose for himself a cross to bear. No man needs to go and look for some way to suffer for Christ. All we must do is surrender to be led of the Spirit of Christ in all things. This is what Yahshua did. He always did the will of the Father. Such a life, moving as it does against the tide of humanity and the forces of this world, will include conflict and suffering. At times this suffering is the result of the world standing in opposition to the course of our life, but oftentimes the suffering is internal as we wrestle with laying down some cherished thing that our soul loves.

There are no vacations in a disciple’s commitment to follow God, but our Father does give His sons and daughters seasons of refreshing. We are not always in distresses. We are not every day submitted to dangers, and fears, and reproaches. We do not meet with loss and heartache every day. There are periods of great fellowship, of relative abundance, and of calm. Our Father knows how to refine His children. He knows how long they can re-

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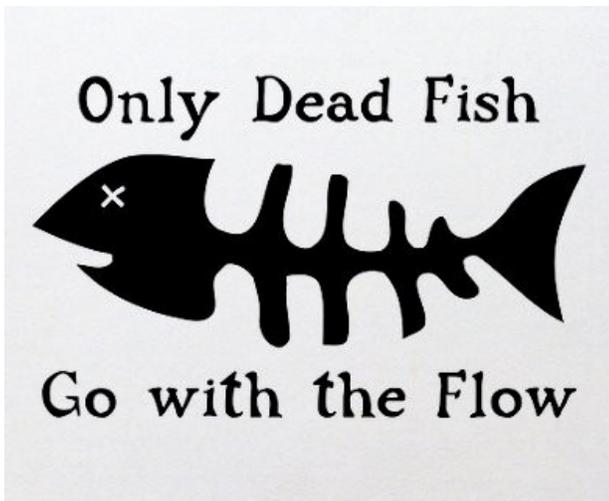
main in the fire, and when to bring them out and allow them rest.

The message I would convey to you is that a great majority of those who profess to be Christians are not walking as His disciples. They are not walking in The Way that leads to life. Many are enemies of the cross. They will not accept the cost of discipleship. They have never surrendered to be led of the Spirit in all things. They are going in the same direction they were traveling before they began confessing Christ. They are self directed, and living for selfish pleasure.

I Timothy 5:6

Whereas she who lives in pleasure and **self-gratification** [giving herself up to luxury and **self-indulgence**] **is dead** even while she [still] lives.

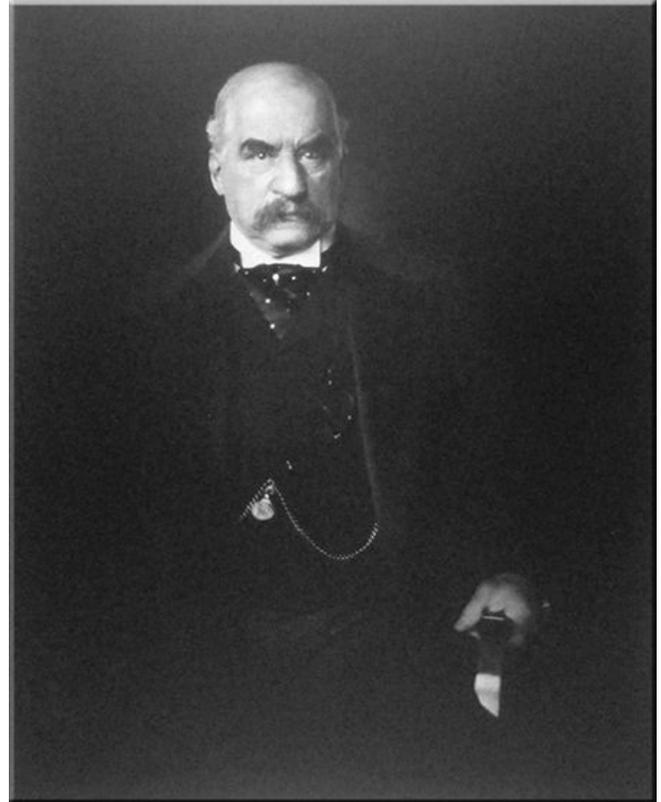
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What will you do? **SYNC** or **SWIM!**

With Malice and Forethought

Joseph Herrin (09-06-08)



JP Morgan (Photographed by Edward Steichen in 1903. A trick of light was used to make the chair's armrest appear as a dagger.)

A man always has two reasons for what he does -- a good one, and the real one.

JP Morgan

I have been making a regular petition to the Father recently that He might reveal to me those things which are to come in order that I might prepare my heart and align my actions with His revelation, as well as to share these things with the body of Christ that they might know what to expect. My heart has been burdened by the thought of the people of God being frightened by events taking place that they do not understand, so I have desired to share with them any understanding the Father has given to

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me that they might discern that He is fully in control of all things, and indeed is the One who is bringing them to pass.

Although the title of this blog posting is *With Malice and Forethought*, describing the activities of a cadre of evil men in bringing certain calamitous things to pass, God's own purposes in a matter can be entirely different. In the following passage we can discern that the works of God and the works of evil men often run side by side with the intent of accomplishing distinctly different objects.

Acts 2:22-23

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Yahshua the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know - this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."

The Scriptures testify that the Jewish leaders put the Son of God to death due to envy. They had evil motives in what they did. At the same time we are told that this was done "by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God." In this hour we are seeing a very similar event played out. There are evil men who are seeking to bring forth plans of world domination under the inspiration of Satan. These global elite are doing the works of Satan who comes to kill, steal and destroy. Yet, at the same time, all is being accomplished according to "the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God."

What is the purpose of God in these things? He is judging His people and the nations who have given themselves to a love of pleasure and a love of the world, who have in the process committed many abominations. At the same time He is working to bring forth a purified remnant from among that large entity that is viewed as Christendom today, in order that His Son might return to find a people who have been cleansed from the defilement of sin

and the embrace of worldly idols. He will bring such trials upon the world and upon the church that His people must begin to manifest faith, apart from which it is impossible to please Him.

One of the great abominations of this late hour in the sight of God is that the people who are called by His name have embraced many false doctrines that have been used to justify a pursuit of the world and those things in it. The church is called to be as a pure virgin espoused to Christ, having her affections set upon no other thing. The church has acted as a harlot by adopting a prosperity gospel that equates material possessions and a life of ease and pleasure with spiritual attainment. The church declares her love for Christ, but her actions and focus reveal that she is very much in love with the world. This is the hour of the Laodicean church.

Revelation 3:17-19

You say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent."

Those whom Christ loves, He reproveth and disciplines. This reproof must be severe, for the people of God have manifested an intractable spirit in regard to these things. Despite many warnings and reproofs, they have hardened themselves in their deceit, and consequently the discipline must be very severe in order to loose His people from that which they cling to so stubbornly.

Hebrews 12:5-6

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproveth by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."

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For many years, beginning in the early 1990's, the Spirit led me to pray regularly that He might raise up unto Himself a people for His praise in the earth. Such a people have not been observed in the Western church due to the corruptions of Laodicea. Even as Christ manifested the greatest emotion when He found the merchants and money changers in the Temple of God, He is equally incensed that the temple constructed of living stones is filled with all the noise and activity of commerce and money changing in this hour. The cleansing of the Temple of God will come with great violence, for "Zeal for My Father's house has consumed" the Son of God.

The instrument in the hand of God to accomplish this cleansing of the church will be none other than Satan and the evil men who are given over to accomplish his will. This should not surprise the Christian, for in numerous Scriptures we read of instances where God employs Satan to accomplish His purposes.

I Corinthians 5:5

I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

II Corinthians 12:7

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me - to keep me from exalting myself!

There has been a plan which has been patiently executed by evil men under the inspiration of Satan to bring about a one world government. That this plan includes the subjugation of the entire world, and the loss of personal liberty and freedom, is of no concern to those who have embraced it. The goal is the control of all people and things. America has long been a nation whose citizens have known tremendous liberty and freedoms, and therefore the Constitution that has guaranteed these liberties and unalienable rights, must be cast aside and the

Union established by the founding fathers must be destroyed.

Once more we see the hand of God in this. The church in America has used her liberty to pursue a course of worldly idolatry. The church has loved the world and the things in it, and therefore these things will be violently wrested from her grasp.

I John 2:15-16

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

As the people of God have embraced a love of the world, she has also embraced the Satanic principles of debt and usury.

Exodus 22:25

"If you lend money to any of My people who are poor among you, you shall not be like a money-lender to him; you shall not charge him interest."

Leviticus 25:35-37

"If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you. Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you. You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit."

Deuteronomy 23:19-20

"You shall not charge interest to your brother - interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest."

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The practice of charging interest for money loaned is antithetical to the Kingdom of God. The principles of God's Kingdom are "Freely you have received. Freely give"; "Owe nothing to any man except to love him"; "Having food and covering, with these we shall be content." The world system is built upon covetousness, and in order for men and women to attain the things they desire they are willing to submit to the tyranny of this fallen world system where "the borrower becomes the slave to the lender."

Throughout history there have been men who have understood that the practice of lending money at interest is unnatural and contrary to God's character.

The most hated sort of money-making, and with the greatest reason, is usury, which makes a gain out of money itself and not from the natural use of it-for money was intended merely for exchange, not for increase at interest. And this term interest, which implies the birth of money from money, is applied to the breeding of money, because the offspring resembles the parent. Wherefore of all modes of money-making, this is the most unnatural.

[Source: Aristotle - 350 BC]

Interest is the invention of Satan.

[Source: Thomas Edison]

I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. Already they have raised up a money aristocracy that has set the government at defiance. The issuing power (of money) should be taken from the banks, and restored to the people to whom it belongs.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson]

If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by infla-

tion and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.

I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of the moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our Government to trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson]

The founding fathers of America, although deists, understood that usury was a form of slavery. They therefore strenuously opposed the encroachment of private banks into the operations of government. The Constitution of the United States placed the right to print and coin money in the hands of Congress. No involvement by private banks was necessary, or desirable.

This led to a long fight between banking interests and the government. Lincoln fought a war against the Confederacy and won. However, when he took on the banking interests he lost, being assassinated by them. Andrew Jackson had better success. In a meeting with bankers in the White House he made the following declaration:

Gentlemen, I have had men watching you for a long time and I am convinced that you have used the funds of the bank to speculate in the bread-stuffs of the country. When you won, you divided the profits amongst you, and when you lost, you charged it to the bank. You tell me that if I take the deposits from the bank and annul its charter I shall ruin ten thousand families. That may be true, gentlemen, but that is your sin! Should I let you go on you will ruin fifty thousand families, and that would be my sin! You are a den of vipers and thieves. I have determined to rout you out, and by the Eternal God, I will rout you out!

This battle between bankers and the government of

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the United States continued for a prolonged period. In the late 1800s and early 1900s the bankers began to gain ground, led by men such as JP Morgan. JP Morgan held so much power over the financial and commercial sectors of this nation that many in the Federal government began to be alarmed.

In December 1912, Morgan testified before the Pujo Committee, a subcommittee of the House Banking and Currency committee. The committee ultimately found that a cabal of financial leaders were abusing their public trust to consolidate control over many industries: the partners of J.P. Morgan & Co. along with the directors of First National and National City Bank controlled aggregate resources of \$22.245 billion. Louis Brandeis, later a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, compared this sum to the value of all the property in the twenty-two states west of the Mississippi River.

[Source: www.wikipedia.com]

In the early 1900s, Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr, revealed to congress the existence of The Banker's Manifesto of 1892. Some have attributed it to JP Morgan who was the greatest banker of the time, and perhaps in all of American history. Following is an extract from it.

The Banker's Manifesto

Capital must protect itself in every way, through combination and through legislation. Debts must be collected and loans and mortgages foreclosed as soon as possible. When through a process of law the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and more easily governed by the strong arm of the law, applied by the central power of wealth, under control of leading financiers. People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders. This is well known among our principal men now engaged in forming an imperialism of capitalism to govern the world. By dividing the people we can get them to expand their energies in fighting over questions of no importance to us except as teachers of the common herd. Thus by discreet action we can secure for ourselves what has been generally planned and successfully accomplished.

It is not by chance that millions of Americans have lost their homes during the tenure of the current President of the United States. There is a great power grab under way, and a people without personal savings or homes are more easily controlled. It is also not by chance that the same banks that the Pujo Commission sought to limit in their power, are today the major beneficiaries of the current financial crisis. JP Morgan Chase received the assets of Lehman Brothers in a deal brokered by the government and the Federal Reserve. Washington Mutual, AIG, and Wachovia Bank are also being consolidated into an ever smaller number of super banks that are all controlled by a cabal of bankers, the same cabal that control the Federal Reserve.

1913 was a pivotal year for the banking elite. The number 13 is a number revered by occultists, and is featured prominently in the formation of America whose Masonic founders incorporated this number extensively in the nation's symbols. It was by design that 1913 should be the year that both the IRS and the Federal Reserve came into existence, establishing the control of the moneyed elite over the nation. Woodrow Wilson was the President who signed the Federal Reserve act into law. In later years he lamented his decision.

I am a most unhappy man. I have unwittingly ruined my country. A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men. We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated governments in the civilized world. No longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and duress of a small group of dominant men.

[Source: Woodrow Wilson]

Just before passage of the Federal Reserve Act, Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh Sr. declared:

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This Act (the Federal Reserve Act, Dec. 23rd 1913) establishes the most gigantic trust on earth. When the President signs the Bill, the invisible government of the Monetary Power will be legalised... The worst legislative crime of the ages is perpetrated by this banking and currency Bill.

Once the money powers were in control of the nation's money supply, having been ceded the authority to print money by the Congress, their control was then felt in policy. The Federal Reserve is not a government agency. It is a cabal of private banks and industrialists who have established a working relationship with the government of the United States. The Rothschild Bank of England is reported to be the predominant leader, and this should give America's citizens reason to consider what ruin actually did occur in 1913. In 1790 Mayer Amschel Rothschild said:

Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws.

The influence of the Rothschilds Bank continues to be felt today. Paul A. Volcker, after having served as the Federal Reserve Chairman under Presidents Carter and Reagan, went to work for the Rothschilds as chairman of the European investment banking firm, J. Rothschild, Wolfensohn and Co. in March 1992."

Twenty years after the Federal Reserve was created its influence upon American domestic and foreign policy had become well established. In 1933 Congressman Louis T. McFadden wrote:

Every effort has been made by the Federal Reserve Board (FED) to conceal its powers, but the truth is—the FED has usurped the government. It controls everything here (in Congress) and it controls all our foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will.

Louis McFadden championed a war against the

Federal Reserve, seeking to get its monopoly over the nation's money supply overturned. He survived a couple assassination attempts before finally succumbing.

On May 23, 1933, Congressman Louis T. McFadden brought formal charges against the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank system, The Comptroller of the Currency and the Secretary of United States Treasury, for numerous criminal acts, including but not limited to, CONSPIRACY, FRAUD, UNLAWFUL CONVERSION, AND TREASON. The petition for Articles of Impeachment has thereafter been referred to the Judiciary Committee and has YET TO BE ACTED ON.

Congressman Louis McFadden died a mysterious death in 1936. The only reference I could find of it comes from the excessively right wing rag of the time, "Pelley's Weekly," that stated on Oct. 14th: "Now that this sterling American patriot has made the Passingit became known among his intimates that he had suffered two attacks against his life. The first attack came in the form of two revolver shots fired at him from ambush as he was alighting from a cab in front of one of the Capital hotels. Fortunately both shots missed him, the bullets burying themselves in the structure of the cab. He became violently ill after partaking of food at a political banquet at Washington. His life was only saved from what was subsequently announced as a poisoning by the presence of a physician friend at the banquet, who at once procured a stomach pump and subjected the Congressman to emergency treatment."

[S o u r c e : http://www.gold-eagle.com/editorials_02/lancaster102102.html]

Satan truly comes to steal, kill and destroy, and those who are in league with him operate by the same principles. I mentioned back in April that the Lord directed me to spend a month camping. For the latter part of the month I was on Jekyll Island, Georgia. It was on Jekyll Island that a group of men met secretly to discuss the formation of the Federal Reserve, a fact that is attested to in a mu-

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seum on the island located in the Millionaires' Village. Paul Warburg was the driving force behind this meeting. Following is a quote from Paul Warburg.



Paul Warburg

Paul Warburg is not only responsible for the planning of the Federal Reserve, he also founded the Council on Foreign Relations. This "Think Tank" was fully embraced by the government as far back as Harry Truman's presidency, and most of the recent presidents have been active members. To understand the goals of the Council on Foreign Relations, the statement of Paul Warburg's son, James Paul Warburg, given before the United States Senate on February 17, 1950 will shed much light.

We shall have World Government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether World Government will be achieved by conquest or consent.

Henry Kissinger is perhaps one of the most well known members of the CFR. His views on a one world government are well known.

[The New World Order] cannot happen without U.S. participation, as we are the most significant single component. Yes, there will be a New World Order, and it will force the United States to change it's perceptions.

[Source: Henry Kissinger, World Affairs Council Press Conference, Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel, April 19th 1994]



Henry Kissinger - Sarah Palin Interview

The surrender of America to a New World Order will not come about without violence. Tremendous crises must be created in order to move the American public to a place where they will surrender their liberty and independence in exchange for a promise of "peace and safety."

*Today, America would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order [referring to the 1991 LA Riot]. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told that there were an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this *scenario*, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well-being granted to them by the World Government.*

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[Source: Dr. Henry Kissinger, CFR Member, Bilderberger Conference, Evians, France, 1991]

People of God, this is where we currently are. The plans of the enemy are well advanced. The consolidation of all banking, government and religion is well underway. A greater control is being exerted over the population. Freedoms are being surrendered one by one as external threats of terrorism and fears of economic collapse are whipped up by the media. The government is expecting great civil disobedience at some point in the near future, and has already planned for it. Troops are stationed on American soil and detention centers are already established. A collapse of the economy is inevitable, and it will lead to a sudden implementation of many of the goals of these men who are being guided by the hand of Satan.

Despite all the fear mongering about how necessary it was to pass the recent bailout package, a bill that ballooned overnight from 4 pages to over 500 pages, and which was rushed through so quickly that Congress did not have time to even read it, the banking system has not been saved, nor has economic collapse been averted. What was accomplished has been compared to the economic equivalent of the Patriot Act. Massive power has been given to the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Secretary. Preventing the collapse of banking, or the assistance of the American taxpayer was never the goal in mind. All is designed to bring about the goals of the NWO.

Today's headlines read, *U.S. Bank Failures Expected to Rise*. Isn't that what the Treasury Secretary, the President, and others said they were averting with this massive bailout? Those who believed what the media was selling them were deceived. There are a growing number of people who are seeing the handwriting on the wall. This morning I was sent a link to a 27 minute interview with Naomi Wolf that speaks of the coup that took place in America on October 1st.

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

Representative Brad Sherman's short speech before Congress where he tells how the government railroaded the passage of this legislation by threatening Congress with a collapse of the stock market and the institution of martial law, can be viewed here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaG9d_4zij8

Many people are advocating civil disobedience in response to the growing threat of the complete collapse of America as they have known it. It is to be expected that non-Christians would respond this way, for all they have is the kingdom of this world. It is their home. But as Christians, we are citizens of a heavenly kingdom. We are aliens and strangers here. Our response should not be to try to defend worldly governments or institutions. We are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this blog, God has a purpose of His own in all that is transpiring. He is seeking to purify His people; to shake them loose from the embrace of the world. This will indeed require a great shaking for many. All who would follow the Lord must let go of the things of this world. They must make Christ their focus.

The coming days will be very fearful for many, but those who have made the Lord their refuge and strong tower need not fear. Those who have been pursuing prosperity rather than the will of God will be unprepared. My prayer is for mercy to be extended to multitudes, that they might repent of their error and begin to submit themselves to the Lord.

Following is a video that I would recommend to those who want to understand better what is coming. It is Aaron Russo's *America - Freedom to Fascism*. It does a good job of telling the story of what has happened, and what is coming, but the advice given at the end of the video to engage in civil disobedience is wrong minded. The video is about an hour and a half in length, but for those to whom these things shared in this blog are strange and

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new ideas, it would be helpful to see the many news clips and testimonies in order to discern the day we live in.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1656880303867390173&hl=en>

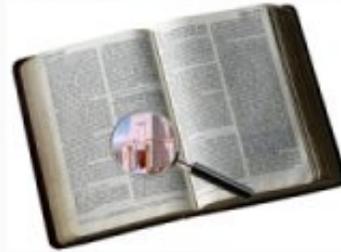
People of God, it is not a time to fear. Out of the coming turmoil the church will come forth in radiance. Her soiled garments will be replaced with robes of righteousness. A pure devotion to Christ will replace the double minded condition that exists today. Babylon will be cast down and Zion will arise. There will be great opportunities to minister to the needs of others, as well as to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

After the apostle John received the witness of all the things that were coming upon the earth, many of them devastating, he concluded with these words:

Revelation 22:17, 20

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost... He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Yahshua.

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"Man . . . is of few days, and full of trouble."

Job 14:1

It may be of great service to us, before we fall asleep, to remember this mournful fact, for it may lead us to set loose by earthly things. There is nothing very pleasant in the recollection that we are not above the shafts of adversity, but it may humble us and prevent our boasting like the Psalmist in our morning's portion. "My mountain standeth firm: I shall never be moved." It may stay us from taking too deep root in this soil from which we are so soon to be transplanted into the heavenly garden. Let us recollect the frail tenure upon which we hold our

temporal mercies. If we would remember that all the trees of earth are marked for the woodman's axe, we should not be so ready to build our nests in them. We should love, but we should love with the love which expects death, and which reckons upon separations. Our dear relations are but loaned to us, and the hour when we must return them to the lender's hand may be even at the door. The like is certainly true of our *worldly goods*. Do not riches take to themselves wings and fly away? Our *health* is equally precarious. Frail flowers of the field, we must not reckon upon blooming for ever. There is a time appointed for weakness and sickness, when we shall have to glo-

rify God by suffering, and not by earnest activity. There is no single point in which we can hope to escape from the sharp arrows of affliction; out of our few days there is not one secure from sorrow. Man's life is a cask full of bitter wine; he who looks for joy in it had better seek for honey in an ocean of brine. Beloved reader, set not your affections upon things of earth: but seek those things which are above, for *here* the moth devoureth, and the thief breaketh through, but *there* all joys are perpetual and eternal. The path of trouble is the way home. Lord, make this thought a pillow for many a weary head!