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Introduction

"Christianity" - Cultural Heritage, or Word of God?" ... deals with the Christian life, and the rising of our Spiritual ministry in the midst of a culture. The spontaneity, and presence, of God's Spirit in "our lives" is the only Gospel ... that is respected in this book.

Our traditions ... may have robbed us of the "Gospel of Light": the Spiritual relationship ... that Jesus, and the apostles of the early church, spoke of. (St. John chs.14,15,16)

As we look at the authority of the "Spirit Word", a whole new realm of the eternal becomes apparent.

Introductions to some **new understandings** are brought out for those who are seeking "God's life", as they are encouraged to become acquainted with ... the "Spirit of Truth".

The suggestion in the **Review pages** of this book is that you might "hear" what the Spirit is saying, and diligently make it your own, that you might bring forth good fruit unto the glory of the Father. (St. Luke ch.8)

- Bill C.



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Section



1



"As for you also, by the blood of your covenant, I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit ... wherein is no water."

- Zechariah 9:11

The Blood Covenant of Obedience

In the above scripture, the prophet is saying that God **acted** in accordance with the "blood of covenant"; and that He *delivered* the prisoners out of the pit.

(This is a subtle reminder of where they came from. It refers to their ancestor, Joseph, not being left to die. - Genesis 37:24. It could also refer to Jeremiah 2:13,14, if you want to think of it in gospel terms)

For most of us, we're not too sure what that covenant is that he is referring to. But, if we go back to Exodus 24:3-8, we'll see that it is a covenant of "obedience". (obedience to the *Word* of the *Spirit of God*) In an earlier part of his prophecy, (ch.6:15), Zechariah speaks to the people about God's *intention*.

"And they that are afar off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and you shall know that the LORD of Hosts has sent me unto you.

And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently <u>obey the</u> <u>voice</u> of the LORD your God."

In these ancient times, when God spoke to them, they wrote it down and sanctified it, and made a covenant of it with the sprinkling of blood. They made a "covenant of obedience" to the voice of God. They became ... "at one with Him".

In the later writings of the New Testament, even more is said of the Spirit of God, and "<u>obeying His voice</u>". (Acts 2:16-18,38-40, Romans ch.8, 1 Corinthians ch.2, and Revelation 3:18-22)

Someone told you that you should invite Jesus into your heart, because you were a sinner; and that he died on the cross for you so that you could be forgiven for your sins. That's the Christian gospel that we've been taught. It's the doctrine of substitution; and it has left the church without the knowledge of the *presence* of the *Holy Spirit*, and the *voice* that we are speaking of. (and "sonship" -Romans ch.8)

We know all about preachers, and fancy buildings, and dinner parties, and saints, and history, and church events; but we don't know *the voice* of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness, ... is because of the <u>grace</u> <u>of God</u>.

The "blood covenant" is a covenant of obedience to His voice. (Exodus 24:3-8)

The blood of the covenant is mentioned in Hebrews, as the writer tries to tell the people what the gospel <u>is</u>. So, here is a quick outline from Hebrews that may help us to see that the blood of the covenant ... is about the "obedience of faith". Hebrews ch.3 - "hearing His voice" (the Holy Spirit)

Hebrews ch.5:8,9 - is pretty straight forward about obedience and salvation.

Hebrews ch.6 - talks to us about wavering from "obedience" to the word of the Holy Spirit, and from the gospel of Christ; and how the "promise of blessing" made to Abraham is inherited through faith and patience. Jesus is our fore-runner.

Hebrews ch.7 - the "eternal priest", appointed by God. We also, are of this priesthood. (1 Peter ch.2)

Hebrews ch.8 - the "covenant". The <u>revelation</u> of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:16-18,38-40, Romans ch.8)

"We see something that impresses us, and we want it. We've always been running on someone else's track. At the end of our time, we have nothing to show for it. It wasn't "me". There is a void.

When will we stop, and come home to <u>honest</u> <u>individuality</u> before God ? " Hebrews ch.9 - the covenant of obedience, and the sprinkling of blood is like *this* ... (vs.14)

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who <u>through the eternal Spirit</u> offered himself without spot to God, purge <u>your</u> <u>conscience</u> from dead works ... to serve the living God ? "

Take this example. It should effect your "conscience". It should effect your "relationship", and your works, to be *obedient* to the Spirit of the living God.

Obedience, mediates the covenant with God. (Romans 5:19)*

Hebrews 9:19-22 - the sprinkling of the "blood of the covenant". What covenant ? (See: Exodus ch.24:3-8)*

Hebrews ch.10 - vs. 5-9 - not sacrifice

vs. 35,36 - I will do Your will

In the time of Moses, he wrote down what God told him for the nation, and sprinkled it (anointed it, sanctified it) with blood.

The Christ gospel is different in that it is personal, and our word of obedience is found in our hearts and minds. (Hebrews 9:14, Acts 2:16-21, Hebrews 10:29, Acts 2:38-40) God's Spirit <u>speaks to us;</u> and we are His sons and daughters. (Romans ch.8, 1Corinthians ch.2)

What was the covenant ? (Covenant of obedience)

What was the blessing on ? (Obedience)

What is faith ? (Obedience)

(Now, let's look at Hebrews chapter eleven)

Hebrews ch.11 - "faith", by it those that have gone before have gained a good report. (vs.2) But now, we carry the presence of God. (The promise, and fellowship, of His Spirit)

Not Religious Information

Don't major in information. Information, is <u>only</u> information.

I have a plaque by my desk that says ...

"You don't carry "Presence" by reading other people's books (incl. the apostles)

You carry "presence" ... by hearing the Holy Spirit; and by "cooperating" with Him ... in faith."

- Learning to Be ... The "Light"

Quoting ancient scriptures, or even accounts from the Bible's New Testament, as "the Word of the LORD", is <u>not</u> what we are talking about, here.

Much of the former scriptures are permeated with the culture of the times; and what we must realize is ... that God is the God of "<u>this generation</u>", now.

What does God want to say to the church, today ?

The apostle John pointed this out when he said, ...

"<u>he</u> that has an ear, let him hear what <u>the</u> <u>Spirit</u> says to the churches".

- Revelation chs.2,3

(Are we doing that ?)

Just as in the days of Jesus, God is looking at the anxieties of the human.

That's why Jesus said that the Spirit of the LORD was upon him to minister to the *afflicted*, that they <u>might have</u> <u>peace</u>. (St. Luke 4:17-21,40, St. Matthew 11:28-30)

It was never prophesied that God would give us a Book ... to live by. That's "legalism".

The gospel is about the outpouring of ... "<u>abiding presence</u>". That's the "working of grace", and the "word of reconciliation". That, was prophesied ... many times. (Galatians 3:5)

The Word of the Spirit - Today

When <u>receiving</u> from another prophet ...

1. Don't talk. Receive. (don't talk, write it down)

2. Don't add your reasoning to it.

3. Stay open for more, until you have an understanding

4. Be prepared to "act" upon the *Word* when you have an understanding (that's called faith - Hebrews ch.11)

* When <u>delivering</u> the Word of the Spirit to others ...

5. Even if you only have a partial "Word", don't add your reasoning to it.

- because when "more comes", ... your reasonings will confuse it. (Are you supposed to deliver it ? When ?)

- you may be the bearer of "part" of the message (just be obedient) the other part may come through a circumstance, dream, another person, etc., ... or, the individual themselves, or, later.

Maybe all you are doing is "priming the pump", or "confirming something" that came from another.

(Acts 2:14-18,38-40, 1 Corinthians 14:29-33, Galatians 3:2-9)

Be a good minister of the LORD. <u>Sow</u> the <u>real Word</u>. (St. Luke 8:5-18, Isaiah 61:1-3,1 Peter 4:10,11) Don't speak that which is not true. (like Job's friends)

When we are baptized into *Christ* ... we are baptized into the "<u>intent</u> of Christ", and the "<u>household</u> of faith".

I'm <u>not</u> talking about being a believer. I'm talking about a fellowship of people who know the *intent* of the Spirit. People can preach about <u>anything</u>, and use a quote from the Bible to support it; but I'm talking about the *intent* of the *Spirit*, ... maybe even without a quote from the Bible.

You <u>can't have</u> a <u>household of faith</u> ... until <u>somebody</u> starts moving ... in the intent of the Holy Spirit. (Listen to the Spirit)

"You are mine, ... and they are thine. I'll be with you in the snow; and I'll cover you all over with chocolate covered joy. You'll see.

Be at rest. Be a safe place to dock.

When they grow "out of you", ... they are going to look for other relationships. That's natural. They may even be "fruit-bearers". But, you will have the LORD. (and other fruit) Glorify yourself in this.

You are at one with the Father."

How is the "household of faith" organized ?

It is built upon <u>the foundation</u> of the apostles, and prophets, Jesus Christ ... being the chief cornerstone. (read: Ephesians)

To understand the *design* of this ministry (and the *cornerstone*) ... read Isaiah ch.53, and ch.61.

What we have been doing is planting churches based upon philosophy, entertainment, and nice people who went to a Bible College, or Seminary.

A new testament fellowship can be built today if someone will start to hear the *intent* of the Holy Spirit. It all starts with *hearing*, ... and reconciliation to the Father.

The *ministry* of Jesus was actually <u>not</u> <u>his own</u>. It was the Father's ministry. (St. John chs.14,15,16) And, so it is today with us. (Romans 8:11,14)

God has committed unto *us* ... the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians ch.5)

We must stop talking about Jesus and the early apostles as legends; and <u>stop</u> ... to hear the *Spirit of the Father*. We must bring this back ... to the "present" tense.

Fundamentalism has frozen the experience, and views \underline{it} as a work of art from the past. (and with some, everything becomes a deity)

Religious obstinacy ... is obstinacy. When you try to minister to an obstinate person, you can't. But these same people will supposedly hold to some idea in the face of God ... until He answers.

They are obstinate, inflexible, hardened, and in sin. Sorrowful as they go; and frustrated.

The doctrine of substitution brings the pride of forgiveness: a vicious circle that produces obstinacy. It's as the parable of the "unjust steward".

The Life of the Spirit (and our mission)

As we contemplate what has gone on before us we should be able to see how the Spirit of God has shown Himself to mankind, and what *His interests* are.

In the world that we live in there has always been anxieties, sicknesses, and strifes; but God has always been interested in saving and healing those that would come to Him and open themselves to His justice and redemption. He is our source of strength and joy.

His ministers have had a certain character about them; and have brought *light* to the place of darkness.

"Come unto me all you that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Jesus said)

Take my yoke (of purpose) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke (of purpose) is easy, and my burden is light."

- St. Matthew 11:28-30

(Isaiah said)

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach **good tidings** unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to the bound.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

(away with sectarianism. comp: 1 Peter 4:10,11)

And they shall build the old wastes, ... they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

But you shall be named the Priests of the LORD: the Ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.

For your shame, you shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: ... everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love judgment (justice), I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will <u>direct</u> their work in truth (Spirit of truth), and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, ... as a bridegroom decks with ornaments, and as a bride adorns with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

- Isaiah ch.61

(The apostle James said, "I will show you <u>my</u> <u>faith</u> with my works" - James 2:18)

"Is any sick among you ? Let him call for the elders (seniors) of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the LORD: (elder - <u>more</u> than just a position)

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins they shall be forgiven him. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man brings forth much. (Bring your weakness out, that you may be healed)

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

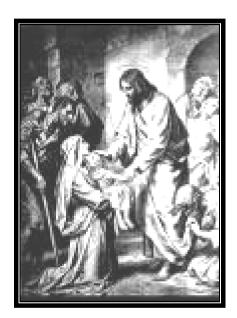
- James 5:14-20 (part)

Realization from the Holy Spirit

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What about this Previous Section ...? Be "specific" Which part ?

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Healing

Healing

Whether it is an anxiety of the mind, the body, or the soul, we can look to our Maker for *His Spirit* to set things in order.

If our mind is afflicted, we look to Him to permeate our vision with His healing truth. We open our minds to His thoughts.

If our soul is scarred, we look to the gentleness of His love to restore. We need to *take time* to experience His presence.

If our arm, or back, is afflicted, we lay hands upon that part, soothe it, and restore it; inviting the *Holy Spirit* to move freely in healing. He doesn't stop, just when we stop. He travels in our bodies, and finds problems. We may feel a little pain at times when conflict arises ... and He confronts an issue. We "release" anxiety ... (pause) ... and "breathe in" the Holy Spirit. (receive His "idea", and vision)

Permeate. Release. Keep doing this. It's an ongoing process of your faith ... as you open yourself to *His words*, and *realizations*.

His active *healing* intelligence will move freely through your body and mind: sometimes just in a little way, but it will grow into something big.

Most of us have never given much thought to our *natural breathing*; but it is similar.

We exhale impurity, and anxiety. We inhale oxygen, and life-giving refreshment. (move <u>away</u> from impurity)

"Come unto me all you that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you ... Rest." (learn of Me; serve <u>Me</u>) Healing, and Accusations

Accusations ...always attempt "to come" to the afflicted.

Healing operates near to the face, ... in the brain and the *"presentation"*.

Forgiveness, and faith, in the brain; and the act of *obedience* (to the Spirit) in the presentation.

> Hearing - does not move me. Speaking - does not move me. Thinking - does not move me.

My belief ... "moves me".

Jesus often told the sick that they were "forgiven". (St. Mark 2:5)

Because "fore-giveness" has to do with the future, it is like having the *light of confidence* in our relationship with the Spirit of God. It accelerates faith, and readiness, to enter into the gospel of joy, and to *receive*. (see: James 5:7-20) Let the burdens off. It's o.k. Let the captives go free. (St. Matthew 6:9-34, Isaiah ch.61 - get to "know" the Spirit of God)

"Say to them of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; Behold your God will come with vengeance, and a recompense; He will come and save you. (comp. - Isaiah 61:2, St. Luke 4:17-21)

* Then, <u>the eyes of the blind shall be opened</u>, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then, ... shall the lame leap as a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, ... and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

- Isaiah 35:4-6

<u>An Exercise</u> (is to *exert* one's power)

Whether it is an anxiety of the mind, the body, or the soul, we Breathe in. (pause) Breathe out.

(Spirit "in" - pause - Anxiety "out")

The Sikh religion teaches its followers to *vibrate* the names of God as they "breathe out" in meditation. That's probably a good idea ... that would help focus one's attention upon the presence of God. But I just want to add that as we open ourselves to let *the Spirit* lead us in our worship, He will take us to places of *awareness* ... that our religion could not.

Breathe out with praise. Focus attention. Listen, *see*, sing, think, write, speak, love, communicate, ... *receive* of the Spirit of God. (move into His presence)

When we pray together, this is how it's done ... as we minister to one another ... "in the LORD".

"Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs, ... singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD."

- Ephesians 5:18,19

<u>Timing</u>

Many Spiritual people have gone into nature, away from our civilization for a time, to relax closer to God.

Why is this ?

It's because the timing, and flow, of the Creator of nature ... is <u>not</u> the same as the timing, and flow, of man's expectancy.

We judge, and expect things to happen, according to the flow of our creation; while <u>God moves</u>, and flows, according to His own nature that He has created all things out of. We need to get to know the Creator, rather than man's ways, if we are to rely upon ... *His Spirit*.

Issues

We all have issues, or problems, in our lives. Some, we don't want anybody to deal with. (we just continue to live with them) As we give our lives back to God ... He wants to release us, heal us, and bring us into *His purposes*. Are you ready ? Or, are you afraid ?

When we minister to someone else, the same question arises. It may be a process, but can we get "<u>this issue</u>" out on the table, and let the Spirit of God <u>direct us</u> in our deliverance, and restoration ? (James 5:16, St. John 5:5-9) Sometimes, it's possible that there may be another problem ... that's causing this one. (the "Spirit of God" ... <u>knows</u>)

Keep it Primitive

Primitive - means "close to the original"; and that's a good thing when we're talking about abiding in the "presence of God".

We need to stop glamorizing religion for God. We're used to seeing big fancy religions, and professionals; but when something is more exciting to us than the Spirit of God ... we've gone too far. As Jesus was ever conscious of *the "light"* (see: St. John ch.17), so too, we must have our relationship with the Father, as <u>His</u> children. (Romans ch.8) Keep it simple

He taught ordinary people to be a *"light"*, and now we have the same ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

As the Spirit of God moved about, Jesus moved with Him, and signs and wonders happened.

We have fellowship with one another, but we must be careful to respect the *"light"* that others may, or may not, walk in. (Ephesians ch.4)

We may facilitate the cause in a general way, but we are *each* an individual *light*.

Our relationship is with the Father, but we can *learn* from one another, and even *help* one another. We fellowship with people that have wisdom. We minister to people that have no wisdom. (Isaiah 61:8) But all the while we are reconciling people *to God*. (Isaiah 61:1-7)

<u>A Hard Saying</u>

Are we bringing people to Jesus ? No.

Is Jesus the only way to come to God ? No. God's "Spirit" is the only way.

You see, that's the difference between what I'm trying to explain to you, and what you thought the gospel was.

Is it a play on words ? No. It's the difference between being reconciled to *God's Spirit*, or believing "a legend". You can't come into what I am talking about without the "<u>relationship</u> with God's <u>Spirit</u>". (St John 3:1-8, Romans ch.8)

We are believing in the *gospel* of Jesus Christ. But more than believing it, we are *experiencing* it.

There is no other gospel under heaven given among men whereby we might be saved other than the gospel that Jesus represented. (that being to be reconciled to *God's Spirit*)

If you take the presence of the *Spirit* out of the gospel ... you will be left with a gospel that is manipulated by sectarianism. (a mixture of culture, religion, and politics)

If you will take the time to look *these* scriptures up, in the order that I've listed them for you, ... I'm sure you'll find them helpful.

Proverbs 8:20-36, <u>compare</u> with St. John 1:1-5, 8-14,

St. John 3:1-8,19-21,33-36, <u>ch</u>.5:24,30, <u>ch</u>. 6:63,

St. John 14:6-12, 16,17, 24-26, <u>ch</u>.16:7-13, 23-28,

Acts 1:5,8, <u>ch</u>.2:4,16-18,37-40, <u>ch</u>.10:34,35, 44-48

Paul wrote ...

"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, ... yet <u>now</u>, henceforth ... we know him no more.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ (the Word, the "light", the Spirit of God - St. John ch.1), he is a new creature: old things (former ambitions, and abilities) are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to **Himself** by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (Ephesians 2:18)

It's like this, God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, <u>not</u> imputing their trespasses unto them (but, forgiving them); and has (now) committed unto <u>us</u> the Word of reconciliation.

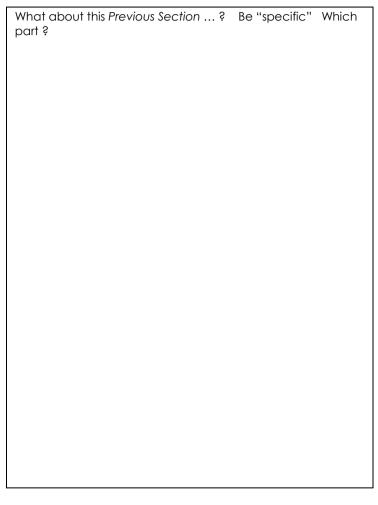
Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did call you <u>by us</u>: (now) we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ... reconciled to God."

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

(also: 1 Corinthians ch.2, Ephesians chs.1-6, Galatians 3:1-5, and ch.5)

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<u>The Tabernacle</u> (is just like you)

God had just brought the new nation of Israel out of Egypt (1491 BC), and their great camp ... lay sprawling across the wilderness.

Excitement was high: and as Moses waited upon the LORD for direction for the nation, ... what we now call the Tabernacle emerged as part of God's vision.

He said, fence off a yard with a portable fence, and erect a portable tent within the yard. This tent will have a room at one end (separated by a large curtain); and we will call this whole set-up "the tabernacle of the LORD". (Exodus ch.25) Here, My priests will serve as a testimony to *My presence* in Israel.

Out in the yard, by the gate, we'll set up an Altar, ... upon which we will sacrifice to the God of our nation. By the *Altar*, we will erect a huge basin of water where the priests can wash in preparation to serve God. (call this the "outer court")

Inside the tabernacle, we'll set a Table with bread upon it; a Lampstand with candles, and an Altar of Incense. (This place will be called the Holy place)

Inside the *small room* (the Most Holy place) will be the Ark of the Covenant, upon which sits the Mercy Seat and the Cherubim, and "in" which is *the social laws of the nation*, the *priest's rod*, (Aaron's), and a *pot of manna*.

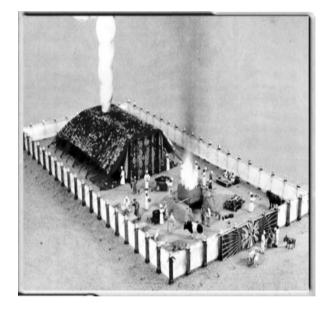
The people can come to *the yard*, and the priest will help them to offer a sacrifice; and every day the priests will look after the bread, the candles, and the incense, in the Holy place.

Once a year, the High priest will go into the *Most Holy place* and sprinkle "blood of the covenant" upon the Mercy Seat of the Ark to show that the nation is obedient to God; and he will listen for the *voice of the Spirit*, for new direction.

Why am I talking about this ? Why am I telling you about something that happened 1400 years before Christ in the early nation of Israel ?

Because, as is referred to in Hebrews (ch.9), these things that were done are similar to what is still going on in our lives: and the *elements of our faith* are still *the same*, and not to be overlooked.

Let's see if we can learn something from this example that happened so long ago ...



Tabernacle

The Altar of Sacrifice is where people came to offer their sacrifice of dedication to God. It's where the individual, in repentance, says to God,

"I am Yours, and all that I have is Yours. Show Your forgiveness and mercy, and help your person to be that which You have created him (or her) to be."

The Laver (wash basin) is where the priest, who is helping the individual, washes and *cleanses* himself for *service* to God. This is similar to our water baptism in that it is the cleansing for priestly service to God.

Inside the tabernacle is the Table of Bread. The priest keeps this fresh, and always present. In fact, it's called Show Bread, or the Table of Presence. This says that there is always *fresh* sustenance, and presence, and it is up to the priest to keep it so.

The "Light" (or Lamp stand) is a symbol of the constant *Spiritual light* that remains present in the tabernacle, and again, it is the priestly duty to make sure ... that this is so. There were seven candles on this lamp stand; and that could symbolize the seven expressions of God's Spirit, the seven days of the week, or the seven defeated powers of despondency: but, whatever the expression, they speak of an overcoming *light*.

The Altar of Incense, represents our *aspirations*, our dreams, and our prayers. These are all areas of priestly responsibility, as we serve as the priests of God in *our generation*.

The veil (the large curtain) that separates from the Most Holy area, is the blindness that separates us from the Presence of God, His character, His voice, and His Kingdom intent.

The Most Holy place, where the Mercy Seat, Angels, and Ark of the Covenant, are ... is where we experience God's mercy, His Voice, His ministry, and His provision. Inside the Ark of the Covenant is His "social policy", His "*priestly* authority", and His "heavenly provision".

And, above His Mercy Seat, there amongst the Angels, is where we hear His *intentions*, and His *realizations*, for the generation of people ... that we live with.

To make it simple, the outer court, where the Altar of Sacrifice is, ... is "all about me".

The "holy place" is all about serving God as His priest.

And the "Most holy place" ... is about *being at one* with the Creator.

Picture the "time of creation". (it is still going on) Put yourself in there. Jump up on the Throne with God, ... and feel how He feels, see how He sees, wait upon *His word* and intelligence.

You will now enter into the *creation power* of God. All the fears of "falling short", the weakness, and the inadequacies, are nothing.

Now, ... this isn't about "us". <u>Now</u>, we are listening to the Father: the Creator.

"Go, and sin no more. Let His Word fall upon the natural."

(Let's see what <u>He</u> can do. He <u>is</u> the Creator.)

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but, the Father that dwells in me, it is <u>He</u> that is doing the works."

- St. John 14:10

Our Life

We now are beginning to see through this. It's *a new tabernacle*, ... but the same God.

"Christ, now becoming a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say ... not of this building"

- Hebrews 9:11

This is about *our* life. The outer Altar is about *our* personal conscience. The tent is about our personal service. And the Holiest ... is about our personal place of communication, and *Spirit* direction.

When the High Priest went into the Most Holy place to make atonement for the sins of the people of the nation, he did two things:

1) he sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat, looking to God for mercy and forgiveness, and acknowledged the "covenant of obedience" with the sprinkling of blood. (Exodus ch.24)

2) he opened himself ... to the *voice of the Spirit of God* for Spiritual direction. (Exodus 25:22)

Even so, ... when we say that Jesus is the "high priest", he is functioning in the same two functions. And now that the veil is torn wide open ... we approach God in the same manner as the priestly intercessor for all people. (Propitiation) When we first heard of this, it was the historical Tabernacle we heard about. Then, there was the time when we heard about John the Baptist, and Jesus. They were experiencing this *priestly service*, and the *Spirit of God*. But now, this picture has drawn closer.

We have seen the outside, then the inside, and now, it's about *us* being in the Most Holy place.

In the Book of Genesis (ch.1), ... in the first "visionary creation", we see God's vision. (His *intention*) And, "everything is good". (vs.31)

This is man's destiny: ... his position of dominion in God.

But, when we get into chapter two, where the work starts, we see that ... that's where the "issues" start.

There's no problem with the "call", that's God's anyway. The problem comes with the "doing". We need to be positioned (with God) so that our works *proceed* from His throne.

(St. John 14:10-12,26, Acts 1:8, Romans ch.8, Ephesians chs.1,2, and 1 Corinthians ch.2)

Hebrews ch.11 - what is faith ? "obedience to the voice of God"

Hebrews ch.12 - (vs.22-29) - let's grow

Hebrews ch.13 - "priestly service"

Our Fruit Bearing

I'm getting over trying to build a group, or a child; and now, I am becoming more relaxed ... to bear fruit.

Receive from the LORD. Don't talk. *Let*, their lives, and ministries, grow in the LORD.

"So is every one that is born of the Spirit ... like the wind. Feed them. Feed My sheep." (with the words of <u>My Spirit</u>)

"That in the stewardship of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; in him.

That we should be to the praise of God's glory, who first trusted in Christ.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of God's calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints ..."

- Ephesians 1:10,12,18

"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, you righteous: and shout for joy all upright in heart."

- Psalms 32:11

"And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner your plowmen and your vine dressers.

But, you shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves. For your shame you shall have double; and for confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore, in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them."

- Isaiah 61:5-8

There is a radical change involving Spiritual movement.

Healing

Healing is around the *face*: the *command center* for the affliction, or for the *healing*.

Be forgiven. Forgive. Let go. Let the "affliction of your limb" go. Be free. Be *healed*. Restore. Live. Experience life at the Center.

Come *Holy Spirit*. Guilt ? Let it go. Derive strength from your *fellowship*. There is a necessity to go on *living*. Sometimes our wounds have been accompanied by *accusations* that will *linger* with the anxiety and affliction.

Integrity – is integrating in fellowship, as a ministering servant.

Sectarianism - creating borders, and divisions. (not good)

Jesus was the promised *Christ*, or Messiah, ... to Israel. But what was his message *to the world* ... that would serve *all* mankind ? (St. John 5:24,30)

Who is ... the true Savior ? (find out in Isaiah ch.45:15-25)

The Garden (Genesis chs.2,3)

In the first chapters of Genesis, the story about the Garden of Eden is told.

I don't know how big it is; but there are all kinds of trees for shade, for beauty, and for fruit. "They're yours", God told the humans.

And then, in the midst of the Garden, there were two other trees. (very special trees) The tree of life, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (reason, and judgment)

"They're Mine", said God.

And in this beautiful garden, God gave the man and woman each other ... to be partners for *multiplication*, and *legacy*. All they had to do was look after this place.

(Time passes)

And, as we look back upon this place, we now realize that there were *voices of influence* in this Garden. The voice of the Serpent. And the voice of God.

The voice of the Serpent was of practical cunning, and reason. The voice of God ... was of Creation, *sustenance*, and dominion.

You can read about this Garden in the Book of Genesis. It's there for a reason. It's a picture ... of *your life*.

The Gospel

Because we have not understood the symbolic use of blood by the priests of ancient times, we have not understood the salvation of God.

Somewhere along the way, we have drifted towards the idea of "blood sacrifice" ... to appease an angry God.

The more brutal, and sadistic, we can make a sacrifice look, the more virtue we see in it. But, what we have failed to do is show the true nature of the "covenant of obedience".

We have <u>not</u> taught people to *hear* the Spirit of the LORD: so, how can they be obedient ?

Once the church was adopted by secular political powers (313 A.D.) it

became the Roman Catholic church; and now became more interested in power politics than one's *eternal* salvation, and reconciliation to the *Spirit of God.* Thus, we see the *business* of religion, and the "successful looking" image.

Keeping the people at a loss, with guilt, and sacrifice, letters of salvation, and Church Baptismal Certificates, soon became one's ticket to heaven; and the Church held the power.

By the 1520's, the political powers, being threatened by the power of the Pope, ... were ready to *back* Luther's protestant reformation.

By 1534, Henry 8th of England became the head of the new protestant Church of England: still, basically a political church.

In the 16th century the Puritans of Scotland became the revolutionaries, as they exalted the Bible ... to be "the Word of God": and they rejected all religious hierarchy, and ritual.

Civil uprisings, "blood baths", murder, and political struggle, followed throughout most of this period.

Heroes like John Calvin of Switzerland, John Knox of Scotland, and Oliver Cromwell, fought to get the "political grip" off the church. (all Puritans)

And by the 17th century the Puritans exported their form of protestant Christianity to America and other parts of the new world.

This is *our* Christianity, ... and we wonder why it doesn't look like the early church. (?)

We need to come back to the simplicity of "<u>hearing what</u> <u>the Spirit</u> ... would say to the church". (Revelation chs.2,3)

It started in the Garden of Eden, where the "voice of God" was present to <u>speak</u> <u>to mankind</u>.

Then, we read of Moses and the Children of Israel, ... where God's *voice*

is present; then, Jesus and the early apostles.

Why would we think that traditions, events, our groups, and belief systems, ... are now a satisfactory substitute ? (Galatians ch.3)

Could it be that while *God's Spirit* is trying to reconcile someone <u>to Himself</u>, we are promoting our Sectarianism ?

Is Jesus the Only Way ?

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me"

- St. John 14:6

Now, if there is any question about what this means, he goes on to explain ...

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and <u>the Father</u> is in me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak <u>not of myself</u>: but, the Father that dwells in me, <u>He</u> does the works."

- St. John 14:10

Who is the way ? The Spirit of the Father. (See also: St. Luke 4:18)

Was Jesus paraphrasing Proverbs ch.8?

Listen to this ...

"Now therefore, <u>Hear Me</u>, O you children: for blessed are they that keep My ways. (<u>Way</u>)

Hear <u>instruction</u>, and be wise, and refuse it not. <u>(Truth)</u> Blessed is the man that "hears Me", watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors. (See also: Acts 1:4,8)

For whoso finds Me finds life <u>(Life)</u>, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. (become <u>one</u> with God's Spirit, to become one with Him) But, he that sins against <u>Me</u> wrongs his own soul: all that hate Me love death." (comp: St. John 3:19-21)

- Proverbs 8:32-36

The teachings of Jesus leaves no question ... as to what he believes the

<u>source of life</u>, and truth, to be. (St. John 4:23,24, ch.5:24,30, ch.6:63, chs.14-17, Acts 1:8, ch.2:16-18,38)

The Spirit of God, which proceeds ... from the bosom of the Father, is the way, the truth, and the life. The ancient manuscripts, prior to the King James Version, read ...

"No man has seen God. The only God (Spirit of God) that is in the bosom (innermost) of the Father, ... has revealed Him."

- St. John 1:18

(The Ministry of Jesus) ...

As we compare St. John 3:16 with Isaiah 53:10-12, we see that the key words are his "soul", his "knowledge", and his "intercession".

"For God so loved the world that He gave His unique son (see translation), that whosoever believes in him (comp: ch.5:23,24) ... should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- St. John 3:16

"Yet, it pleased the LORD to bruise him; He has put to grief: when You shall make his soul (intercessory travail of his soul) an offering for sin. He shall see seed, he shall prolong days, and the pleasure of the LORD ... shall prosper in his hand.

God shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by <u>his knowledge</u> (light) shall My righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." (by intercession - vs.12)

- Isaiah 53:10,11

There is power in *Spiritual intercession*, because the prophetic intercessor is speaking *God's word* into existence. (St. John ch.1, ch.5:24, ch.6:63, ch.14:10, 1 Corinthians ch.2, and Revelation 19:10,13,15)

As we move past St. John 3:16 to *verses* 17-21, we see that we are not dealing with "blood sacrifice", but rather, *"light"*. (see also: ch.1:1-14)

"For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but, that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him (his words - ch.5:24) is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name (credibility of words) of the (unique) son of God. (see also: Romans ch.8)

And this is the condemnation, that light came into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, ... because their deeds were evil. (self motivated - not <u>of</u> God's Spirit)

For every one that does evil hates (ignores) the light, neither comes to the light, lest his (or her) deeds should be reproved.

But, he that does truth comes to the light, that his <u>deeds</u> may be made known ... that they are wrought in God. (Spirit)"

- St. John 3:17-21

It is *God's Spirit* (not His servant, Jesus -Isaiah ch.53) that we are now *returning to.* (Isaiah 54:5, ch.55:3,7-9,11, ch.60:1-5 - *Spiritual* intelligence)

We say that God nailed our sins to the cross. Not so. He nailed the religious rituals, and accusing laws, to the cross.

(Colossians 2:14) This is <u>symbolic</u> language to show the *end* of religion.

Just as it was hard for the Jews to back away from "the law", to receive the "presence of *God's Spirit*", it will be hard for you to "back up" to see what these ministries ... are saying.

The "blood of the covenant" has always been the signature of "obedience"; ... <u>not</u> "sacrifice to obtain forgiveness".

The blood of atonement, and the cup of communion, is the reminder ... of the Blood of the Covenant.

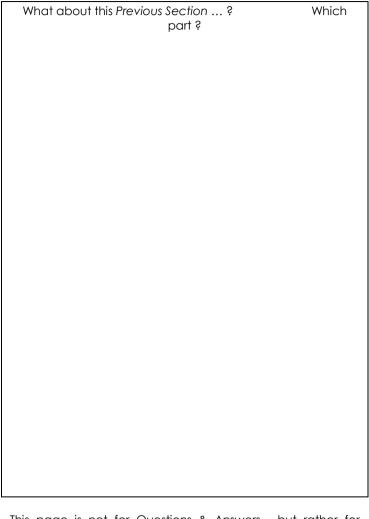
God, in His <u>grace</u>, forgives those who "hear the word of His Spirit", and turn to Him in repentance, to live their lives as *His expression*. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

So now, this example of *Christ's* love constrains us; and now, this ministry, this *word of reconciliation*, is committed to <u>us</u>: ... not, that we are going to die as a "blood sacrifice"; but that we will hold forth the *word of the Spirit* (the gospel) (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) God made *Christ* to identify with sin, and sinners, ... that *we* might experience the *light*, and be "made righteous" (<u>Spirit led</u>) in our deeds. (Acts 2:38-40) That's the "born again" experience. (St. John 3:1-8, Ephesians 1:8,9)



Realization from the Holy Spirit

Take time, review, hear, ... and write



This page is <u>not</u> for Questions & Answers, but rather for "Realization" that comes to you from the Holy Spirit. Take time to also <u>read the Scriptures referred to</u>. The Holy Spirit has much to say to you. You are His. As we build upon "realization", write what the Lord speaks to you, and shows you. It's important to "your" growth. (Ephesians 1:17-20)



Martyrs and Persecution

Every *idea* throughout history has been tested by opposition, and persecution.

People have died for religious, and political, causes since the first family of mankind. But the question arises, Are all of <u>these "ideas</u>" born of the Spirit of God. It doesn't seem to matter what religion we choose, or what civil government we look at, they all have their list of martyrs.

Is it "truth" that people are dying for ? Is it "God" that people are dying for ? Or, is it ... "conviction" that people are dying for ? Is it "ideology" ? (possibly ignorance)

Christians quote former men of the Bible, as God's "Word". So, do we believe that God ... *speaks* to people ?

If we <u>do</u> believe, then what is going on now? If we don't, then we don't believe the former men, either. When you help the poor, and the weak, it's *not* about giving them "ideology". That's "humanism". That's "ideology".

They may find support and friends through it, but when we speak of God's Spirit, we need to see that *He* wants to *impart to them.* (*Spiritual* ... "light")

We have mistaken political genius for Spirituality.

Politicians subject the will of their citizens ... through "conviction" of the mind. They use religion "at will" to raise up unique cultures, and dominate lands. The Jews, Christians, and Muslims, are just a few examples ... in our modern time.

The Light (1 John 1:7)

"If we walk in the "<u>light</u>", as He is in the "light", ... we have fellowship with one another; and the blood (refers to the gospel of obedience) of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. (unrighteous <u>ways</u> - vs.9, contrary to His "Spirit word" - vs.10)"

This "light" that we are talking about is more than just the ability to see the path that we should walk on in *our* life. It also is made up of many experiences, and sensations, and colors.

There are different *flavors* of light, because of experience, and perception.

This is Divine intelligence.

There are *adventures* of *light*: and practicalities of light. It is the *light* of the Kingdom of God: the true authority.

(see: Revelation ch.21, St. John 1:1-14, ch.3:19-21, Ephesians 5:1-21, 2 Corinthians 3:17,18)

We need to turn from our dead religions, ... and our sectarian ways.

The more indignant some folks are, the more righteous they feel. But, that isn't the stance that God takes. He's a God of forgiveness and *grace*, and salvation and patience. We need to stop looking at sin, from a legalistic view, and start ministering to the various *anxieties* ... that are the "cause of the action".

"Come unto me all you that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke (purposes) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- St. Matthew 11:28-30

The Household of God

We have been taught that if we do good, that we will have a nice mansion in heaven. We have read the scripture ...

"In my Father's house are many <u>mansions</u>: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

- St. John 14:2

But, our picture of Heaven may be somewhat distorted. How the above scripture got translated "mansion" is to be looked at once again.

The Greek word "mone" simply means a dwelling place, or a place of abiding. It has more to do with the act of abiding (meno), than how big, or how fancy, the place is.

Our picture of a "mansion" has to do with reward. But, if you read the context of the chapters (14-17) you will see that it has more to do with ... the working of the Spirit of God in us; and fruit bearing. (our "place of ministry" <u>in</u> <u>Him</u>)

Our *function* is our *place of dwelling*, as we learn from the *Spirit*, ... here.

If we are a "messenger" here ... in *Spiritual training*, then in all likelihood, we will go on *functioning* as *a messenger* in the hereafter.

If we are a "warrior", or a "healer", those are *dwelling places* in the household of God; and we are rewarded with authority, rather than the material things, that we find in this earthly existence. (St. Luke 19:12-26, Revelation 3:21)

So, let's have another look at how we *abide* in His household. It begins here, and *now*, as we become acquainted with the Holy Spirit.

"Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but, fellow-citizens with the saints, and the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles, and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

In Whom (in God) all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the Lord:

In whom you also are built together for a habitation of God <u>through the Spirit</u>."

- Ephesians 2:19-22

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

And He gave some to be apostles; some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

- Ephesians 4:4-6,11-13

"You also, as lively stones, are built up a <u>Spiritual house</u>, a holy priesthood, to offer up Spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God

For you were as sheep going astray; but, are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

- Peter 2:5,25

"And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: ... all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has <u>clothed</u> <u>me with the garments of salvation</u>, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, ... as a bridegroom decks with ornaments, and as a bride adorns with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

- Isaiah 61:9,11

The carnal mind is always looking for *independent* reward, just as in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-7): and will always end up naked. For it is as we lose our lives for His sake, that we truly find our lives. (in Him)

Our goal is to be "at one" with Him; ... in the dance of the Creator. So close, that *His Spirit* directs us. (We dwell in Him, and He <u>in</u> us, ... at one - St. John 17:21-26)

When the High Priest of Israel went into the Most Holy place of the Tabernacle, and sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant, it was <u>all</u> about *receiving* from God. This was God's turf.

But, when the man came to the Altar of Sacrifice outside of the Tabernacle, it was about his conscience; and how he was performing for God in this life. (his place of stewardship)

Both of these "blood sprinklings" were about works: both doing, and receiving.

The writer to the Hebrews spoke of dead works, and how we should learn from the example of Christ.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from <u>dead works</u> ... to serve the <u>living God</u> ?"

- Hebrews 9:14

In John's writing, we learn about "light" and works. (St. John 3:19-21)

His teaching ... was to listen to the *knowledge* that Christ was imparting about *relationship* with God.

Believe it; and enter into it. It will bring us to the Father's *Spiritual* light, our *source* of inspired works. (St. John 3:16-18, Isaiah 53:11)

And now, as we continue to look at the Tabernacle in ancient Israel, we see more and more ... the *picture* of our Spiritual journey.

The "outer court" is all about our selfawareness, needs, and anxieties: while the first Holy Place is the demonstration of priestly service, and maturity. There, the priest is proud of his ability, and calling: and the more mature he is, the more people see him as the better "serving priest". (Exodus chs.25-30)

But, when one goes through the veil, ... into the Most Holy place, the place of the "Presence", everything changes. It really is all about God. One becomes like a little child.

We've always thought that to become like a *little child* that it meant to become simple; but there's much more to it than that.

A little child is not interested in maintenance, and balance, like the adult is. The adult has learned that if he, or she, maintains well, and keeps everything calm, that they will get along better. But, the little child wants to grow, discover, understand, and *experience*.

In Revelation (ch.3), we are taught the key to "dwelling" in God's <u>authority</u> in His household. It's much <u>more</u> than what the church people (in Laodicea) were doing. It's about <u>now hearing</u> the *Spirit of God*, ... and "exercising" to overcome.

What have you overcome ? What kind of a "crown of authority" are you wearing ? What is your function in the household ? What are you *residing* in ? These are important questions to your Spirit growth, and development. Don't be afraid of them. (ask the <u>Holy Spirit</u> to commune with you)

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear <u>my voice</u>, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, (I will socialize with him, and feed with him) ... and he with me.

To him that overcomes, I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am sat down with my Father in His throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what <u>the</u> <u>Spirit</u> says unto the churches."

- Revelation 3:20-22

Stay with me. I'm going to take you to places that you may have not been before. (where your spirit will commune with His) We know what's in the Most Holy place, because we have been told. We know *intellectually*; but, we must get past that veil.

We know that there is a wooden box called the Ark, adorned with statues of Angels, and containing the Tablets of the Law, the Pot of Manna, and the Priest's Rod.

Not one expression is there by accident. God's *Spirit* told Moses to put "each one" there. But, having this knowledge, without the experience of God's glory is nothing more than intellectualism, and idol worship. That's what tired religious people do, not what the curious little child does.

The little child wants to discover, and touch, and wonder why. (?)

The little child sees the Angels, and just knows that they must be awesome, and powerful. And he, or she, knows that they must be around here, or God wouldn't have put them there. The Tables of the Law. What do they say? The priest's rod. Wow. The pot of manna. What's it like?

God's Mercy Seat. I wonder what He's like ? I wonder *what* He would say to me ?

Who are you ? Now, that you are clothed with the garments of salvation, and the robe of righteousness ? Now, that you are of the Spiritual household; ... the *residing place* of God's Spirit ? A *lively* priest ?

Remove yourself from the peasantry of your soul. Are you part of the river of *God's Spirit* ... that rushes forth to meet the "light" ?

Do you speak to yourself in confidence, with soothing words ? (of *His*)

The first thing that I see, as I step into His garden, ... are all the delicacies of the soul, life, and *delights* of the Spirit. Confidence and rest, and peace and assurance. Soothing ... is the habitual practice of my life.

And, as I lift my head, before me is the mighty testimony of His Presence, the Ark of the Covenant.

I don't see Judaism: I see the Creator, and *all* the religions of the world.

I don't see tribes. I see *all* the Creations of the world.

Laughter and joy comes from the Presence of His "light". He is the King of *well-being*. In Him, is my knowledge secure. A *priesthood* ... unto favor.

"Come, O you lack; and discern Him through truth. Fall upon your face, and worship. I am the God of your desires. I lack nothing.

See Me in the treatise of the Storm. Do I wince: ... or is My shout, one of joy, and laughter?

Hold Me in your arms. Embrace Me. I come to cheer your soul."

There once was a people (Church in Pergamos - Revelation ch.2) who exercised in selfindulgence, and false-empowerment, and false intelligence. They must repent, or else I will come to them and fight against them with the Word of My power.

"He that has an ear, ... let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes, I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name (onoma -authority) written, which no man knows except he that receives it." (Do you believe Me?)

"I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His robe ... filled the temple.

Above, stood the Seraphims. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. (Heb. Saraph - fiery judging serpent)

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, the LORD of hosts: the whole earth ... full of His glory. Then said I, Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man that does not speak right, and I live in the midst of a people that do not speak right: for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Then, one of the Seraphims flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, This has touched your lips; and your wrongness is taken away, and your sin purged.

Also, I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us ? Then I said, Here I am ... send me.

And He said, Go, and tell this people, You do hear indeed, but you don't understand; and you see, ... but, you don't perceive. (acknowledge)

Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears dull, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then I said, LORD, how long ? And He answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, and the LORD have removed men far away, and a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet, shall be in it a tenth, and shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them when they drop their leaves: the holy seed, ... the substance."

- Isaiah ch.6

"And he shall live, and to him shall be given the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be a handful of select seed in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth.

His name (shem - authority) shall endure forever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and shall be blessed in Him: all nations ... shall call Him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, ... Who only does wondrous things.

And, blessed ... His glorious name (authority) for ever: and let the whole earth be filled ... His glory."

- Psalms 72:15-19

"And they shall build the old wastes, ... they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations." (with His power - vs.1)

- Isaiah 61:4

The problem with learning to hear the LORD, ... is that it soon transcends *sectarianism*.

We've always had carnal people that wanted to build idols, shrines, and cultfigures, and dogmas. There was nothing wrong with the "Spirit experience", or the prophets, or the writings. But, there is something the matter with trying to "freeze it" ... like a work of art; and be distracted by it in worship. (that's idol worship)

It is recorded that Peter witnessed a Spiritual encounter with Jesus, and tried to do the same thing. He wanted to build three religious shrines. (to the experience)

"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them, and a <u>voice</u> came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved son, hear him."

- St. Mark 9:1-10

There has always been a war against "idolatry". Men have always tried to freeze the experience; because then, they don't ... have to *listen*.

In our day, if we knew where the Ark of the Covenant was, it would now be an "idol". If we had a piece of the cross available, it would now be an "idol". If we had one of John the Baptist's sandals it would be an idol. This was "<u>It</u>", they would say. What would happen if we *weren't* raised in a self-indulgent dream, or the fear of falling short in the "speedy anxiety" of the world ?

Yes. We would have to start again.

And then, we would learn about the power of the Creator ... that we live, and move, and have our lives in.

As we look into the Most Holy place, the place that goes beyond *ritual* religion, ... what do we see ?

Do we *realize* the thoughts and *intentions* of God, or do we still have our attention on ourselves ?

Do we receive *motivation* to help and encourage each other to be overcomers, and to experience the *authority* of the Kingdom of God ?

Let me show you what's available to the *priesthood* as we leave the ritual religion, and stick our heads through the veil.

Yes, God's supernatural *provision*. (pot of manna) His Word of wisdom, and *direction*. (tables of law) His affirmation to the world of our calling, and *ministry*. (the priest's rod that flowered)

His Mercy Seat. His Angelic ministers. His glory. And yes, most of all, His purposeful communing *voice*. (Exodus 25:23)

If we go into this experience with selfindulgence, we will have failed. Our eyes will be opened to the shame of our nakedness.

Self-indulgence is never satisfied. Neither, is appetite ever satisfied. (otherwise it wouldn't be appetite) The only way to stop appetite is through combat. If it ever becomes uncomfortable, it will cease, <u>unless</u> the anxiety of loss takes over.

Do you see how confusing this road becomes; and how destructive ... this can be ? (it is a false god) When one stops following "anxieties", and rather reaches for the *voice of the LORD*, then ... he or she will find the true peace (relaxation) of this life. All others are misled. (think about it)

When we are driven by anxiety, rather than *the Spirit word*, we have to alienate ourselves from the Father in order to run with it. This was the problem with the woman of Genesis. (ch.3) Illusion makes its appeal to us in the moment of crisis.

Are we "abiding" (in God's Spirit intelligence), ... and "growing"?

As long as we are pushing people around with <u>our</u> judgment, we are running *competition* with God.

People close their eyes and resort to the brain to try to produce miracles ... when they should look to the Spirit and be obedient to *bring forth* into their realm the *forming*, and *words*, of the Creator. (this is the power of salvation)

We don't spend enough time ... in the "Spiritual intelligence".

In Genesis (chapter one), we have the story of the first *visionary* creation of God. (This is important) There was a complete *understanding*, and He saw "that it was good". And He entered into ... *His rest*.

In Genesis (chapter two), we see the bringing forth, and the forming of the creation (the "<u>it</u>"): the *expression* of the miracle. See <u>it</u> forth. Speak <u>it</u> forth. Do <u>it</u> forth. (obedience of faith - Galatians ch.3, Romans chs.4,5,8)

God breathed *Spirit* into matter, (which includes *Spirit intelligence*), and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)

When we become like a young child, we think "biggest". As adults, we like to slow down, and keep things smaller, and more manageable. We have learned from our worries.

As a young child, we think radical, and look for *change*. As adults, we tend to keep things safe. As a young child, we know we have needs, and we *expect* them to be met.

As adults, we don't expect miracles, we learn to live with ... the results of "our efforts".

We have been taught a gospel that states that the wages of sin is death. That we have all sinned: so we all must die; and that Jesus died on the cross (in our place) for our sins. So now, we are saved.

This is <u>not</u> the gospel.

The gospel of Christ is one of *relationship* with the Spirit of God. It's about leaving your old ways of bondage, and returning to your Creator's *Spiritual* intelligence. (St. John 5:24, Acts 2:38-40, Romans ch.8, Ephesians 1:8,9)

If we are only trying to escape the "wages" of sin, which is death, then everybody that <u>dies</u> (even for themselves) would be saved, ... because they have paid the consequence.

This understanding has little to do with the salvation, light, and grace, that God is speaking into *people's lives* ... in *our generation*.

And this brings us back ... to what the *root* of sin, bondage, and sickness, is ... (anxiety) ... and gives us an opportunity to see these lying wonders ... that alienate us from *God's Spirit*.

One must escape the appeal, and draw, of these *anxieties* through repentance, and open up to the saving "ideas" *of the Spirit* which we bring forth in our lives, and in the lives of others, through *obedient faith*.

Faith is *not* an energy of the mind. It is a resting *obedience* to the intention of the Spirit of God. (St. John 5:30,36, ch.14:10)

How hard is it to perform a notable miracle ? Not hard at all. It's not our energy doing it.

What blocks our obedience ? Anxiety. (fearful question). We don't listen to, and respect, the *voice* of the Spirit of God.

Our "earthly" Tests

The three temptations (tests) in the Garden of Eden appealed to these areas of "self-indulgence". (Genesis 3:1-6)

1. Food (pleasant to the eye, good for food)

2. Religious struggle with the Word of God (did God say ?)

3. Authoritative Power (self-importance, as a god)

They lost, because they were not relying upon the presence of the Spirit of God.

It's not enough to just think that you know the Bible, or some other holy book: or, to have an exalted position in the Garden (church) ... as God's steward.

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The three tests of Jesus in the wilderness appealed to the same areas ... of "self-indulgence". (St. Luke 4:1-13)

1. Food (the all important self-sustaining fear. What is \underline{our} vision)

2. Religious struggle with the *Word* of God (test God)

3. Authoritative Power (self-importance, kingdoms of the world)

He won ... because he was full of the "presence of *the Spirit* of God", and was *led.* (vs.1)

Satan quoted scripture to him, but Jesus always answered with a *relationship* answer. He wasn't dependant upon his prominence as the son of God. (high up in the temple of the Holy City)

He believed to live out of the *vision* ... of every word that *proceeds* from the mouth of God: not just the ones where God talked to someone else. (that we find in a Book) He knew that to bring *this salvation* forth, ... we don't draw from our "intellect" (mind), but rather from the *present word* of the Spirit.

To even talk about what we learned from the Spirit last week won't bring anything forth. That's intellectualism.

We need to learn to feel the surge of Spiritual *intention*, and let Him lead us in our activities, words, and healing ministries.

We talk too much ... and see too little; leaving us only in a state of hope, rather than obedience.

The Three Witnesses

That's why, when you look into the Ark of the Covenant, you find a pot of Manna, the Word, and the Priest's Rod that blossomed; ... the testimony to God's Presence, and *active* provision, for <u>His</u> people. (Hebrews 9:4, Revelation 11:19)

This isn't about religion.

Satan's question to Jesus was, If you are a *son*? (St. Matthew 4:3,6, Romans ch.8)

The early teachings of Jesus, as you find them in Matthew's account, follow these very themes.

In Matthew ch.4, we see Jesus being tested in the wilderness. Then, in the next few chapters (5,6,7), we see Jesus teaching the people these same foundational thoughts. I'll just choose them at random, because, they don't have to be in any particular order.

(Quick Bible Study)

St. Matthew 6:19-34 - sustenance
St. Matthew 6:1-18 - religious security
St. Matthew 7:1-29 - worldly authority
St. Matthew 6:9-15 - pray like this
St. Matthew 5:1-16 - be free to walk in the light"

The Call to Realize "Sonship"

There is a story about a young man who had religious beliefs, worldly authority, and financial security. (sustenance)

He's an example of how we look for quick answers, but we are slow to let the bondages go to *achieve relationship* with *the Spirit*.

(story: the rich young ruler – St. Luke 18:17-30, compare: Romans chs.6, and 8)

"The LORD reigns, He is <u>clothed with</u> <u>majesty</u>; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He has girded Himself.

The world also is established, ... that it cannot be moved.

Your throne is established of old: You, ... from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The LORD on High is mightier than the noise of many waters, the mighty waves of the sea.

Your testimonies are very sure: holiness becomes Your House, O LORD, ... forever."

- Psalms 93

(See also: Psalms 92)

Realization from the Holy Spirit

Take time, review, hear, ... and write

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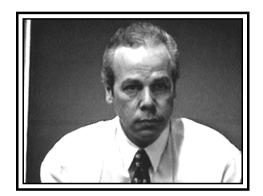
This page is <u>not</u> for Questions & Answers, but rather for "Realization" that comes to you from the Holy Spirit. Take time to also <u>read the Scriptures referred to</u>. The Holy Spirit has much to say to you. You are His. As we build upon "realization", write what the Lord speaks to you, and shows you. It's important to "your" growth. (Ephesians 1:17-20)



Section



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No matter what religion, they will appear somewhat different to us, depending upon the "culture" ... that they exist in.

It is only as we look through the cultural differences that we can see the true *faith* of these individuals.

The seven churches in Revelation chs.2,3, are an example of how God *knows* His people in the earth, and how each one is in a *different* setting. But, He instructs them all to "hear what the Spirit is saying". (see also: Acts 10:34-35)

Just as God has a special grace, and purpose, for different cultures, and churches, He also has a special grace, and purpose, for different individuals, and families. But in all cases there is one common principle for all, and that is to hear the "voice" of the Spirit of God.

"Seeing that you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through <u>the Spirit</u> unto

unpretended love of the brethren, love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of seed that passes away, but of eternal, by the word of God, which lives, and abides forever."

- 1 Peter 1:22,23

This is not speaking about the Bible, or other scriptural writings.

One can have the best "religious opinions" in the world, and <u>not</u> be born again. (see: St. John 3:1-8)

So now, understanding that there are a variety of callings, in a variety of eras, in a variety of cultures, I want to introduce you to, ... first of all, your own soul.

If one can't find healing for their own soul, how can they be of service to the soul of another ? It would be like the "blind leading the blind". (St. Matthew 15:1-20)

Most converts are never introduced to their own soul; but rather only to their intellectual belief. Water baptism, that we've heard of so often, and find in so many religions, is the outward expression of this cleansing that we are saying we are willing to go through. It's the *wholeness* of our life towards the service, and worship, of God. (restoration of the soul, and regeneration of Spiritual graces)

Now, I'm going to challenge you to <u>learn</u> <u>your ministry</u> in the mission field of your soul; and, as we triumph in these areas, we will develop a power, and authority, that can bring hope to others.

You will learn how to see in the Spirit, work with *the Spirit*, bring healing to wounds, set the captive free, and drive out those afflicting spirits.

As you go through your *ministry training*, you will come to recognize ministering angels, and learn obedience to the *voice* of God's *Holy Spirit*; and your faith will grow.

I am going to give you an insight into the 7 levels of growth that will take you along the road ... of your *Spiritual* salvation.

Spend time with the LORD. Give attention ... to Him. He will meet you in all of *these areas*, as you flourish in Him. This could take a lifetime; but as you walk this road, you will be of use to Him, and ... you will *bear fruit*.

After all, it is appointed unto "you" ... to enjoy His salvation, and to grow into His <u>purposes</u>. Let's look ...

7 Stages of Spiritual Growth

1. Sincerity

If one is to minister to his/her own soul, they must first find it, and get to know it. As you "spend time", a *revelation* will come, and you will find that you are not alone.

O yes, ... you will be tempted by "selfpreservation" ... which wears the gentle robes of hypocrisy; but the Spirit of truth will show you a way out. You will *now* ... learn to work with Him.

2. Justice

This justice comes from the voice of *the Spirit.* You must get to know Him well, ... and not let "reason", anger, desire, or presumption, betray you.

3. Faith

Faith, ... not of books, nor intellect; but of "Spirit obedience". Forgiveness must keep the channel open.

Do not, in unbelief, trade what you *know* ... for easy comfort, popularity, or arrogance. Faith is your friend that will not hide any wrong doing, but will lead you to be an overcomer. It is the discipline of frenzy: the *slowing down* to see the "deeper realms" of the soul. (the Holy Spirit does heal them) The slower and deeper we go, ... the more "causation" we see.

But, you ask, What if we don't get *all* the sin, and grief ? That's the point; it's *not* us that gets it. This is Spiritual work; the purifying of the soul.

(1 Peter 1:22, Psalms 116, Psalms 106, St. John 3:5-8,19-21, 1 Corinthians ch.2, Hebrews 19:14, ch.10:16-25, Romans ch.8, and Titus ch.3)

Jesus, the early apostles, and many other Spiritual people have shown to us, through their example, ... how this works.

4. Goodness

To yourself; and to the "other person", ... who is not yourself.

Goodness, is what flows to warm the stranger. It's the energy of love that courageously shows the character of God.

Do not let the tempter ... tempt you: for the *eyes of faith* will show you the truth of justice, and you will overcome "selfexaltation". It <u>is</u> Spirit expression. Trust Him for His wisdom. Heroism is that pause ... that, just for a moment, wants that "independent" praise. Obedience to *the Spirit of God*, and walking in *His light*, will defeat that unjust foe. Go on in the light of *His* remembrances. (and, lose the "fear" of independently having to achieve)

6. Divine Love

Love, is the comfort that we seek for security, help, self-worth, thrill, and heroism. It is the energy that we think feeds our independent self. But, the "yearning for" this power will destroy; for we are not to feed our independent self, but lose it in the courage of the Spirit.

God's "divine love" <u>is</u> security, help, supreme, and thrilling, full of *vision*, life, and faith. And, out of this love flows the life for others to bathe in ... that they too may learn to be "at one".

7. Christ

Purgatory, sorrow, and grief, are the selfish loves ... that are yearning. They don't see the "great vision" of the Supreme: they see only darkness, and defeat, and wasted life. The deceitful illusions of this world are more comprehendible than the ever-present Spirit of truth.

To walk through this lonely valley of death, and to enter the light of "Life", ... is to be smeared with the anointing of the realization ... of "the Christ", the Word, and oneness of the Supreme: this <u>same Spirit</u> that we have been talking about from "the beginning". (not Jesus, but the "Spirit of Christ", Spirit of God's deliverance - St. John 14:16,17, Romans 8:11,14,17, Acts 1:4-8, ch.2:38-40)

"It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only ... when I am present with you.

My little children, I am travailing (interceding) in birth again, until <u>Christ be formed in</u> <u>you</u>. (Galatians 4:18,19) Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

If we live <u>in the Spirit</u>, let us ... walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:1,25)

We are all on this journey, and each of us will find ourselves at one, or several, of these levels. It's not for us to look at each other, and judge: but rather, to "hear what the Spirit is saying", ... and possibly, in faith, be of use to minister to another.

We are all growing in different ways, and at different times: and as you live out of the Spirit of truth, the darkness around you, (and around those ... around you), will be expelled, and light will shine. (St. Matthew 5:1-20)

The Religion of our Society

The early teaching was to draw from the Spirit Kingdom, while cutting back on, or not getting too caught up with, the things of this world.

In most cases, we don't have a problem getting a response out of someone ... if we ask them if they are a Christian, or a Muslim, or have an opinion. But, if we ask them if the Holy Spirit is leading them with His intentions, and filling them with His grace, we may have a problem.

The selected scriptures that have been chosen by the Roman Catholic Church, and used by its offsprings (the Protestants), have been selected, and adapted, to support the <u>beliefs that they</u> <u>were promoting</u>. (There are many other writings that have been destroyed, and rejected)

But, we still have enough, that if we listen to what they are saying, we can find direction unto salvation.

The writers have told us that death is not the end; ... but that we pass through resurrection unto life.

They have told us that we should begin our relationship with the Spirit of God, here; and that ignoring God ... is destructive.

We are *all* the inheritors of God's light, and understanding, not just Jesus, or a select few; so we should not turn our backs upon our Creator. (Romans ch.8, Ephesians chs.1-6)

Any doctrines that separate man from *oneness* with the *light* ... are born from false sectarianism, and do not understand the scope of the Creator's *vision*.

As most of us are born into one of these cultures, we hardly stand a chance; and we're not very old before our *family understanding* of what "we think" religion is ... is formed in our mind; and we become exclusive, and judgmental. The spirit of any political religion is to "conquer", and "defend", and is born out of the curse of "wrathful wisdom". (one of the 7 powers of despondency) We should be wise enough in our Spiritual development to see through this. (see my book "Spiritual Relationship", ch.6)

The universal Roman state church, Church of England, and all of its politically driven offsprings, as well as the "politically driven" Muslims, and others, have shown enough of their works to give us an indication ... of which spirit they are of.

Did any good come of it ? Yes. The advances that we have made in civilization are attributed to these organizations.

Are we more Spiritual ? No. We have believed a political religious lie, and have exchanged the new pomp of politics for the Spirit of God; and the wars rage on.

Church and State are not a new concept. (Every known empire throughout history has sought a "state religion" to solidify the people. India, Egypt, Israel, Roman

Empire, Greece, Muslim countries, America, etc.)

Politicians have sought to give credibility to their ideas, and authority to their leadership, by claiming God as their source.

In many cases ... it has been a manipulating lie. (sometimes, they just don't know any better)

They have sat back, and made plans with the churches, and temple leaders, using *religion* to unite the society at the church level; being happy that they all gather weekly, or even daily.

Is this the truth of Spirituality that we are speaking of; or, have people's souls been frozen in a false *material* driven religion ?

It all looks beautiful, and impressive, with everything in order; but where is the Spirit of God ? In most cases, we have traded zeal, and splendor, for God's Spirit; and our own consciences have learned to relate to the *state church* rather than to the *Spirit of the Creator*. In our "state" religious denominations, we have learned to promote "emotional, and intellectual, connectivity", rather than *Spiritual* connectivity.

We are driven by the same political spirit of "conquer", and "defend". We throw our creeds down, form our little governments, adorn our palaces, and control our people.

Where was this born ? (State religion)

Where is God ? We don't know. But, we do have a book: and we do know what our church believes; and we're proud of it, ... and we will defend it. And, if we don't know, I'm sure they will teach us: so, ... let's expand.

How far from the truth. How religiously deceitful.

The early scriptures have said that God created us ... in "His" image. He also drew out of Himself, and gave to us, of *His* authoritative dominion. (Genesis 1:26) We are called sons of God (gods in the making) after the *Spirit of the Father*. (St. John 1:12, Romans ch.8, 1 John 3:1,2)

We need to rescue these souls from the "state mold"; and *"hear what the Spirit would say to the churches"* (Revelation 3:14-22, and 2 Timothy 3:2-5,8-17, ch.4:1-5)

The early apostle prayed ...

"that the Father of glory might give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ... and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe, <u>according to</u> <u>the working of His mighty power</u>, which He (also) wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set him at His own right hand ... in the heavenly places,

far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and has put all things under his feet, and gave him the Head over all the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him ... that fills all in all."

- Ephesians 1:17-23

The Creator has brought us forth in this earth to be *His children*; to play here, to war here, to develop here, and to *learn* here.

"For, I the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: ... all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, ... as a bridegroom decks with ornaments, and as a bride adorns with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise ... to spring forth before all the nations."

- Isaiah 61:8-11

In a false religion they won't give one time to get to know the Spirit of God. Rather, they have a tendency to keep the soul in a frenzy: not seeing *soul development*, ... but rather, social and moral development. ("political spirit")

Overcoming Anxiety

1. <u>Sustenance</u> (God's provision)

In the Ark of the Covenant there was the pot of wilderness manna ... to acknowledge God's interest in providing for His people. One can learn how to break this anxiety of supply by the lessons of Isaiah ch.58. (which will bring you to "light")

When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus *knew* that tied in with the power to break this anxiety ... was the secret of "hearing, and living by, every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God". (St. Matthew 4:4) Sometimes, it's our *own* plans that create our anxiety about provision.

2. <u>Ministry</u> (your work for God)

In the Ark of the Covenant ... there was Aaron's Rod. (that budded) It was the testimony that this priest's *ministry* had *life* coming from it.

The idea is to come up with something *new* from the Spirit of God.

All too often we conform to the *thought force* of the group ... instead of the voice of the Spirit. We must sacrifice our popularity, and acknowledge the *Word of the Spirit* with our faith and careful obedience.

"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for He has done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, have gotten Him the victory.

The LORD has <u>made known</u> His salvation: His righteousness has He openly shown in the sight of the heathen.

He has remembered His "mercy", and His "truth", towards His people: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

- Psalms 98:1-3

3. <u>Justice</u> (and wrong doing)

Guilt. Overcome this anxiety with forgiveness. *Restore*. Make restitution. Acknowledge justice. Love your neighbor ... as *yourself*.

Present the *prophetic word* of God's intent.

In the Ark of the Covenant were the two tables of the law. The sign of one's acceptance of the *law* is that one lives accordingly.

It is important that we are not offending one of God's creatures.

"And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen, and your vine dressers.

But, you shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves. For your shame, you shall have double; and for confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore, in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy ... shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them."

- Isaiah 61:5-8

How Do You Resolve Guilt ?

The outline that we find throughout scriptures universally is ...

- 1. Repentance, and cleansing
- 2. God's grace and blessing
- 3. Obedience of faith
- 4. Spiritual reassurance (Spirit)

In the Christian scriptures, the apostle Peter preached, ...

"Repent, and be baptized, <u>every one of you</u>, according to the gospel of Jesus the Christ, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive ... the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and <u>to your</u> <u>children</u>, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. Save yourselves from this untoward generation."

- Acts 2:38-40

Jesus preached the gospel of forgiveness, and restoration: the idea that if we would come to the *light* of God's Spirit, ... we would find life *anew*. (God's life) Our works would be born out of Spirit direction. Our anxieties would be released, and we would find His peace: and we would become sons of God. (See: Acts 5:30-32, St. Luke 4:14-21, and St. John chs.1,3)

This gospel was not about religion, or sacrifice rituals, or which sect we belonged to.

This gospel is about offering a *way to walk in.* It's about introducing one to a new world, where there is a *light* to realize ... that will direct and change one's life. (Romans chs.4,5,8)

Having an *opinion* about scriptures is not salvation.

The scriptures that we are quoting were written before our lifetime; and at best, all we can see are the *lessons* that come through the symbolisms of the stories of the Garden of Eden, the Ark of the covenant, the parables, or the lives of these early prophets, etc.

Our salvation must be found in a God who is *present*.

Jesus said, ...

"Truthfully I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

> - St. John 5:24 (also: Isaiah 53:11)

No Schisms (no shadows)

We are created in the image of God. The *Word* became flesh, and dwelt amongst us. This time ... it is *us*.

Now, ... when the light shines you don't see little pockets of darkness, and little pockets of light; ... the light fills the whole room.

But, you say, if you put something between the light, and a small area, you have a shadow.

Yes, and the shadow that blocks the light will bear a similarity to that which blocks it. Thus the shadow, or dark spot.

This is a good illustration of when man stands in the way. It's a form of "sectarianism".

Shadows may be as small as in our families, or our places of business; not just on a large scale. Thus, it motivates every one of us to "walk in the light", and not abide in the darkness of "legalistic" shadows.

"For every one that does evil, hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But, he that does truth, comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God".

- St. John 3:20,21

So, come to the light that your efforts may be judged that they are of God. (yes, give attention to ... the <u>Spirit of God</u>)

You don't have to live someone else's life; just your own. And, if you place any value upon *fellowship*, then fellowship in *the light*. (1 John 1:5-7, Ephesians 5:8-11, 2 Corinthians 6:14, 1 Thessalonians 5:5)

In our generation people are looking to and fro across the body of humanity to see if they can find guidance in the *ways of life*. You are meant to be God's *light*. (*Spiritual expression*)

Example is another name for priest; ... so, what you would that people be, *that* you must be.

Each of us are the window between here and eternal thought; and the question is asked, What are we putting into *this world* in our generation ? (Jeremiah 2:13)

"There are two classes of the sons of men; they who build the human race upon the sure foundation stones of justice, truth, equality and right; and they who would destroy the holy temple where the Spirit of God dwells, ... and bring their fellows down to beggary and crime.

The holy brotherhood of right ... must stand united in the stirring conflicts of the hour; no matter whether they are Samaritans, Jews, Assyrians, or Greeks. They must tramp down beneath their feet, all strife, all discord, jealousy and hate, and demonstrate ... the brotherhood of man."

What *are* we calling people to ? Yes. The *light of God*; not our opinionated sect. We are *all* <u>God's</u> creation.

The reason people cling to a sect, and religious pride, is that they do not know the *light*.

How can we believe that God loves *us*, and hates His other offsprings for their faith in Him ?

Each of us may see differently; and we may express differently. That is what makes creation so *colorful*, and full of wisdom.

When we receive *illumination*, the things that we see (in the Spirit) are often symbols relating to our mental religious library. Some may see Jesus, Mary, Mohammed, a wolf, an eagle, a fire, a stream, an angel, or a man.

But, as we receive, ... it's the truth that comes through to our *personal* understanding, ... that is important, and useful.

Because we are unlearned, and clinging in fear, these symbols help us to relate to *the message* that we are getting hold of.

God is a *Spirit*. He has no shape, or form. As we learn to hear Him, our *visions* will become more explicit, and mature.

As we remove the Sectarianism, the dark shadows will begin to disappear, and we will find fellowship in the *light*. (1 John 1:5-7)

How we *look at* religious experiences... is either in the interest of the Creator, and His creation; or, out of anxiety, unbelief, and self. (evil, or darkness: as opposed to light, and oneness - St. John 3:19-21) Truth, is what the Spirit of God speaks to us. But, how we apply it ... is called "perception".

If we have fear in our life, our choice of understanding, and application, will be different than if we had no fear.

If we have love in our life, our choice of understanding, and application, will be different than if we had no love.

Our perception, and *explanation*, of truth will vary, because of what we allow to reside in our souls.

It is extremely important to be *openminded* to God, and to let Him build His *truths* in our life. Only He knows how to prepare our soul for His purposes.

Stop; and let Him speak to your "perception".

<u>The Law</u>

The letter of the law deals with the acts of men: while the spirit of the law ministers to his desires. Man's desires make up the foundation of his character.

In this way the whole of the law rests upon these two principles ...

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and, ... love your neighbor as yourself."

- St. Matthew 22:36-40

Upon the unity and *well-being* of God, the law was built. This is an example of His justice.

When there is no *vision* of the light of God ... the people perish.

When Jesus taught about the laws of Moses, he said that they had been misunderstood, and distorted. (St. Matthew chs.5,6,7) They do not teach revenge, and condemnation, but rather, love, and forgiveness. He ministered not to their anxiety, but rather to their relief.

He didn't come to do away with the law, but rather to bring forth its *true expression* of love.

This is why the universal truth of the Spirit is that we must lose *our* independent way of thinking, to find His *all encompassing*, and nurturing, way of thinking.

Stop judging; and start "hearing" what *the Spirit* is saying.

Don't condemn things; but rather seek to understand what *drives* them.

Go to the deeper level, and seek to minister *healing*, and correction. Come from the place of the Spirit of salvation.

There are those who walk the thoughts of humanity, rather than the *Spiritual highways*. They are those that receive their praise from men, rather than from God: who go through the motions of thought, and activity; ... but not, the thought, and activity, of *the Spirit*. (St. John 5:39-47)

"I know your works; ... He that overcomes, I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father ... in His throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."

- Revelations chs.2,3

So, we ask ourselves, *How*? How did Jesus do it? How did Paul do it? How?

We want to *do it* just like them. We want to practice our Christianity just like them.

But that isn't it either; because that would just be another form of creed religion.

So now, you say, you are taking all of my faith away. I don't understand anything anymore. I don't know how to go about being a Christian anymore.

Can you imagine how different Jesus and his disciples were from the copycat religious folks ... of the day ?

Better that we figure it out now, rather than later (latest) ... when the Day comes.

"Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Whereas, by their fruits you shall know them.

Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but, he that does the will of my Father ... which is in heaven.

Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, ... have we not prophesied in your name ? And in your name have cast out devils ? And in your name have done many wonderful works ?

And then, I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work ini<u>q</u>uity." (iniquity - Gk.-anomia - not subject to)

- St. Matthew 7:19-23

There is *nothing* that we can do out of our blindness that is of *value* to the Kingdom.

God does not need anything that we have to offer; but we are to *express* His Spirit.

(time for *reflection*)



"the Word became flesh ... and dwelt among us"

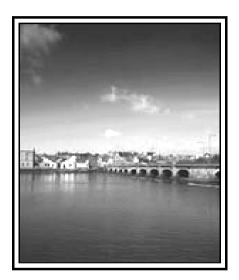
- St. John 1:14

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(nothingness)

- prophetic vision Dec./2007

<u>The "Want</u>"

"Wantonness, pleasure, ... on the beach. (of the coastal city)

I saw the outstretched figure of a man on a cross, laying on the beach (horizontally), with gapping wounds. The gapping wounds are being spread open as the figure is stretched out.

And then, I see, inside (some of) the wounds, the forming of tiny, gentle, white "fillings" of healing.

The man stands up, and throws a spear out onto the water. On the shaft of the spear, I see the word "truth".

Fire, is ignited upon the water: (an unlikely place, but) it feeds upon the truth.

The blaze is strong, and high. It is a testimony to the greatness of God. A sign to the nations.

When will it begin ? Now. It is our calling to be ... one of those "pockets of healing". This will spring up in "multiple places", in this coastal city. "Pockets of healing".

The Spirit of God ministers healing. "He" will raise the man up, and cause the spear of justice to be whisked into the waters of the sea.

Water doesn't burn. But, His Word will burn brightly ... in a place that does not burn. It will be a sign of God's Majesty.

"The city that has the fire".

And then, my mind went back to a previous vision, where I was in a church basement, and saw a "huge" ugly black spider on the wall.

Wanting to protect the things of the church, I grabbed a stick, and began to "beat up" the spider, because it didn't look like it belonged. For this, I was corrected of the Spirit; because this was not of His anointing, or purpose. It was a revelation of the hardness of our spirit ... within the church. And then, the Spirit spoke to me about the church, as He had to Ezekiel, (ch.2:4,8), in his day.

"This people is an impudent people, and stiff-hearted. I do send you unto them; and you shall say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God.

But, you son of man, hear what I say unto you; ... be not rebellious, like the rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you."

"Pockets of healing". I felt as though I was involved in only two, or three; but, that it should be three, or four. Examples of righteousness; rather than wantonness.

Each of us have the opportunity to function in a "pocket of healing", ... at home, at work, or at school; when we're not at our church meeting.

The Spiders are ugly, and they fight back when you strike them. They're not the beautiful people; but God is calling us to healing, and transformation, of these situations.

The Christians need to know that the doctrines that they are fighting for are <u>not</u> unique; and the beliefs that surround the

story of Jesus have existed more than once ... in a variety of cultures. They need to "hear" what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

The Muslims need to become more aware of the Spirit of the Supreme God in the midst of their community involvements, and religious activities.

We don't have to "leave", ... to find truth. There is a love that would find its way into our fellowship. Fire upon the water.

Truth, is the fuel. Love, and affection, are the flames. We don't have to leave to find the truth of light. (St. John 17:15,25,26)

Just shine the "light" on the place that God directs you to. Sow the seed; and habitual practice will come from that.

You will be laughing; and it will have been fine. Take your eyes off of sectarianism; and let the Spirit of love manifest in integrity.

Let truth upon the waters of your own soul. The light of love comes to you where you are. You will be washed of the things that cause shadows; and you will be free. Purify your soul ... through obedience to the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:22) I saw us skimming across the water in our boats; holding our little symbols, and using them to help us keep going. (Prayer books, hymns, etc.)

There were pockets of light on the water. We found the history of the church to be interesting. The second time we came back, there was hardly anyone there.

Something different is being breathed. (maybe already happening) Relax, and grow.

The truth of Christ ... is to reconcile one to the Supreme. If the preacher is not doing that ... he is not of the true Christ.

"Except a man be born of the water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

The wind blows where it will. It is free. So is everyone that born of the Spirit.

This is the judgment (of man), ... "light" has come into the world, and men ... loved darkness rather than light, because there deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But, he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God."

For some, they see the forgiveness issue differently; but, the one common salvation is the Spirit of God, for "all". (all religion)"

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Warning

At this point, in this book, we are moving into things that will "break up" traditional religion.

For those that have their eternal confidence in traditional religion, ... they will be challenged.

If they are wise ... they will *prove* me right or wrong. (for their own sakes)

For those that have experienced the *true* gospel of Christ, and *know* the Spirit of God, they will *not* be affected, ... for their eternal confidence is in the *Spirit of the Father*, and they see through the temporal things of this earth.

Acts 2:38,39, 2 Timothy 3:5



Every *culture* throughout the world, and throughout history, ... is filled with *symbolism* that is important to its people.

Why?

That's the point we want to make in this section. *Why* do people believe what they believe ? and, Is it the truth ?

<u>Egyptian Ankh</u>

The Egyptian Ankh is the eternal life symbol of Ancient Egypt, and can be found pictured in their religious writings, the Egyptian Book of the Dead, ... and on the walls of their burial sites. This *symbol* dates back thousands of years before Christ, and surprisingly enough is quite similar to the *same variations* used in the Roman Catholic Church, Greek Orthodox Church, and the various Christian churches.

Egyptian Ankh





"The Key of Life" (the key to the afterlife)

Egyptian Ankh (3500 years before Christ)





Egyptian Priest holding 2 Ankhs

Early Christian Symbol (prior to Roman Catholic Church)



Chi Rho

X and P with Alpha and Omega on either side. X and P are the first 2 letters of Christ. (Greek)





Early Christian Oil Lamp (with Chi Rho symbol) **ChiRho** – the early Christian symbol of the first four centuries. This is the symbol that Constantine put on his soldier's armor ... to go forth to conquer. It is X P the first two letters of Christ (Greek) ... with an *alpha* and *omega* symbol on either side. (emphasizing "Spirit Word Expressed" as being our Salvation)

The cross symbol didn't become popular until after the formation of the Roman Catholic Church, after the 4th century. It probably originated out of Alexandria, Egypt, along with the writings of the Nicene creed, as it is another variation of the Ankh which the Egyptians used for a few thousand years (key of life), and the Coptic Christians of Egypt still use. (it is a cross with a circle above it)

Christ – is an office that describes one who is a savior of the people ... because of the *selected presence* of the *Spirit* upon that person.

Could it be that the *Christ gospel* was traded for a "sacrifice gospel" ... showing a savior on a cross ? (thus rendering the people of the church Christ-less)

This is the difference between a "substitution gospel" ... and an "identification gospel".

When the disciples followed Jesus, that was ... *"identification gospel"*. (St. John 5:24, ch.17:8, Acts 1:8, ch.2:38,39, Romans ch.6, ch.12)

See if you can figure out what the apostle Paul was writing about in Romans ch.8.

What does it mean to be "anti-Christ" ?

The Cross



(4th Century Roman Catholic Church Symbol)

So, How Do We Explain This ?

Firstly, we need to recognize the *source* of the Christian church that *we* know; and it's not Israel.

The Christian church that *we* know originated not in Israel, ... but in Rome.

You could have been a *person of faith*, living in Jerusalem, a direct descendant of one of the disciples of Jesus, a believer, ... and still not be accepted by the Roman Catholic Church.

What went on in Rome whilst organizing this *new* state religion stands on its own.

And yet, the canon of scriptures that we have, that we call the Bible, came not from Israel, but from the Board Rooms of this politically driven Roman *state* church.

Rituals, relics, and symbols. All fast becoming the deciding factors of what people would *believe*.

When one studies the early years of the *political* Roman Catholic Church (from which our Christian churches have split off of), you will find that many of the traditions, and practices, came out of Alexandria, Egypt. (a center of learning for the Roman empire)

Many of the things that we have accepted as being *unique* to what we are *calling* Christianity are now being seen in other *historical cultures* that date back many years prior to the birth of Christianity.

Many questions will arise in the *immediate* future. Those that are happy with their traditions, and their friends, and are not concerned about the *light* will go on as usual. But, those honest folks that are seeking to know the *Spirit of God* will have many upsetting questions to deal with if they are to get involved with what He is doing at this time.

Our great Creator is calling people out of all religions, and cultures, just the same as He has always done in remarkable times of history. And when He does ... there has always been an emphasis upon what *former prophets* have said, ... and not upon the traditions that people have become comfortable with.

In all of my writings I have sought to address the *voice of God* as it has been spoken by God's servants. And you will be introduced to what He is saying in *our generation*.

There is <u>no</u> tradition that can take the place of ... the voice of your Creator.



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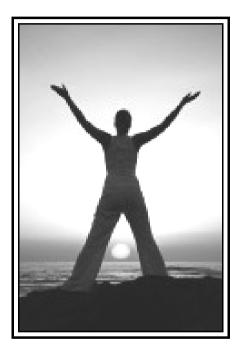
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Section



3



Abiding – in "a Faith" Part 5

Yes, no matter what religion, it will appear somewhat different to us depending upon the "culture" that it exists in. It is only as we look through the cultural differences that we can see the *true faith* ... of the individual.

God has been called by many different names throughout the world in the various faiths that man has come to; and apart from the comfort of *the Spirit* it would be devastating to try to figure it all out.

One can have the best *religious opinions* in the world and *not* know Him, or be walking with Him; ... or be of service in the *generation* to which *he*, or *she*, has been *born*. (St. John 3:1-8)

So now, understanding that there are a variety of callings, in a variety of eras, in a variety of cultures, ... I want to take you from sectarianism ... to faith.

Where did your religion come from ? And, why did you get involved with this one ? And, why do you think everyone else is wrong ?

For many folks, they were born into their religion, or they chose a *familiar* path ... because they are following a *voice* in their heart that they believe is God.

Many of us wouldn't be comfortable with Abraham's religion because he was from a Hindu background. He was even named after his God. (Brahman) And yet, we look to him as a father of our faith.

We wouldn't be comfortable, and we wouldn't understand, because we have rooted our self in sectarianism, rather than *Spiritual* faith.

Many of the things ... that we think are unique to our religion, have been repeated many other times ... in various parts of the world. There have been other stories just like that of Jesus. Osiris, was another virgin-born god of ancient Egypt. His own sufferings, death, and resurrection, were celebrated in an annual mystery-play at Abydos, at about the same time as our Easter. (March 25th) He is the judge of the souls. Isis, the Egyptian goddess (of breath, the wind) performed the "Rite of Rebirth" ritual to put her husband, Osiris, back together again, and resurrect him from the dead, and grant him eternal life; at which time Osiris ascended to the immortal world.

Another god, Krishna, of India, was *miraculously* born of Devaki. His birth was heralded by a star. He was born in a cave. (prison) He traveled with his foster father, Nanda, to the city to pay his tax to the king. The babe, Krishna, was adored by cow-herders, and had to escape a wicked king that wanted to kill him at birth. Krishna taught, performed miracles, was pierced by an arrow, and ascended to heaven. He is the human incarnation of the Hindu god, Vishnu. Mithras, a Persian god, was virgin born, in a cave, December 25, (winter solstice), was worshiped by shepherds; was killed, went back into the cave, and resurrected, every year. (Easter, spring) He is the mediator, who stands between the light of Ahura-Mazda (Zoroastrian God), and the darkness of Ahriman (Devil). He is known as the God of Truth, and the Lord of Heavenly Light.

Shocked ?? Yeah. There's more of these stories that go back even to several thousand years before Christ.

Mithras ascended into heaven in a fiery chariot, just like Elijah. His name, in the Persian language, means contract. He is also a god of wars, like in Revelation. (ch.19)

Osiris was put in a basket and floated down a river, and got caught in the trees, and was rescued by the women of the palace, just like Moses. The Genesis account, in the Bible, is common to many of the religions of the world. We don't know where it originated.

The first chapter of John's gospel is basically found in chapter eleven of the Hindu Bhagavad Gita. (except for the part about John the Baptist)

Revelation ch.12, ... is taken from the story of the Egyptian goddess, Isis, and the red dragon is Seth, the Egyptian devil, who was red. (the Egyptians believed that red was the color of evil) He could also block out the sun, as at the crucifixion, or cause a storm at sea, or a flood.

The early Christian symbol, that Constantine put on his soldiers' armor, was not the cross; but rather the Chi-Rho. (x,and p, the first 2 letters of Christ, and also included the Alpha/Omega symbols) The cross symbol ... didn't become popular until after the 4th century Roman Catholic Church, ... and "Jesus on the cross", even later than that. (6th century) Much of the terminology used in Christian churches, such as; "seated with Christ in heavenly places", "the broken body of Christ", "the marriage to Christ", "Christ having power to give life to whom he will" (St. John ch.5), "the Father and I are one", "the waters of life", "the bread from heaven", ... and many more, ... can be seen in the Ancient Egyptian writings about Osiris, (The Book of the Dead), dated thousands of years prior to Christ.

If we went back in the History of the Roman Empire, ... to the time when Jesus was born, we could get a feel for the culture of the day, and possibly understand the era of the birth of the Roman Catholic church. (from which our Christian traditions have come)

"Suppose you had been a child ... living in Rome 2000 years ago. About a week prior to December 25th, you could have found everybody preparing for a great feast, just as they do in Europe today. To those Romans, December 25th was the birthday of the Sun. They wrote that in gold letters in their calendar. Every year, about that time, the middle of the winter, the Sun was born once more, and it was going to put an end to the darkness and misery of the winter. So, they had a great feast with presents and dolls for everybody, and the best day of all was December 25th. That feast, they would tell you, was thousands of years old. (quite a long time before the time of Jesus)

Just outside Rome, there was an underground temple of the Persian God, Mithra. At midnight, the first minute of December 25th, you would have seen that temple all lit up with candles, and priests in white garments at the Altar, and boys burning incense; exactly as vou will see in a Roman Catholic church at midnight on December 24th, ... in our own time. And the worshipers of Mithra would have told you that Mithra was a good God who had come from heaven to be born as a man and redeem men from their sins; and he was born (like the stable) in a dark cave on December 25th.

Then, suppose you asked somebody where the Egyptians, who lived in Rome, had their temple. You would have also found these celebrating the birth of their Savior-God, Horus, (son of Osiris) who was born of a virgin, in a stable, December 25th. In the temple, vou would find a statue of the figure of the infant-god Horus, lying in a manger, and a statue of his virgin-mother, Isis, standing beside it: ... just as in a Roman Catholic church on Christmas day you will find a stable, or cave, rigged up, and the infant Jesus in a manger, ... and a figure of Mary beside it."

Why would I share this with you ? To destroy your faith ? No.

We need to look beyond our Sect, and see that throughout time, in all lands, and cultures, there have been *prophetic waftings of light*. God is not dead, ... as we supposed. Because our lives have been so full of "ourselves", we have missed much of what *the Spirit* ... is doing. (Even though we knew that we were supposed to spend time with Him)

God loves His creation. And, because of the "love" of the Father, one cannot be Sectarian; and be sent of Him.

Truth emanates from the Spirit, and the Light. (universally)

It just *is*, and we are born again by it. We become one with Him, and enjoy His loving embrace, just as surely as the prodigal son, when *he* returned home. (St. Luke ch.15)

So, we ask ourselves the question, when we see these <u>same duplicates</u> in the different cultures, "Who borrowed from who ?"

Or, we may take a different view, and ask, Is this the *fulfillment* of *prophetic expression* ? It is pretty amazing, because it spans all the eras of history that we have records of, ... in all the major *cultures* of the world.

Is it wrong for one religion to borrow from another ? And, what would their motivation be ? Would it be because "it is true" ? Or, could it be for political reasons ... to form a state religion, that would be believable to the majority ?

For example, "virgin birth" seems to be a necessity for all of these religions, to be successful. (in all of the cultures)

Death, Burial, and Resurrection. The Savior, being sent to destroy the Devil, and his works. More than one of them are holding a Rod, and a Staff. They are the light, and truth.

Sectarianism says ...

What have you got to lose ... by believing ? (nothing)

What have you got to gain ... by believing? (eternal life)

So, you choose to believe, and the Priesthood, and the church, take care of everything for you, and you "belong". This is the "state church". (it is born of "political spirit", and <u>dogma</u>)

If the rich young ruler, who came to Jesus, ... came to your church, ... he would be "saved". He may even be on the board of directors. (But, Jesus <u>didn't</u> <u>seem</u> to think so)

Listen to the story ...

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall not enter therein.

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do ... to inherit eternal life ?

And Jesus said unto him, Why do you call me good ? There is none good, except one, ... that is God. You know the commandments. Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, and honor your father and your mother. Now, when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet you lack one thing: (relationship), ... Sell all that you have, and distribute to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, and follow me.

And when he heard this he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God !

For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man ... to enter into the kingdom of God.

And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved ?

And he said, the things that are impossible with men, are possible with God."

- St. Luke 18:17-27

Had he followed the words of Jesus (St. John 5:24), ... it would have led him to ... the *voice of the Spirit*.

(St. John 1:12, ch.3, ch.6:63, chs.14,15,16, ch.17:3, Acts 1:8, also: Paul's writings - Romans ch.8, 1 Corinthians ch.2)

The rich young ruler was familiar with "state religion", and was, by his own will, a practicing participant.

But the gospel that *Jesus taught* ... was that we are saved by relationship with the Spirit of God. (St. John 3:1-8) And, even that relationship has to do with the expression of our *works* ... rather than the opinion we hold. (St. John 3:19-21, see also: St. Matthew 7:21, and ch.25).

Believing, just to achieve gain, is probably the most "selfish act" that one can clothe themselves with. And so, the fancy temples follow, with all their trappings and allure, to try to support an evidence ... that is not there.

Jesus' message was not as popular.

This "state religion", which is a social religion, carries with it a criteria such as "acceptance, and praise, of man", and judgmentalism with opinion.

It ends up with Spiritual loss. (St. John 5:37-44)

This type of faith is usually based in <u>someone else's</u> faith; and Jesus said, there will come a Day when they will hear the words from the Lord,

"Depart from me, I never knew You".

All those arguments that one thought they had figured out ... won't stand.

To promote the idea of a "belief", with no true evidence, is to promote a psychological sickness to one's family, and to a society.

The apostle Paul described it as "a form of Godliness, that denied the Spirit, and power, thereof". He said to turn away from it. This ... is <u>not</u> the gospel that the scriptures spoke of. They speak of "inspiration". (2 Timothy ch.3) "As many as I love, I correct and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will share with him, and he with me.

To him that overcomes, I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."

- Revelation 3:19-22

If I told you that your must turn to God, and receive your inspiration and direction from *His Spirit*; and you believed me, you would still be no closer to salvation than before we talked; for this is something that you *must do* to attain the *pathways* of salvation. You must hear the Spirit of God, and be obedient. Things change from generation, to generation. God's *creative* plan is ever being *worked out*.

When Jesus was in the wilderness (St. Matthew ch.4) he didn't hold God to His word, as Satan was trying to get him to do. Rather, he responded with a "relationship" answer.

It's really none of our business what God wants to do. He's God, and we are His creation.

You, O separate one, have no power to do anything.

"Father ! Lead us not into temptation; but, deliver us from evil. Give us this day our daily bread"

Well, ... what if He doesn't ? Look at Jesus' answer. ...

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word ... that proceeds from the mouth of God" There will be battles: some harsh, some seductive, and some deceitful. The *Spirit of God* ... will lead you through each one.

Your faith, and your skill, will develop, and ... you will mature. (Romans ch.8)

How am I a Christian ? It's because I believe *the message* of Christ. (St. John 5:24) I believe ... in the same *Spirit*.

Others of other cultures may know this experience under a different name. We are all on a journey: each one of us.

Some carry hurt, resentment, and guilt. Others have been deceived by evil.

Some are "distracted", and walk in darkness.

We can be *a light* in a dark place. A friend. A healer. A support.

There is one who doesn't like the "light", but if we walk in the *light*, he is overcome. Walk on in faith brother, or sister, ... you are a child of God. "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. But, let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally, and disgraces not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith(fullness), nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind, ... and tossed. For let not that man ... think that he shall receive anything of the LORD. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the blossom of the grass, he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, ... but it withers the grass, and the flower thereof falls, and the grace of the fashion of it perishes: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the LORD has promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man: but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then, when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren, every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, ... neither shadow of turning.

Of His own will He brought us forth with the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures. Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be <u>swift to</u> <u>hear</u>, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man ... works not the righteousness of God.

Therefore get rid of all filthiness, and outgrowth of wickedness, and receive with humbleness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

But, whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and controls not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, ... this man's religion is vain.

Pure religion, and undefiled before God the Father is this, to visit the fatherless, and widows, in their affliction, and to keep himself ... unspotted from the world.

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ ... with respect of persons.

What does it profit if a man say he has faith, ... and has not works ? Can faith save him ?

Even so, faith if it has not works, is dead, being alone. A man may say, you have faith, and I have works: show me <u>your faith</u> without your works, ... and I will show you <u>my faith by my works</u>. You believe there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But, will you know O vain man, ... that faith without works is dead?

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

- James chs. 1,2 (part)

Idea (and Faith)

Idea is the Supreme vehicle of Power. It *forms* the supply of energy, and gives it a personality. One cannot read Revelation ch.19 without seeing this process going on to create events.

Idea can result in obedient faith, or in troublesome anxiety. This is the area where we learn to become at one with the Spirit of the Father. (St. John 14:10,26, Romans ch.8)

When you master control over the vehicle of "idea", ... you exercise great effect.

People will pay money:

- to "be" the idea

- to "experience" the idea
- to "see" the idea
- to "live" the idea
- to be "protected" from the idea

People will give their lives for the "idea":

- educate themselves
- fight for it
- die for it
- raise their family for it

"Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." (this prayer is driven by idea)

The story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness is all about idea, as well. (St. Matthew ch.4)

The devil tried to get Jesus to "envision" his ideas, and turn them into anxieties. But, Jesus had the vision that the Spirit of God put into him; and he answered accordingly. This story gives us <u>the</u> "<u>idea" of the gospel</u> ... in so many ways.

- 1. Let God be God (Worship "<u>Him</u>")
- 2. Don't tempt God with your religious ideas
- 3. Live by the uttered Spirit Word

- St. Matthew ch.4

Our "ideas" aren't just fundamental *principles* from a book. We have a living source. He is the Spirit of God.

Jesus didn't carry scriptures (that we are told of); and he didn't write any scriptures that we know of. He isn't presented that way.

He's presented as one who speaks the *words* that the Spirit gives him. (St. John 5:24, ch.6:63, ch.14:10, etc.) He is a <u>speaker</u> of the *ideas* of the Spirit.

Oh, Oh, Oh. If we could just <u>get this</u>, it would change everything.

Speak the word of the Spirit. Do the will of the Spirit. This is the only "safe place" to walk. And isn't it amazing, we've known it all along; and yet, we have let sectarian religion side-track us with their stories that they claim are unique.

We need to ask ourselves some serious questions, ... *today*.

What was going on in the world throughout history ? Was prophecy manifesting itself through the Egyptians, through the Greeks, ... the Persians, the Chinese, and the Indians?

Or, did everything just start with our religion ?

Could it be that the Roman empire was religiously affected ? Did the Persian religion play a part ? (The Roman Empire had control of Egypt and Judea at the time of the birth of Christianity)

Have we been singing from a "political hymn book" ? Do we know anything about the early church fathers ?

Do we even <u>know</u> what Jesus *believed*, and *taught*? Or, are we just parroting the teachings of a political dogma ?

Do we <u>not</u> know that what we call the Bible, is the writings that were selected by the state religion, ... to promote its belief ? Most other was banned, or burned. Why are so many *stories* and *sayings* that are found in the Bible ... also found in many other scriptures dating back centuries prior ? (Egyptian Book of the Dead, Hindu Veda, Persian Avesta)

Why is it that the Roman church has such a history of force, and expansion, instead of *Spirit*? Is man's religious opinion more reliable than political conviction? Is "sectarianism" spiritual, ... or political?

Here's a Jesus' teaching that we are in desperate need to learn from. So, let's have one more look ...

"It is <u>the Spirit</u> that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I am speaking unto you (present tense) are <u>Spirit</u>, and are life."

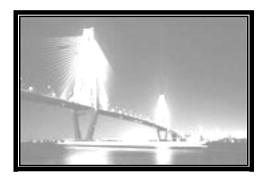
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Prophecy Dec. 9/07

Transition of the New Age

"O Wounded soul, going through an age of despair, ... with an appetite for fear. (See: Jude 4-16)

We are on the rapturous edge of Divine plans. The activities of the serpent will be weakened.

Potentates will be ushered in to meet us, and bring conjuncture.

There will be "agreements" all over the planet, and peace will be achieved.

The purest form of idolatry is the messiness of anticipation. Some will be frozen in time. Some will be healed. Some will be glorying in the truths of their neighbor. Some will be practicing fondness of each other.

But, a New Age is born of peacefulness, ... such as the world has never known.

Abruptly then, will be the call of decision. Momentarily. We won't even know ... how to handle it. The "saving light" will expose our needs. The grace of forgiveness and healing. Salvation. Repudiation.

Stand still, and break the power of the old.

The New Day ... is Dawning.

It will come through "realization", just as the light causes the day to spring forth.

Divine plans ! They are an energy that flows deep, ... and heals.

This new peace will hurt the justice of the old. It will be like a blood-bath of excitement. But, the New Day will bring forth its own glories, as the Age of darkness, and despair, will pass.

Strength will be found in beauty now, not machines. The age of art will deplete, for beauty is found in the air. The things "that are". The awakening. The dawning of a new age.

Hieroglyphs. The paintings from above. We will see them in our souls.

The rashness of the rules will diminish; and man shall live in joyous occasions.

Peace shall surround every one; and his neighbor shall like him. The practicalness of purity ... will disdain the fellows of the age of darkness: and darkness will not prevail.

Agreements shall come from heaven, and be written in the earth. The light of righteousness will arise. (see: Isaiah 61, Jude 17-25)

Quickness. Readiness. Be alert, as the dayspring arises. (1 Thessalonians ch.5)

I will give you truth. Truth is an energy. Lie not. Let truth create the brilliance of light.

Grace is the immaculate "perception". Grace and Truth, will war against despair. (See: St. John 1:1-18)

On the plains of Sodom, there was a leaflet, a "way out"; but, they left it unto others, and they were judged in their despair. This is a hieroglyph; a picture from heaven.

There is destination, and purpose, in these hieroglyphs. It is a Royal Assurgence. The understanding of these pictures ... will battle the darkness. *Hieroglyphs.* See them in the sky. See them in the heavens. The Royal Assurgency.

Mind not the things of today; for tomorrow the light shall come suddenly, ... as when the noonday arises. So shall it be with the hearts of man. And their little children shall not despair, and their wives shall not "taint", but, give forth; and the jealousies of rage shall no more flaw. The baking shall be sweet; and the hieroglyphs of the soul shall be proud, and will sustain the decisions of the heart.

Not of a readiness to be at peace ?

It will come, surely, says the LORD. Look for the hieroglyphs.

Stir not the pot that is seething. The stink of the rot will overcome one's nerves. They will fall away, one by one, and a cluster at a time.

See forward ... into the Peace. The soul that eats it shall live; and righteousness shall rise as the noonday Sun.

Gladness, and joy, shall reign throughout the streets, and the light of love shall shine ... on the mixture. The glory of the Father surrounds us. (See: Revelation ch.21)

The Glory of the Father. The praise of the nations. He will guide you. He will direct you. He will give you Peace. He will be the solace of the nations.

"Ho, everyone, Come to the waters, all you that thirst; take my yoke upon you, ... and be at rest".

See the Peace of Antiquity. The "rests" of the nations. The Good Shepherd, and the green pastures. The Love. The Pleasantries."



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The Age Now Changing

Why, in the Christmas story, ... is the *mention* of the Magi being led by a "star" to Bethlehem, to find the "new born" Christ ? (St. Matthew ch.2)

Why did Jesus say that at *the end of the age* ... there would be signs in the heavens?

At the time when Jesus was born, there was a shift from one *Age* to another. A new *Age* called Pisces was ushered in, and heralded by the heavenly hosts ... announcing the "birth of the Christ", the Savior.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men"

Jesus, the Savior, said,

"He that hears my Word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

- St. John 5:24

The Early Christians

The early Christians, along with other sects like the Essenes, where well aware of this change that was going on.

Pisces, their new astrological age, was a water sign. The symbol is ... the fish.

In the establishment of the early Christian dispensation, John the Baptist, and Jesus, both practiced the rite of water baptism, which has been used in some form in the Christian Church ... until this day. Water is a symbol of purification, and preparation for service to the Spirit of God.

Have you ever asked yourself why, in the early years of Christianity, the sign of *the fish* was seen to accompany so many of the Christian sites ?

At that time, those that used that *symbol* would be considered the *New Age* movement of their day.

In the 2000 years that followed (the Picean Age) it has certainly been one of

water, and the many uses of that element. Ocean navigation has brought about the discovery of foreign lands; and worldwide trade developed. Wars have been fought on the oceans; and water has been the main element of trade and development.

Early Christian Symbols



Anchor, Fish, Chi Rho

"The Revival of the Fish Symbol"

The 20th century revival of the fish symbol dates from 1965. At this time the Evangelical Union at Sydney University, confronted by the disenchantment of students brought on by the Vietnam War, and a perceived anti-Christian sentiment within the university, held a mission to the students. The committee in charge of promotions of the activity, looking for a symbol which was distinctly *Christian*, and which might excite curiosity by its apparent novelty, ... decided upon this ancient sign.

Members of the University of Queensland Evangelical Union also used the fish symbol (Gk. *ichthys* - fish) when they formed a temporary Christian commune to be a witnessing presence at the Aquarius Rock Festival at Nimbin in May, 1973.

From this time the display of *the fish* symbol, sometimes in combination with an Aquarius Festival sticker in the rear window of a Volkswagen Van, became common. The car bumper sticker followed quickly ... after the Hippie Movement. (the people of the Age of Aquarius, the New Age)

It would seem as though their take on the testimony of Jesus was that he was *associated* with the *entrance* of a New Age

at his time. (the Age of Pisces, with the fish symbol)

The symbol was rapidly adopted for use by other Christian bodies within Australia, such as the Church Mission Society.

And now, the "Jesus Fish" has become an icon of modern Christianity. Today, it can be seen as a decal or emblem on the rear of automobiles, or as pendants, or necklaces, as a sign to the world that the owner is a Christian.



The Time of Jesus

Things changed in the time of Jesus ! Through much struggle, even *religious views* changed. The new prophets weren't like the old. (they didn't fit in)

Prior to this "time change", people offered animal sacrifice to God. It was the Age of Aries. (the symbol was a Ram) This was the time of Abraham & Moses. Then, the *message* changed. It's not about animal sacrifice. Now, you must repent, and be baptized in water, and then the promise of God's presence would be yours. (Acts 2:38-40)

Was this just ideology ? Or, was it much bigger than that ?

It seems a little strange that during this time of change the temple of the Jews (where they did animal sacrifice) was destroyed by the Romans. (70 AD) The Jews haven't sacrificed for over 2,000 years.

Since that time, the calendar also has changed. Everything is dated B.C. and A.D.

A new era, ... *worldwide*. God controls the Ages.

Jesus prophesied that there would come *a time* when people would worship God in *Spirit* and in truth. (St John 4:19-24)

The New Age

What we have watched throughout the Age of Pisces ... will now move on into the Age of Aquarius. (the symbol is the "water bearer", man with the pitcher, or Vial. See: Revelation chs. 16,17 and 21)

Every major religion believes that we are entering the *change of Ages*. For some we are about to enter the Golden Age; ... and for some the Millennium.

Aquarius is an air sign, and the new *Age* is already noted for remarkable inventions for the use of air, electricity, magnetism, etc. Men navigate the air as the fish do the sea, and send their thoughts spinning around the world with lightning speed. (this is only a recent phenomenon, not in the previous 1900 years)

What has been introduced in the last 2000 years, ... will move into something *new* in this upcoming Age. We are moving into an Age where we will experience ... more *Spirituality*.

In August of 2000, a prophet of the Sikh religion (Yogi Bhajan) stated at a gathering how he thought the nature of the change of consciousness between the Age of Pisces and the Age of Aquarius would happen. He explained many of the differences between the way people have acted in the last 2000 years, and the way people will *evolve* in the future.

"In the Age of Pisces, (that we are just leaving) people gathered physical wealth around them to prove their status. They oriented themselves to the temporary earthly plane, instead of to their nobility. In the Age of Aquarius, (coming up), people will act gracious, kind, and their touch will fill the hearts of the other with love.

In the Age of Pisces, religion falsely taught people to look for God outside of themselves. In the Age of Aquarius, we will find God inside of ourselves. We will see every grain of sand is God, and we will trust and dwell in the working of God ... which lives and breathes inside of us.

The Age of Aquarius is not coming to us. The Age of Aquarius will come through us. What this means, is that the work you do on yourself to change your consciousness is how this new human reality will be established on the earth.

As you change the way you have relationships, as you let go of the need for status, as you start experiencing God inside of yourself and let go of the need to find something outside of yourself to give your power to, as you go deeply into your own meditation and make these changes in your life, the Age of Aquarius will come to the earth.

It is the work that you do, and the light that you share with others, that will create this new age, ... and the new human experience that is now possible.

Those of us here at this time have taken a very unique incarnation. We have the unique blessings and challenge to create this change in ourselves, from the inside out.

In essence we are being asked to rebuild our house without leaving this one that we are in. So we need re-write the energy source, tear up the floorboards, re-model the rooms, and do all this reconstruction, ... without leaving the body and mind that we have been given. This process will, at times, create a tremendous sense of insecurity, because what used to work will no longer work anymore. It will, at times, leave us feeling vulnerable, unsure of ourselves, and needing to feel supported, as we experiment what new patterns of consciousness will work.

May you become completely aware within your own body and mind of the light of the Divine that lives in your own heart. And may that light become totally active today, now, to project your identity into the New Age where you shall live healthy, happy, holy, bountiful, blissful, and beautiful, on the earth."

- Yogi Bhajan

Most of what we knew in the last *Age* was "creed". Now, we will learn to *hear*, ... Spiritually.

Spiritual truth always develops, and grows. Joel's prophecy (Joel ch.2) was quoted by Peter (Acts 2:16-21), ... but, that was only the beginning. What we will see in the next *Age* will fulfill even that ... to a greater extent.

We are in transition now. (Revelation chs.1,2,3) Some predict the end of the former to be 2012. (winter solstice)

The masses are accustomed to walking in darkness. For most, their religion has only been "creed"; ... and for many the earthly ambitions that they have been taught, was "greed".

As things change, and God educates mankind, globally, ... there will be much struggle, and birth pains. The "old" will pass. The new will come. (now)

The *Spirit of God* will raise up messengers of this *new* era ... that will fulfill, and further develop, the truths of the past age.

Are we now directed by the stars ? No. We are directed by the *Spirit of God*.

What we have failed to realize, is that He has written *His Word* into everything, ... and it is truly amazing.



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<u>Religion</u> (to bind)

Religion was not so much concerned with individual Spiritual development, other than what they might add to cultural development. (moral change) It is a political genius.

So, if the individual heart seems to be always feeling "that there is more", and they aren't satisfied with nice temporal beauties of glamour, strength, and music; then, they should know ... that they are drinking at the wrong stream. (Jeremiah 2:13)

It is a political church, not a *Spiritual* church.

Rather than being in covenant with, and *relating* to, God; ... as far back as the Jewish Tabernacle, and even before that, people got lost in the crowd of the "special people". They didn't relate to God.

Good influence ? Maybe. Spirituality ? No.

As Jesus went about preaching in the synagogues, and in the temple, he would say things like ...

"Of a truth, I tell you, He that <u>hears my</u> <u>word</u>, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

I say unto you, *The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall <u>hear the voice of the</u> <u>son of God</u>: and they that hear shall live.*

For as the Father has life in Himself; so has He given to the son to have life in himself."

- St John 5:24-26

(compare this to Revelation 19:10. He is talking about *voice*, and *word*, and *life*, for the folks that are walking around dead, *Spiritually*)

"It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you are Spirit, and are life."

- St. John 6:63

These people, although they were in the temple, and in the synagogue, ... were *lost* in the church of the "special people".

They looked like each other; but they were out of touch, and living in a broken covenant.

It was a political church; not a Spiritual church.

It's a "playoff" of the heart-felt *binding together* of the true body of *Spiritual* believers.

The difference is that the true believers are growing, as they are reconciled to the *Spirit of God.* (Acts 9:31)

They find their purposes, not in the palaces of the state church, but rather in the *voice of the Spirit*.

The rich young ruler (St. Luke ch.18) can belong to one, ... but not the other.

The reason we see *Spiritual events* in the records of the early church, and not in this one, ... is that they are two different churches.

Few people can relay the *message* that Jesus was preaching, because the State church has built up cultural beliefs to overshadow it. It's a convenient cultural message.

In the old stories of the Persian, Egyptian, Greek, and Roman, gods, there is always virgin birth, death, and resurrection: but, do we ever know *what they said* to us ?

It's not necessary in a political religion. All the gods of "blessing" bless us in our "helplessness": ... but, they never nurture us into *authority of sonship*.

Jesus came: but, whose *words* was he speaking ? (St. John 14:10) These weren't words that he had learned from some book, ... in some school.

Whose words are we listening to, today? (Acts 3:38, Romans ch.8)

Jesus didn't wait at some college for disciples.

He chose men from the field of action, because ...

1) he wanted men that would *mingle* with the common people, ... not the religious.

2) he wanted men of *experience*, not intellect.

The State church waits with creed, and ritual.

The gospel of Christ ministers experience ... to one another.

In the state church you won't hear about ...

- 7 stages of Spiritual growth
- 7 Powers of despondency
- 7 Spirits
- 7 churches

You may hear about Dispensationalism, and how that God moved in different ways throughout history: ... but, you will never hear about the stories of the dozen other godmen (just like the story about Jesus) that all died, were buried, and rose again; ... because these people are all isolated from the *reality* of the other cultures of the world.

The Spirit of God

"When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him ... one brought up: and I was daily delight, rejoicing always before Him;

Rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth; and my delights with the sons of men.

Now therefore, hearken unto me, O you children: for blessed ... keep my ways.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Blessed is the man that hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

For whoso finds me, finds life, and shall obtain favor of the LORD.

But he that sins against me wrongs his own soul: all they that hate me love death."

- Proverbs 8:29-36

We Must Ask Ourselves

How important is the church ? And, how important is it to *me*, *and my family* ?

State Church ? Sectarianism ?

Global integrity ? The *Spirit of God* ? God ... is a Spirit.

"Our Father who art in Heaven"

The global faith is a *living* faith that understands the *oneness* of integration.

Reconciling people to God: not, political power, materialism, or *sectarianism*.

How important are the clergy ? And, how important are they to me ?

How important is the Bible ? And, how important is it to me ?

What about other scriptures ?

(the Book of Job is a good example of wrong counsel, and narrow belief. Isaiah chapter one is another)

We must *open* up. Turn back to God, ... the *real* God. (Isaiah chs.42-45)

Genesis chs.1-3 - "the voice of the LORD"

Revelation chs.2,3 - "the voice of the LORD"

Behavior styles are His. They don't belong to a culture.

They don't belong to the past. They belong to this generation.

How important is the idea of Jesus being God ? And, how important is this *belief* to me ?

How important is Baptism ? And, how important is it to me ?

How important is virgin birth ? And, how important is it to me ?

How important is the blood sacrifice at the cross ? And, how important is it to me ?

How important is Christianity ? And, how important is it to me ?

God is a Spirit

God is a Spirit. God is *Light*, and *intelligence*.

God created *man* (all men) in His own image.

Ever since then, in all generations, we have seen the embellishment of this *light* upon the great advances of civilization.

But, man carries something else with him, and that is *anxiety*; the opposite of faith.

Self-ambition: the opposite of sonship.

And so, in this world we have these perversions at war with one another. People are "doing", as an independent. Separated from God; instead of being His *expression*.

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit would say." (Revelation chs.2,3)

How great it is when one can look within oneself, and find that he, or she, has become the *cause* of peace and well-being, and of happiness and advantage, ... to his, or her, fellow creature. For this is the service of God.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory ... full of grace and truth." (St. John 1:14)

<u>The Tree</u>

"In the day that you eat of it you shall die"

- Genesis 2:17

We live in a world full of people going about in the business of activity.

How can we say ... the sinner has died ?

In actuality, he did die when the *effect* of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil took hold and opened his *realization* to the next awareness.

Now, that he is aware of the two; that being *past recollection*, and *future plans*, ... his soul is full of anxiety, and he has died to *present realization*.

The crowds that you behold do not live in the present; they only live in anxiety for the past, or future.

The only salvation that gives life for the present is the light.

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says" (now)

He who becomes as a little child, and frees himself from the thought-force of the masses ... will find the life of the Spirit.

He will come to the realization of *present Spirit*, and will acknowledge that we stand before the *void* from which all things grow.

Does this mean that we do nothing?

Does this mean that we do not meet the needs of our generation ? God forbid.

We have been strategically placed here, at this time, with the scroll of our destiny placed within our hearts; and it is our stewardship to perform it vigorously, as long as we have breath. (Romans ch.8)

Tomorrow, you will be surpassed, but you will be at rest in the glory of your reward; and you will be a *stone* in the *building project* of the Supreme. "For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, that can hold no water."

- Jeremiah 2:13

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to the bound;

to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called <u>trees of righteousness</u>, <u>the planting of</u> <u>the LORD</u>, that He might be glorified.

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<u>Timing</u> (creates authority)

If you can find another's *timing* (rhythm), ... you *can* become ... at one.

You must have a rhythm that is acceptable, *then* you become a "leader".

When you are unsure of your own rhythm ... people cannot relate to you; and you will only be a follower, ... always *hoping*.

Healing

Speaking words of peace, accompanied by revelation, ... *heals*.

Speaking words of love, accompanied by revelation, ... *heals*.

Speaking words of joy, accompanied by revelation, ... *heals*.

Because we don't move in the Spirit, and co-operate with Him, ... many of our prayers are nothing more than noise.

There is healing through counsel.

There is healing through diet change.

We need to stop being chasers of sensationalism, which is nothing more than self-exaltation, and begin to see the flow of God's healing grace. (slow down)

He will *miraculously heal* ... as we obey.

Legalism

Legalism is a spirit that accuses. It will take any revelation, any truth, any lie, any opinion, of any culture, ... and seek to destroy the condition of the human soul. It is the acidy solution from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Truth is a Spirit. It is from a realm that does not "formulate", ... or solidify.

It will not result in an idol, a book, or a man. From *these* ... truth may be revealed, but will not be in bondage to any.

The wind moves when (and where) it will. You hear the sound thereof, ... but you can't tell where it originated, or where it will end up. So is everyone that is born of either of these spirits.

Many think that God has to *justify* Himself; but, He is the author of light. He doesn't have to justify Himself. That is only ... a hope for the legalist.

Exercise ... to be an overcomer.

Spiritually Socially Physically Intellectually Economically "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcomes, I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."

- *Revelation 3:20-22*

Let down your accusation, and anger, ... so that you may enjoy the *light* of life.

Anxiety and worry are not the blessings of the *light* of life: ... but are the stammering lies of a society.

Fear of "falling short" is the pathway that leads to destruction.

- prophetic

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Bless the LORD, O my soul ! With all that is within me, Bless His holy Name. For He is the truth that will lead to life. And in the midst of His uplifting Spirit I shall find my salvation.

Moses passed a "call" and a nation unto Joshua.

Many generations have passed; and people haven't changed that much.

They worship, and never experience; and the heart grows sick. So, they feed it with small treats to try to pacify it.

They go through the motions "Because it is right", ... not to grow.

Their youth will find the excitement of the world more fulfilling.

(Revival)

When faith arises, doubt will make war on her. She must be supported, and support must be put in place for her.

Feed the public presses with little tidbits. Defeat the momentum of the vile. Let the land swing towards the Glory of the Father. Revival <u>must</u> stay <u>ablaze</u> for the country to turn.

A Dream

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We were on a pleasure boat, cruising the harbor, going back and forth to some of the close islands. A kind of a small to medium sized yacht.

I was used to this, because I had owned some nice boats; and it didn't seem out of the ordinary that my friends were along.

Soon, the scene was that we were backed in, and parked at the shore; and getting off the boat to enjoy a walk on the beach.

I was the first one, and as *I* passed a close dock ... something caught my eye.

At first glance, it looked like a black log, but something told me to take a closer look.

And as I looked, I could see that there was a body floating on a log just below the surface.

I called the others to come and see. It looked like maybe there was another body, or maybe more, under this one.

Now, I could see that this one was face down, and his hands were cuffed with handcuffs behind his back.

I said, We should call 911. (the emergency number)

By now, a few others were coming to look.

And as I stood peering over this sight, POW ... the Spirit of the LORD came from around behind me ... so quickly, ... and they were alive, on their feet, and out of the water.

It seemed like one male, and three females. (teenagers) More like the "street type".

They walked away, down the road, into the public, without a memory of being in that position.

I wanted to tell everybody, ... and give testimony to the power of God; Who didn't wait for an invitation. He just did it !

After all, I was going to call 911.

"The LORD had made known His salvation: His righteousness He has openly shown in the sight of the heathen.

He has remembered His mercy and His truth ...; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap there hands: let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; for He comes to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity."

- Psalms 98 (part)

We must learn that there is no barrier between God and us, ... because of His great *grace*.

This *salvation* is not of man, nor of legalism, nor of religion.

"Let every man minister as the oracle of God, and of that unique ability that God gives; that God may be acknowledged, and glorified in all things."

- 1 Peter 4:11

In times of extreme advancement of earthly technology people "fall back" from *Spiritual* understanding.

Just as in the ages of great religious pomp *Spiritual* education suffers; for earthly excitement takes away from *Spiritual* awareness.

Fruit-bearing

Fruit-bearing is a concept that Jesus promoted.

It's interesting, he could have talked about achieving status, power, or wealth; or putting your talents to good use. But, fruit-bearing?

When you look at it closely, it is *alive*. It is not independent, and fearful. It is in close *relationship* with the Source, and with the fruit. It is a different lifestyle than the spirit of the world would promote.

It's not about becoming somebody. It's about hooking into the flow of the Christ spirit, which brings forth the glory of the Father in this earth. It is part of an *eternal* plan, not a temporal one. It's part of the wisdom of the *Creator*; helping others to come into relationship with the Father.

* See: St. John chs. 17 and 15

1. Understand the power of the "furious". She seduces the mind, and lays waste the soul.

2. "Solidarity" is a controlling spirit. Devastating to truth, and individuality.

3. "Marxism" is rather the expression of another spirit (laziness) ... and is meant to embarrass, and humiliate, individuality.

4. "gar-gouth" is the unintelligible sound from the wisest of the ages. (spirit of power)

5. Monotony is in agreement with it, and is the spirit of "selfish-love". Somber is the distraction which leads to anger, hate, and loathing.

6. "Jealousy" is the wickedness of advice. It always has advice for the insolent soul.

7. "Worthiness" - is the fear of falling short. It is always being judged. It is spiritual decent.

8. "Anger" loves joy, but hates the results of it. It is bombastic, and loud, ... and serves to hurt others. It is the spirit of death to the soul. Its words are mincing: sometimes wise: sometimes cruel. Wisest for the sake of slaying with cruelty.

9. "Blessed Virgin Marxism" is the cheap shot that is meant to remove the Spirit of God from man, and humiliate him into the depths of rage.

10. It will follow through with "separatism", and will continue to humiliate, and foster fear.

11. "Isolationism" is wrong, and leads to sectarianism, with a wholehearted disbelief in others.

12. "Tyranism" is jolted by dis-behavior. It cannot stand it; and it is a deathblow to it.

13. "Saintli-ism" is sarcastic, and scornful of others. Just the idea of it spurns the developing goodness of others.

14. "Capitalism" is the pig of ingenuity. It curdles, cuddles, and asphyxiates, ... to en-trance man, and bring bondage.

The soul that is free of these finds great liberty ... to find *life*.

"Come unto me all you that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke (of purpose, and unity) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- St Matthew 11:28-30

"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength."

- Isaiah 40:31

The *ultimate* worship is dependency; after having escaped the illusion of independence.

"Our Father Who is in heaven, Holy is Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done ... as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, ... forever. Amen."

- St. Matthew 6:9-13

Because our whole religion is based upon intellect, and legalism, ... rather than Spirit and faith, we find it a "strange world", this Spirit world. (see: Isaiah ch.40)

Through *faith* we see where we are *at*; and what problems we are *overcoming*.

Subservient sins are dealt with in this area of worship; ... where our faith *frees* us to be ... "at one".

Revelation and faith-building are forces in these unique strata's ... of "us". The humanity of *light*.

Our souls are refreshed. These are healing times. Times of peace and *rest*.

What you learn at these times will be the *true atonement* experience for the people.

"There, I will tell you ..."

- Exodus ch.25

These are the Royal Priests of the Kingdom of God ... who will *speak* to the holy nation of His people. (1 Peter ch.2)

This is where this priest turns off the ritual, the religious opinion, and the technology, and turns "the people" on.

Don't mistake "dedication" ... for *Spirituality*.

eg. Suicide bombers Activists Fundamentalists etc.

Spirituality can be found any place. And, we *learn* ... to major in it. It's usually frowned upon by "dedicated" people. (activists)

Because they are on their own agenda, they are distracted, and blind.

The *Supernatural* will follow you shortly, and *wow* them.

"And you will appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes,, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified

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<u>Salvation</u>

Do we understand: or do we have it confused ?

As we follow the history of Christianity we see a people that have done away with the *laws* of the Jewish religion, and the *will* of God; ... and have introduced a form of human sacrifice, blood, ... and *sacrifice covenant*.

We'll take a moment to look at this, as it is important to our understanding of *real* salvation, as was taught by Jesus, and the early apostles.

When going back to the teachings of Jesus ... we see that whenever he talked about him being in us, or with us, there is always a reference to his *words*. And these words, he said, where *not* his own; ... but rather the words of the *Spirit of God*. (St. John chs.14-16, and ch. 14:10,24)

When he spoke of salvation in the third chapter of John's gospel he spoke of a Spiritual new birth, and then he went on to say that the condemnation of man is that *light* is in the world, but people love darkness because it excuses their deeds.

"He that hears my word, and believes on <u>Him that sent me</u>, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

- St. John 5:24

"As many as received him (welcomed him), to them gave he power to become the sons of God ...; which were born, <u>not of blood</u>, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, ... but <u>of God</u>.

And the <u>Word</u> was made flesh, and dwelt among us ...; full of grace and truth.."

- St. John 1:12-14

In the Gospel according to Luke the story is told of a rich man who came to Jesus, and asked him how to inherit eternal life. (St. Luke ch.18) Jesus made it clear that he was *not* God; and then, immediately referred him to the *Word* of God.

The rich man agreed; but he had one problem. His *works* were not born of God: he was pursuing his own dreams.

In the next chapter (ch.19) the story is told of Zacchaeus, who responded to the *message* of Jesus, and Jesus said,

"This day salvation has come to this house."

All through the book of Acts, whenever you hear the early apostles preaching, the *sacrifice* gospel is *never* mentioned.

The gospel that is preached in the book of Acts is acknowledged to be the gospel of Jesus (that he preached) ... and they carried on with it. (in his name)

Jesus associated his gospel with the *prophetic message* of Isaiah. (see: St. Luke 4:17-21, Isaiah ch.61. Also get an understanding of the background from Isaiah chs.40-43

Now, having an understanding of the *background* of the *gospel*, let's move on.

The *message* was to turn <u>to God</u> (in faith and repentance), cleanse your ways (public testimony by baptism), and the promise of the *presence* of *God's Spirit* will abide with you. (Acts 2:37-40, ch.3:14-26, ch.13:47-49, ch.14:15-17, ch.20:24-32, ch.22:12-16, ch.26)

The King James version of the Bible has been played with in order to form certain doctrines of the later Christian church. (Roman State church)

Let me give you a few examples.

We've already established that there is *one* God, Who is also the *Savior*. (Isaiah 43:10-11) *Jesus preached this*. (St. Luke 4:18,19, ch.18:17-19, St. John 5:24, ch.14:10)

But now, even in the face of this, Acts 10:42 has been tampered with by *adding* just two small words. (in italics)

If you have taken the time to look the scriptures up that I have referred you to in the last few pages, and have come to an *understanding*, then we are having an intelligent conversation. If not, this may just go over your head.

When you read Acts 10:42 the way it *was* written you get one understanding. (that goes along with what we are talking about)

And when you add <u>to be</u> into it you get something totally different that supports the doctrine of the later church. (after the 4 th century)

Another example is Romans 14:10, where "judgment seat of <u>God</u>" was changed to read "judgment seat of <u>Christ</u>". A small change, but it helps to support a contrary church doctrine that arrived a few hundred years after Jesus and the early apostles.

So now we have people worshipping, and praying to, Jesus, saints, and angels, instead of being reconciled to the *Spirit of God*. (see: St. John 16:23-28)

The Gospel

Blood Sacrifice, Human Sacrifice. Or, *Hearing* the *Spirit of God* and *Obedience of Faith* ?

In the first chapters of Romans Paul goes to great lengths to discuss how we are justified before God.

He deals with topics like *Moral authority* and *faith, ...* and *obedience*.

Moral authority is a common belief to *Spiritual leaders* in the east.

You can ride with me, you can use my name. I'll take you under my wing. Abide in me. I have a relationship with the Spirit of God. I have *moral authority*. I will be your savior. I have been sent by the *Spirit of God*.

Now you must have faith and obedience.

If you read the first eight chapters of Romans with this understanding you will find it quite easy to understand what Paul is saying to these people. This is about *Spirituality*, not ritual and religion, ... nor sacrifice.

In Hebrews we see it again. But remember, just the name of the book should help you out.

As was seen throughout the *Gospels* (showing the ministry of Jesus), and throughout the *book of Acts* (showing the ministry of the early apostles), sacrifice is a common practice through most of the region, and especially amongst the Jews.

Remember we are leaving the long age of *Aires*. And the symbol for *Aires* is the Ram.

Now to believe that God would relate to people who just cleansed in water, ... was the gospel of the *new age* of Pisces.

But, you will soon come to realize what these writings are about. They are the argument for the ending of one age, and the beginning of another. So with this setting in mind, let's look at a small portion of the letter to the Hebrews.

"When he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin you would not, neither did you have pleasure therein; which are offered by the law.

Then, said he, Lo, I have come to do your will, O God.

He takes away the first that he may establish the second.

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says God, I will put My laws (Gk. nomos - principles) into their hearts, ... and in their minds will I write them. And their sins, and iniquities, I will remember no more."

- Hebrews 10:8-17 (part)

*Note: the rest of the letter goes on to speak of the *obedience of faith*, and culminates in Hebrews 12:22-29 with the *voice* of God. We are not living in the age of sacrifice. We are living in the age of *obedience of faith*.

"By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. (for us ... was added in)

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who <u>through the eternal Spirit</u> offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to <u>serve the</u> <u>living God</u>."

- Hebrews 9:12,14

(Blood was a symbol in the age past for the Jews. They used it symbolically to state their *obedience* to the *Word* of God. It symbolically ensured their covenant. See: Exodus ch.24)

Vision

Our vision has been corrupted. We are accustomed to seeing a god nailed to the cross, with a crown of thorns on his head. Our religion is built around that What an eye-opener awaits these folks when they meet God.

Every place that *judgment* is spoken of in scriptures around the world, it is according to our works. (even in the Bible)

No place are we let "off the hook" because of a *substitution*.

But, our works are *not* to be works of blindness, ... but rather works that are born of *the Spirit*. (St. John 3:21, Titus 3:5)

The earth was made for us. We are to have dominion over everything. We are to be "overcomers". (Genesis ch.1,2 and Revelation chs.2,3)

We are to rejoice in its *sustenance*, its *priestly service*, and its *social order*. Its times, ... and its seasons.

The glory of God is a *wonderful* thing.

If you only had *four minutes* to save the world ... where would your mind be ?

Do you have an answer?

If you had only *four minutes* to save yourself? Do you know the answer?

Why not ?

Do you know that most people walk around in delusion; and they won't put it on their agenda ... to *figure it out*.

"I have been raised to be abstract instead of direct. I'm sorry.

The fulfillment of prophecy would never happen to my life, ... because I would never allow it to happen.

(forlorn. O, so forlorn)

Do you know what's the matter ... with us folks ?

We never would "be". Never would "Be".

"Sacrifice and offerings You did not desire"

Lo, I have come to do your will O, LORD"

- Hebrews ch.10

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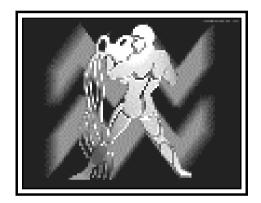
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Section







Revelation chs. 16,17,21

The Birth of Sectarianism

"And as Moses <u>lifted up</u> the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be <u>lifted up</u>: that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

- St. John 3:14,15

The idea of *"being lifted up"* can be seen throughout most of the religions of the cultures of the world, even thousands of years prior to this statement of Jesus, and prior to Moses of Israel.

You can find the same idea in the Persian Avesta of the Zoroastrian religion; the Egyptian religion's savior god, Horus; the Hindu story of Krisna, the savior god; as well as Prometheus of Greece, etc.

The idea of *"overcoming"* is also common, and we find it again in Revelation chs. 2,3.

And as each of these savior gods have been *"lifted up"*, a new sect has been born.

Throughout the ages, and the cultures, saviors have come and gone, scriptures have been written, temples built, and wars fought.

Everyone has *the truth of salvation*, and it has a *name* unique to its culture, language, and scripture.

This is what we call *Sectarianism*. It has been around since Cain and Abel; and if we look at the story of the Tower of Babel we can see the same truths coming through. (Genesis chs.4,11)

For the most part, we have missed the *truth* of what Jesus was *referring to*; and have rushed off into *sectarianism* with our own version of the gospel.

But, I will assure you that salvation is *not* found in sectarianism. There is more to this than what we have been led to believe.

God is not a Jew. He's not a Persian. Nor is He an Indian. And when we miss the truth of universal, and eternal, *Spirituality*, we find ourselves in these cultural wars of destruction.

As we look to this *"lifting up"* experience there is an alternative to sectarianism, ... and that is the divine experience of *Spirituality*.

If we were to limit ourselves to *only* the chapter of John that this statement was made in, we would see that religion is challenged with Spirituality. (ch.3)

To see the *Kingdom of God*, one must be born *Spiritually*. (vs.1-12)

When the dying savior god is *lifted up*, ... it is not a picture of salvation. It is a picture of death.

To take this picture of death, and run with it, ... is sectarianism. It is condemnation.

Then, Jesus goes on to explain that what men are shunning is Spiritual *light*

that is ... present. And this is the condemnation. (vs.14-21)

They haven't seen the death experience to their own *ambition*. And to make it even more clear, it is written, (ch.19) that there was a sign above his head that read ... (pertaining to ambition) ...

"King of the Jews"

How much more clear can this be?

Then, the chapter (ch.3) goes on to explain that he that does the truth comes to the *light*. (vs.21)

Sectarianism tries to rise. (vs.22-30)

And once again the truth of the *voice*, and the *light* is explained. (vs.31-36)

God ... it *true*. Not sectarianism. No matter what name it goes by.

The Gospel of Jesus

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well is another sectarian discussion. (St. John ch.4)

As the discussion went on, the *message* of Jesus becomes clear ... (vs. 23,24)

"The hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth."

Many of the Samaritans believed that he was of God, and accepted him as ... *savior*. (because of his *message* – vs. 41)

Jesus told his disciples that the harvest was *already* happening. (he didn't speak of ... *after* the cross. See also ch. 5:24)

We must see sectarianism as that which misses the *light*. We miss much of what God is *doing* and *saying* because of it. (see also: St John 5:37-47) Don't Answer

When you are obedient, you don't even know ... when you are being used.

" Slow down ...

Relax.

Stay with me, says the LORD. I've always been there for you. Why didn't you pick Me up before ?

I'm soft spoken. Is that the reason ? If I yelled at you, ... would that be better ?

I will sustain you. Just listen to Me."

People create *gods* out of ignorance. They exalt them; and they style them, and they worship them.

Sectarianism is the "*spin-offs*" of Spiritual light. (like the spokes of a wheel) It's when a "form" of fanaticism takes place. It's like the planets of the solar system ... that have created their own identity.

But, God is still God; and He is the *light* of each of these planets.

"No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten ... of God, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared Him"

- St. John 1:18

In the above scripture *Son* has been put in the place of *God* in some versions. But it is the <u>declaration</u> that we are interested in.

The early Apostle Paul described Jesus as the *first-born* among many *brethren*. (Romans 8:29)

Almost every religion can relate to that statement without contradicting their scriptures.

And yet, we are like a bunch of little children running around; each having our own opinion.

The cross is *not* to be exalted. The apostle Paul described it as the loss of *religious attainment*. It brings us to the "0" point of any achievement; and we need to stop the divisions, and return to the *declaration* of *Spirit*. (Ephesians ch.2)

<u>Fundamentalism</u>

A fundamentalist doesn't have to be a *nice* person; and they don't have to be a *right* person.

All they have to do is decide upon a few laws, and then enforce them. They are "legalists".

Spiritual ? I dare say not.

They are a pathetic sort; driven by *fear*, and destruction; whose world only gets smaller and smaller day by day.

Water ?

They ask. But, their thirst is <u>not</u> quenched. (sordid)

Not interested in the worth of the person because ... that would be to *behold* the wonders of God (the *declaration*), and to trust in His Fatherhood.

Sacrifice Gospel

What would be the need for Judgment Day, where every man is judged according to his *"deeds"*, ... if Jesus "dying on the cross" was enough ? (Revelation 20:10-14, St Matthew chs.12, 25)

The gospel that Jesus, and the early apostles, taught ... was to *know*, and *do*, the will of the Father. (deeds)

This has always been the *Spiritual* gospel, ... without a sectarian name.

Come, Everyone

Come bearing actual *Spiritual ministries*, not board certifications. That's what is ... *eternally* effective.

It's the difference between a quickening spirit (the Christ anointing), ... and being *dead* in ones trespasses (deviations) and sins.

Spiritually disillusioned.

Christians tend to see themselves, and others, as having a time when they are separate from God.

But, God formed man, then put His *"script"* in man (soul), in His own image, and then breathed His life into him.

Man might walk in the *perceptions* of the temporal, material, and sensory, existence, ... not realizing the *intelligence* of the eternal Spirit. He might be distracted from the *living script* of the Supreme.

We call this walking in darkness, lost, out of touch.

We must be awakened to the higher *attributes*, rather than the lower distractions.

People walk around in illusion. (I'm speaking about leaders, for we are all leaders of someone)

God is in control of perception, and *light*. He is the *Spirit* of truth.

You are one dream away from *knowing*.

You are one *realization* away from *light*, and understanding.

The *result* of the message of Jesus was huge people.

The result of the message of the early apostles was huge people; the *habitation* of *God's Spirit*.

The results of the message of state religion are seen as castles, history relics, history heroes, and political spirit.

You see, what we have been taught to believe is a *matter of faith* may not be the same as the message of the *real* gospel.

Our *matter of faith* is in Spiritual *light*, and commitment to the *Spirit* of our Creator. (obedience, faithfulness) Not to an ambitious Sect.

"Blessed is the man that hears Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors."

- Proverbs 8:34

"He that does truth comes to the light that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God."

- St. John 3:21

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcomes, I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."

- Revelation 3:20-22

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"

- Romans ch.8

This *life* is not found in sectarianism, where we get our praise, and assurance from men. *(St. John chs.5,6)*

For us, in our generation, we would like to be Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindu's, etc.; but, we need to revisit this idea, and actually hear what their *message* was ... before they became an organization

Jesus said, There is only one that is good, and that is God. (St. Luke 18:18,19, and Isaiah 43:10,11)

If he came as the *Word*, ... what was his message ?

It's interesting that he is saying the same thing as we are, here.

"hear what the Spirit is saying"

Does it *matter* ? Well, they seemed to think so.

Faith is an energy. It is the *creative vision* that comes from the *Word* of the Spirit.

As we move forward in obedience, the *Spirit of God* creates something, ... and works with something in this material realm. (Creation - Genesis chs.1,2)

Jesus said, What I see the Father doing, that's what I do. (St. John 5:19-24, ch.14:10)

Ministry to "All"

A frenzied soul you cannot easily see in the Spirit.

You must slow it down with your mind's eye until you can *see* what is driving it.

Keep slowing it down until you can see.

The same goes for healing, calming the storm, or the popular momentum.

It's about the still, small, voice.

Be still. Not radical.

When Jesus healed the blind man, it was about the anxiety of the eye.

Truth sets aflame the *spark of desire* to receive *light*, ... and see what could not be seen.

The god that man creates ... rises out of a culture. But that should not be the case; ... for a culture rises out of God.

We don't define God by *any* culture, or Sect. For He is the God that has created *all* of mankind.

When we have our differences, it's not because of *God's Spirit*. It's because of man's presumption, and orthodoxy, religious ambition, and sectarianism.

God has no nationality. God is a *Spirit*; and He sees the *hearts* of man; and the faith, or fear, that resides there. That is the heart that He would call unto *Himself*; and the *destiny* that He would set aflame. It's *not* about a name change.

"That you may know how to behave yourself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the foundation of the truth.

And great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

- 1 Timothy 3:15,16

The physical body has differences of shape, color, hair, and texture.

But, the *soul* is eternal, and all have the same responses to the tests of the powers, and the same opportunities of expression.

Man does not create soul; for these souls are the *Word* of God.

When breathed upon by the *Spirit* they become *illuminated*, and express their writing.

And as they awake, they show forth their self-identification with the Divinity.

"I and the Father are one"

Most sin is "learned" sin, and is brought forth because of unbelief in the *oneness with God.*

Therefore, we must minister "belief", and *not* condemnation. (St. John 3:16-21)

It is a terrible thing that some do, when they lead the children of men astray from the path of the Spirit ... to fill their soul with superstition, and prejudices, sectarian pride, and division.

Preach forgiveness, love, and patience, to those who will turn back to the Spirit, and free themselves from the struggling voices of this world.

We still have a people who are awaiting the building of some great temple; while the true temple is wearing your shoes.

Clean it out, and sanctify it to God. Let *His Spirit* be the preacher of good things, and the author of *true* vision.

The human race perishes for a lack of faith. Anxieties, and despondencies,

have scattered, and crippled, the flocks of humanity; and they have lost their Shepherds who have the time to *hear* what the *Spirit* is saying.

But when *that voice* is heard, My sheep will come; for they know the voice of their Shepherd.

Do not strive to find the "good path" in the darkness; ... but wait expectantly, and humbly, for the light to arise, that you may see.

Do not defile your temple, where your God would sit to commune with you.

It is to Him that you must address yourself, to be comforted from His *Word*, helped in your work, and cured in your sickness.

When you address yourself to Him, become as a little child; for you don't know the true reality of the past, the present, nor the future.

God is the *Word*; and the soul that has been filled with error shall find deliverance through His *Spirit of truth*. As is the heart of the people, ... so is the *light* of a nation.

In the view of the sun, we receive the blessing of radiant light.

But in the time of the moon, we see this light through the reflection of our selves.

Both are important to the cycle of life.

Revelation Times Reflection Times

Revelation times are inter-relational. Reflection times are for rest in seclusion. We read, in the Scriptures, of the calling of Moses. (Exodus)

He went through times of *revelation*, and times of *reflection*.

Then we read about him leading the Israelites through the Red Sea, ... as he followed the *Word* of God.

Then after Moses died, we read of Joshua leading the Israelites to the possession of the "new life".

We read of his calling, following the *Word* of God through the Jordan, combat, and entering the *promised* land to possess it.

The seed of progress is born in chaos.

"Originality comes from destruction"

- Mao Zedong

Enlightenment is born in the consciousness of the people.

Collective thought will form a unique culture.

History, with its Kings, Royal Families, and Lords, ... in some sense may have advantages in keeping order.

But we know that there have been rebels that believed that the advancement of people's development was being restricted. So, they *destroyed* the old. And for a time, because of a lack of the "old order" ... there was confusion, and *chaos*.

Jesus, and the Early Apostles

- the Kingdom of God, and the household of faith, in the Christ gospel.

- every individual has a ministry
- enlightenment of the individual

- from the collective group will emerge the ultimate culture. (Ephesians 1:18, ch.4)

The organized church has tried to quash it, and hold the people down. (eg. clergymen, laity, the elite, etc.)

Although in any group a form of government will always rise, we must be cautious *not* to miss the message of the gospel, and the *promise* of the *Spirit*, with *His* involvement.

In the 1500's A.D., the State church had become so overwhelming that we see the uprising of the Protestant Reformation, with the support even of some of the subservient state governments.

In the 1600's A.D. we have the history of the Puritan uprisings, ... to once again break the grip.

In the 1900's A.D. we have seen the various movements of Nazism, Communism, Maoism, and Fascism; ... all forms of Socialism, and managerial economies; ... where democracy, and capitalism, are fine as long as they are

managed by the government, or the government's corporate managers.

The difference between the *real* church, and these modern alternatives, is the belief in "third party" compassion.

Not only *enlightenment*; for each one has that as they become consciously aware.

Not only *dedication*; for that can be hurtful, as it is driven by ambition.

Not only *knowledge*; for that can bring "legalism", and combat.

But, "third party" love that will bring "healing and intervention" to its neighbor. "For though I have prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed ..., and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long, ... is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up. Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil;

Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails: but whether prophecies, they shall fail; tongues, they shall cease; knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but, when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abides faith, hope, love, ... these three; ...

but the greatest of these ... love."

- 1 Corinthians ch.13

Jesus spoke *Words of the Spirit* as he ministered. (St. John 6:63)

Why aren't we ?

- we're not used to doing so.

- we won't stop, and take the time to do so.

- many of us don't know how to *hear* the Spirit.

(Psalms 42:5, Isaiah 61:3,4, Psalms 72:11-19)

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone;

But if it die, it brings forth much fruit."

- St. John 12:24

This is what Jesus said, as he spoke of his, and *our*, involvement in society.

But we must also remember his message; ... that being, to *hear what the Spirit is saying*.

Legalism, and Sectarianism, focuses on the sin: while the *Spirit of God* focuses on healing the *anxiety* that causes the sin.

This is why you can't bear *Spiritual* fruit apart from seeing what the *Spirit* sees.

Obedience ? Faith ?

Is their any type of obedience, or faith, that is wrong?

The obedience, or faith, may be admirable; ... but we are talking about obedience to the *voice* of God's Spirit, and faith in His *character*.

Does this sound like ours ?

We may ritually pray multiple times a day, looking in a certain direction; but I can assure you that unless you are hearing the *voice* of your Creator, and are open to His encouragement, that you, along with the rest of the world, will be filled with anxiety.

God is not just the God of *our* faith: He is the God of "all". And as we are *abiding in Him*, we will know what it's like to "*be*"; and what it's like to be His child.

The promotion of sectarianism can be abusive; whereas the opening, and enlightening, of Spirituality is more gracious, and encourages *discovery*.

Salvation is a release from anxiety: not the introduction of more fear, and abuse.

Sectarianism is permeated with harsh *cultural opinions* ... that over time become a bondage if mixed with religion.

This meanness, and anxiety, is ministered to us from the time of our innocence.

Sectarianism

We don't realize how much time, and conviction, is spent abiding in legalism, and sectarianism. (St. John ch.3)

When one experiences the *release*, they will realize that there is no comparison. To abide in *the Spirit* is a much larger, and freer world. Let the God of "all" be your dwelling place. (Galatians 3:5)

He has dominion from sea to sea; and you will be free to love, and live, without anxiety, and judging.

Many of us have stood ... where we want God to bless our sectarian *ideas*.

We call this His promises. His Word.

It may have nothing to do with His intention: but we struggle to preserve its anxieties; possibly even striving contrary to the Spirit of God.

We must free ourselves to serve the Maker. (the *fountain* - Jeremiah 2:13)

Sects war against each other. But, the Spirit of God is *one*.

"Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled.

Who among them can declare this, and show us former things ? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified. Or, let them hear and say, It is truth.

You are My witnesses, says the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no savior.

- Isaiah 43:8-11

"I will set your feet in a "large place", ... as in the Garden of Eden.

The story of the Tower of Babel was about the confusion of terminology: but when My Spirit pours over the people, everyone understands." (Acts 2:4-12, Ephesians ch.4)

Then I realized; There is meanness in my spirit.

The accusations. O, the devilish developments. My soul is full of torments. Idolatries run rampant.

Free yourself from sin sickness. Wash in the waters of repentance. Indulgences, they are for the sin sick.

"Let patience have perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then, when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished brings forth death.

Do not err my beloved brethren.

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Of His own will, He begat us with the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Wherefore, my brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God.

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls. *Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. "

- James ch.1 (part)



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Doing

Shifting focus from sectarianism and conversion ... to *peace* and *fruit-bearing*.

Being is essential, and if you are not *Spiritually* alive, you cannot bear fruit.

Concentrate on the *being*, and the fruitbearing will almost be a natural. It leans more towards *Creation* powers, than human sectarian powers.

Jesus taught ...

"You, come and follow me"

Paul (the early apostle) said,

"I am crucified with Christ, ... nevertheless ... I live"

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice"

(this is the call of the gospel)

"By his knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many" (Jesus was <u>not</u> your substitute) (Isaiah 53:11) **Devotions** (a special time set aside)

- Do you silence yourself ... to become *neutral*?

- Do you *learn* anything ?

- Does the "carnal agenda" of the day ... overtake you ?

- Does the Word of the Spirit overtake ?

- Is your time worth anything ... to your growth ?

- Does it apply to your life, and living ?

- When you put a concern before the LORD, do you get wisdom, and direction ?

- Do you believe that God is working around you in circumstances, people's lives, perceptions, and blessings ?

- Who wins each day, the *Spirit of God* or worldly concerns ? (see: Story of the Sower – St. Luke 8:4-18)

<u>A Lesson</u>

One day as I was at home, my youngest daughter, as she does quite often, said to me, "I love you".

I replied, "Thank you, I love you, too".

To which she said, "you don't have to say, thank you."

I thought about that later, as the Spirit was trying to teach me something.

Everything from now on is not about my *separate* identity, where I'm trying to impress God with my Thank-yous.

It's about just "doing".

It's *accelerating*, but it's not about me receiving anything. It's about Him *doing*.

"I and the Father are one"

Yield. *Give it up.* Rather, choose the terminology, "I'm excited".

The Spirit of God

Tempting the *Spirit* - Acts 5:9

Spirit said to Philip - Acts 8:29

Spirit said to Peter - Acts 10:19

Directed - Acts 11:22-28

Said to Paul - Acts 21:4

Spirit not letter - Romans 2:29

Spirit not flesh - Romans 8:1

Law of the Spirit - Romans 8:2,5

Power - Romans 15:19

Demonstrated - 1 Corinthians 2:4

We wait - Galatians 5:5

We walk - Galatians 5:16

Hear – Revelation 3:22

"Plant the Word in the Void"

Doing the Work of God

Being and Doing

"Doing" promotes *doing*. Carnality can develop, because basically it is a carnal action.

"Being" – born again, stewardship, and abiding. It's what follows desolation. (it is the *light*, the *salt*)

When you understand this, you can see *why*, as you enter into the areas of darkness, and *void of Word* areas, ... that your *effectiveness* will shine.

The challenge will be to your "being". And that's when you will discover the importance of *abiding*.

It's the mystery of *light* arising out of darkness. (St. Matthew 4:13-16)

The *Spirit of God* will sometimes take you where you wouldn't *normally* go.

Peter went to preach at Cornelius's house. (Acts ch.10)

Jonah went to Nineveh. (Jonah chs.1-4)

Moses went to the Pharaoh's court, and then led the slaves out of Egypt. (Exodus)

Noah built a huge boat, and captured the animals. (Genesis chs.6-8)

Awaking to Righteousness

This isn't just about ... not sinning.

Two things must precede the preaching of the gospel.

 Respect for His Word and
 Respect for His Creation Relax. It's not about your testimony, or what people will think. It's about faithful *obedience* to His *presence*.

Find *rest* in Him. Flow with *His* wind, in patience, and skill. (grace) (St. John 3:8)

St. Matthew 8:23-26, St. Luke 10:1-11, Acts 2:14,21,25-28,30-33,38-40, Hebrews 3:7-19, and ch.4



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The Spirit of God was speaking, but they weren't listening.

Their political agenda was exalted; and Spiritual people were being persecuted.

What do you think about that ?

Am I mild-mannered ? Possibly not like you have been taught to believe.

Asking God all the time, ... and *doing nothing*.

The Lord's Prayer teaches ...

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name ... (1) Your <u>kingdom come</u> (2) Your <u>will be done in earth</u> as it is in Heaven"

We need to become more aware of "doing His will ourselves"; and rather than *only* praying for one another, <u>minister</u> of *His Spirit* ... to one another.

Why waste healthy life without "meaningful application" ?

What is *meaningful application*? In the light of eternity, are you sure you know?

True wisdom is manifested in the *moment*, ... not in a book.

But, neither of these opinions will mean much to you as an individual until you recognize your *personal* relationship with the *Spirit of God*.

So, let the prophets encourage your faith; ... and be reconciled to the Father. You're an offspring of the great *Spirit of God*.

The problem that we face with the "state church" is that they are driven by "lower nature".

Many of the doctrines that they promote may be borrowed from the prophets ... because the people recognize that there may be some Spiritual reality to it. But, that may be where it stops. Your soul still hangs in the balance. History itself illustrates the truth of what I'm stating.

Although we give credit to political entities for development of our civilization, the *true inventions* come from "individuals".

Believe in God's forgiveness.

For some they need the Jesus story, or some other ritual. But, ultimately we believe in *God's* "forgiveness".

"Then Peter said, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call."

- Acts 2:38,39

Now, let's move on into the "promise of the Father". Let's learn to *walk with* the Spirit of God.

Who is my brother, or sister ? He that *does the will* of my Father which is in heaven, Jesus said.

Many will say, Lord, Lord. But, the judge will say, I never knew you. (St. Matthew 7:21-23) Do the will of the Father.

You may be a "tweeny". And "tweenies" develop *habitual practices* that they later (or latest) battle for their life over.

Tweenies are those individuals that are between what they know to do, and what they "do". (oblivious to the fact that they are in a state of error)

We need to re-visit our roots. Slow down.

Ways of thinking are changing, and many people, because of this, will have confusion, and hard times.

Peace will rise right out of the ground, it would appear.

We need to stop the silliness of the past, and open ourselves to the *new*.

Because people haven't known the Spirit of the Father; and possibly only religion, ... they will become forlorn.

The Spirit of God sows "great realizations" within the hearts of the individual. And through these individuals He speaks to the Creation. We must walk in the *light* that He gives to us.

Jesus said that we must come to that "light", that our works may be judged ... whether they are of the *Spirit of God*, or not.

That is a universal truth. What is so hard about that ?

And then, sectarianism is thrown in our face; and it has its own ideas.

This book is about "abiding", and we must become aware of ... what we have decided to abide in.

If it is sectarianism, ... then it will only go so far, and the end is death.

If it is the "Spirit of God", then it is unlimited, and we are just discovering *life*.

> Spirituality unites. Sectarianism divides.

Sectarianism hurts. Spirituality heals.

Judge, first of all, what the reason for your passion is. (or, lack of passion) And then, proceed to your *action*, and belief.

Warning

When researching history, *be careful* of your source. Much of what you think that you know about history <u>may</u> not be true. And, when you are researching history today, you need to be very careful about the *bias* of your source.

Today, more than ever before, we have the ability to "compare facts".

In this book I'm *not* going to try to convince you of anything ... other than that you need to get to know *the Spirit of God*; and that *knowing Him* is far

superior to any "religious opinions" that you might have.

You might have to sacrifice some of your religion to get to know the Almighty Father.

Sadly, for many people, the only religion that they have is based upon history, and legend.

When you begin to look at stories, and legends, your religion will unravel. You will see the *larger* picture. But, that is just so that you can get to *know* the LORD ... in the now. (present tense) Your spirit needs to be enveloped in His.

What we are reading and seeing in historical pictures is the expression of "idea". And what I am saying is ... that *idea* has a "source".

We need to get to know the *Spirit of God.* Then, we will *express* the *light*.



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