# NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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"Behold the former things have come to pass, and **new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.**" (Isaiah 42:9) "The incomprehensible about the universe is that it is comprehensible." (Albert Einstein)

"The incomprehensible thing about God is that He is comprehensible." (Jim Ash)

### INTRODUCTION

Notice that there are three quotations in the masthead of this letter, one from Isaiah, one from Albert Einstein and one from myself. Isaiah declared that before "new things" would spring forth, God would tell "you" of them. I have been living that prophetic word for several years.

In all probability Einstein could not have stated that the universe was comprehensible when he began to study physics. In like manner, when I started my walk with God, I had no idea I would ever say that God is comprehensible, but I did – and He is. In a way seemingly different from Einstein's discoveries, but in reality a closely related way, my discovery of the reality of God - of intimacy with God - that God is comprehensible - parallels Einstein's discovery that the universe is comprehensible. His approach was that of the scientist - mine was and is that of the Spirit Who is the author of both. It is to the seeker (not the slothful in either area) that both are found and are comprehensible. God intended it that way when He said to Israel prior to crossing the Jordan under Joshua's leadership, "But from there [estrangement from God] you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul."<sup>1</sup> One must be totally given to One Whom he pursues to attain the prize of his high calling.

Years ago I read a story in Reader's Digest about Albert Einstein after he moved from Germany to the Unites States and was employed by The Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, Jew Jersey.

He walked to the train station one winter afternoon for his usual train ride home. About train time, he walked outside and stood where he had boarded the same train many times. As he stood there with his hat and coat on, it began to mist rain. Someone inside the train station said, "Look at that absentminded professor who doesn't have enough sense to come in out of the rain."

The story behind that was Einstein had left an unsolved equation on the black board in his office and

Time as a fourth dimension, the bending of light and his simple validating proof, his theory of "black holes" proven by the Hubble telescope, his General Theory of Relativity and  $E = mc^2$  are but a few of his contributions.

He became a Nobel Laureate in 1921.

Several uncashed salary checks were found in his middle desk drawer after his death.

Jesus, Who was completely given to the *pursuit of the lost*, said, "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."<sup>2</sup> He led the way, when speaking of Himself, He said, "Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."<sup>3</sup> In His three and one-half-year ministry, He became a homeless person leading the way for His disciples.

The fact that one can comprehend (understand) God is beyond the grasp of many. You do not comprehend God by reading or by studying about God at any level. If that were true, agnostics, atheists and infidels could comprehend God. You comprehend or understand God the same way you understand anyone or everyone else you know – by (1) being in their presence and (2) listening to what they say. That does not mean by being in their presence *and your talking to them*. It means by your hearing their voice – by listening to what they have to say to you. You don't become acquainted with someone by talking – only by listening. It's just that simple. You comprehend or understand God the same way.

God Himself has taught me to hear His voice continually. Here is why that should not be new to any of you. As recorded in John chapter six, Jesus, as usual, was being taken to task by His critics (the same as some of you may wish to take me to task). Hear His words: "It is written in the prophets, '*They shall all be taught by* 

was still working on it in his mind, oblivious to the light rain that began to fall. His inquiring mind was given to the *pursuit of knowledge* of the world – of the universe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Deuteronomy 4:29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Luke 14:33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Matthew 8:20.

<u>*God*</u>."<sup>4</sup> Here, Jesus was quoting Isaiah, who prophesied more than seven hundred years before Jesus was born, exactly what is happening in my life today. Here is the way Isaiah prophesied it: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."<sup>5</sup> Isaiah prophesied it, Jesus confirmed it and I experience it. The Good News is, so can you. God said that **to me.** 

As I have previously written, herein lies the key to hearing His voice continually: When you become One with Him,<sup>6</sup> your heart is knit to His heart.<sup>7</sup> His word or words, His thought or desire is then transferred or transmitted from His heart to your heart as a light, delicate, intuitive *thought* that may easily be ignored. That's the way He speaks to me continually. That's why one should record in a journal the "thoughts" that come to mind when spending quiet time alone with God.<sup>8</sup> That's what I do and I assure you that my journal is priceless.

You do not have that kind of ongoing relationship with someone, with anyone, without comprehending or understanding that one, including God.

For a number of years I have listened to His voice continually. You cannot do that and remain the same. The reason is, among other things, His words are **CREATIVE.** Unknowingly at first, but knowingly in time, those words impute and impart to you attributes of God Himself, including His love, that cannot be expressed in words. In time, one may begin to understand that God is love as that impartation grows within you. Through Him we are indwelt by Elohiym.<sup>9</sup> When you live with Someone 24/7 and learn to be quiet and listen to His voice continually, you begin to

<sup>7</sup>The example God gave to me was: the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, as Samuel recorded in 1 Samuel 18:1. However, it is recorded in 1 Samuel 18:3 that Jonathan cut an irrevocable blood covenant with David linking them to each other, which included the heart of each man being knit to the heart of the other. Hence, the reasoning behind the Lord's use of His heart being knit to a servant's heart when they become One, as in John 17:21.

<sup>8</sup>This is not to infer that the only time God may speak to you is during your quiet time alone with Him. God does not keep "Banker's hours."

<sup>9</sup>See 2 Corinthians 13:5; Colossians 2:9; John 10:34; Psalm 82:6. Since a complete explanation of this has been given in a prior letter, only the scripture references are given here.

understand why man was created. He was created to have fellowship, communion and intimate relationship with His Creator. God created Adam so He would have someone upon whom He could lavish Himself, for God lives to love and give. When we learn to love and receive, that fulfills Him.

I invite you to draw near to Him and He will draw near to you.<sup>10</sup> Get your life in order as best you can and ask Him to teach you to listen for and to hear His voice continually. It has worked for Me. It will work for you. If you accept My challenge, be prepared for the greatest blessing of your life. Prepare to be loved into submission by Him who is Love.

If you are able to accept what I have written, and will now go back and re-read My July letter, I suggest there will be additional meaning (blessing) for you. Pay attention to the words. They are from the mouth of God for you.

#### **EXPLANATION**

God has literally taught me to hear His voice continually. For example, my last letter (No. 97 dated 7/11/07) was totally comprised of rhema words from the mouth of God except for a short introduction and closing comments. He has confirmed that this is a NEW thing for the last days of this Rapture generation.

Recently God instructed me to go back and re-read notebooks number 5 & 6.<sup>11</sup> When I found time to start reading from notebook #5 (journal entries beginning in May of 2005), I was so awed by what I read, I spent part of several days on the first few pages. I had forgotten what He had said to me in May of 2005 which is confirmation that when we hear God's voice we should record what He says. I have kept a journal of His words to me for more than forty-one years. My journal is priceless and one day will be published.

I repeat what I have written many times. God wants the same intimate relationship with you. If you are reading these words, you have the capacity to learn to hear His voice continually. Ask Him to teach you as He has taught me and He will. He has confirmed this to me. Those who respond by faith will participate in the greatest harvest of souls to occur on planet earth immediately preceding the Rapture.

The following words are from my journal on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>John 6:45 (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Isaiah 54:13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>See John 17:21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>James 4:8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>I transcribe words from my journal with my computer, punch the finished copy with a three-hole punch and file them in loose leaf notebooks. Notebook #9 is almost full.

dates as indicated. I have added the few footnotes as explanation.

#### **RHEMA WORDS FROM JIM'S JOURNAL**

### May 1, 2005

You should withhold My words of 4/20/05 until the blessings become more obvious so they will have greater impact. But they need to be shared. Content yourself with other words for the present time. And yes, those words reveal My heart, for indeed, I am your Father and love you as a Father. And yes, I am blessed by giving to My children. The problem with man is that he and his mission have been so perverted by the enemy, he doesn't know who he is and so wanders aimlessly about as sheep without a shepherd, often lost and without hope. You, My son, and many others, are to offer them Me. I am their hope. I am what they want – I am what they need to find their way, for I am their way. Only as they find Me will they find their hope renewed and find life is worth living because they have found Me. Then and only then will they be fulfilled.

The enemy has so polluted and perverted the earth and man, that neither resemble their former form of greatness. But I know what I am doing and will not be denied this time.<sup>12</sup> The stages through which I am taking you will strengthen, establish and restore you as I desire for every servant of Mine. Then in the final stage, you will be removed from the earth momentarily so that it may be purged of its pollution by fire.<sup>13</sup> That is the purpose of the Eternal City – a refuge when and while the earth is purged and cleansed of the contamination and pollution caused by sin. Sin, My son, is the most devastating act of man. Nothing compares to that in severity. Sin separates man from Me, but also causes death. Death of My goodness and love with which she (the earth) was permeated in the beginning. Oh, My son, if the world only knew, if the world would only surrender to Me as you have, as you are, what a different place it would be.

You are My guinea pig,<sup>14</sup> to use your words, My example of how I wish to reestablish, strengthen, reclaim and restore man. So be prepared for Me to showcase

you, My son. <u>You have been brought this way gradually</u> to be acclimated to Me and the new environment as My personal pilot project. So you see how important you are to Me and many others. Bear the responsibility lightly – with a light heart and many will be blessed and, yes, you may read the April 20<sup>th</sup> word to your class when YOU deem it appropriate. That's how much I now trust you.

## May 2, 2005

My son, your request is granted. Now just thank and praise Me for the manifestation. Thank and praise Me for good health, an abundant financial harvest (Abraham/Isaac), spiritual harvest (all spiritual gifts, signs, wonder and miracles of ALL types) and physical harvest (robust health, physical stamina, adequate energy) ALL to serve Me for My glory.<sup>15</sup> Do you not remember My saying to you that I would showcase you? These things will come to pass as you take your own advice. Take your eyes off of what I have prophesied/promised to you, put your eyes on Me, the Source, thank and praise Me, for the manifestations will surely come, says the Lord to you this morning. Now is the time to practice what you teach, says God to you this morning. Let this not be a rebuke, but instead a gentle reminder of that which you already know.

And yes, My son, you are right about Abram. He was trying to do My will, trying to make it come to pass by preserving himself, his seed, for posterity and that for which I had called him to do. Twice he made the same mistake, but remember, I have a short memory on mistakes. When one, from the heart, tries to do that which would honor Me and makes a mistake, that will bring a blessing, but only a *fleshly blessing*. Abram had a learning cycle or curve just like you and just like every other man. You see he believed Me and it was counted unto him as righteousness and as he, from his heart proceeded to do what I had requested, I honored him and his action (effort) but was limited as to what I could do in response in the flesh. I cannot bless the flesh with faith/spirit laws and these are the things I can reveal to you, My son, that are not explained in the Bible. ALL the explanations are available in the Spirit, and We have only begun. This is one of the earmarks of your teaching - logical explanations of that which seems illogical by knowledge of otherwise known facts. You will enjoy this because you enjoy sharing - you enjoy teaching things in a logical manner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>The restoration of man, the heavens and the earth this time will be done in stages instead of as it was with Adam for whom the earth was completely restored and prepared as a paradise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>See 2 Peter 3:5-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Several years ago I told the Lord that He could use me as a guinea pig if he needed a volunteer for a new project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Any prayer, every prayer you pray that will glorify Him need be prayed only once.

I am gifting Dale as well as you. You two are going to make a good team for the *pew people*<sup>16</sup> ministry.

My son, you are now beginning to see how I dealt with Jesus. I prophesied to Him even as I prophesied to you, that which was ahead of Him. I had told Him these things so that He would be able to handle them properly and not be surprised, overwhelmed and overcome by events that transpired so that **He HIMSELF** would be an overcomer instead of being overcome and/or so awe struck by events, He would be unable to cope with them. So you see I trained Him even as I am training you. He was the first fruits, you are the last fruits of the harvest brought forth by the latter rain of My rhema words to you as showers of blessings (Ezekiel 34:26).

Remember that when I am in control, I MYSELF send showers of My rhema words to bring forth an abundance. But this time the latter rain will be supernaturally abundant because of the long drought. The fields have been dry, the crops starved, but My rhema showers will bring forth, will create, an abundance of Mine. What you will see My son and what you will be a part of will be the greatest harvest of souls ever. And you will be one of My showcased leaders. So take heart. I am training you as I trained My only Son. His ONLY advantage over you was that He was born WITHOUT THE ADAMIC SIN CURSE on His life. Teach that, My son. The only difference between you, and others who follow Me, and Jesus, is the mark of the beast that has been upon mankind since Adam's sin. That mark of the beast means the knowledge of good and evil, that is, the revelation of evil and its good taste and its savory reaction to the senses. His mark made man desensitized to the Spirit and sensitized to the flesh so as not to be able to distinguish between the two. Good and evil co-mingled is the package or the mark of Satan. Because of My laws of the creation of Cherubs that I cannot change, that diffusion will remain until after Satan and his angels are cast into the Lake of fire. Only then will man be eternally freed of the mark (diffusion) of the beast. Then evil will have been destroyed, and the knowledge thereof, and good will avail and prevail. And that, My son, is why I sent My Son and what My Son was (is) all about.

When one is baptized with the Holy Spirit, he

receives for the first time the means whereby he can recognize the enemy and **BEGIN** to cope with his evil. You see, now once again, I am revealing to you secrets of the universe. You are blessed My son because of your heart and boldness in prayer. Remember, I told you that your prayer to learn more of Jesus than any man is a valid prayer and the most powerful prayer man can pray. That is why I can, that is why I am, revealing these things to you. And we've only begun. Enjoy the day, enjoy the way I am taking you, for I am just as excited about this as are you. You see I like to have someone in whom I can confide just as you do. Do you see that? As I have said, confide in only a few trusted friends the things I share with you until I release you to do otherwise. You remember I said I love you even as I loved John. My son, that blesses Me more than you can imagine. Be prepared for More, much, much More for I am the MORE in your life.

The mark of the beast is the diffusion of good and evil so that one is unable to distinguish between the two. That's what sin does. Sin destroys man's ability to distinguish between the two and so becomes lost. One way he is saved is to invite My Holy Spirit into His temple (body) as a permanent resident. That is only the beginning of the restoration process. Only the beginning. Then as one grows (matures) and learns to listen to Me, only then is He truly set free from the diffusion of good and evil. The next step is to learn to listen for and to hear My open window rhema rain<sup>17</sup> continually to keep one free of the pollution of the world and the All of the earth is polluted by sin. enemy. Sin contaminates, pollutes everything with which it comes in contact. Therefore, when you venture forth into the world each day, you venture forth into contamination/pollution. Hence the reason for the open window rhema rain to be continually cleansed of the pollution with which you come in contact. Therefore as you venture forth so protected, you are as a miniature reclamation, restoration, purification system. That is the only way to stay free of contamination. That is the only way to stay free, the only way to become One with Me, the only way to become betrothed to Me. However, once you are betrothed to Me as a chaste, pure, holy virgin (uncontaminated, unpolluted), do not allow yourselves to become entangled once again with the things of the world to be distracted from the expectancy of My call, the call of the Bridegroom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>I am among the "pew people" God is literally calling out of the pew, by-passing a corrupted pastoral system, to become sozo saved and bring forth an abundant sozo saved harvest prior to the Rapture.. See John 14:12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>See Malachi 3:10, 11.