

NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring the new things of Isaiah 42:9 and the greater things of John 14:12 in this generation

HOW, WHEN, WHERE AND WHY IT HAPPENED

Introduction

For years, I have been proclaiming on the pages of my letters, the reality of something **NEW** on God's horizon – not something that man can see but something that God sees, for God sees things that are not as though they are.¹ First, let me tell you very briefly how the Lord began to show me the *new things* He has seen in your future and mine.

Thirteen years ago the Lord began to instruct me on spiritual warfare and over a period of years My prayer assignment grew to from one and one-half to two hours daily, much of which was spent in serious spiritual warfare. During this period of time, God was saying things to me, the reality of which I was then totally unaware, but of which I am now acutely aware. During this period of time, God was also saying things to me, all of which are in my journal, that remind me of the words of Jesus in the third chapter of Revelation:

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

The door Jesus refers to in this scripture is the door of your heart. The words of Jesus may be heard through the Holy Spirit, whom I call the Great Communicator. You may not have heard His voice but His words in Revelation 3:20 state that He stands at the *door of your heart* as the heavenly beggar, wanting you to answer His call. When you answer the door, He comes in to dine with (listen to) you as your guest. When you dine with (listen to) Him as His guest, He talks to you. It's that simple!

Spiritual maturity depends on your intimacy with Him. The closer you get to Him, the more you will see your unlikeness to Him. Then your very deep sense of failure is a sure sign that you are growing spiritually. And that is the way you are changed from one degree of glory to another.

In the tenth chapter of John, four times Jesus also emphasizes hearing His voice with these words:

2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice** and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, **for they know his voice**.

5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and **they will hear My voice** and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me.

Notice in verse **3** and **4**, Jesus is relating a story in parable form about a shepherd and his sheep, whereas, in verses **16** and **17**, He changes to the first person and identifies Himself as the shepherd and you and me as His sheep. Here are four times in this one chapter of John's Gospel where Jesus says plainly that **His sheep** (you and me) **hear His voice**. Notice also in verse **5**, the built-in failsafe prohibition against following the voice of a stranger (the enemy) because they (you and me) do not know his voice.

To emphasize this, one day the Lord said to me, "The eleventh commandment is, 'If you don't know, ask Me' and the twelfth is, 'Learn to listen.'" James confirms similar teaching with these words, "You do not have because you do not ask."² The reason most of God's servants don't ask is because they don't believe He will answer. But believe this teacher. This is a new day. God is doing something **NEW** with His servants, as prophesied in Isaiah 42:9, in preparation for the rapture and He wants to start with you. I am living proof that it works and God is no respecter of persons.

¹See Romans 4:17 (b).

²James 4:2 (b).

Pay attention to commandments **eleven** and **twelve** and begin to grow spiritually.

Many dedicated servants of God declare that the way we hear His voice today is by hearing His word or words in the bible taught by a teacher or proclaimed by a preacher³ to which I say a hearty “Amen.” But to believe that is the only way Jesus talks to us edits out of the bible the fact that Christianity is not a religion but a relationship. That is what separates us from all religions of the world.

I have been instructed by the Lord Himself to loudly proclaim that the intimate, personal relationship with Him about which I write and teach, is for every servant of God who lives in this rapture generation.

The relationship with the Lord, about which I write, is the result of my learning to listen to His soft, light, delicate, inaudible thought, that may easily be ignored, and recording those words in my journal. Keeping a journal is essential, for you will otherwise be unable to remember His words once you learn to listen. That is the source of everything I write and teach and the source of my learning “*How, when, where and why it happened,*” the title of this letter.

**An explanation of
How, When, Where and Why it happened**

Jesus did things in His visible three and one-half year ministry **that were not accomplished by the Jesus of Nazareth who came forth from the womb of Mary.** The reason that is evident is because the flesh does not give birth to, nor create, the spirit. The spirit creates the flesh. God, who is spirit, created Adam, who was flesh. The Jesus who came forth from Mary’s womb was the *last Adam* (Paul’s term) who came to live a life without flaw to pay the price for Adam’s sin. God could not die for Adam’s sin. A man in the likeness of the first Adam had to accomplish that task.

Little is known about Jesus until John baptized Him. Thereafter, He did things no man has done, nor could do, to demonstrate supernatural power never before seen on the earth. Believe me, if Jesus of Nazareth, prior to the time He was about thirty years of age,⁴ had been given the same authority He demonstrated after John baptized Him, the four Gospels would read drastically different than the way they read today.

Therefore, it is obvious that a dramatic, supernatural change occurred in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, immediately after John’s baptism, which authorized Him to accomplish the miraculous during His visible ministry. For example, saying such things as, “The Son of man is also Lord of the Sabbath,”⁵ was truth, but could not have been said with the authority of the one who came forth from Mary’s womb. *How, when, where and why* this change occurred is the subject of this letter.

Not long before He was crucified, Jesus prayed. That lengthy prayer, the Lord’s prayer, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John’s Gospel, begins with these words:

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2 “as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

4 “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5 “**And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 “Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

8 “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, **and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.**”

Notice that Jesus said to the Father, “glorify Me together with yourself, **with the glory which I had with You before the world was**” (vs. 5). Likewise He confirmed **that He came forth from the Father** (vs. 8),

³See Romans 10:13-17.

⁴See Luke 3:23 for the age of Jesus when He began His ministry.

⁵See Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5.

instead of from Mary's womb. The Jesus of Nazareth that came forth from Mary's womb was neither the Jesus who was before the world was nor the Jesus who came forth from the Father. Since Jesus spoke truth, He had to acquire this preordained background or pedigree of God Incarnate by the power and authority of Jehovah God **after He was born.** **How, when, where and why** that occurred is what we are pursuing. Once we can determine that from scripture, we have the answer.

Notice these words from chapter one of John's Gospel:

1 In the beginning was the **W**ord, and the **W**ord was with God, and the **W**ord was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the **L**ight, that all through him might believe.

8 He was not that **L**ight, but was sent to bear witness of that **L**ight.

9 That was the true **L**ight which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the **W**ord became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Notice in verse one that **W**ord is capitalized with a capital "**W**." Then in the second verse that **W**ord is personified or becomes a person referred to as "He." That **W**ord in verse one, who becomes a Person in verse two, is the second Person of the Godhead who was in the beginning with God (vs. 2). Next, in verse three, John writes that it was the **W**ord, who became Personified,

through whom all things were made.

Notice also that all things were made *through* (not *by* but *through*) the **W**ord that became Personified in verse two who is also spoken of as **L**ight with a capital "**L**" in verses seven, eight and nine. This is a characteristic of John's writing that is unlike that of any other New Testament writer. When **W**ord or **L**ight is capitalized, John is speaking of the personification of those words in the person of the Lord Jesus. Seven times in his writing, John speaks of Jesus as the **W**ord Personified, a characteristic of his writing unlike any of the other New Testament writers. A close study of John's writing reveals that John had a unique relationship with our Lord on the earth unlike any of the other apostles. John is my hero among the apostles.

Now, how was it that the **W**ord who became Personified in Jesus, was in the beginning with God through whom all things were made? Here is the answer. When God created both Earth One and its complete support system as well as Earth Two beginning with Genesis 1:3, He did it with words. Each word of creation He spoke was spiritual Jesus, who was the **W**ord who became flesh and dwelt among us (vs 14). And, as I have written previously in some detail, each word that comes forth from the mouth of God is spiritual Jesus. That means when you learn to listen for and hear rhema words from God, those **W**ords you hear are spiritual Jesus. Then each word you hear is an impartation of that part of the Lord Jesus you need most at that time. And that is the way you grow from one degree of glory to another "to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," as Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus.⁶

Observe now in verse fourteen that "the **W**ord became flesh and dwelt among us." That is when the second Person of the Godhead initially was infused within the physical body of Jesus at which time He became God Incarnate. Now the only piece of the puzzle remaining is, when in time did this infusion occur, or when did Jesus of Nazareth who came forth from the womb of Mary, become God Incarnate. The only way that may be known is by revelation of the Holy Spirit and here is the way it happened as revealed to me by the Spirit and described by Matthew in chapter three of His Gospel:

11 I (*John the Baptist*) indeed baptize you with

⁶See Ephesians 4:13.

water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; **and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

When the heavens opened, as recorded in verse sixteen, the plural word, “heavens” literally means the third heaven opened, then the second heaven opened and lastly the first heaven opened. Through these three open doors came the third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, and the second Person of the Godhead, the **Word**, both of whom at that moment entered the physical body of Jesus of Nazareth.⁷ *That was when He became God Incarnate*, for then within Him dwelt the living **Word** who came forth from God, who was in the beginning with God, through whom all things were made. With that infusion came the complete core of knowledge of the Godhead. That is why Jesus could pray to the Father, “Glorify Me with the glory *I had with you before the world was.*” That is why Jesus thereafter could say, “*Before Abraham was, I am.*”⁸ The reason He could say these things is because after John’s baptism, the living **Word** who was before the world was, was infused within Him. It was then that Jesus became God Incarnate through whom Earth One, its support system and

⁷Holy Spirit baptism is for ministry; living **Word** baptism is for defeat of the enemy.

⁸See John 8:58.

inhabitants and Earth Two, beginning with Genesis 1:3, were made. Notice also that it was **after** Jesus was infused with the living **Word** that the Father spoke from heaven and said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The only other time that statement occurs in scripture is immediately after the Transfiguration.⁹

This was the first time the second Person of the Godhead left the third heaven as a spirit Being, *never to return again in the same spirit form.*¹⁰ Therefore, this was a history making event *within the Godhead*. That is why the Spirit reveled to me that when Adam sinned, *there was a thirty minute silence in heaven*. The reason for the silence is that the Father and the heavenly hosts *knew the cost of redeeming man.*

The next thing to address is why God had to infuse Jesus with the living **Word** to redeem man. The reason is simple when revealed by the Spirit.

Lucifer was the most magnificent angelic being God created.¹¹ The Holy Spirit revealed to me that God put all of the attributes of the Godhead in Lucifer it was possible to put in a created angelic being. From the things written of Lucifer, it appears that he was fourth in rank in the Heavenly hosts. Therefore, it would take someone of superior rank to overcome him. That left only the living **Word** *through whom Lucifer was made*, whom God could send to do the job. As the Lord has said to me, “The Creator is smarter than His creation.” That is why the living **Word**, as a spirit, was infused within the physical body of Jesus of Nazareth. Confirmation of that fact occurred immediately following His baptism in the Jordan river when the Father, Himself, said, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Hallelujah!

And that is *how, when, where* and *why* Jesus of Nazareth became God Incarnate to overcome the overcomer.

⁹For an account of the Transfiguration, see Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:1-9.

¹⁰Today the second Person of the Godhead, the Lord Jesus, has a body of flesh and bones, like the angels, but governed by spiritual laws about which I have written previously. See Luke 24:39

¹¹See Isaiah 14:9-17; Ezekiel 28:12 (b)-19; Jeremiah 4:23-26.