

## 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

### MILITARY INTELLIGENCE A Key to Victory

I remember the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The following January 23, I volunteered as an Aviation Cadet and on September 5, 1942 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and given a pair of silver wings, trained as a fighter pilot. When the war was over, I chose to leave the military and was discharged in December of 1945. I have given you that brief introduction to this letter to let you realize that I know the value of *military intelligence*. One key to victory may be *military intelligence* while the lack thereof may lose the battle.

I have looked for a definition of the term *military intelligence*. I searched a dictionary and the Web in vain, but there found out that one may pursue both a bachelors's and a master's degree in *military intelligence* by attending classes in one of several universities taught by former members of the FBI, CIA and the SS. But nowhere in my research did I find a definition of *military intelligence*. So here is my definition: "The act of obtaining secret information about the enemy as a contribution to the overall plan to defeat him in battle."

God believes in *military intelligence*. There are numerous examples recorded in the Old Testament. Here are two:

(1) God instructed Moses to send a man, a leader from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, to spy out the land of Canaan. Here are the instructions of Moses to the twelve men:

"Go up this way into the South, and so up to the mountains, and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land."<sup>1</sup>

(2) "Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, 'Go, view the land especially Jericho.'"<sup>2</sup>

Details of these two military reconnaissance sorties originated by Moses and Joshua are left out since that is not the purpose of this letter.

Jesus Himself recognized the value of *military intelligence* when he said, "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first

and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace."<sup>3</sup>

At this point you might think, God is no longer sending out armed men to fight battles as He did in Old Testament times, so why be concerned about *military intelligence* today. That's a good question. Or you might think, what does military intelligence have to do with Christianity since Jesus came as a peace maker. In His three and one-half year ministry, He did not fight with nor train others to fight with the sword. His experience with Peter after Gethsemane is evidence that He did not come to fight an armed battle.<sup>4</sup> Or did He?

In my Jim Ash letter No. 125 entitled, **HOW, WHEN, WHERE AND WHY IT HAPPENED**, I revealed that Jesus became God Incarnate immediately after John's baptism, when the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. This revelation by the Holy Spirit is confirmed by John 1:14 with these words, "And the Word (the second Person of the Trinity) became flesh and dwelt among us." **This means that Jesus of Nazareth was baptized with (filled with) both the third AND the second Persons of the Trinity simultaneously, a first time ever phenomenon!** After the cross this dual infusion became permanent!<sup>5</sup> It was also revealed to me that the infusion of the Word (the second Person of the Trinity) into Jesus after John's baptism **was known only by Jesus Himself. No one else on the earth knew of this secret infusion.** This means that Jesus, the Word, the Father and the Holy Spirit were the only four who had this knowledge.

This, therefore, became *secret military intelligence known by no one on earth except Jesus during His visible ministry*. In like manner, this was also kept secret from Satan and his angels. This was of the utmost importance in order to set a trap for the enemy in the world war that began in the unseen when God in His fierce anger destroyed Earth One.<sup>6</sup> This

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<sup>3</sup>Luke 14:31, 32.

<sup>4</sup>After the agony of Gethsemane, Jesus is bound and taken away on His first stop to the cross. As He was being apprehended, Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the High Priest. Jesus then reprimanded Peter, instructed him to put up his sword and said, "Those who take the sword will perish by the sword." See Matthew 26:51, 52; Mark 14:46-49; Luke 22:49-52; John 18:10, 11.

<sup>5</sup>In the beginning the Trinity was the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit. After the cross the Trinity permanently became the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>See Jeremiah 4:26.

<sup>1</sup>See Numbers 13: 17 (b)-20 (a).

<sup>2</sup>Joshua 2:1 (a).

military secret kept from Satan is clearly implied in the parable Jesus taught about the vinedressers<sup>7</sup> (Satan and his angels) who thought if they killed the heir of the vineyard (Jesus), Satan would once again have the vineyard (the world) to rule over. I have written about this previously. As cruel as it may seem, Jesus was used as “bait” to trap the enemy, who thought by putting Jesus on the cross, he would once again become ruler of the world. Instead, the cross became the trigger in the trap that caught the enemy.

So you see that *military intelligence*, known only by the Privileged Four, was necessary to defeat the enemy at the cross. The reason Satan’s temptations succeeded with Adam but failed with Jesus was because Jesus was infused with the Word, the second Person of the Trinity **through whom Lucifer was created**<sup>8</sup> and the Creator is smarter than His creation. Hence, the value of *military intelligence* in this war that continues to rage.

In order to “mask” His identity crisis, in the four Gospels (to include parallel references), Jesus referred to Himself eighty-three times as the son of man but only four times as the son of God while **others** referred to Him as the son of God an additional twenty-three times. He referred to Himself as Messiah once and once as king of the Jews when questioned at His trial by Pilate, the Roman governor.

Now let’s talk about the world war in progress in the spirit world that continues to rage.

The reason Jesus came to earth was to destroy the works of the devil.<sup>9</sup> This means that war rages in the unseen, even as you read these words. You need to think that statement through. It may be the most important statement in the bible concerning the objective of the Messiah.<sup>10</sup> Everything else is secondary to that one statement. Here is some

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<sup>7</sup>For this parable see Matthew 21:33-48; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19. In the parable the vineyard (the world) was leased by the land owner (God) to vinedressers (Satan and his angels). At harvest time the owner sent his servants for the fruit of the harvest. Everyone he sent was mistreated, abused or killed. When the owner then send his heir (Jesus), for the fruit of the harvest, the vinedressers plotted to kill him so they could have the vineyard (world) for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>“All things were made through Him (the Word), and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1:3). The Father created EVERYTHING through the (spoken) Word, the second Person of the Godhead, which includes Lucifer and all of his magnificence. For that reason, the Word Who was infused within Jesus of Nazareth, had authority over and was greater than Lucifer, God’s most prized angelic creation.

<sup>9</sup>See 1 John 3:8 (b).

<sup>10</sup>You may think that the salvation message is the most important objective of the Lord Jesus. While that is of the utmost importance to those of us who have experienced that blessing, a principle reason for the salvation message is to create a sufficient number of resurrected/raptured angels to return to the earth with Christ at Armageddon and to rule the earth beginning at the Millennium. This is treated in more detail in Jim Ash letter No. 123 entitled, THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH.

background on that statement in brief:

Earth One, like Earth Two, was created with a perfect ecosystem, environment and appointments to last forever. Perfect man was created to live thereon, on whom God might lavish Himself, to fulfill both God and man. Lucifer and his staff of angels were created to rule Earth One forever. Then Lucifer failed and in the process corrupted himself into Satan. Along the way a corrupted Lucifer claimed for himself attributes given to him to glorify God. Then, under the ruler of Earth One, man degenerated to the point that every thought and intent of his heart was evil continually. That’s what caused God to destroy Earth One in His fierce anger (and Earth Two through Noah’s flood<sup>11</sup>). Part of that fierce anger was vented toward God, Himself, for the failure of Lucifer.

**Ever since the failure of Earth One, God has been in the process of replicating His original creation to last forever.** The bible record of that process begins with Genesis 1:3. This short summary will suffice for this letter since I have written about the reestablishment process in some detail previously.

God does it right the first time. Therefore, ever since the failure of Earth One, He has been in the process of replicating that perfect creation, including its rulers. That may sound easy to some of you because, you think, “God is God and He can do whatever He wants to do ,” which is false theology. In this case, God is restricted in what He can do within the boundary of every word He spoke in the creation of Earth One and its rulers. That is why the restoration process will take six thousand years.

Remember, Earth One and its rulers were created perfectly as a finished work, never to be tampered with nor modified to any degree. For that reason God has had to replicate Earth One, its rulers and man to live thereon within His previously spoken boundaries set forever.

His priority was first to create a super angel<sup>12</sup> and a supporting staff of angels<sup>13</sup> to replicate Lucifer and his staff of angels within His previously spoken words. That is why it has taken so long **and** we’re not finished yet! Since I have written about this previously,<sup>14</sup> suffice it to say, that a resurrected Christ Jesus and resurrected/raptured believers, will replicate Lucifer and his staff of angels who will return to earth to put down the Armageddon insurrection and rule the

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<sup>11</sup>“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Genesis 6:5). This condition of man caused God to destroy the earth through Noah’s flood. Man degenerated to the same corrupted condition on Earth One which necessitated its destruction in God’s fierce anger (Jeremiah 4:26).

<sup>12</sup>The Lord Jesus.

<sup>13</sup>Principally the resurrected/raptured church.

<sup>14</sup>See Jim Ash letter No. 123 entitled, THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH.

earth for the Millennium!

### PREPARE FOR WAR

While I was praying the morning of September 11, 1999, I was interrupted by the Lord with a prophetic Word. It is interesting to note that this prophecy was given to me two years to the day prior to the terrorist's attack on September 11, 2001. Since my daily prayer time is first thing in the morning, this prophecy may have been given to me two years to the day and the hour prior to the 911 wake-up call this nation got on September 11, 2001. This prophecy is about what caused the terrorist's attacks. We saw on television the visible results that were manifestations of a spiritual war that started the second time in the garden of Eden.<sup>15</sup>

The wake-up call was for the nation and for the Church. God is calling his servants to become warriors. The Church is not yet equipped for battle. God's army is in disarray.

The following prophecy, given the morning of September 11, 1999, is for the Church in preparation for the war in progress:

### THE PROPHECY

*There is a war going on between two supernatural forces. The rules were laid down under the law of the creation of cherubs.<sup>16</sup> Those laws will not change. The contest is between the forces of good (God) and the forces of evil (Satan).*

*It is incumbent upon the children of God to enforce their rights against the forces of evil. The way this is done is to get instructions from the Commander through the Holy Spirit. As this is done, the battle plan is established, strengthened and restored to its rightful power and might. There is no other way.*

*It is therefore incumbent upon the forces of God to be attentive and get their instructions from the Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit for the battle plan to be implemented and become successful.*

*You see, therefore, the importance of getting specific instructions from the Lord in the latter part of these last days before the rapture of the Church.*

*The time is past when one can be an effective instrument of God without getting His instructions from the Commander of the army.*

*We are at war.*

*Man your battle stations.*

*You man your battle station by reporting to the Commander and asking for instructions **for the day**. **Daily rations** of manna are necessary to sustain the troops.*

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<sup>15</sup>The spiritual war began when, in His fierce anger, God destroyed Earth One and deposed its rulers. There is no biblical record of how much time lapsed between the destruction of Earth One and the beginning of God's reconstruction project in Earth Two beginning with Genesis 1:3. It could have been millions or billions of years, for example.

<sup>16</sup>Satan is a fallen cherub, see Ezekiel 28:14.

*Harken unto these words and be fortified and blessed.*

### Conclusions Drawn From the Prophecy

1. We are at war.
2. Rules of the war are based on the creation of cherubs since Satan is a fallen cherub.<sup>17</sup>
3. These rules will not change since the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable,<sup>18</sup> even to fallen cherubs.
4. We must enforce our rights against the enemy or it won't be done. That implies action.
5. The law enforcement body of the kingdom is **you and me**.
6. Everyone has a battle station – it's where you are right now.
7. Only the weapons of our warfare and the whole armor of God<sup>19</sup> will defend against (defensive) and tear down (offensive) or attack the strongholds of the enemy.

8. Every recruit must learn how to use his weapons or he's in serious trouble.

9. We must get instructions from the Commander **daily**.

10. **Daily rations** (food – manna) are necessary to fortify (strengthen and invigorate) you for the battle **for that day only**.<sup>20</sup>

11. By implication, **daily rations** received first thing in the morning will prepare (strengthen and fortify) **for that day's battle only**. If you don't get your rations first thing in the morning you may have to stop and rest and eat in the middle of the battle and you'll likely be clobbered by the enemy!

12. One may not follow some else who is following the Commander. One must know the Commander personally in order to get instructions and rations from Him **on a daily basis**. This does not mean that one may not actively support someone else's ministry. It does mean, however, **that one must seek the Lord's guidance on that decision first** and be directed by the Holy Spirit.

Everyone who appears to be doing God's work may not be doing so. Just because one may be in the limelight does not mean he is walking in the light. The two lights are different. One conceals, the other reveals. Here is proof from Jesus:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who

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<sup>17</sup>See Ezekiel 28:14.

<sup>18</sup>See Romans 11:29.

<sup>19</sup>See Ephesians 6:13-18.

<sup>20</sup>We are fed spiritually by hearing words from the mouth of the Lord – see Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3.

practice lawlessness (iniquity).”<sup>21</sup>

The measure, therefore, of whether or not to join in support of another’s ministry *in time of war* must come from the Commander.

The spiritual war in which we are engaged was begun by a corrupted Lucifer. Jesus partially defined that war when He said, “The thief does not come except to steal kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”<sup>22</sup>

The church that I know has historically taken this to mean that the enemy has come to steal (from man), kill (man) and destroy (man) and he has certainly done that. Paul supports that concept with these words, “For the wages of (payment for) sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”<sup>23</sup> Here personal salvation is the emphasis. Therefore the predominant message of the church has been to reconcile man to God through belief in His Son, to which I say a resounding, “Amen!”

While concentrating on the redemption or the restoration of man, however, the larger picture may have been overlooked. **The purpose of the church is not the restoration of man but the restoration of the world.** Jesus confirms that with these words, “For God so loved the *world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the *world* to condemn the *world* but that the *world* through Him might be saved.”<sup>24</sup> While the message of the church has been the restoration of man the *larger picture* may have been overlooked.

**What Satan actually did was to steal the earth from God and that is the larger picture.** And the theft was done in the full view of God<sup>25</sup> who was without the authority to intervene and stop the robbery. He was estopped from interfering with the theft because of His previously spoken words of creation of His prized possession (the earth<sup>26</sup>) and His prized angelic cherub (Lucifer<sup>27</sup>). When Earth One, its magnificent appointments, its perfect inhabitants (man) and its perfect rulers (Lucifer and his angels) were created, each was created **as a finished work** not to be altered or modified or amended. Since God is bound by all of His previously spoken words, that was the problem. Lucifer used his magnificence to glorify himself instead of God wherein he corrupted himself into Satan and he failed. Perfect Earth One, its perfect appointments and

perfect man were also corrupted beyond recovery by Satan’s deception so that destruction was the only solution.

At the beginning of Earth Two, Satan had the legal right to be in the Garden of Eden because the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. When he duped Eve and Adam, he was back in business again. That’s why three times Jesus referred to Satan as the ruler (or prince) of this world.<sup>28</sup>

Four thousand years after Adam’s failure, as Jesus began His visible ministry, Satan offered Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory if He would fall down and worship him because he (Satan) had that authority as the ruler of the world, which he became at Adam’s sin.<sup>29</sup>

When God, in His fierce anger destroyed Earth One, part of His anger (frustration) was because Lucifer’s failure was unexpected. Thereafter God had to institute all of his plans for (1) the restoration of the Earth to its original perfect state, (2) the creation of a super angel and supporting angelic staff to rule over it, (3) the restoration of man to inhabit it and (4) the creation of a resting place for the souls of the departed righteous and unrighteous as a temporary arrangement until after the Millennium, the Great White Throne Judgment and the establishment of the New Jerusalem as described to John by Jesus in Revelation chapters 21 and 22:1-7.

Once one understands the circumstances surrounding the failure of Earth One, he will understand everything God has done since then. That is why for years I have said, “Learn to listen for and to hear rhema words from the Lord daily.” *In that manner the secrets of the universe are revealed.* That is one reason why the Lord said to me, “The eleventh commandment is, ‘If you don’t know, ask Me’ and the twelfth is, ‘Learn to listen.’”

Saints of God, believe this teacher. At whatever the cost, set aside time to learn to listen to the voice of the Lord daily. Through the Holy Spirit you have the necessary internal equipment to do so. The Lord, Himself, has said to me that because this is new, not every servant of God will readily accept it but I am living proof that it works. And God is no respecter of persons.<sup>30</sup> Nothing compares with the blessing of hearing His voice daily because every rhema word you hear is spirit, life, love, truth, light, food (spiritual) and faith (which comes from hearing). In that manner only will you “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”<sup>31</sup> To Him be all praise, glory and honor throughout eternity!

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<sup>21</sup>Matthew 6:21-23.

<sup>22</sup>John 10:10.

<sup>23</sup>Romans 6:23.

<sup>24</sup>John 3:16, 17.

<sup>25</sup>The Trinity at this time was comprised of God the Father, God the Word and God the Spirit.

<sup>26</sup>“The earth is the Lord’s and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1).

<sup>27</sup>Lucifer was the Lord’s most magnificently created angelic being. See Ezekiel 28:12 (b)-15.

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<sup>28</sup>See John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11.

<sup>29</sup>See Matthew 3:8-11.

<sup>30</sup>See Acts 10:34; Deuteronomy 10:17.

<sup>31</sup>See Ephesians 4:13.