

## 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

### THE WORLD THAT WAS a Fallen Lucifer On The Loose Part Two

Since God has instructed me about the writing of this series of letters, let's begin as He instructed:

Nothing that I write, nothing that I teach and share with others and nothing that I will be doing in the future, would have occurred except for two primary events in my life: (1) Holy Spirit baptism, the first manifestation of which occurred on November 27, 1965 at 7:45 A. M., which changed my life forever and (2) learning to listen to God's voice continually as a result of God's grace, mercy and patience with me. That has also profoundly affected my life and projected me into a walk with God I never thought possible for any man who has walked the face of this earth, save the Lord Jesus Himself. God has not singled me out for this blessing exclusively. He has confirmed to me that the blessing of learning to hear His voice continually **is new** as prophesied in Isaiah 42:9 and is available to every servant of God in this rapture generation.<sup>1</sup>

To benefit the most from this **new blessing** one must hear His voice continually for a sufficiency of time according to His standard. That will include (1) a testing in the valley and on the mountain top and (2) sufficient time for Him to measure your faithfulness, obedience and trustworthiness under all circumstances. That may take more time than you would like, but the blessings will exceed your fondest expectations.

All that I write, all that I teach and all that I shall be engaged in from this moment throughout eternity is based on **these two primary events** in my life.

I have been instructed to write this series of letters and was told to be redundantly explicit, so that as much as possible, the series may collectively become a stand-alone document. *Redundantly explicit* means to

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<sup>1</sup>Essential to the exponential spiritual growth to which I refer is spending quiet time alone with God daily and journaling every word He speaks. Otherwise you will not remember His words to you. If the God who spoke the galaxies into existence thinks you are important enough to speak to, you should understand that His words are important enough to record. That's the way we got the bible. I have done that for years. I also transcribe, print and file my journal entries in three-ring notebooks for easy access. On occasion the Lord will instruct me to go back and reread previous entries in my journal to solidify His teaching. I often go back and reread words He has spoken to me. Those rhema words given to me (or to you) never lose their anointing which means that they never die or become logos. They always remain rhema to the one to whom they were given. They literally have a life of their own. I have more of His rhema words transcribed, printed and filed in three-ring notebooks than there are in the bible. That is truly a treasure trove that you may start building today.

repeat details in some of my recent letters, and also within this series of letters as well as within each letter, for emphasis, clarity and understanding. Also, prepare yourself to read some things you have never read before.

The reason I will reveal these things to you is because the Lord has instructed Me to do so. He said that He wants you to know these new things, particularly the new things about God Himself, that may shock you – for example, things that you may have been afraid to even think about God, because of improper teaching and lack of revelation. But before you tune me out, here are a few things you should know about God as revealed in the bible.

God is Omniscient. This means that God knows all or that He is all knowing. That does not imply freedom from knowing mistakes of His creation, but freedom from mistakes of His original actions. God is all knowing but that does not imply foreknowing everything.

On more than one occasion, the Lord has confirmed to me that once one understands *the failure* of Earth One (*The World That Was*), one will understand everything God has done since then, because the Earth One model was perfect and will be replicated in principle. The correction of that failure has occupied all of God's time since the destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger. For the purpose of this letter, I have divided that broad expanse of time and space into **ten general increments of time**:

(1) the millennia between the destruction of Earth One and the beginning reconstruction of Earth Two, as recorded in Genesis 1:3,

(2) the six creation days of Earth Two plus the day of God's rest,

(3) the activities of Earth Two man, from the time of Adam to the time of Noah's flood,

(4) from the beginning of Earth Three, cleansed by Noah's flood, to the present day,

(5) from the present day to the rapture, *in this generation*,

(6) the seven-year Tribulation,  
(7) the return of Christ at the Armageddon insurrection (at the end of the Tribulation),

(8) the Millennium,  
(9) the great white throne judgment and  
(10) the new heaven and the new earth.

Every activity that occurred within the above *ten general increments of time* was the result of Lucifer's failure. It is therefore very important to establish the circumstances surrounding *Lucifer's failure* (which

triggered the destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger) in order to understand why the failure occurred. Therefore, the **objective** of this series of letters is to reveal:

- (1) an understanding of the total collapse of the Earth One system, to include its perfect ecosystem/botanical garden and environment,
- (2) the way that failure changed Jehovah God,<sup>2</sup>
- (3) the way that failure changed the second Person of the Godhead,
- (4) the way that failure changed the Holy Spirit,
- (5) the way that failure changed man,
- (6) the way that failure changed the earth internally,
- (7) the way that failure changed the earth externally,
- (8) when the replication of the Earth One model will be revealed,
- (9) the length of Earth Two time that it will take God to replicate the Earth One model,
- (10) the authority over God possessed by a fallen Lucifer,
- (11) the intimacy the great God Jehovah desires with everyone He forms in the womb and
- (12) the magnificent love and glory of Jehovah God and His only begotten Son.

There I have laid out the *twelve objectives* that lie before us. Try and imagine the gargantuan task that lay before God at Lucifer's failure. In order to do that, look again at the *ten general increments of time* (page one, column two). Every event that has occurred and every event that is yet to occur, within those ten general increments of time, must occur before Lucifer's failure will be rectified! Then realize none of those events would have occurred in that broad expanse of time and space if Lucifer had not failed. *Let me repeat this for emphasis.* Lucifer's failure is the direct cause of every occurrence within the broad expanse of time and space, beginning with the destruction of Earth One, as outlined in ***the ten general increments of time.***

Next, observe again the **first ten** of the *twelve objectives* of this series of letters listed above. Note therein the changes in the Godhead, in the earth internally and externally, in man and in the perfect ecosystem/botanical garden and environment of the earth, *none of which would have occurred if Lucifer had not failed.*

As a conclusive thought on these matters, I say again for emphasis, **realize that the ten general**

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<sup>2</sup>Malachi 3:6 states, "For I am the Lord, I change not (or I do not change); therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." In this statement by the prophet, his message is that God will not change in His commitment to the sons of Jacob, in spite of the fact that they have disobeyed Him and have not kept His ordinances. *God has changed,* but never in His commitment to man or to angels, as this letter will confirm.

***increments of time and the first ten of the twelve objectives of this series of letters would not have occurred,*** except for Lucifer's failure.

Now you may begin to understand why God said to me that once you understand the failure of Earth One, you will understand everything else He has done since then. As you begin to comprehend that failure, its effect on God and His response to that failure, your love for Him will grow immeasurably.

God destroyed Earth One in His fierce anger, which is evidence that He had no foreknowledge of Lucifer's failure. For God to destroy something, in His fierce anger, that He Himself planned for in the first place, becomes an oxymoron. Therefore the fact that God is omniscient does not mean that He knows everything before it occurs. Would you believe it means that God is like us? One more time, God is like us! (Genesis 1:26).

On his first trip up Sinai mountain, Moses stayed longer than the Israelites anticipated.<sup>3</sup> They therefore believed that Moses had abandoned them in the desert. In desperation they cried out to Aaron, the future High Priest of God, and asked him to make for them gods that would go before them for protection and guidance. This means that the Israelites *in a little less than forty days* reverted to the idol worship of Egypt.

In the meantime, God observed what was going on among the Israelites at the bottom of the mountain and it ticked Him off big time! In a rage of anger he said to Moses, "Let Me alone (or get out of My way!) that my wrath may burn hot against them and I will make of you a great nation!" The God of patience, in a rage of anger, was ready to kill from two to three million people, just as He destroyed World One, in His fierce anger!

But Moses, a mere man, talked God out of killing all of the Israelites (including men, women, children and infants), for the transgression led by Aaron, the future High Priest of Israel!

In his anger, as he came down from the mountain, Moses broke the two tablets of stone on which God had written the Testimony. In the meantime, God recovered from His wrath and became conciliatory. Sound familiar? (Remember, I said that God is like us!)

Once again Moses was instructed by God to come up Sinai mountain. This time, however, God instructed Moses himself to prepare and bring two tablets of stone with him. God again wrote on the two tablets that Moses took down the mountain, this time without damage.

However, this time, note these words that God said to Moses before he departed from God's presence on the mountain:

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious,

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<sup>3</sup>For the record of Moses' meeting with the Lord on Sinai mountain, the golden calf incident and the result thereof, read Exodus chapters 24-32.

longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation"<sup>4</sup>

Notice from the above quotation in the second line (page two, column two), God represents Himself as *longsuffering* which means *slow to anger*. In the third line of the quotation, God represent Himself as *keeping mercy for thousands*. *Mercy* means *forgiveness with compassion toward an enemy or toward an offender in one's power*. Realize that these words were spoken by the same Jehovah God, not long after He was so enraged at the Israelites that He wanted to kill them all!

The point I am making is this: although we are made in God's image, He is also made in our image! He is like us! Believe it!

As I have written previously concerning the violent destruction of Earth One, God had no foreknowledge of Lucifer's failure. Neither did He foreknow that the Israelites would turn to the licentious worship of idols not long after He brought them out of Egypt with ten miraculous signs. God does not react violently in wrath about something he foreknew or about something for which He had made provision.

In summary, God did not have foreknowledge of the failure of Lucifer, nor did He have foreknowledge of the licentious worship of Israel in the wilderness. And that's just for starters! God does not respond with fierce anger nor with violent wrath concerning something He foreknew! Nevertheless, He happens to be the One in charge!

You may think that I am belaboring the fact that omniscience does not mean that God foreknew everything before it happened. If that is the case, please realize that there are many devoted servants of God, including Seminary and Bible College graduates, for example, who believe omniscience means that from the beginning, God foreknew everything before it occurred. Simple logic dictates otherwise.

Here is another thing for your consideration: One does not teach nor write the things I teach and write without having an intimate, personal relationship with God. Moses was comfortable in correcting God because he knew God intimately and personally. Yes, that's right. Moses corrected Jehovah God and stood his ground with intelligent, objective, logical reasoning while God was almost overcome with emotional anger and wrath. Remember this: *emotions are an enemy to faith in crises*, to both man, and in this case, to God!

I believe one today may attain the same intimate, personal relationship with God that Moses had, by learning to hear His voice continually for a sufficiency of time according to His standard. If that shocks you,

read on, the best is yet to come!

If you want to discover the benefits of an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus, read the Gospels. A casual reading will not do. Devour the Gospels. Should you do that, you will find things in John's Gospel, for example, that the other three Gospel writers (narrators) either ignored *or were unaware of* while John ignored things the other three Gospel writers recorded, of which John was aware. Here is one example:

In Jim Ash letter No. 22 dated July 20, 1999, I published a chart listing in chronological order everyone Jesus healed, where the individual or individuals were identified or identifiable. This means, for example, that I eliminated instances where Jesus healed everyone present without the mention of names or identification.<sup>5</sup> I also eliminated parallel reporting. Here is data taken from the tabulation of the healings as recorded by each Gospel writer:

<u>Total Healings Recorded 23*</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
Reported by Matthew	15	65.22
Reported by Mark	14	60.87
Reported by Luke	16	69.57
Reported by John	04	17.39

First, ten out of the twenty-three\* (43.48%) were healed by casting out demons, which caused the illness. Because of the comparative record of each Gospel writer, I believe if all the facts had been reported, the number of those healed by casting out demons would be much higher than 43.48%. Everyone Jesus healed died, but the demons are still alive. More about that later.

Secondly, observe that Dr. Luke recorded more healings than the other three. He observed each such incident from a different perspective than the other three writers and recorded things the other three ignored. That, in itself, makes a good study.

But John's record stands out among the other three. Notice that John reported only four healings. Again, that within itself makes a good study. There is an obvious reason why John apparently failed to report all but four healings. This does not mean that the others were not important. Far be it from that. Each healing changed the life of the one who was healed as well as some who witnessed the miracle!

But John zeroed in on spiritual things the other writers missed, or did not have access to – spiritual things that never die as did everyone Jesus healed. And the reason for that is because of the personal intimacy John had with Jesus.

The personal intimacy that John had with Jesus was beyond that of the other three Gospel writers, and yes, beyond that of the other apostles. One indication of John's intimacy is that four times in his Gospel, John is

<sup>4</sup>Exodus 34:6, 7.

<sup>5</sup>See Matthew 8:16; Luke 4:40; 6:19; 9:11

mentioned as the disciple that Jesus loved.<sup>6</sup> It is also interesting that John, himself, is the one who recorded this fact. While on the cross, Jesus asked John to take care of His Mother.

The first chapter of John's Gospel alone, sets him apart from all other writing in the bible, from the other apostles and from the Gospel narrators. I could elaborate on that and could cite other such references, but that is not the purpose of these letters.

On one occasion I asked the Lord about His relationship with John and why it seemed that He favored John over the other apostles. His answer was: "It was not that I favored John over the others, it was that he favored Me over them." That says it all and defines the source of intimacy John had with Jesus during His visible ministry. It also defines the source of intimacy one may have with Jesus today during His invisible ministry. I testify that this is true.

There are two other things of the utmost importance concerning the destruction of Earth One. Those two things are (1) what happened to the fallen angels and (2) what happened to the souls of fallen man, the bodies of which were destroyed.

For the answer to item (1), what happened to the fallen angels, I refer you to Jim Ash letter No. 129, entitled, FALLEN ANGELS, which treats this subject in detail. Now let's look for the answer to item (2). What happened to the souls of fallen man, the bodies of which were destroyed on Earth One?

Hear these words from the mouth of Jesus, recorded in Matthew chapter twenty-five, which depict the great white throne judgment:

41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.**

Hear also these words from the mouth of Jesus penned by Dr. Luke from the sixteenth chapter of his Gospel:

19 There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 **And being in torments in Hades**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 Then he cried and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

25 But Abraham said, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things; and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

26 "And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from here pass to us."

27 Then he said, "I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

28 "for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment."

29 Abraham said to him, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

30 And he said, "No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

31 But he said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead."

Observe two things from Matthew and Luke:

(1) Hell (everlasting fire) was created for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41) after the destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger but (2) had already been created by the time Jesus came on the scene as confirmed in the story of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:23-31. Jim Ash letter No. 129 presents additional evidence of these facts.

If hell had been created prior to the destruction of Earth One, disposition of both the fallen angels and the souls of fallen man, who lived thereon, would have been determined before the destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger.

These facts lead us to only one conclusion concerning the rulers of Earth One and the souls of fallen man who lived thereon: The souls of fallen man who lived on Earth One, like the angels under Satan's authority who ruled over Earth One, are still at large.

Man, who originally lived on Earth One, was created in total perfection to live eternally as God's perfect model that will be replicated. Therefore, we know that man on Earth Two, was, and still is today, the same as man was on Earth One.

Sin, originated by a fallen Lucifer, caused the death of man's body on Earth One, but not his soul which was created to live forever. The evil spirits, or demons, with which Jesus dealt in His visible three and one-half year ministry, were all disembodied spirits (souls) of the pre-Adamic earth that I have labeled Earth One or The World That Was. There are myriads of them at large today because Earth One prospered for many years under a perfect Lucifer before he fell, and population grew rapidly, because there was no death.

<sup>6</sup>See John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7; 21:20-23.