

## 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 works** of John 14:12 in this rapture generation

### GOD'S DILEMMA AND HIS PLAN FOR MAN

Man was created by God to content, satisfy and fulfill God Himself, so that simultaneously man himself, would be content, satisfied and fulfilled.

The way this occurred originally was for man to be created by God in God's likeness and in His image. This means man would need to be a triune being with a body, soul and spirit in order to accommodate the presence of and in order to be compatible with the triune God who was God the Father, God the Word and God the Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

When God formed the first man from the dust of the ground on Earth One, He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life which created man's soul and became his spirit as a triune being. But since each of the three persons of the Godhead are spirit, along with the spirit-breath God breathed into the first man's nostrils, came the three Person-spirits of the Godhead: the Father, the Word and the Spirit. The first man on Earth One was filled with the fullness of the Godhead bodily, meaning he was filled with the three Persons of the triune Godhead. Therefore, the first man on Earth One was Godhead filled or Godhead baptized or God Incarnate from the beginning.<sup>2</sup>

This first man on Earth One was formed as a full-grown adult. It is believed that he was about the age of thirty years. When the fullness of the Godhead bodily entered that first man on Earth One, he was instantly conformed to physical perfection because of the perfection of the Godhead within him.

God does not exist in time, but in eternity.

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<sup>1</sup>During and before the visible ministry of Jesus, the triune Godhead was God the Father, God the Word and God the Spirit. The Godhead was reconfigured at the resurrection of Jesus and became God the Father, God the Son, inclusive of the eternal Word, and God the Spirit.

<sup>2</sup>Man initially was Godhead baptized which was a blessing that he lost through sin. God then restored Godhead baptism in Jesus who introduced Spirit baptism on the first Pentecost following His resurrection. That became the earnest of our inheritance until the fullness of time for man in general, but also until the appearance of the new apostles, all of whom will be Godhead baptized to become God Incarnate to fulfill John 14:12.

Therefore, the first man on Earth One, by the power of Jehovah God (and therefore of supernatural necessity), was conformed to the perfection of Eternal God and remained that way, in that eternal state, suspended in eternity forever as sustained by obedience.

All of this was spoken into existence by omnipotent Jehovah God, who lived in His fullness within the first man. Everything that first man said and did was guided and directed by God the Father. For that reason, the first man on Earth One was therefore perfect.

Under these conditions, this first man would never age or grow old or die, but would forever remain perfect and would also be perfected in all he said and did by the perfect Godhead who dwelled within his physical body.

When God asked that first man of Earth One to name His creation, God caused His creation to come before His first man. As they came by, one by one, and two by two, God within His first man, gave him the names of His creation which he spoke into existence. That is why the names he spoke were the names they were called on Earth One as well as the names they were called on Earth Two and as they are called today on Earth Three.

God saw that there was not a suitable helper (helpmate, *helpmeet* or companion) in His creation for the first man on Earth One, so God caused a deep sleep to fall on him. As he slept, God then took from his body, flesh and bone, out of which He formed a woman and presented her to him.

God Himself then performed the first wedding ceremony and joined the two permanently. He then pronounced that through their procreation, man would leave mother and father and be joined to his wife to become one flesh forever. This proclamation was pronounced before procreation began on Earth One.

Since the first woman was formed from the flesh and bone of her husband, when God breathed into her nostrils the breath of life, the fullness of the Godhead bodily entered her physical body. The same thing occurred in her husband. She thereafter was perfect and was forever perfected in all she did by the authority of the Godhead within her physical body.

The beginning creation of Earth One just

outlined to you, is like the creation of Adam and Eve on Earth Two. Adam and Eve were created exactly as the first man and the first woman were created on Earth One because God was bound by His own immutable words to do so. Earth One, everything living thereon, including man, and Lucifer and his staff of angels created to govern Earth One, were all created in eternity to live forever.

Under these conditions, God Himself would be forever content, satisfied and fulfilled, since He exists to love and cherish His creation. As man lived under these conditions, God was fulfilled and blessed while man was simultaneously content, fulfilled and blessed. It is God's desire to penetrate the innermost being of man to become One with him as it is the desire of man to penetrate the innermost being of his wife to become one with her.

Mankind on Earth One and Adam and Eve on Earth Two originally were physical, living, Temples of God since God in His fullness indwelt them. In this manner, man himself was perfect and perfected forever since God within him guided all of his activities.

The reason God made man was so He would have a physical body in whom He could dwell with whom He would become One as His helpmate and companion, to provide for, to cherish, to love and protect forever.

After Earth One (to include its rulers, man and God's creatures) existed in perfection for millennia, Lucifer's pride caused a total disruption in God's plan. Everything on Earth One, including man, was created to exist eternally, by God's own immutable words which could not be altered, modified or rescinded. Therefore, God was forced to stand by and watch a Lucifer gone berserk destroy His perfect creation. This is the way sin entered into the world and the way God's living, physical Temples were destroyed in front of His own eyes. That failure was God's unplanned catastrophic *dilemma*.

In the long gap (millennia) between the destruction of Earth One and the beginning reconstruction of Earth Two (Genesis 1:3), God had to devise a way to reconstruct an earth on which His living, physical Temples could be restored. All of this would need to be done as God Himself sloshed man through sin and death to finally restore God's honor after a fallen Lucifer tried to desecrate it.

The greatest problem God had to work through was the authority originally given to Lucifer which

could not be rescinded because the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable to angels as well as to man. The government of the earth was established forever on Earth One. Therefore, God had to devise a way to bring forth another governing "angel" and his staff of governing "angels" to rule the world without "creating" them, which He was prevented from doing by His own immutable words spoken in the creation of Earth One.

That new *angel* would turn out to be Jesus and the new staff of *angels* under His authority would turn out to be the raptured church.

All of this was planned by God in detail before He began the reconstruction of Earth Two, as recorded in Genesis 1:3.

Jesus was filled with the fullness of the Godhead bodily immediately after John's baptism. In that one act, Jesus became a physical, living Temple of God as were everyone originally on Earth One and as Adam and Eve were before their sin.

The Tabernacle and the Temple were God's method of revealing Jesus under sinful conditions in a fallen world. The Holy Place was where the High Priest went once a year to atone for the sins of Israel for another year.

Notice that there were specific purging and cleansing rites the High Priest was required to do each year to keep from being struck dead in the presence of God. All of that was necessary because sinful man lives on an earth contaminated by sin.

The reason Jesus could be Godhead filled or Godhead baptized and live on a sin-contaminated earth is because He was cleansed of the Adamic sin-curse and the Adamic sin-nature when the Holy Spirit (instead of the sperm of man) fertilized the egg (seed) in Mary's womb. The Godhead entered the body of Jesus as a first-time occurrence since the sin of Adam. That represented millennia of planning by Jehovah God.

There was much rejoicing in heaven over this one accomplishment by God, which had been many thousands of years in the planning, plus another four thousand years since Adam. Jesus was planted in the ground to bring forth twelve other new Godhead filled apostles to bring in the final harvest of souls prior to the rapture. Each of the new apostles will have been cleansed of the pollution of *sin back to conception in their mother's womb* (as was Jesus) in order to be Godhead baptized and become God Incarnate like

Jesus.<sup>3</sup>

The Tabernacle and the Temple portended Jesus Himself and everything that was lost through the failure of Earth One and through the failure of Adam on Earth Two. Jesus, Himself, portended twelve other Godhead baptized apostles to become God Incarnate. They will bring in the final harvest of souls prior to the rapture of the church, to fulfill John 14:12.

*God's dilemma* is man's vulnerability to the enemy in the few remaining years prior to the Rapture.

By the authority of Jehovah God, I proclaim that the way Jesus and each of the new apostles were trained to become God Incarnate, was by learning to listen to the voice of God 24/7. *That is His plan for man.* You have that capability. For that reason, I offer the following explanation between hearing the voice of God and listening for His voice:

#### **HEARING GOD'S VOICE Compared With LISTENING FOR HIS VOICE**

For many years, I have been writing about the blessing of learning to hear the voice of God 24/7. As I have shared that with born-again, Spirit filled believers, many times I have heard the response, "Oh yes, I hear from the Lord, too," or something similar to, "I know what you mean. I hear His voice, too."

While I have no disagreement with either of these two responses, neither one is responsive to learning to listen for and to hear the voice of God 24/7, about which I write and about which I live and about which I teach.

There is a vast difference between hearing the voice of God and listening for His voice. Hearing the voice of God is God-induced. Listening for the voice of God is self-induced. Here are examples of hearing the voice of God:

God called out to Adam in Eden and said, "Where are you?" God initiated that remark. It was God who initiated conversation with Elijah who hid from Jezebel in a cave. On the way to Damascus, one day, God knocked Saul of Tarsus off of his horse (or whatever he was riding) and said, "Saul, Saul, why are

you persecuting Me?" God initiated that remark.

Scripture records that many times God's servants have besought Him on behalf of themselves or on behalf of others, which prompted Him to speak to His servants. But all of this has to do with God ministering to the needs of man. That is the purpose of speaking to (not listening to) God on behalf of one's self or on behalf of others.

However, this is not the result of listening for and hearing God's voice. When one learns to listen to the voice of God, that is something man himself initiates. When you learn to listen to His voice 24/7, you minister to God's needs, that in time, will become inclusive of your needs.

Many servants of God today hear His voice at a time when that servant is not listening for or expecting Him to speak. That is not an unusual experience of dedicated servants of God today and falls within the Pentecost Method available to God's servants since the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus about two thousand years ago.

Those who hear His voice may be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher (Ephesians 4:11, 12). Likewise those gifted according to 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 may hear His voice. All of this began about two thousand years ago. Of course, God may speak to whomever He chooses, as well.

In these few remaining years of this rapture generation, *God has made available to every believer a **NEW THING** according to Isaiah 42:9.* That *new thing* is learning to listen to the voice of God 24/7. This is *new* for this time and one is neither gifted nor called by God to this activity. The believer, himself, may take the initiative to learn to listen to the voice of God 24/7.

One may hear the voice of God audibly or as a "still small voice," or when the Holy Spirit quickens a verse of scripture, or anything else that speaks to one's heart which then becomes rhema.

However, the *new thing* of learning to hear God's voice 24/7 today may result in "hearing" or perceiving His "voice" as a light, delicate, inaudible "thought" that may be easily ignored. The reason is that in a fallen world, *thoughts are the language of the Spirit.*

God longs to talk to you. I have heard and recorded hundreds of thousands of rhema words from God's mouth (Matthew 4:4; John 10:3, 4, 16, 27). The

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<sup>3</sup>For God's method of cleansing the new apostles back to conception in their mother's womb, see Jim Ash letter No, 151, page 4, column 2 following the heading, **The Prayer.**

pronouns used will usually indicate Who is speaking.

I have heard many words from the Holy Spirit, from the Lord Jesus and from God the Father, Himself. In recent times it has been the Father, Himself, Who has blessed me with words from His mouth. One reason for this is that the Father was hurt terribly by Lucifer's failure. You therefore, must prove to the Father your fidelity, your faithfulness, your trustworthiness and your obedience before the Father opens His heart to you.

In my letter No. 93, I quoted twelve statements from the mouth of Jesus, that were spoken during His visible ministry, as recorded by Luke and John. In each quotation, it was the Father, Himself, Who spoke. Jesus was instructed in everything He said and did by the Father's words.

God is leery of "quick-draw McGraws," meaning one who starts in a flash, then finds something more important to do than listen to Him.

In a fallen world, righteousness is not dependant upon perfect conduct, but upon obedience. The conduct of King Saul is proof of that. Prophet Samuel told a disobedient Saul, "Behold, to obey (obedience) is better than sacrifice (better than anything you may want to do for God), and to hearken (to listen and obey) than the fat of rams<sup>4</sup> (the choice sacrifice made to God at the Tabernacle or at the Temple).

It may seem almost sacrilegious to some to say that Jehovah God, Himself, is the most "down-to-earth" Person you will ever meet. But that now describes my relationship with Him. He longs for you to know Him that intimately.

The Father still grieves over the necessity of destroying His first body – His first wife – on Earth One, because a fallen Lucifer had so polluted and so vilely corrupted her body. God likewise grieves over the many souls who have followed Satan or who will follow him into the lake of fire<sup>5</sup> because God formed in the womb everyone born of woman. In truth, therefore, God Himself, is the Father of mankind. The role of the Lord Jesus is to get as many as possible to acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord to avoid a horrible eternity in the lake of fire. God sends no one there. One makes that decision himself. God has said to me that everyone who makes the decision to follow Satan will have

multiple opportunities to follow the Lord. But when those opportunities are offered and God's conscience is satisfied, judgment is set.

Following are words God said to me concerning the difference between hearing His voice in the Pentecost Method (for about 2000 years) and listening for His voice 24/7 in the Listening Method. God has said to me that the Listening Method has been reserved for the last half of this forty-year rapture generation. We are now in the last quarter (last 10 years) of that generation.

Listen to what He said to me the morning of Tuesday, September 27, 2011:

"My son, there is a difference between hearing the voice of God and learning to listen to Him. Most every born-again, Spirit-filled believer hears the voice of God.

"But listening for His voice daily 24/7 is different. You heard the voice of God for many years before the Lord instructed you to listen. Listening may be self induced. Hearing is God induced.

"Prayer is talking to God, but that is not listening. In prayer one's mind is focused on something to say, rather than on something to hear. When one listens, he is quiet so as to allow Someone else to speak.

"You had "heard" the voice of God for many years before God taught you to listen. Hearing the voice of God and listening for His voice are different. When you are talking to Him, your mind is occupied with what to say. When you are listening, your mind is shut down and you are quiet and attentive within.

"Faith does not come from prayer, or from talking to God, as important as that is. Faith comes by hearing, and to increase your hearing the voice of God, one must learn to listen.

"A very important ingredient in learning to listen to the voice of God 24/7 is this: In the Listening Method, *thoughts are the language of the Spirit*. However, that principle does not apply to the Pentecost Method. For example, in the Pentecost Method, the Spiritual gift of prophecy or the office of prophet are not necessarily accessible to all believers, whereas in the Listening Method of spiritual growth, all believers have the ability to learn to listen to the voice of God 24/7.

"Yes, God can talk to you in an audible voice. Yes, God can talk to you in the still small voice Elijah heard in the cave that day when he hid from Jezebel.

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<sup>4</sup>See 1 Samuel 15:22.

<sup>5</sup>See Revelation 20:10-15.

And yes, God can quicken a verse of scripture, or anything else to your heart, which becomes rhema. But that is not the way to learn to listen.

“Since *thoughts are the language of the Spirit*, one must “be still and know that I am God”<sup>6</sup> on a daily basis. God is important enough to listen to. The listening Method, about which you write, My son, is a learned procedure that is **NEW** for this rapture generation, **and is outside of the Pentecost Method.**

“You may or may not *be fed spiritually* by spending time in prayer, as important as that is.

“But you are fed spiritually *by every rhema word* you hear from the mouth of God. In order for fruition to come from hearing, an individual must learn that God is more important than he is. When that occurs and one learns that God speaks and desires that we hear His voice, the next thing is to set aside time daily to listen.

“The words you will begin to hear from God will come as light, delicate, inaudible *thoughts* that may be easily ignored. That’s why journaling of those *thought-words* is important. As you learn to listen 24/7, His words will become so profuse, you will be unable to remember what He said and benefit to the full without journaling. Often God has sent me back to reread what He previously said to me for my learning and admonition. That is why I journal, transcribe, print and file in three-ring notebooks, everything God says to me. That is a treasure of gold bars of inestimable value.

“Initially, it is a strange and an unusual but a blessed world, where the roles of man and God today are reversed (as in the Listening Method). As that occurs, God prays to (talks to) man and is ministered to by man whereas in the Pentecost Method, man talks to and is ministered to by God. But that is what happens when one learns to listen to the voice of God 24/7 so as to completely trust in Him. Trust in Him *is created* by hearing His voice.

“When two become one flesh in marriage, the wife’s body is the husband’s and the husband’s body is the wife’s. Therefore, since death and life are in the power of the tongue, words from the mouth of the wife will either bless or curse the husband and words from the mouth of the husband will either bless or curse the wife. This is one reason why believers should marry believers. This is also why spiritual growth or maturity

is essential for the well-being of both.

“This is why man on Earth One originally and why Adam and Eve on Earth Two originally, were God Incarnate. The fullness of the Godhead bodily governed, directed and blessed all of their activities jointly and severally. Because God is One in design, in intent and in purpose, the will of God on the earth was done, in both the husband and in the wife as One, as it is in heaven. The complete Oneness of God in principle, in intent and in purpose, was done on the earth and in man as it is in heaven because God is One.

“That, in principle, is where God is headed in His reconstruction program for the earth and for man. That is also descriptive of Earth One before Lucifer’s rebellion and it is also descriptive of Adam and Eve on Earth Two before sin and it is likewise descriptive of the New Jerusalem.

“This is why listening to the voice of God 24/7 is so important and so powerful in the few remaining years of this rapture generation. Every rhema word you hear from the mouth of God is creative in the absolute in small, minute quantities. Each rhema word you hear imparts to you small quantities of these seven attributes of God: spirit, life, love, truth, light, food (spiritual) and faith (which comes by hearing). These seven imparted attributes of God are cumulative in effect so that in God’s sufficiency of time, *you will be gradually transformed into His Image and into His Likeness, as Adam and Eve were originally created.* And remember, Adam and Eve originally were filled with all the fullness of the Godhead bodily just as Jesus was during His visible ministry.<sup>7</sup>

“There in summary, is the blessing that lies before believers today who will learn to listen to the voice of God 24/7 and become obedient thereunto.

“The choice is yours.

“The time is now.

“The blessings are beyond your imagination.”

#### **An introduction to the prophetic word received on 11/24/11**

As I awakened this morning, it was after having a disturbing, disquieting, totally frustrating dream wherein I was trying again and again to accomplish something but was not able to succeed. When I awakened I was totally frustrated. Then I got out of bed

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<sup>6</sup>Psalm 46:10.

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<sup>7</sup>See Colossians 2:9.

and went in to spend quiet time with the Lord. Introduced in this word was something new: the NOW Generation, about which God has not previously spoken to me. This new revelation emphasizes a need for the Listening Method beyond anything God has previously mentioned to me. Here is what He said:

#### **THE NOW GENERATION**

“What I was trying to show you was how frustrating life may be without Me as its anchor. My son, I am the only true stabilizer of life, for I am life.

“My life is the only true life, while any other is false – a counterfeit. A counterfeit may never represent nor become the true copy.

“What the enemy does is to counterfeit My true life. As he does that, it only leads to – it always leads to frustration.

“In the counterfeit, one never arrives – one is always striving to reach an unreachable goal while peace is found only in Me.

“Peace, contentment and fulfillment are found only in Me. That’s why I am – that’s what I am to man.

“**Do not be reluctant to share the blessings of knowing Me by the Listening Method.** That is not the only way, but it is the best way. And the Listening Method fortifies you for the future.

“The Pentecost Method fortifies you for times when the enemy thinks he is in control. But when the enemy sees the new apostles released, he will step up his activities. As he does so, it will be more difficult to maintain a stable life in his new atmosphere.

“Then is when he will step up his attack on marriage. He will also unleash an attack on believers not previously seen. Then is when it will be more difficult for believers to remain stable without learning to listen to My voice daily.

“My son, I, Myself, am the only stabilizing force under such circumstances. All else will fail. This is why your writing is so important for the **NOW** generation.

“**This generation that wants everything NOW will eventually self destruct without My becoming their solution.** Hence, the value of learning to hear My voice daily.

“My son, the Listening Method is made available **IN THIS TIME** as an antidote to the **NOW** generation dilemma.

“The information age is offering to this **NOW** generation, things unheard of previously: Instant telephone, instant music, instant movies, instant entertainment, instant games, instant television, instant pictures, instant pornography, instant evil attractively packaged as good.

“Instant evil, wrapped in an attractive package, will become alluring to believers and entice some of them into the camp of the enemy.

“Women in the **NOW** generation expose more of themselves to men believing that will make them more popular, more attractive, more appealing to men. In this case, more leads to less. Less leads to more. Less leads to My way of beauty concealed, not revealed.

“**Be not reluctant to share – to teach – that the best antidote to the NOW generation life is the Listening Method.** That is why I have introduced it in this rapture generation.

“The Listening Method is insurance for the NOW generation – the generation that holds all sorts of good and all sorts of evil *in their hand*.

“**So this is a good reason to share and to teach the Listening Method NOW.** There is still time to learn to listen to My voice (new wine) to strengthen and to fortify believers for the stepped up activities of the enemy.

“My son, again, it is important to know about the **NOW** generation. Most of the **NOW** generation individuals know little about the spiritual war that began many millennia ago. They therefore will become victims unknowingly!

“Prior to the **NOW** generation, hand held electronic gadgetry was not a consideration. Now it is a major factor.

“Children and adults today may hold in their hands instant gratification – instant good or instant evil. Learning to hear My voice daily will provide the stability to live for Me as the enemy steps up his activities against believers.

“Remember, believers are his target.

“Hearing His voice is the answer.

“The **NOW** generation is the generation who holds in their hand electronic gadgetry that provides instant gratification **NOW** – for evil or for good.”