

## ***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

### **RESTORATION OF MAN AND THE EARTH Part One**

The title of this series of letters may appear to be ubiquitous. As far-reaching as that may sound, I shall deal with the restoration of man in more detail than with the restoration of the earth, although the two are inseparably related.

Secondly, be prepared to hear new things in this series of letters that you have never heard before. The new things have been revealed to me as a result of learning to listen for and to hear God's voice continually. I cannot over emphasize the blessings that originate from hearing His voice continually.

At the first level of prayer, in response to your requests, the Lord answers, leads, guides and provides your needs. At the second level of prayer as you learn to hear His voice continually, **He will instruct you to remain quiet while He talks. Then, is when He originates everything** while you do nothing but listen and hear things He has wanted to say to you since He formed you in the womb of your mother. Then is when you begin to grow exponentially. **Those words allow you to provide His needs.** Only those words will ultimately bring you to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Keeping a journal is not a necessity but may be essential **in order to grow as He desires.** As his words become so profuse, your journal will become priceless. That's how special you are to Him.<sup>2</sup> Then, at His timing, He may begin to unlock some of His secrets, some of the things Jesus said were hidden that they might be revealed<sup>3</sup> to those who hunger and thirst for the Manna Who came down from heaven.

When I have previously used rhema words given to me by the Lord or conclusions drawn therefrom, I acknowledged that in the text or in a footnote. However, the content of this letter and those to follow

are so profusely endowed with such references, it is impractical to cite the Holy Spirit as the source in each instance. For that reason, let it be known that the Lord Himself is the source of every blessing you may receive through my writing henceforth. That includes all the new and exciting things I will share with you in this series of letters and those to follow. All praise, glory and honor to our Lord Himself who has revealed these things to me.

In my quiet time with the Lord the morning of Tuesday, August 5, 2008, He began His revelation to me with these words, "Yes, My son, you are right. **Once the pattern established by Lucifer on the pre-Adamic earth is understood, all of My activities thereafter may be understood.** He was the first of My perfect creation to rebel against Me. He and his angels were assigned to govern the earth under My delegated authority." (Bold fonts added)

It may seem strange to you that an understanding of all of God's activities are made clear once one understands Lucifer's activities, but that is God's revealed truth. For that reason, let's begin at the beginning.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."<sup>4</sup> Those words describe the creation of the first perfect earth over which Lucifer and his angels were created to rule. The account of Lucifer's failure in his God given assignment is recorded in Isaiah 14:9-21, Ezekiel 28:1-19 and Jeremiah 4:23-26.

I have written an account of the pre-Adamic earth in Jim Ash letter No. 16 dated January 10, 1999, entitled, **EARTH 101.**<sup>5</sup> For that reason I will relate here only specific details pertinent to the purpose of this writing. According to Ezekiel chapter 28, Lucifer was the seal of God's perfection, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty, and an anointed cherub who was perfect in his ways from the day he was created.<sup>6</sup> Other special, unique things were also prepared for him on the day he

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<sup>1</sup>See Ephesians 4:13.

<sup>2</sup>I have more prophetic rhema words from God transcribed from my journal, printed and filed in three-ring notebooks than the total number of words in the bible.

<sup>3</sup>See Matthew 10:26; Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17; 12:2.

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<sup>4</sup>Genesis 1:1.

<sup>5</sup>I will email a copy of Jim Ash letter No. 16 upon request.

<sup>6</sup>See Ezekiel 28:12 (b), 14, 15.

was created.<sup>7</sup> Lucifer was the best of God's created heavenly hosts *who was blessed beyond all others*.<sup>8</sup> He and his angels were created to rule a perfect earth. That means Lucifer was the epitome of excellence, beauty and ruling capability, the best God had to offer to rule His perfect earth. Lucifer was a supernatural, super abundantly anointed spirit being created by God to rule His perfectly created earth. Since God's way is perfect order, we conclude that His supporting staff were angels, created in perfect number, assigned to specific administrative responsibilities. God's planning is always exact.

Ezekiel records that Lucifer was perfect in his ways from the day he was created **till iniquity was found in him**. Iniquity is a sin committed knowingly, wilfully and deliberately without repentance. Lucifer is the first one of record in the bible who committed iniquity.<sup>9</sup>

Ezekiel then records that "by the *abundance of his trading*, Lucifer became filled with violence within (his heart) and he sinned." His iniquity was a deliberate, wilful, calculated sin against God's commandment. The word "trading" is translated from the Hebrew word "rekullah" (ree-ool-law') which means to trade, to exchange, to barter, to peddle or to *merchandise*.

Lucifer's first iniquity was to exchange or trade God's rule for his rule and thereafter he was in charge instead of God. He exchanged or bartered God for self. When that occurs, whether it is done by angels or man, there is an exchange of God's rule, protection and blessing for self rule, self reliance and self protection. Self rule is standard behavior in the world which leaves us open to Satan's deceptive ways. That's how he has an opening to steal from us, kill us and destroy us unknowingly.<sup>10</sup>

Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let

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<sup>7</sup>Read Ezekiel 28:1-19 for other details. Ezekiel chapter 28 starts out as an oracle against the king of Tyre but ends up as an oracle against Lucifer since the king of Tyre obviously cannot be "an anointed cherub who covers," see verse 14.

<sup>8</sup>No other angel of record in the bible was created with such marvelous, perfect endowments.

<sup>9</sup>Angels are created in a higher order than man and obviously are not allowed repentance as evidenced by the fall of Lucifer and his angels. Since the bible records that iniquity caused Lucifer's fall, this means he deliberately, knowingly and wilfully committed sin against God without repentance. I have been given a prophetic word from the Lord on the higher order of angels that will appear in my September letter No. 111.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said that Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy, see John 10:10 (a).

him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me."<sup>11</sup> The purpose of every believer's cross is **death of self**. ***Anything – everything originated by self is of the enemy!*** That's why Jesus said that self must die.

Jesus is the example. He completely denied (died to) self that the Father's will might be done in His life 24/7. That's why His ministry was successful. He had no authority of his own in His personal earthly ministry<sup>12</sup> whereas He now has all authority in heaven and earth.<sup>13</sup> It is recorded in the book of Hebrews that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."<sup>14</sup> That means He came to do the Father's will yesterday, today and forever.

*Lucifer did not deny self, he indulged and exalted self above the throne of God when he exchanged or traded God's rule for his rule.* He then was in control and everything he did thereafter was of self and therefore polluted. Buying and selling became his trademark as it remains today in the economy of the world – **buying and selling directed by self, the god of Satan**.

In the mind, the spiritual battleground, the enemy and his evil spirits always point to self while the Holy Spirit always points to the Lord. *Trading, or buying and selling is Satan's trademark because it is initiated by self and glorifies self instead of God.*

It is interesting to note that Satan's three temptations of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and the three temptations of Jesus at the beginning of his earthly ministry **lured them to self and away from God**. It is also interesting to note that Satan's three temptations in both instances were lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. The apostle John

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<sup>11</sup>Luke 9:23.

<sup>12</sup>The fact that Jesus did nothing on His own and was guided in detail by the Father in everything he did in His personal earthly ministry is treated more completely in Jim Ash letter No. 93, dated February 15, 2007 entitled **OUR ROLE MODEL**, available by email upon request.

<sup>13</sup>See Matthew 28:18.

<sup>14</sup>See Hebrews 13:8. This obviously does not refer to His activities or ministry. There are four distinct phases of His existence: Phase One before the world was when He was spirit and His life was in the Spirit, Phase Two when His life was in His blood in His earthly ministry, Phase Three is today when He is flesh and bones (Luke 24:39) and His life is in the Spirit again and Phase Four when He has completed everything the Father has charged Him to do when He (Jesus) will then give back to the Father all authority in heaven and earth that the Father might be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). I have written about this previously so I have omitted scripture references.

records that these *three temptations* of the enemy are things of the world and not of the Father.<sup>15</sup> That's because **they all three originate with, glorify and exalt self instead of God.** That has been Satan's deceit of man since Adam's sin.

The economy of the world today is based on buying and selling. When that is directed by self, the god of Satan, it is devoid of Jehovah God and therefore polluted and contaminated.

God's economy, God's kingdom, is predicated on His furnishing **EVERYTHING** for His glory. The economy of this world, Satan's economy, is based on buying and selling, motivated and directed by self, the god of Satan, for his glory.

When Lucifer exchanged God's rule for his rule, on the pre-Adamic earth, he was on his own without repentance. He then controlled all buying and selling and "through the multitude of his iniquities defiled his sanctuaries."<sup>16</sup> The word "sanctuaries" is translated from the Hebrew word, "miqdash" (mik-dawsh') defined as "a consecrated thing or place, especially a palace, sanctuary (whether of Jehovah or of idols) a chapel, hallowed part, holy place."

The world Lucifer was given to rule had hallowed sanctuaries, which, from the Hebrew definition, appear to have been sanctified holy places of worship, prepared by God who completely furnished the first earth as He did for Adam in the garden of Eden. Those sanctuaries were polluted by the iniquity of trading, that is, by buying and selling under the direction of Lucifer for his benefit, all of which is the result of indulging and exalting self over the throne of God.

Jesus discovered the same thing in the Temple one day and here is how He dealt with it:

"Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And he said to those who sold doves, 'Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of *merchandise!*'"<sup>17</sup>

The money changers were buying and selling

merchandise in the Temple of God, *originated by self*, the god of Satan, and that is why Jesus drove them out with a whip. Buying and selling when originated by self, the god of Satan, is anathema with God, both in the Temple and in the world.

Now let's fast forward to the Great Tribulation, the last three and one-half years of the seven-year Tribulation, when Satan, the false prophet and the beast are wreaking havoc on man and the earth as recorded by the apostle John with these words:

"And he (the beast) was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak<sup>18</sup> and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may *buy or sell* except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name."<sup>19</sup>

Notice that Satan is up to his old tricks. During the Great Tribulation, he once again is in control of the earth and this time, on the threat of execution, he demands the worship of an idol that speaks. He also controls the world economy once again by controlling *buying and selling*. If you think these things revealed in the book of Revelation are not real, you are in for a surprise. They are real and there are people alive on planet earth now who will live to experience these events. That's the reason to get real in our relationship with the Lord NOW.

Abdicating God's rule for self rule on the pre-

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<sup>18</sup>Here is a demonstration of the power of Satan. The beast was given the power to give *breath* to his image (an idol) that the image of the beast should speak. This is exactly the way God caused Adam, formed from dust of the ground, to speak as recorded in Genesis 2:7: "And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and *breathed* into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Words are spoken with breath. Here we have Satan, the supernatural counterfeiter giving breath to an idol that it might speak just as God gave breath to Adam that he might speak.

Jesus demonstrated the power of miracles when He said, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe (John 2:48). Miracles facilitate faith.

Jesus spoke of the time when the idol would speak when He said, "False christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." (Matthew 24:24)

The antidote for such deception is to learn to hear and recognize the voice of the Lord NOW, for Jesus said when that occurs, they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. (See John 10:5)

<sup>19</sup>Revelation 13:15-17.

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<sup>15</sup>See 1 John 2: 15, 16.

<sup>16</sup>See Ezekiel 28:18.

<sup>17</sup>John 2:13-16.

Adamic earth was the first iniquity that caused Lucifer's fall. That led the way for his multiple iniquities described by Ezekiel with these words: "You defiled your sanctuaries by the *multitude* of your iniquities (plural), by the iniquity of your trading."<sup>20</sup>

Satan's first iniquity was to denounce God's rule and take that authority for himSELF. Thereafter he defiled his sanctuaries by the *multitude* of his iniquities, buying and selling for the benefit of himSELF with no consideration for God. That's why Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himSELF, take up his cross daily and follow Me." Anything – everything initiated by self instead of God is of the enemy. That is why the whole earth is polluted. The economy of this world has been deceptively guided by the god of this world since Adam's sin. That is why the earth is contaminated and will have to be cleansed by fire before the eternal state begins.

Since we have clearly established that self is the god of Satan, what or who is the antidote for self? The obvious answer is Jehovah God whom Lucifer abandoned, from whom Adam was lured and to whom Jesus of Nazareth remained steadfast and faithful. Satan used the same enticements with Adam that he used with Jesus.<sup>21</sup> With Adam he succeeded; with Jesus he failed. We therefore must somehow evict self from the control of our life, reestablish God at the center and turn the controls over to Him. The Lord has clearly shown that to me and I want to share His answer with you. That is what this series of letters is all about.

We may begin to get the answer from the apostle

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<sup>20</sup>Ezekiel 28:18 (a).

<sup>21</sup>The enticements Satan used with Adam and Jesus were lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:15, 16). All demons also fall within one of these three classifications. That means Satan used his best weapons against Adam (see Genesis 3:1-6) with success and against Jesus (Matthew 4:1-10) to no avail. The Lord revealed to me that the reason Adam failed was because he was created with the mandate to procreate and replenish the earth which required a wife and children; hence Adam heeded the voice of his wife instead of the voice of God (see Genesis 3:17). The reason Jesus resisted Satan's three luring, tempting, seductive temptations was because God was His Father and He, therefore, was born with neither the Adamic sin curse nor the Adamic sin nature. He therefore did not have the mandate to procreate and replenish the earth which required a wife and children. For that reason, Jesus was completely free of the encumbrances of Adam so that His only devotion beginning with His birth was to God the Father. The reason He was born without the adamic sin curse or sin nature is because the Holy Spirit fertilized the egg (Seed) in Mary's womb instead of the sperm of man.

Paul's letter to the church in Rome written, it is believed, in the Spring of A. D. 56. He wrote:

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the *flesh*, to live according to the *flesh*. For if you live according to the *flesh* you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God."<sup>22</sup>

The deeds of the body (flesh) are motivated and activated by self. The way you put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit is to be led by the Spirit, the Decision Maker, instead of by self, the god of Satan.

Next, we are sons of God **when we are led by the Spirit of God**. When we are not led by the Spirit, we obviously make the decisions ourselves. Therefore self, the god of Satan, is in the driver's seat which opens the door to the enemy and he comes right in, thank you.

**You are not protected by the Lord when self determines your decisions because Jesus said that self must die to follow Him.** That's the purpose of every believer's cross. Our cross is for the death of self. *The only time that occurs is when and/or as we are led by the Spirit!* Now you may begin to understand why for years I have been proclaiming loudly in my teaching and writing: Learn to hear His voice continually. The next step is to ask Him about **EVERYTHING YOU DO 24/7! That is the way to be led by the Spirit!** If you ask Him and get His approval on **some** of the things you do, as you then proceed, you are led by the Spirit as sons of God **and are under His protection**. In the other things you do without His approval, self, the god of Satan, is the decision maker and you are available to the enemy in every area. **This is the way sickness enters your body.**

I realize this is new teaching. This *revelation* has been given to me by the Lord and it will work.

Coming in my next letter: God's three measure standard that applies "to both My created spirit beings (angels) and My created human beings." As we become obedient thereunto, the Lord's blessings will "come upon you and overtake you because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."<sup>23</sup>

Stay tuned!

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<sup>22</sup>Romans 3:12-14.

<sup>23</sup>See Deuteronomy 28:1.