

“THIS is SPARTA!”

—300

♪ I hit a wall, I thought that I would hurt myself / Oh I was sure, your words would leave me unconscious /
And on the floor I'd be lying cold, lifeless / But I hit a wall, I hit 'em all, WATCH the FALL

Isaiah 26

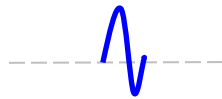
¹ In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. ² Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which **keepeth the truth** may enter in. ³ Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. ⁴ Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: ⁵ For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. ⁶ The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. ⁷ The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. ⁸ Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the **remembrance of thee**. ⁹ With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. ¹⁰ Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he **not LEARN** righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. ¹¹ LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. ¹² LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works “in” us [2 Cor. 11:14-15, “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”]. ¹³ O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ¹⁴ They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and **made all their memory to perish**. ¹⁵ Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth. ¹⁶ LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. ¹⁷ Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. ¹⁸ We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. ¹⁹ **Thy dead men** shall live, together with **my dead body** shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. ²⁰ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. ²¹ For, behold, the LORD cometh **out of his place** to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. 300

“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off:

for **TRUTH** is fallen in the street,

and **equity cannot enter**.”—Isaiah 59:14 [cf. Job 14:10-22—see page 9]

[The Sparta/Masada Principle]



“Our arrows will blot-out the SUN....Pile those Persians high....We're in for one wild night.”
—300

“It's an honor to die at your side.”—300

“Then we will fight in the shade.”
—300

“It's an honor to have lived at yours.”
—300

Star Trek: The Next Generation (“Q-Who?”)

Picard: Maybe Q did the right thing for the wrong reason.

Guinan: How so?

Picard: Well, perhaps what we most needed was a kick in our complacency to prepare us for what lies ahead.

“You had to say ‘fight in the shade’.”
—300



“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him **against** that day.”
—2 Timothy 1:12

“Spartans **NEVER** retreat!
Spartans **NEVER** surrender!”
—300

[The sun “now” can “come”!]

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Reach for the light / To capture a star / Come out of the darkness / And find out WHO YOU ARE

“An empire
toppled by its
enemies can rise
again.”

But one which
crumbles from
within?

That’s dead.
Forever.”

—Captain America: Civil War

“Only do **NOT** two things unto me: then will I **NOT** hide myself from thee. Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let **NOT** thy dread make me afraid.”

—Job 13:20-21

Job 13 (KJV)

¹ Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. ² What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you. ³ Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God. ⁴ But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of “no” value. ⁵ O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and **it** should be your wisdom. ⁶ Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips. ⁷ Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? **Will ye accept his person?** will ye contend for God? ⁹ Is **it** good that he should search you out? or **as one man mocketh another**, do ye so mock him? ¹⁰ He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons. ¹¹ Shall not his excellency make you **afraid**? and his **dread** fall upon you [cf. Num. 32:19, Judg. 8:21, Jer. 46:16, Hos. 10:8, Luke 23:30, Rom. 14:13, Rev. 6:16]?

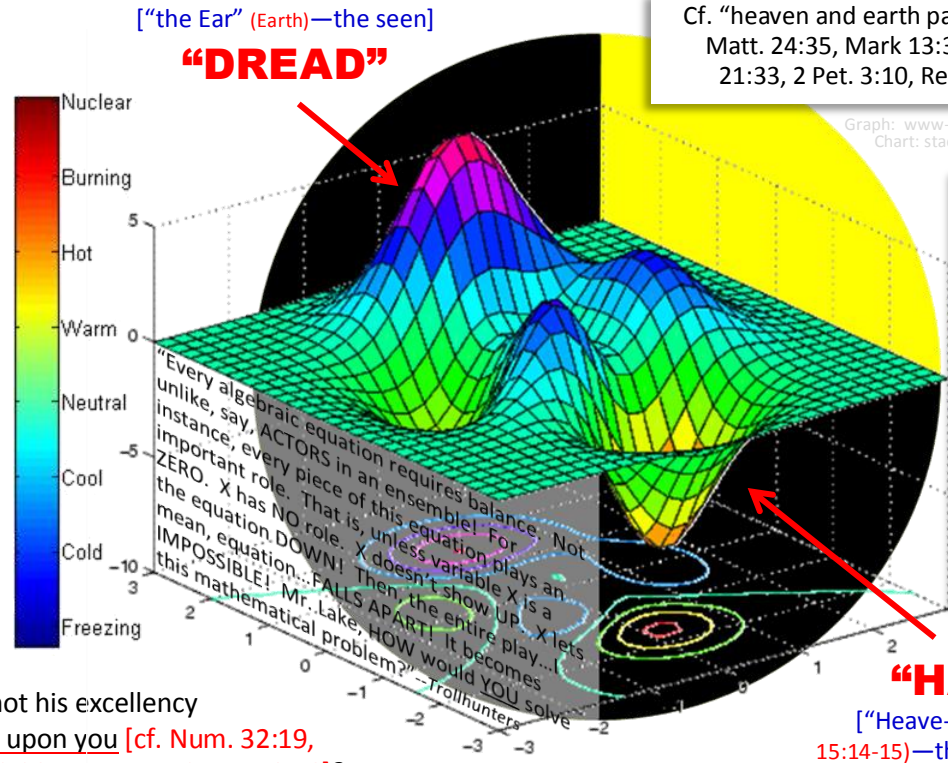
¹² Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay. ¹³ Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. ¹⁴ Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? ¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. ¹⁶ He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. ¹⁷ Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. ¹⁸ Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. ¹⁹ Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost [“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.” —Isaiah 53:7 [cf. Luke 19:40] / Cf. “gave up the ghost” (10 verses)]. ²⁰ Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. ²¹ Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. ²² Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. ²³ How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. ²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? ²⁵ Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? ²⁶ For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. ²⁷ Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. ²⁸ And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

²⁹ For the word of the Lord is right; and **ALL** his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is **full of the goodness** of the Lord.” —Psalm 33:4-5 [cf. Isaiah 45:7 (Pro. 14:22, Isa. 30:28, Rom. 3:10), Job 13:15]

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♪ ...Your Sovereign hand will be my guide/ Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me...Spirit lead me where my **TRUST** is without borders... ♪



“Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are **NOT** clean in his sight...But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” —Job 15:15/ John 1:12 (cf. James 2:19)

“HAND”
[“Heave-in” (cf. Job 15:14-15)—the UNseen]

BROTHERS!

⁴⁷ Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. ⁴⁸ But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? ⁴⁹ And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! ⁵⁰ For **WHOSOEVER shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**—Matthew 12:47-50 [Compare Mark 3:31-35 / cf. Rev. 22:8-9]

[Cf. “O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.”—Song of Solomon 8:1 & “¹⁸ Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his **right hand** and on his **left**. ¹⁹ And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. ²⁰ Then there *came out* a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? ²¹ And he said, I will *go out*, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: **go out, and do even so**. ²² Now therefore, behold, **the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.**”—2 Chronicles 18:18-22 (cf. Isaiah 45:7, “I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.”)]

There are those in America who are attempting to “separate” the “white” race from ALL “others” [imagery of the light “beam” LEAVING the prism—we ALL know how THAT “turns-OUT”—or do we? Does doing **it** twice get **IT** “white”?]. “They” are trying to “altar” the “course” of THIS nation—akin to “turning” (converting) a high-end “signature” jewelry store into a *Dollar Tree*. Whereas we once dealt in diamonds, NOW we peddle “Pebbles”!

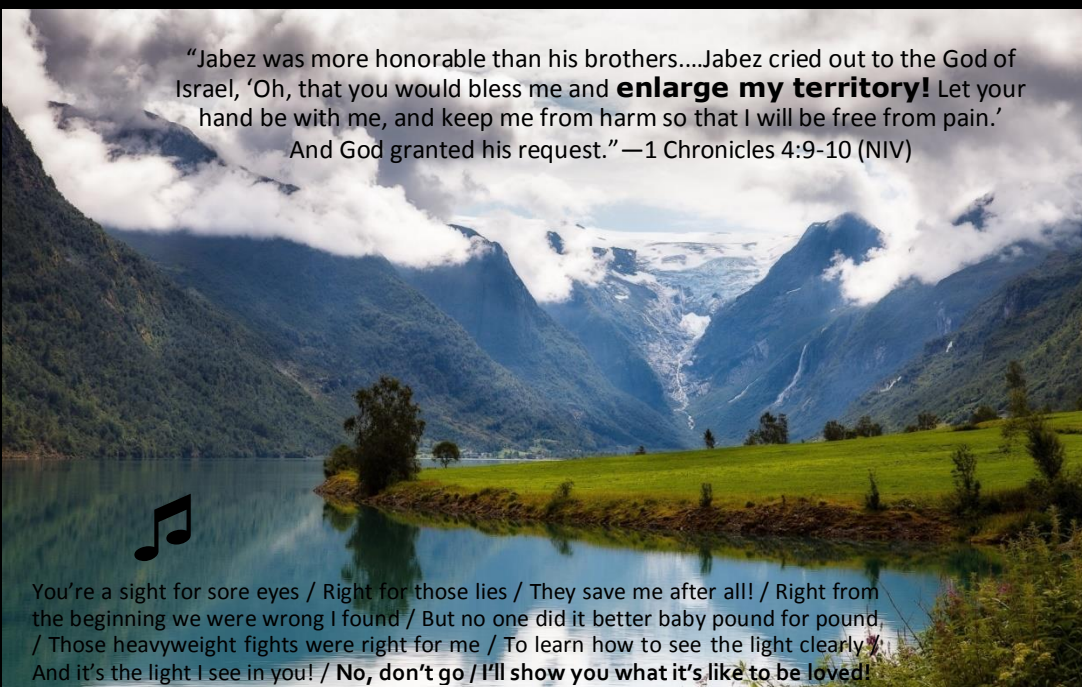
Many times we look at “things” only in a superficial way. But the “real” of what “IT” **is** is hidden DEEP! Diamonds are NOT found “lying” about the ground. **It** requires “hard” WORK to obtain THIS “hidden” TREASURE! And “GOOD,” “STRONG” friendships require much love, forgiveness, time, patience, and . . . yes . . . “WORK” . . . **if** they are to be “kept”!

What got me headed in this direction of thought was my pondering something that I “see” a lot of—preachers “quantifying” GIFTS [cf. 1 Corinthians 12]—i.e. a type of “triage.” They tend to place more “value” on “certain” gifts and certain “people”—and certain “destinies.” Those “without” those “gifts” (or, experience them in a “lower” degree) “feel” as if they have been, somehow, “cheated” by “God.” As if what He gave “them” was something “subpar.” And I see those who consider their gift to be “less than,” either “hiding/sheltering” their gift(s) or becoming jealous/upset of/over what “another” **has**! They fail to “see” that we are **EACH** given “**THE**” GIFT needed for “OUR” purpose and “time.” NONE are without signification! We each “bring” with us something of “value” into THIS world! If we each “share” **it**, we enable “others” to discover their “gifts”—enlarging us **ALL**!



“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers....Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, ‘Oh, that you would bless me and **enlarge my territory!** Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.’ And God granted his request.”—1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV)

Consider the four puzzle pieces above. The “white” piece said, “I am of the SKY, therefore I can’t associate with those NOT of the sky.” And the “marred” piece said, “I am of the water, therefore I can’t associate with those NOT of the water.” And the “blue” piece said, “I am a majestic mountain. I CANNOT be part of anything beneath me.” What if, perhaps, the lowly ground said, “I am ONLY of earth....**but** I will do what **ONLY I CAN!** I will **cover** the earth to feed the sheep that feeds the man that tends the earth and I will add my beauty to the flowers that grow out of me, the streams that flow beside me, the mountains that stand on me, the sky that covers me and the sun that shines upon me. And **OUR MAJESTY** will be a marvel for the universe to behold!” That’s “**TRUE**” BROTHERHOOD!



You’re a sight for sore eyes / Right for those lies / They save me after all! / Right from the beginning we were wrong I found / But no one did it better baby pound for pound / Those heavyweight fights were right for me / To learn how to see the light clearly / And it’s the light I see in you! / **No, don’t go / I’ll show you what it’s like to be loved!**

“For the course to be lifted, the TRUTH MUST be KNOWN.”

—The Haunted Mansion

“In a time of universal deceit, TELLING the TRUTH is a REVOLUTIONARY ACT.”—George Orwell

Isaiah 21 (NIV)

A Prophecy Against Baby-loan

¹ A prophecy against the Desert by the Sea:

Like whirlwinds sweeping through the southland,
an invader comes from the desert,
from a land of terror.

² A dire vision has been shown to me:

The traitor betrays, the looter takes loot.
Elam, attack! Media, lay siege!
I will bring to an end all the groaning she caused.

³ At this my body is racked with pain,
pangs seize me, like those of a woman in labor;
I am staggered by what I hear,
I am bewildered by what I see.

⁴ My heart falters,
fear makes me tremble;
the twilight I longed for
has become a horror to me.

STOP!!!
You're
keeling ME!



⁵ They set the tables,
they spread the rugs,
they eat, they drink!
Get up, you officers,
oil the shields!

⁶ This is what the Lord says to me:

“Go, post a lookout
and have him report what he sees.

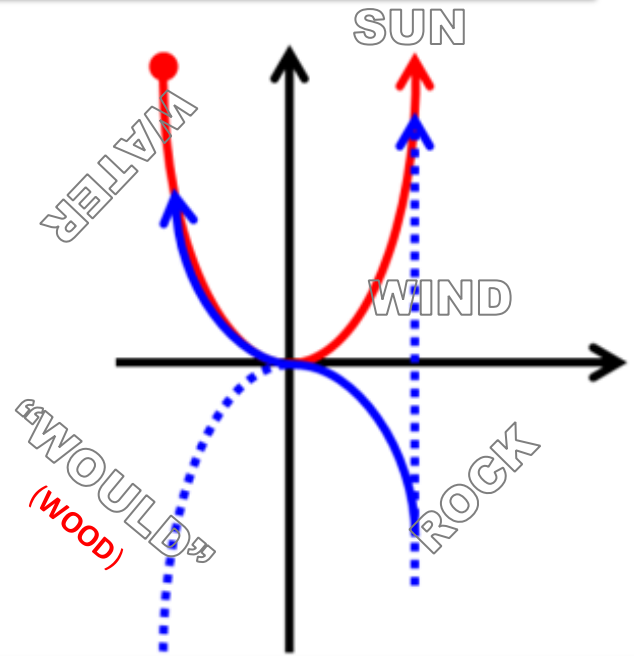
⁷ When he sees chariots
with teams of horses,
riders on donkeys
or riders on camels,
let him be alert,
fully alert.”

⁸ And the lookout^[a] shouted,

“Day after day, my lord, I stand on the watchtower;
every night I stay at my post.

⁹ Look, here comes a man in a chariot
with a team of horses.

And he gives back the answer:
‘Babylon has fallen, has fallen!
All the images of its gods
lie shattered on the ground!’”



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¹⁰ My people who are crushed on the threshing floor,
I tell you what I have heard
from the LORD Almighty,
from the God of Israel.

A Prophecy Against Edom

¹¹ A prophecy against Dumah^[b]:

Someone calls to me from Seir,
“Watchman, what is left of the night?
Watchman, what is left of the night?”

¹² The watchman replies,
“Morning is coming, but also the night.
If you would ask, then ask;
and come back yet again.”

A Prophecy Against Arabia

¹³ A prophecy against Arabia:

You caravans of Dedanites,
who camp in the thickets of Arabia,

¹⁴ bring water for the thirsty;
you who live in Tema,

bring food for the fugitives.

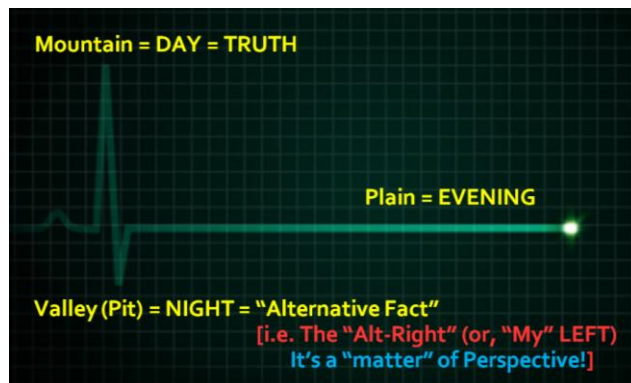
¹⁵ They flee from the sword,
from the drawn sword,
from the bent bow
and from the heat of battle.

¹⁶ This is what the Lord says to me: “Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the splendor of Kedar will come to an end. ¹⁷ The survivors of the archers, the warriors of Kedar, will be few.” The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken.

Footnotes:

1. [Isaiah 21:8](#) Dead Sea Scrolls and Syriac; Masoretic Text *A lion*
2. [Isaiah 21:11](#) *Dumah*, a wordplay on *Edom*, means **silence or stillness**.

How does this imagery compare with the life of Joseph—favored son/hated brother, thrown into a pit, sold as a slave, imprisoned by a “lie,” exalted to the highest position “bestowed” in the Kingdom of Egypt. [cf. [Isaiah 22](#)]



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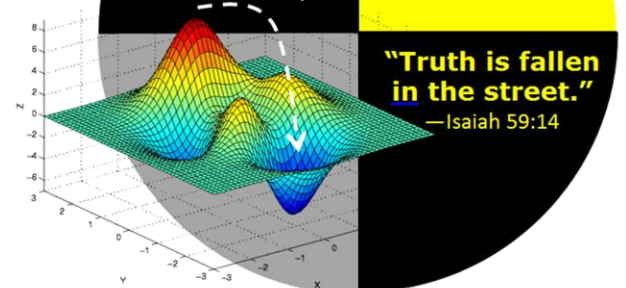
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“If my destiny is to NOT hold the sword, perhaps it is to teach you how to properly wield it. Your blade is but an extension of your body, and your body, an extension of your eyes. Mimic my movements, Trollhunter. (That kinda hurts.) A real fight is NEVER predictable, Trollhunter. You have to expect the unexpected and learn to **embody** the armor, **force** it to do what you want.”—*Trollhunters*

“Every algebraic equation requires balance. Not unlike, say, ACTORS in an ensemble! For instance, every piece of this equation plays an important role. That is, unless variable X is a ZERO. X has NO role. X doesn’t show UP. X lets the equation DOWN! Then, the entire play...I mean, equation...FALLS APART! It becomes IMPOSSIBLE! Mr. Lake, HOW would YOU solve this mathematical problem?”—*Trollhunter*



“Truth is fallen in the street.”
—Isaiah 59:14

The following chapter conveys related imagery to that of Isaiah 21:

Judges 7

¹ Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. ² And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. ³ Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. ⁴ And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. ⁵ So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lapped of the water with his tongue, as a dog lapped, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. ⁶ And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. ⁷ And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. ⁸ So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley. ⁹ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. ¹⁰ But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host [to spy]: ¹¹ And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host [-x, +y]. ¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. ¹³ And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. ¹⁴ And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host. ¹⁵ And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. ¹⁶ And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. ¹⁷ And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. ¹⁸ When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. ¹⁹ So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. ²⁰ And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. ²¹ And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. ²² And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath. ²³ And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. ²⁴ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Bethbarah and Jordan. ²⁵ And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

“Self-government is the ULTIMATE government.”

“The further we move away from self-government, the more destruction you'll experience.”

“The ultimate goal of God for mankind is to **eradicate** EXTERNAL [written] law [cf. Job 22:22, Psalm 37:31, Isaiah 51:7, Jeremiah 31:33, Zechariah 7:12, Romans 2:15, Hebrews 8:10, 10:16].”

“God's original government is expressed when He gave Adam his mandate [Gen. 2].”

“All countries suffering social decay is a result of a lack of self-government. People are breaking laws *PERSONALLY*. And the *BREAKING* of personal law produces public CHAOS. So we really don't have a community problem. We have individual problems that affect the community.”

“Adam was NEVER given external government. God took our forefather, Adam. He put him in the Garden of Eden with all of these resources and then God says, ‘WORK.’”

“Now the word ‘WORK’ is important here. I researched that years ago, and I was shocked that the word ‘WORK’ is the word *ërgön*. It actually means, ‘to become’! It doesn't mean to do something. He was telling Adam, ‘Become YOURSELF!’ What an instruction. We normally talk about ‘going to work.’ That's probably why we've got an employment problem. If you GO to work, you can be sent back home. But NO ONE can stop you from **BECOMING** something. There's a difference.”

Isaiah 21 KJV

¹ The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so **it** cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. ² A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. ³ Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of **it**. ⁴ My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me. ⁵ Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. ⁶ For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. ⁷ And he saw a chariot with a **couple** of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: ⁸ And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward **whole nights**: ⁹ And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a **couple** of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. ¹⁰ O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. ¹¹ The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, **Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?** ¹² The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come. ¹³ The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. ¹⁴ The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they **prevented** with their bread him that fled. ¹⁵ For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. ¹⁶ For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling [cf. Job 14:6-14], and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: ¹⁷ And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken **it**.

Jeremiah 36

¹ And **it** came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. ³ **It** may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; **that they may return every man** from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. ⁴ Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. ⁵ And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: ⁶ Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day [**"Thirst"-day**]: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. ⁷ It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people. ⁸ And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house. ⁹ And **it** came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people. ¹¹ When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, ¹² Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber [i.e. the place of ALL potential—"zero"]: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and **all** the princes. ¹³ Then Michaiah declared unto them **all** the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. ¹⁴ Therefore **all** the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll [**NOT "book"**] wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. ¹⁵ And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read **it** in our ears. So Baruch read **it** in their ears. ¹⁶ Now **it** came to pass, when they had heard **all** the words, they were afraid **both one and other**, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of **all** these words. ¹⁷ And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write **all** these words at his mouth? ¹⁸ Then Baruch answered them, He **pronounced all** these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. ¹⁹ Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. ²⁰ And they went in to [**NOT "UNto"**] the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. ²¹ So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of **all** the princes which stood beside the king. ²² Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. ²³ And **it** came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut **it** with the penknife, and cast **it** into the fire that was on the hearth, until **all** the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. ²⁴ **Yet they were NOT afraid**, **nor rent their garments, neither the king** [this phrase could be "taken" another way],

nor any of his servants that heard **all** these words. ²⁵ Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them. ²⁶ But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them. ²⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, ²⁸ Take thee again another roll, and write in **it all** the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. ²⁹ And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? ³⁰ Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. ³¹ And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, **all** the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not. ³² Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave **it** to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah **all** the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

Job 14:10-22,

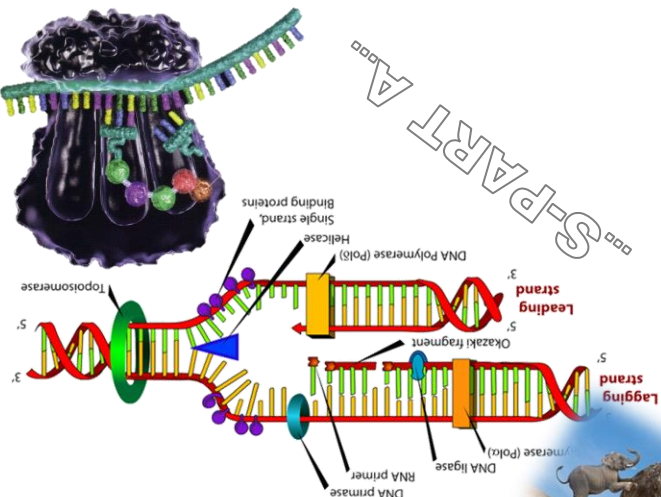
¹⁰ But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? ¹¹ As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: ¹² So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. ¹³ O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! ¹⁴ If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. ¹⁵ Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. ¹⁶ For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? ¹⁷ My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. ¹⁸ And surely the mountains falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. ¹⁹ The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. ²⁰ Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou **changest his countenance,** and sendest him away. ²¹ His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, **but he perceiveth it not of them.** ²² But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we **must** through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”—Acts 14:22

Hosea 4:6
Revelation 13:15
Cf. Colossians 2:1,

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.”—1 John 4:11-12

“As long as this scar of a wall is permitted to stand, it is NOT the German question alone that remains open, but the question of freedom for ALL mankind...We welcome change and openness for we believe that FREEDOM and SECURITY go together. That the advance of **HUMAN LIBERTY** can only strengthen the cause of world peace....Mr. Gorbachev, **OPEN** this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, **TEAR DOWN THIS WALL!**”—Ronald Reagan



[Cf. “build the wall”—1 Kings 3:1, 9:15/2 Chron. 14:7/Ezra 4:12-16, 5:3-9/Neh. 2:17, 4:1-3, 10-17, 6:1-6/Ps. 51:18/Isa. 60:10/Eze. 40:5, 41:12-13, 42:10/Dan. 9:25/Rev. 21:18]

♪ You’re just another brick...

♪ ...and I’m a sledgehammer

“Our ancestors built this wall using ancient stones from the bosom of Greece herself. And with a little Spartan help, your Persian scouts supplied the mortar.”—300

“You’d be surprised what a disciplined mind can **ACCOMPLISH.**”—Enterprise [cf. Pro. 14:22]

♪ I hit a wall, I never felt so low, so low / Like a waterfall, my tears dropped to the floor, the floor / They left a swimming pool of salted crimes, crimes / Oh, what could I do to change your mind? / Nothing / I’m bracing for the pain and I am letting go / I’m using all my strength to get out of this hole .../ Yeah I hit a wall, I prayed that I would make it through, make it through / I can’t survive a life that’s without you, that’s without you, yeah / And I will rise up from the ashes now, the ashes now / Oh, the sparrow flies with just the crumbs of loving spilled, yeah / I was bracing for the pain and then I let it go / I GATHERED all my strength and I found myself **WHOLE** [cf. Jer. 29:11-13]

SLEDGEHAMMER by Rihanna



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“The condition of the world is a result of the **condition of the CHURCH.**”

—Donnie Swaggart

It amazes me how “certain” parts of the American “Church” passes blame to the leadership of the “opposite” party for “its” own failure. I got a newsletter today from a minister who displays “absolute” faith in the Re-Republican party. In his newsletter he was blaming Obama for **ALL** the “failures” of the Church in America these eight years. He accepted **NO** RESPONSIBILITY for his (or his peers’) role in the degradation he saw in America—which is spurred-on by “Christian” *REALITY* television. [Apparently, in his mind at least, the “spiritual” leader of America “lives” in the “White” House.] My first thoughts at his passing-the-buck: The President isn’t responsible for *THAT*, “we,” the “Church,” **are!** **BUT** if he is, what will the next four years bring in an atmosphere of “alternative facts”!? What harm will “dis-figuring/dis-tort-ing” TRUTH/REALITY do to our nation’s youth? What further harm will “perverting” justice cause among our “young people”? Does the “spiritual” leadership in America even care?

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the **government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with **judgment** and with **justice** from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”—Isaiah 9:6-7 [cf. James 2:13, “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth *against* judgment.”]

“SELF-GOVERNMENT

[i.e. **SELF-DISCIPLINE**]

is the Ultimate government.”

—Dr. Myles Munroe
(Spoken in his final sermon on the day of his death Nov. 9, 2014.)

“Lust can set you on fire, but **ONLY** God can set you on fire and **KEEP** you on fire.”

—Steven Furtick (“Meant To Be”)

“And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of [MENE] shall wax cold.....**And **judgment** is turned away backward, and **justice** standeth afar off: for **truth is fallen** in the street, and **EQUITY CANNOT ENTER.**”—Matthew 24:12, Isaiah 59:1 [“**Love** does not delight in evil but rejoices **with** the **truth**. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”—1 Corinthians 13:6-7 (NIV)]

According to “MENE” evangelical preachers that I heard during this past election season, the “government” has **NO** business investing in its “own” people. They said that “*THAT*” is the RESPONSIBILITY of the “CHURCH”! “MENE” evangelical preachers I’ve heard are AGAINST “social” programs—“government” programs that “seek” the “equity” of **ALL** those *it* “governs.”

“But **if any provide not for his own**, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is **worse than an infidel.**”—1 Timothy 5:8

“If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; **what doth it profit?** [cf. 1 Cor. 13:3]”—James 2:15-16

I watched “Adventures From The Book of Virtues” on Qubo the other day. This secular, animated, “children’s” program was teaching better examples of the Jesus-way-of-doing-things than the teaching of the majority of preachers on television! “It” was teaching “some” virtues that the majority (basically, ALL TV) preachers “today” TEACH the OPPOSITE of. “MENE” preachers would “scoff” at the “little known” thing done by Abraham Lincoln, or a “pagan” ancient Roman farmer—whose “deed” echoed in John Kennedy’s inauguration speech, “Ask NOT what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” According to the “Standards” of TODAY’s preaching, these men were “fools”!

It’s difficult to turn on Christian television nowadays and NOT hear a minister making a plea for “your” financial support and NOT mention the phrase “GOOD SOIL.” According to “their” TEACHING, “good soil” is a “ministry” (or, “minister”) that is “taking the Gospel” to those in need and is “growing” and reproducing “itself.”

BUT . . . What is “TRULY” GOOD SOIL—the ONE “Abel” to “cultivate” Father’s “GREATEST” seed? When it came time to “deliver” Father’s **GREATEST** “gift,” “where” did “He” plant His “**GREATEST**” seed?

Answer: Father planted **HIS** seed in “POUR” soil—i.e. the “empty womb” of a “poor” **girl!** Throughout the entire Holy Bible (when He wanted, NOT simply “good,” but “GREAT” FRUIT), Father **ALWAYS** chose THE “Omega” soil—i.e. the ONE “**LEAST**” **LIKELY** to “PRODUCE/SUCCEED”! Father ALWAYS placed His “greatest” seed in the **OBSCURE!**

- He “chose” the small nation of Israel—not the conquering empires of Rome, or Persia (cf. Deut. 7:7)
- He “chose” Gideon and his small “force” of 300^o
- He “chose” Ruth, an idol-worshipping Moabite to be the “great”-grandmother of King David
- He “chose” David—also the “least” of his brothers—who slew a giant and “delivered” an entire nation
- He “chose” Esther, a poor, “de-valued” female, to bring about the deliverance of a conquered people—Israel
- He “chose” YOU for *THIS* time, *THIS* place—what are YOU doing with “it”?
- And the list goes on [cf. “...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”—Matt. 25:40 (cf. Matt. 25:45 (Rev. 22:8-9), 5:19/1 Chron. 12:14)]

“‘Each joint supplies’. That means whatever YOU are supposed to supply the Body, we are missing if you don’t supply it.”
—Dr. Myles Munroe

“You don’t really know the answer **UNTIL** you “**F-A-C-E**” the question.”—Burn Notice

“MENE” preachers are “currently” saying, “God’s about to do an **UNPRECEDENTED MOVE.**” But to hear them explain what they “mean,” they all seem to be expecting “it” to come in an “old,” “certain” way. A “traditional” way! They can’t grasp the enormity of the meaning of the word “**UN**precedented”! In their “thinking,” they **KEEP** Father “boxed-in”—**cubed...by** “TRADITION”! They are NOT “Abel” to take the limits OFF!

[“Don’t think! **BECOME**”—Troll Hunters (cf. John 1:12, Romans 12:2)]

Preachers tend to often look for a “new thing” in an “old way”—like the Jewish priests of old looked for the Messiah, but missed His appearing because He came, NOT through the womb of the “married wife” of a king, but through the virgin womb of an IMPOVERISHED young girl [which, in “appearance,” seemed “sinful”]! Father “by-passed” (PASS-OVER-ed) **all** of their traditions [and, expectations] of “HOW” **it** “SHOULD” be “done.” **His** “way” went against (“broke”) **ALL** Laws (cf. Ps 119:126 NIV):

- “He” (Father) used ONLY a “fee mail”
 - “She” was **UN**married
 - “She” had NEVER “known” a “man”—i.e. “ye†” a virgin
- “She” was “y^e †” a CHILD herself
- “She” was “POUR”! [**“Wealth” is “proof” that the “favour of God” is on your life—right?”**]
- “She” could have been executed for “carrying” this “new thing” the “known” world was “expecting” to “come!”

“You are created to solve a problem...You were born to solve a problem and you are God’s response to a need that He created...You are the answer to a question God knew they would ask in your generation...You are NOT a mistake.”—Dr. Myles Munroe

“...Then God says, **‘WORK!’** ...He was telling Adam, **‘BECOME YOURSELF!’** What an instruction!”
—Dr. Myles Munroe (cf. John 1:12, Romans 12:2)

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; **shall ye not KNOW it?** I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

—Isaiah 43:19 [Ezekiel 24:14, Isaiah 28:21]

“When the Lord turned **again** the captivity of Zion, we were like them that **dream.**”

—Ps. 126:1

“If something scares you, **learn MORE** about it...The more you **KNOW** about something, the less scary **it** will seem.”—Bigfoot Presents: Meteor and the Mighty Monster Trucks

We’ve been “tot” to “dis-trust,” or “fear,” the **UN**familiar. But **REAL** “change” comes with a “Big Bang” to our “old” way of thinking—**it** blows our minds—“suddenly!” And “**TRUE**” change comes in an “orderly” progression of “Steppes”!

- “And the Lord thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.”—Deuteronomy 7:22
- “By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land”—Exodus 23:30
- “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”—2 Corinthians 3:18
- “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”—Isaiah 28:10-13
- “And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.”—2 Samuel 6:13

“You are NEVER remembered for the things you AVOIDED. You are remembered for the things you survived.”
—Dr. Myles Munroe

Soul = Big Bang = dispersion

Spirit = “To-GAT-HER”

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;”—2 Thessalonians 1:3

“³¹ Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings. ³² And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. ³³ And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. ³⁴ But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests [cf. 2 Chr. 31:1, “For they could NOT keep **it** at THAT time...” & Hosea 4:6]. ³⁵ And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. ³⁶ And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: [cf. Rev. 19:7] for the thing was done SUDDENLY.”—2 Chronicles 29:31-36

“In a time of universal deceit, telling the TRUTH is a REVOLUTIONARY ACT.”—George Orwell

Cf. Romans 8:38-39, 2 Chronicles 29:27-30, 30:1, Ezra 6:22, Nehemiah 8:10

Disrupt the order! Sever[e] the lines of communication. Don’t let the Left know what the Right is doing! [cf. Matt 6:3]

