THE WORLD TOMORROW

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IF WE TRY TO VIEW THE CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD FROM THE POINT IN TIME WE LIVE TODAY, IT'S A GOOD DEAL LIKE TUNING IN A MOVIE ON YOUR TELEVISION SET WHEN IT IS ABOUT THREE-FOURTHS OF THE WAY ALONG. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GONE ON BEFORE. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LED UP TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE NOW, AND YOU'LL BE BORED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT UNLESS YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE AND WHAT LED UP TO IT.

SO WHAT LED UP TO OUR KIND OF WORLD TODAY? NOW THE WORLD IS DIFFER-ENT THAN IT WAS 2,000 YEARS AGO IN MANY, MANY, MANY WAYS. BUT IN SOME WAYS IT IS STILL THE SAME, UNFORTUNATELY.

IN JOHN 7:37, 38, "IN THE LAST DAY THAT GREAT DAY OF THE FEAST, JESUS STOOD UP AND CRIED, SAYING, IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME, AND DRINK. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY [INNERMOST BEING] SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. (BUT THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, [THAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD] WHICH THEY THAT BELIEVE ON HIM SHOULD RECEIVE: FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS NOT YET GIVEN; [THAT IS, AT THAT TIME, 1900 YEARS AGO, WAS NOT YET GIVEN] BECAUSE THAT JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED.)"

NOW THERE IS A POINT YOU SHOULD NOTICE. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHURCH OF THE OLD TESTA-MENT. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, IT'S CALLED THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL. "CONGREGATION" IS JUST ANOTHER ENGLISH WORD FOR CHURCH. IN ONE PASSAGE IN THE NEW TESTA-MENT IT'S CALLED "THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS" IN THE DAYS OF MOSES. BUT THAT CHURCH DID NOT HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD BEEN SHUT UP FROM MANKIND UNTIL CHRIST WAS GLORIFIED. NOW THERE'S A LOT MORE TO IT THAN THAT. I'M COMING TO A LOT MORE SO JUST BEAR THAT IN MIND IF YOU WILL. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS NOT YET AT THAT TIME GIVEN. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD COME UP TO THAT TIME ONLY FOR PROPHETS, ALSO AT THAT TIME EVEN THE APOSTLES HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT. IN ANCIENT ISRAEL, ONLY THE PROPHETS HAD THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.

THERE'S ANOTHER SCRIPTURE I WANT TO READ RIGHT HERE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS; JOHN 6:44. JESUS SAID THERE, "NO MAN CAN COME TO ME, EXCEPT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM." NOW THAT IS A MOST REMARKABLE STATEMENT. HE SAID, "NO MAN CAN, TO EVEN IF THE MAN WANTS TO HE'S UNABLE, UNLESS GOD THE FATHER DRAWS HIM.

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE ONE THING: THE INITIATIVE MUST BE TAKEN BY GOD. IT ISN'T UP TO THE AVERAGE MAN ON THE STREET. OR THE MAN OUT ON A FARM OR IN THE CITY, TO JUST SAY. WELL I WANT TO COME TO GOD. NO MAN CAN COME TO GOD EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. JESUS SAID. " I AM THE WAY. THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH." BUT JESUS SAYS NO MAN CAN COME TO HIM UNLESS THE FATHER TAKES THE INITIATIVE AND DRAWS HIM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN MAN HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ONLY BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT IN DRAWING HIM TOWARD CHRIST, THE CHOICE HAS TO BE GOD'S. THAT LEADS US BACK TO SOMETHING. THAT'S WHY I SAY YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS AND THE THINGS THAT THE BIBLE SAYS OF OUR TIME. IF YOU DON'T GO BACK AND KNOW WHAT WENT ON WAY, WAY BEFORE.

WHY COULD ONLY THOSE WHO WERE CALLED COME TO CHRIST? PREDESTINATION HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THIS. YES, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT PREDESTINATION IN TWO DIFFERENT CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTA-MENT. BEING CALLED HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER YOU ARE ALREADY PREDES-TINED TO BE SAVED OR LOST. IN THIS, WE ALL MUST MAKE OUR OWN DECISION. PREDESTINA-TION HAS ONLY TO DO WITH THE TIME AND WITH WHO IS CALLED; AT WHAT TIME SOMEONE IS BEING CALLED. TO UNDERSTAND, WE NEED TO SEE THE PANORAMA OF EVENTS WHICH LED UP TO THE TIME THAT WE'RE IN NOW. LET'S SAY WE'RE TUNING IN ON A MOTION PICTURE; WE'RE TUN-ING IN ON TODAY. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT LED UP TO TODAY, WHAT LED UP TO THIS CONDI-TION. WHY DO WE HAVE THE CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD WE DO NOW?

NOW, GOD ALMIGHTY IS THE CREATOR. JESUS CHRIST SAID, "I WORK AND MY FATHER WORKS." THEY'RE NOT LAZY AND THEY'RE NOT LAYING AROUND; BUT THEY WORK. WELL, WHAT DO THEY WORK AT? WHAT'S THEIR JOB? CRE-ATION, OF COURSE. GOD IS CREATOR. GOD IS ALSO REVEALER OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH. HE IS ALSO THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE GIVER OF LIFE. HE HAS LIFE WITHIN HIMSELF AND LIFE TO GIVE.

GOD CREATES BY USING A SYSTEM OR A PROCESS OF DUALITY, TWO AND TWO JUST SEEM TO GO TOGETHER IN ALMOST EVERY-THING GOD DOES. FOR A GOOD EXAMPLE, THE CREATION OF MAN WAS STARTED IN A PHYSI-CAL CREATION, SO THERE'S THE PHYSICAL CREATION AND THEN A SPIRITUAL CREATION. NOW THE PHYSICAL CREATION BEGAN ABOUT 6,000 YEARS AGO IN THE CREATION OF ADAM AND EVE AS HUMAN BEINGS. BUT THE SPIRITU-AL CREATION BEGAN LESS THAN 2,000 YEARS AGO IN JESUS CHRIST. AND THAT IS THE SEC-OND STAGE OF MAN'S ULTIMATE CREATION. THAT IS THE STAGE THAT IS GOING ON NOW.

WHEN ADAM WAS CREATED, SATAN WAS RIGHT THERE. HE WAS HERE ON THE EARTH. NOW HOW DID SATAN COME TO BE HERE? WHERE DID HE COME FROM? GOD HAD CREAT-ED A SUPER ARCHANGEL LONG BEFORE ADAM, WHOSE NAME WAS LUCIFER. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG BEFORE BECAUSE THE TIME IS NOT GIVEN OR REVEALED.

BACK IN EZEKIEL 28:15 I WANT YOU TO NOTICE SOMETHING ABOUT LUCIFER. SPEAK-ING OF LUCIFER GOD SAYS, "THOU WAS PER-FECT IN THY WAYS [IN HIS WAYS AND THE WAY HE ACTED, LIVED, AND THOUGHT] FROM THE DAY THAT THOU WAS CREATED, TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN THEE." INIQUITY IS LAWLESS-NESS.

ACTUALLY, BEFORE MAN WAS CREATED,

GOD POPULATED THIS EARTH WITH ANGELS. GOD SET OVER THEM THIS GREAT SUPER ARCHANGEL LUCIFER, THE GREATEST, MOST POWERFUL BEING THAT GOD EVER DID OR EVER CAN CREATE, JUST AUTOMATICALLY. APPARENTLY THERE ARE TWO OTHER ARCHANGELS OF EQUAL POWER TODAY, BUT HE WAS NEXT TO GOD IN POWER AND ABILITY, HE WAS PERFECT IN HIS WAYS FROM THE DAY GOD CREATED HIM. GOD DIDN'T CREATE AN EVIL PERSON, BUT INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN HIM.

NOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE ULTI-MATE THING THAT GOD IS CREATING? THE ULTI-MATE THING GOD IS CREATING IS PERFECT, RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER AND THAT'S SOME-THING THAT EVEN GOD HIMSELF, ALONE AND BY HIMSELF CANNOT CREATE.

HE CREATED MAN SO THAT CHARACTER COULD BE BUILT WITHIN US, BUT EACH OF US HAS TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISION, WE HAVE OUR PART IN IT. IF WE DECIDE AGAINST IT, GOD HAS SO WILLED THAT THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO ABOUT IT. THIS LUCIFER WAS INSTRUCTED IN ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. HE WAS SET ON THE THRONE OVER THE ANGELS, GOVERNING AND RULING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD WAS SET HERE TO CARRY ON THIS PROCESS OF DEVELOPING CHARACTER WITHIN THOSE ANGELS.

NOW LUCIFER HAD BEEN ON THE VERY THRONE OF GOD. HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED AT HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNIVERSE, JUST LIKE WE'VE INSTRUCTED FUTURE MINISTERS AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE. THEN, AFTER THEIR GRADUATION AT HEADQUARTERS WE SEND THEM, AS WE SAY, OUT INTO THE FIELD. WELL THIS LUCIFER IS ONE THAT WAS INSTRUCTED AT HEADQUARTERS, IN GOD'S HEAVEN, AND THEN SENT OUT INTO THE FIELD — THIS EARTH. HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GOO. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS MERELY THE GOVERNMENT TO LEAD INTO THE RIGHT WAY OF LIFE.

NOW, THEN AGAIN, WE GET DOWN TO A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE. AS I HAVE SAID TO THE LEADERS OF MANY NATIONS, KINGS, EMPER-ORS, AND PRIME MINISTERS, THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF LIFE, OR IF YOU PLEASE, TWO PHILOSOPHIES. ONLY TWO GENERAL WAYS. PUT IT IN LANGUAGE THAT A FIVE OR SIX YEAR OLD CHILD OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND. THE ONE WAY IS THE WAY OF GIVE AND THE OTHER IS THE WAY OF GET.

NOW THE WAY OF GIVE IS REALLY THE WAY OF LOVE. LOVE IS NOT LUST. LOVE MEANS AN OUTGOING LOVE, AN OUTGOING CONCERN FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF OTHERS. IT IS THE WAY OF WANTING TO SERVE AND HELP AND COOPERATE AND WANTING TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, OF HAVING AT YOUR MIND AND HEART ONLY THE GOOD OF OTHERS.

BUT GETTING IS, "I WANT TO GET ALL FOR ME. I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE. I'M LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE. WHAT DO I CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYBODY ELSE?" IT'S THAT TYPE OF ATTITUDE.

NOW THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS BASED ON LAW, YOU DON'T KNOW ANY GOV-ERNMENT ANYWHERE THAT IS NOT BASED ON A BASIC LAW OR CONSTITUTION OF SOME KIND. RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, WHERE I AM, WE HAVE A LOCAL CITY GOVERN-MENT. IT'S BASED ON ORDINANCES AND LAWS.

THE STATE OF ARIZONA IS BASED ON CERTAIN STATE STATUTES AND LAWS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS TO, AND IS SUP-POSED TO CONFORM IN MANY WAYS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OVER ALL STATES. THE UNITED STATES IS FOUNDED ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS RIGHT NOW OF TESTING WHETHER THAT CONSTITUTION, THE LAW OF THIS LAND, CAN EVEN STAND.

NOW THIS WORLD HAS REALLY BEEN RULED BY SATAN AND I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN THAT RIGHT NOW. OF COURSE, SATAN IS THE REAL INSTIGATOR OF THE DECEPTION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. MANY PEOPLE ARE DOING THINGS OF WHICH SATAN IS THE REAL INSTIGA-TOR, BUT THEY'RE NOT AWARE OF THAT. THEY DON'T REALIZE THEY WERE REALLY LED INTO IT BY AN EVIL SATAN.

WELL, INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN LUCIFER. HE LED ALL OF HIS ANGELS INTO REBELLION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD NO LONGER WAS ADMINISTERED ON THE EARTH. PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION CAME TO THE EARTH AS A RESULT OF THAT. IN THE 104TH PSALM, VERSE 30, IT SPEAKS ABOUT GOD RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH BY SENDING FORTH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

YOU FIND THE EARTH IN A STATE OF CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION IN THE SECOND VERSE OF GENESIS 1. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS THERE, BROODING OVER THE WATERY SUR-FACE. IT WAS ALL OCEAN. THERE WAS NO LAND AT THAT TIME, AND IT WAS ALL DARK BECAUSE THE SIN OF THE ANGELS BROUGHT DARKNESS. GOD IS THE GOD OF LIGHT AND NOT OF DARK-NESS. SO THE FIRST THING THAT GOD DID WAS SAY, "LET THERE BE LIGHT." AND SO LIGHT APPEARED. THEN IN SIX DAYS HE RENEWED THE FACE OF THE EARTH FOR MANKIND. ANGELS HAD FAILED. YOU CAN READ IN II PETER 2:4 HOW THE ANGELS SINNED, AND GOD HAS NOT SPARED THOSE WHO SINNED. SO WE'RE TOLD, FEAR NOT LEST HE WILL NOT SPARE US.

NOW LUCIFER HAD HIS NAME CHANGED TO SATAN AND WE KNOW HIM AS SATAN TODAY. HE HAS DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD. THEN GOD CREATED MAN. AND HE CREATED A WOMAN FROM THE MAN. THEY WERE CALLED ADAM AND EVE. JUST AS GOD HAD INSTRUCTED LUCIFER AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNI-VERSE (LUCIFER WAS ON THE VERY THRONE OF GOD, BEFORE HE SENT HIM OUT), SO GOD FIRST INSTRUCTED AND TALKED WITH ADAM THAT VERY FIRST SABBATH DAY.

GOD DID NOT ALLOW SATAN TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH ADAM UNTIL GOD HAD THOROUGHLY INSTRUCTED HIM ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD, ABOUT THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD, WHICH IS THE FAMILY OF GOD RULING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. HE HAD SHOWN ADAM THAT GOD'S WAY, GOD'S GOVERNMENT, IS BASED ON LOVE; ON THE WAY OF GIVE AND NOT ON THE WAY OF GET — JUST TO USE MY OWN PHRASEOLOGY FOR IT.

ADAM HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO QUALI-FY TO REPLACE THE FORMER LUCIFER ON THE THRONE OF THE WORLD AND TO ADMINISTER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. GOD WAS DETER-MINED TO RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD TO THIS EARTH AND HE INTENDED TO DO IT THROUGH MAN. THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, WAS GIVEN A CHANCE, BUT JUST AS LUCIFER HAD REJECTED AND REBELLED, SO NOW THE FIRST MAN REBELLED.

THERE WERE THE TWO TREES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. ONE WAS THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. THAT SYM-BOLIZES TAKING TO YOURSELF THE DECISION OF WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT AND WHAT YOU THINK IS WRONG. BUT THE WAY OF A MAN, GOD SAYS, IS NEVER RIGHT AND LEADS TO DEATH. THEN THERE WAS THE TREE OF LIFE WHICH REPRESENTED THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WHICH GOD WAS WILLING TO GIVE ADAM FREE. HE DIDN'T HAVE TO REPENT. HE HAD NOT DONE ANY SINNING YET AT THE TIME GOD SPOKE TO HIM.

ADAM HAD TO QUALIFY BY REJECTING SATAN AND SATAN'S WAY; THE GET WAY, AND BY ACCEPTING GOD AS HIS RULER, THE REVEALER OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH, AND A SAVIOUR. HE HAD TO NOT ONLY REJECT SATAN AND SATAN'S WAY BUT OBEY GOD AND ACCEPT GOD'S WAY. AS I SAY, THIS WAS SYMBOLIZED BY THE TWO TREES.

NOW SATAN, WHEN HE WAS ALLOWED TO, GOT THROUGH TO ADAM BY WAY OF HIS WIFE. SATAN HAS GOTTEN THROUGH TO MANY MEN THROUGH THEIR WIVES! EVE FINALLY TRIED THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT IN THIS WORLD.

I WONDER IF YOU REALIZE THAT THE TOOLS OF MODERN SCIENCE ARE: FIRST IS THE REJECTION OF REVELATION FROM GOD AS THE SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE; SCIENCE WILL NOT RECEIVE KNOWLEDGE FROM GOD. NUMBER TWO, OBSERVATION AND MEASUREMENT; NUM-BER THREE, EXPERIMENT; NUMBER FOUR, HUMAN REASON.

SO, EVE REJECTED WHAT GOD HAD SAID; THAT SHE WOULD SURELY DIE IF SHE TOOK OF THAT TREE. SHE LOOKED AT IT AND HAD OBSERVATION AND REASON. IT LOOKED DESIR-ABLE, GOOD FOR FRUIT. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. SHE COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT, AND SHE WASN'T ABOUT TO BELIEVE GOD WHEN HE SAID IT WAS WRONG, SHE WAS GOING TO DISCERN AND DETERMINE THAT FOR HERSELF. SHE USED HUMAN REASON AND THEN SHE DECIDED TO MAKE AN EXPERIMENT. SHE TOOK OF THE TREE TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAP-PEN. THE RESULT OF THAT FIRST SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT? SHE AND HER HUSBAND DIED; AND THEY'RE NOT LIVING TODAY.

LET'S GO BACK TO GENESIS 3:22-24. "AND THE LORD GOD SAID, BEHOLD, THE MAN IS BECOME AS ONE OF US, TO KNOW GOOD AND EVIL." THAT IS, HE TOOK TO HIMSELF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL INSTEAD OF LETTING GOD GIVE IT TO HIM. GOD IS THE REVEALER OF KNOWLEDGE. IF YOU SHUT OFF REVELATION, YOU SHUT OFF THE REAL SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE.

"AND NOW, LEST HE PUT FORTH HIS HAND AND TAKE ALSO OF THE TREE OF LIFE AND EAT AND LIVE FOREVER [BECAUSE THE TREE OF LIFE REPRESENTED THE HOLY SPIRIT]: THEREFORE, THE LORD GOD SENT HIM FORTH FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN, TO TILL THE GROUND FROM WHENCE HE WAS TAKEN. SO HE DROVE OUT THE MAN: AND HE PLACED AT THE EAST OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN CHERUBIM AND A FLAMING SWORD WHICH TURNED EVERY WAY, TO KEEP THE WAY OF THE TREE OF LIFE."

GOD THEN SHUT MANKIND OFF FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. GOD IN EFFECT SAID TO ADAM, PUTTING IT IN MODERN LANGUAGE, ADAM, YOU HAVE MADE THE DECISION. YOU HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO MAKE A GREAT DECISION NOT ONLY FOR YOURSELF BUT FOR ALL THAT WILL BE BORN FROM YOU. WHICH SHALL BE THE ENTIRE WORLD OF HUMANITY. YOU'VE DECIDED FOR YOURSELF AND ALL OF THEM. THEREFORE, I SENTENCE YOU AND YOUR PROGENY, MANKIND, TO 6,000 YEARS OF BEING COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM ME, ALL EXCEPT THE FEW THAT I SHALL SPECIALLY CALL AND DRAW TO ME FOR SPECIAL SERVICE OR ACTIVITY PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHEN I WILL REESTABLISH THE GOVERN-MENT OF GOD ON THIS EARTH IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. GOD SAID, IN EFFECT, YOU GO AND FORM YOUR OWN GOVERNMENTS.

SO, LOOK AT THE GOVERNMENTS ALL OVER THIS WORLD. THE STATE GOVERNMENT [OF CALIFORNIA] WAS REBELLING AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. DO YOU KNOW THAT THE ONLY PLACE I KNOW OF ON EARTH TODAY WHERE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS BEING ADMINISTERED IS IN THIS CHURCH? THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD!

GOD HAD CUT MAN OFF. HE SAID GO FORM YOUR OWN RELIGIONS; YOU'VE REJECT-ED ME AS YOUR GOD. LOOK AT ALL THE DIF-FERENT RELIGIONS THAT MAN HAS FORMED UNDER THE SWAY OF SATAN. GOD SAID, YOU GO FORM YOUR OWN FUND OF KNOWLEDGE SINCE YOU REJECT KNOWLEDGE FROM ME. SO MAN HAS DONE THAT. HE'S BUILT HIS INSTITU-TIONS OF LEARNING, OUR EDUCATIONAL SYS-TEM IS WHAT MAN HAS DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF SATAN THE DEVIL, AND MANKIND DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT!

I SAY TO YOU TODAY, THAT THE MOST IGNORANT MEN WE HAVE IN THIS WORLD ARE THE MOST HIGHLY EDUCATED, BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN EDUCATED IN SO MANY FABLES AND SO MANY NONTRUTHS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO UNLEARN THOSE BEFORE THEY CAN EVER BEGIN TO LEARN REAL TRUTH.

SO MAN HAS GONE OUT TO FORM HIS OWN INSTITUTIONS, HIS OWN GOVERNMENTS, HIS OWN CHURCHES, HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE. HIS OWN CIVILIZATION. FOR 6,000 YEARS MAN HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM GOD IN A WAY THAT MAN DOES NOT REALIZE!

AGAIN AS JESUS CHRIST SAID, NO MAN CAN COME TO HIM UNLESS THE FATHER WILL DRAW HIM. GOD MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE. NO MAN IS ABLE TO DO THAT. BUT MAN HAS NOT BEEN CUT OFF FROM SATAN! I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT POINT.

IT'S ONLY IN RECENT YEARS THAT MAN HAS BEGUN TO COME OUT OF IT AND MAKE WHAT HUMANS CALL PROGRESS. HAVE TO PUT QUOTES AROUND THAT WORD "PROGRESS," HOWEVER. THE MODERN PROGRESS STARTED WITH THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS, ABOUT 400 YEARS AGO. BUT IT TOOK SOME TIME AFTER THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS BEFORE KNOWLEDGE (MAN'S KNOWL-EDGE) COULD BE DISSEMINATED AND SPREAD.

AT FIRST THEY HAD TO TEACH TEACH-ERS BEFORE THEY HAD TEACHERS TO TEACH OTHERS. THE SO-CALLED PROGRESS WAS SLOW FOR A LONG TIME BUT IT GAINED MOMENTUM AS IT WENT ALONG. MOST SO-CALLED PROGRESS HAS COME IN THIS CENTU-RY SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE.

NOW THIS THING THAT MAN CALLS PROGRESS IS DUAL. ONE IS PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL PROGRESS AND THE OTHER IS SPIR-ITUAL. AS FOR THE PHYSICAL PROGRESS THAT MAN HAS MADE, MUCH OF IT IS VERY GOOD, BUT SOME OF IT IS VERY BAD. SPIRITUAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN IN REVERSE, GOING BACKWARD; NOT PROGRESS AT ALL BUT BACK-SLIDING.

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