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Visions of the Spiritual World book – Part 1

It would take me the whole year to slowly put down the experiences in the Spiritual World but for the benefit of those who have been using this web site, I will put portions of my book as I complete writing it on this page. This would be an unedited format and I have not organised it into chapters yet, so please be understanding.

VISIONS OF THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

Introduction

It is not possible to describe the glory and various areas of the Spiritual World in human language without bringing by the use of earth language a percentage of inaccuracy. Neither can any one who has an encounter or visions of the Spiritual World claim to have visited every aspect of that glorious world. The Spiritual World consists of more varying aspects than all the nations, cultures, civilizations of earth of every known and unknown age and time put together. All these would be less than one atom of a drop of water in an ocean the size of the entire known universe. There are multiples of creations of God in various dimensions and universes that would take eternities to explore. For this reason many of those who have true spiritual experiences of the Spiritual World, whether for a brief time or through extended encounters, bring only a small microscopic view of the spiritual realm and life after death. It is thus an error for anyone with those experiences to think that their encounter is "all" of what the spiritual world is like and start building doctrines or dogma as to what the true Spiritual World is like.

Having clarified the above points, I have tried to summarize in this book, the aspects of the Spiritual World which was experienced primarily through various spiritual experiences in March 2006, which began during the 40 day partial fast in February 2006 (which I have done annually for thirty years - the fast of February 2006 happens to be my thirtieth annual forty day fast) and continued almost on a daily basis even after the conclusion of the fast. Having done that many fasts before, I was settling into the joy of seeking God not really expecting anything dramatic to take place but just wanting to minister to the Lord and, as always in the annual forty day fast, rededicating my life to the service of God.

The purpose for the writing of this book is to prepare others for the Spiritual World in which every one of us one day would be living in when we depart from this earth. The possibilities for spiritual progress while we are still in our earthly body is far greater (by millions of percentage points) than when we physical die and enter the Spiritual World. This book is also written for those who have partial encounters in the Spiritual World, less they develop the wrong dogma as to what the Spiritual World is like from their brief encounter. Please note that it is not possible to put down everything that has experienced into this one book. It is important to also note that this is only my personal and perspective gained subjective experiences in the Spiritual World. My prayers are that those who read this book would be enabled to progress further in their spiritual development both in this physical world and in the Spiritual World.

Age and characteristics

The spiritual body is of a youthful appearance. There is no old age. Children and infants entering the spirit world grow to adult maturity but in a far shorter time then they would in earth time. Spiritual maturity can be discerned in the countenance and light of a spiritual body. The spiritual body can also expand or contract but not in the same sense as it is in the physical world. The maximum size however is limited by the level of advancement in the spiritual spheres. One is

not necessarily the same height as one is in the physical world. Most of the time through spiritual growth (not always true of all aspects of growth - there are myriads of different areas of spiritual growth in the spiritual realm; each producing different radiance with some aspects producing expansion size of the spiritual body capability), one's being is greater in size (height and proportional wise) but one can still take the form of those of the lower spheres at a height or image that is recognisable and visible to those of the lower spheres. There is a translucence of the spiritual body but it is a solidness and lightness of spiritual substance. Light emanates from the spiritual body.

Clothing

All of the spirits in the spiritual realm have garments and clothes covering them but those of the lower and darker spheres appear to be in their naked spiritual body, and those lower still then these dark realms have naked spiritual bodies which are so altered that they appeared ugly and do not even look human. The spirits in the highest realms have the brightest garments. The aura or light from these garments emanate from the mind of each spirit being. The aura or light that is emanated forms the spiritual garment for the spirit body. At physical death, spirits are still dominated by the earthly influences of the mind and thus produces the particular earthly fashions of their spiritual garments that clothe their spirit bodies but as the spirit matures and learns control of their mind and the spiritual forces at their disposal, they gain more control of their spiritual garments. The intensity or radiant brightness of their garments is still governed by their growth into higher spheres. In the spiritual world, there are more colours than we can see in the physical realm – not just seven colours of the rainbow and their intermediate states but thousands of ranges of colours. The character, strengths, weaknesses and development of the spirit being is reflected in the colour and brightness of their garments. In the spirit world, every one manifests in full and clear view to all their spiritual qualities and exact development level of their spiritual life in

their spiritual body and in their spiritual clothing.

Language

Communication is via thoughts and in the spirit realm, one can understand perfectly all the spoken languages of the earth. This understanding is not directly through knowledge of the language itself but rather the meaning and thoughts of the speaker is communicated directly and telepathically. God does not speak in human language even though we seem to hear God in the language that we are conversant with in earthly life. There is no language good enough or great enough for God to express Himself through. All human language created by humans is insufficient for the Creator of all life. When we hear God speak in a human language, it is because our spirits understand it in a manner beyond language and then conveys it to our soul in a language that we have acquired during our earthly life. Spirit to spirit communication is beyond language. It is like deep calling unto deep (1 Corinthians 2:10, 11; Romans 8:26, 27). It is like an impartation of experience and knowledge. Like the transfer of data from one computer to another except that this computer illustration lacks the transfer of the full experience and senses involved with the subject matter. One instantly "knows" (the word 'know' is limiting here because it also involves the process of actually experiencing knowledge) what is communicated. The further one progresses spiritually, one does not need even any earthly language thoughts to communicate; then would pass away the last shreds of the limiting earthly habit of earthly language.

Light

In the Spiritual World, the only light that lights up the entire universe is the light of Christ that shines from His throne. This light does not cast any shadows but rather flows right through all living creatures in the spiritual realm. Even the light of the brightest angels is lighted up by the light of Christ. Those who are on the earth spheres do not see

the light of Christ all the time because in the spiritual world you need the same equivalent spiritual level to see in that same level of spiritual light. From time to time, the light of Christ would shine according to the needs of individuals in the earth sphere but the visibility of that glorious light has to be diminished according to the level of the individual. However, the presence of Christ is always there without the individual spirit, who is not developed to the higher glory, realising it. This light is also the very means by which all life in every sphere are sustained and nourished.

Sight

The spiritual world has its own substance and just as the spiritual world is invisible to us, our material world is more or less like a mist to those in the spiritual realm – with the exception of spirits in the lowest earth spheres whose basic character and mind is still very much earth based. When the spirit world looks at this material earth, it primarily sees only the spiritual aspects of the earth (the spirits of humans and the spirit life that sustains the world material world). The material world is almost invisible to the spirit realm especially to those of the highest sphere. The material world is only temporary and its "temporariness" is visible (like a mist) to those in the spiritual world. The light of God shines through Christ who sits on the throne in the highest realm and lights up all of the universe and the spiritual spheres around the earth. To those who are highest in spiritual development, they see Christ in His full glory; to those in lowest development, His appearance is like the sun shining upon them. Unlike the sun, the spiritual light from Jesus shines through all objects and when a spiritual being radiates with light, it is because the light refracts through the spirit being. All the light of every thing in the spiritual world came from Christ at the throne on high. The reason why spirits of the lowest realm cannot perceive or see this light is not because it is not there but rather that their own spiritual blindness has prevented them from seeing this light. Like a blind man born without proper eyes, their spiritual eyes are not yet developed to see the light of Christ which ever shines through all His creation. Thus to them, all is darkness save the light of angelic help which they received. The light of Christ which shines to and through all casts no shadows.

False revelation from the spirit world

When a human seeks to acquire knowledge of the spirit world out of carnal desire or out of curiosity, in the worst case scenario they would be misled by evil spirits who give them a perverted view of the spirit world or in the best occasion, under the permissive will of God, they receive instruction from a spirit from the earth sphere which is only a partial view of the spirit world.

Three tests of the purity of knowledge that comes from the spirit world are:

- 1. Consistency with the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16). If it contradicts the Bible, stay clear of it.
- 2. Jesus is the Word and the Word is God (John 1:1). If it lowest Jesus Christ from His position of Godhead, stay clear of it.
- 3. The blood and atonement of Jesus (Revelation 5:8-10; John 14:6). Redemption is not by good works but through the blood of the Lamb of God (Revelation 5:12; Heb 9:14; 10:10, 19).

One should in this life seek to accept by faith the redemption of Christ and allow the Spirit of Christ to come into the heart to transform oneself into the very image of Christ – walking in perfect love and holiness. If God should allow one to experience the spirit world, be thankful for it but never seek it out of carnal desire. If you keep walking faithful to God with what you already have, God would give you more in accordance with His Will. For eyes have not seen, nor ear heard not entered in to the hearts of men, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Material World from the Spiritual View

From our material and physical perspective, the spiritual world seems to be "airy fairy." A dimension that is not solid to our physical senses. From the perspective of the spiritual world, it is our material world that is not of "solid substance." The only real and solid things in the spiritual world are those made up of "spiritual substance." All things material looks like it is made up of "vapours" (James 4:14) from the highest spiritual perspective. The whole material world looks like a "mist" that is so fragile like it is about to be blown away. One can understand why it looks so foolish to the spiritual world when humans (born to live in the spiritual world) spend their entire lives hoarding up material riches for themselves - all of which made up of temporal substance will all soon pass away like mist. All material things which are visible to us physically are temporal (2 Cor. 4:4). To spirits who live in the highest glory of God, it is almost invisible and only the spiritual condition of the earth and all the spiritual condition of men are visible; for the spiritual is the only true reality in the Spiritual World. However, to the spirits of the Earthly Spheres, the material world is still "visible" to a certain extent. For this reason, the Earthly Spheres are thus called "earthly spheres" because of their strong links and relations to the material earth.

The important things in the Spirit World

From the spiritual perspective, the achievements in this life - success at an acquiring accomplishment, position, purchasing a new asset, etc. - do not figure very much. Rather how one relates to other people, how one helps others and how one is of service to another is the greater accomplishment. Growth in the spiritual world is measured by how much one becomes of service to another. The greatest in the spiritual world is the servant of all (Mark 10:44). This present physical world focuses on mental acquisition and outward results but in the spiritual world they focus on the inner cause and source of the results. For it is a spiritual law that when an individual is

inwardly transformed by receiving the impartation of God's life and light, the results would be automatically secured. Thus the spiritual world is focus on individuals absorbing the truth of God into their very substance and not just mental knowledge of a truth. The reason why it takes time for the outward manifestation of an inward reception and impartation is because the inward transformation is incomplete. Even though sometimes individuals think (mentally), and convinced themselves that they already have it, in their true selves they haven't got it fully yet until it is a automatic, subconscious and habitual part of their daily lives. When one first receives a truth or a new impartation and understanding of life, they do not have it yet until it is within their subconscious, in their actions and a part of their daily habit of life. It is not just when we think and believe about something that we have it, but it is when we are practising the truth that we truly have it. It is when we are not thinking about it and yet it forms part of our substance of lifeconsciousness that we truly have absorbed it into us. In the spirit world all truth is simultaneously a substance of life and not just mere knowledge (John 14:6). Whoever abides in Him does not sin; whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him (1 John 2:6). Whoever had been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains (abides as a part of the life-substance and principle of the individual and not mere mental knowledge) in him; and he cannot sin because he has been born of God (1 John 3:9).

The spiritual world focuses on growth (knowing that growth will automatically produce the progress) but the natural physical world focuses on effort. This physical focus on effort has overstrained and overtaxed a great number of people and thus they are spiritually exhausted. Their spiritual energy is dissipated and they are spiritually empty. Rather then replenishing their spiritual energy, they continue in their own physical strength like a zombie, an empty physical shell. If one will grow into things, one would find that life is like flowing in a life-stream of energy carried by the power supplied within our spiritual beings to "naturally" and

"automatically" accomplish that which is our destiny. There is minimum effort where free choice and personal volition is still required but it is done from a state of rest and not from a state of strained effort. For he who has entered into His rest has himself also ceased from his works (Hebrews 4:10). We are to walk in the works that God has prepared beforehand (already completed in the spiritual realm and inwardly imparted into our spirits) for us and not "run" or "strain" or "stress" to accomplish them (Ephesians 2:10). It would be like Adam and Eve "walking" in the garden of Eden which God has prepared for them. They were told to subdue and have dominion. As we walk (subduing and having dominion) in the works that God has prepared for us it is a gift of God and not our own efforts (Ephesians 2:8). Rather it is the result of God's workmanship in us (Ephesians 2:10). This "workmanship" is the inner working, transformation and impartation that takes place within our spirits. It is not our self effort but the power of God's grace working in us and through us (1 Corinthians 15:10). Abide in Christ and let Christ abide in you, and you will bear much fruit (John 15:5). For without Him, we can do nothing - all our efforts are empty and produce empty results in the spiritual realm.

The greatest is love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Progress in the spiritual world is through service and love. Many who read this and begin to perceive the requirement in the spiritual world to progress to the highest realm will sometimes be too eager to push themselves to reach the highest sphere. This is not possible because everything in the spiritual world progresses by growth and not just mere knowledge and effort. Most of the time we acquire mental knowledge and understanding without the proper growth and practice time to allow the newly understood knowledge to become part of our substance. We place it on the "mental shelf" and move to another area and think that just because we have understood it "mentally: that we have it. Even in the natural world, we do not expect to develop muscles overnight or acquire a professional skill overnight. Just because we

have read a book about football does not mean that we can be experts in playing football. Just because we read a "how to" book about gardening does not make us horticulturalists. It takes practice and time to acquire a professional skill and make it a part of our lives. It takes time to allow a new spiritual truth that we have been shown to become part of our spiritual substance. The time period of growth involves daily exercising and practising this truth until it becomes a part of our consciousness and habit without effort. The "doing" part is important and not just the "knowing" part. For to hear and to know is merely like a man who builds his house on the sand. Only the man who daily patiently, constantly and persistently puts to practice the truths of Christ will become a man who builds his house on the rock (Matthew 7:24). There are many Christians who are walking around without spiritual foundation because all they go about in their Christian life is to assimilate truth by merely knowing and understanding.

To grow in the spiritual world one must give and live benevolent agape love to another. This ability comes from the love of God the Father which the individual receives through his love through Jesus for God the Father and Omnipotent Creator and Ruler of all Universes. All spirits in the spiritual world helping another one lesser themselves. Every upward progress is based upon service and dedication to those lesser than them. There is no place for self or pride in the spiritual realm because all spirit beings understand that the greatest joy and sense of well being comes through helping and serving one another. It is important that one progresses faithfully through each sphere of glory through service. This growth process cannot be hurried or hasten for the manifold fullness of each development level must be attained otherwise the lack becomes apparent at the higher level sphere. The greater one becomes less self-conscious of oneself and fully becomes conscious only of the joy and love-consciousness of serving others, the greater is one able to progress. The higher one progresses spiritually, the greater one becomes like God in pure benevolence and love towards all. God is love and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him (1 John 4:16).

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