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## Vision of Three Waves of Revival

In revealing the Spiritual World to me, I was given to understand that there are three waves of revival. One has come to pass, one is and another is yet to come. The waves have affected the church and the world differently. Like all things that God does, it shook me up because it was not what I expected.

In the church, the first wave brought revelation of God's Word and Spirit from the reformation to the Pentecostal revival. There is restoration of the church as Christians rediscover the written word and the foundational doctrines of the Bible. This culminated in the Pentecostal revival. In the world, the first wave brought a hunger for the things of the spirit world. This hunger caused those who have a leaning towards spirituality to accept everything supernatural without discerning that which is from the light from that which is from the dark realms. There was a mixture of truth and error amongst those who contacted the spirit realm. In the first wave, there was light in the church and darkness outside the church.

The second wave came almost un-noticed to all. In an effort to naturalise what they have received from the spirit realm, the established church entered the field of politics, economics and things physical trying to make spiritual truths relevant to the world. Slowly and gradually the church began to adopt more and more the ways and methods of the world such that the unfortunate result of the second wave amongst those in the church (who do not love God with true first love) is the acceptance of more worldliness – materialism, worldly methodology and temporal worldly goals rather than eternal spiritual goals. I was informed that at the end of this second wave (which began in the twentieth century), the

church will become so worldly that literally Christ will be outside the church (Rev. 3:20). There will, as always, be a remnant who worships God in true spirit and truth.

In the world, this second wave will have the opposite effect from the established church. Where the first wave brought a mixture of truth and error, the second wave that sweeps over the world will be bringing many who are outside the established church into the fold of God's kingdom. There will also be many revelations and true experiences of the things of the Spirit given to those outside the church who are seekers after truth. You can recognise their revelation bringing the core message: love God and love your neighbour as yourselves. For them, it is like a re-discovery of these laws.

Thus in the second wave, while the church is sadly becoming more and more worldly, those hungry for the truth in the world is becoming more and more spiritual. When you hear a pastor or preacher selling a "feel-good" message and a "success in the world" message, you will know that this is the result of the second wave. Meanwhile, out in the world, there are more and more people who have had enough of the world and are hungry for spiritual things. To them are given the revelation of many things in the Spirit World which will change their lives and those around them. In this second wave, there is darkness in the established church and light outside the church.

Then came the third wave (which is yet to come – future at this time of writing). There was a great shaking within the church. Those who truly belong to Christ were awakened and called out from within. The remnant arose and left the established church and joined with those (who belong to Christ) outside the

church. During the third wave, those who were enlightened with the truth of loving God and loving their neighbour as themselves, were given further light that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. These unite together themselves with the remnant and became the true church of Christ without boundaries or denominationalism. They were one in love and unity. They do not love the world nor their own lives but love Christ supremely and were willing to lay their lives in the service of others.

The above vision of the last days was not what I expected. I thought that the last day revival was going to be a final move within the church that would go out to all the world with all the might and power of the living Christ converting the world to Him. To my utter shock and surprise, God showed me that He was already working outside the church. Many who have no church background or Christian indoctrination were already being used by Him to return to the law (summarised by loving God and loving your neighbour as yourself). At the end of the second wave, there were more who belong to God outside the established church than within. I watched with amazement as the worldliness crept into the church. Instead of teaching the sheep things of eternity, things of the Spirit World, the sheep was being taught how to accumulate natural worldly things and be successful in this world. (Please note: I am not opposed to success or wealth – only opposed to the overwhelming emphasis on success and wealth Sunday after Sunday from the pulpits of the established church. The sheep are not being prepared for eternity; they are sadly only being prepared for temporal life on earth).

On the other hand, there are many more of those outside the established church who are tired of this life, this world and the rat race. They have begun to look for understanding of the Spiritual World and what happens after death. To many of these, angels have begun appearing to them and true visions from God have been given. Yes, like the message to Elijah, God is saying that we are not the only ones who have the truth for there are seven

thousand others who have not bowed the knee to the Baal of worldliness.

What should we do during this second wave and how do we prepare for the third wave?

1. Watch out that you do not love the things of the world, for those who love this world, the love of the Father is not in them (1 John 2:15).
2. Keep the commandment to love – love God, love your brethren and love your neighbour as yourself (John 15:9-13).
3. Spend quality and quantity time in prayer, reading the Word and in worship. How much time you spend with God is a reflection of how much you really love God. How much quality time you have with God is dependent on what your real motivation is for spending time with God. Is it really for character transformation (to be like Christ) or is it to discover more secrets to worldly success?
4. Link up with those who are spiritually minded. The true fellowship of spiritual believers helps keep a check against selfishness and worldliness (Psalms 1). Stay away from worldly Christians and worldly fivefold ministers. Their hearts are in the world. For where your treasure is there your heart will also be. Remember worldliness creeps up on you. (This does not mean that one should not be wealthy. Rather, how much your mind is occupied by worldly pursuits and worldly things). It is not whether you have things but rather whether things have you. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. When you fellowship with Christians, do they speak more of Christ or of worldly success? You can have little or have abundance and speak of Christ constantly. Or you can have little and much substance and all you speak about is the cares of this life and worldly things. Look at the topics that are coming out of the mouths and choose your fellowship.

This is a call of God for more spirituality among His people. There will still be those who are called to be entrepreneurs

and who understand how to be wealthy without becoming worldly. But few are those who truly can handle wealth and power. Watch and pray.

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