

This letter turned out a little longer than anticipated, and it seems to run the gamut on subject matter, but I ask that you do read, and bear with its length. I believe the central point is this: As a Church, we must get our house in order. The world is vehemently against God's people and His Word, and the direst days are ahead. We haven't seen anything yet. Trust God.

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Dear Readers,

We have not seen a time like this in our nation's, or in our world's history. When governments *en masse* are bailing out shady banking institutions and "insurers," rewarding them for their greedy behaviors instead of letting them deal with the consequences of the financial chaos they created, the heart of a nation is shown: Truly, money rules; the average citizen does not matter; and God is dead. The U.S. stock market is in a free fall as I write this (mammon worshipers are being forced to change their tune).

(I realize Faith On The Earth has readers from around the globe and not just in the United States. This note pertains to you as well.)

God's way was a jubilee every 50 years when man mismanaged money and a correction was to be in order. He knew man would mismanage money – hence, He established the jubilee. But why, in our spiritually inept world, would man take the advice of the Almighty Creator on any issue at all? We would rather have well-funded special interest groups and corrupt politicians to decide our fate. We are like ancient Israel that insisted they have a king, when God was clear that He was to be their King.

The most "successful" societies at this point in history are comprised of Godless money chasers, big governments tending towards socialist tactics (if not already socialist or communist, or Islamo-fascist), and individuals who would rather catch a glimpse of the latest celebrity bash, rather than work at whatever it is that God has called them to do. These present morally bankrupt conditions have raced us towards a global collapse of all societies and the systems that have run them for centuries. (These systems have run without the hand of God – perhaps it is time they fall.)

So, enter One World Government, as the Bible foretold.

We are here. I never even imagined how quickly it would happen. I dismissed a lot of conspiracy theories (and still dismiss some, depending on their source, if not backed up by scripture), because I believe the enemy of God and enemy of

mankind (Satan) does not need secret societies to get things done. Although such groups as the Bilderberg do exist, Satan can accomplish his wicked plans just the same from above ground as under ground. His way is to deceive, to blind the masses as to what is really going on. In any case, however the enemy pushed it through, it is here. I feel, as many in this country do, that human greed is a tremendous culprit, and that too is an instrument of Satan.

Now we will hear more of the need for world meetings, countries coming together to solve this manmade crisis. Perhaps a quickie midnight meeting of the UN will result in us waking up one day to our individual nations all having been sold out. The North American Union, the Asian Union - both possibly formed during this quickie meeting - and the European Union - already in existence - could be the main *trinity* of dark powers that take control of the “citizens of the world.”
Overnight. Suddenly.

To follow are just a few thoughts in light of the global and financial mess that has ensued over the past few weeks and which shows no sign of letting up until, perhaps, “that man of sin,” the “son of perdition” is revealed. And make no mistake – even with all the many speculations as to who the antichrist is, those of God’s people with true discernment *will* know who the antichrist is before the great and terrible Day of the Lord. Keep looking up – we are almost there.

But how did we get *here*? We are experiencing the consequences of many great sins (too numerous to mention, but five stand out to me):

1. The Church has failed to be the Church.

a) Prosperity swindlers coming in the name of Christ have been, for decades, stealing money right out of struggling widows’ and others’ pocketbooks. They are common hucksters who are still profiting off the Gospel, even in the midst of financial crisis, and they should be in jail. Instead, they sit comfortably in their plushy and ostentatious abodes, seeking yet more compensation for preaching deception. They will be judged if they do not repent. Also, to do nothing about sin is to sin. There have not been enough voices willing to come out against these fraudulent entertainers, except for those who seek to scrap the entire full Gospel itself on the basis of these swindlers. That is wrong.

b) False prophets – ditto. Their day is coming. They are leading, and have lead, many astray. Instead of preaching repentance, they come in the name of Christ, preaching not the Good News, but a “message of good,” that good and prosperous times are ahead for everyone (and this is completely unscriptural for the times we are in). There are some even today, disregarding the true signs of the times, preaching the Great End Times “transference of wealth” from the wicked to God’s

people. Sounds great. It's from scripture (Proverbs 13:22). If Jesus wants to shower my checking account with money from the spoils of wicked and fallen evangelists, who am I to complain? But instead of hanging out like trekkies, waiting for their spaceship to come in, misinterpreting everything that the LORD speaks to them, shouldn't these self-proclaimed prophets just be *waiting on the LORD*?

c) The fullness of the Gospel message has been stifled. Because of the gross misrepresentation among modern Pentecostal and charismatic “preachers” and “prophets,” there is now the appearance of a stain on the fullness of the message of God. Pentecost is as real today for those who believe as it was when the book of Acts was written. First, healing is ours today – not just for some – but for *all who believe*. The gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of healing, is available today. Although man will struggle with sickness/disease from time to time, it is always God's will to bring the victory in healing. Jesus' body was whipped and broken for a reason – it is an insult to Him to say He wants to heal some, but not all. If you had two sick children and the power to heal them both, would you have them draw straws to see which one you would heal and which one you would keep sick?

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is just as available today as it ever was. This baptism, apart from water baptism, empowers us in the Spirit to fight battles when the enemy attacks. As well, speaking in tongues is still a real, powerful form of prayer available today. Just because circus preachers have turned the concept of spiritual power and speaking in tongues into a sideshow does not mean these true impartations are not real. Praying in tongues is one of the most intimate forms of prayer between God and His people.

It must first be understood that Baptists and Pentecostals, and those of other denominations *who have repented and are saved in Christ are brothers and sisters in the Kingdom of God. None of us is perfect, but we are blood-washed and justified in Christ*. However, some of our blood-washed brothers and sisters who deny the fullness of the Gospel and criticize Pentecostal brothers and sisters just create a larger problem within the Church as a whole (and this comes from a full-Gospel sister not afraid to pelt her own when it is due). Instead of coming against the Godless *tactics* of some of these outlandish preachers, they choose to scrap the full Gospel entirely. It is easy to understand their reasoning – if all I knew of the full Gospel was from some of the shenanigans seen on TBN, I'd be turned off too. But there are still many evangelicals who have not had a sincere, heart-led search for the truth. Let me offer: Even with so many deceptive “other gospels” out there, the full Gospel truth is found when truly sought after.

2. Homosexuality is rampant and gaining ground like never before in our society and world. Sodom and Gomorrah were two cities. We're looking at this problem

on a worldwide scale. I'll quote from my recent article: "When homosexuality, that God calls an 'abomination' (Leviticus 18:22), is accepted as a normal, alternate lifestyle, and its perverse adherents are allowed to hold a piece of paper saying they are 'married,' a nation has truly turned its direction from heading towards life to heading towards death. Two of the same sex cannot procreate. Without the intervention of medical quacks, life would completely die out in a homosexual society. This is no small matter. Having been turned over to our lusts, we are now open to believe all kinds of lies. And this causes vacuous masses to get on bandwagons of further deception..."

As a side but important note, the two states that are currently pursuing federal loans to bail out their own devastated economies are Massachusetts and California. They are also the only two states to approve gay "marriage" (other states have approved "civil unions"). I see a direct connection between their economic downfall (judgment) and their choice to wed Adam and Steve. You might think fire and brimstone would be a more fitting judgment. It's coming. If God wants to start in our finances, He can – He is God. (Note: Not long after writing this paragraph, I learned that Connecticut has become the third state to legalize homosexual "marriage.")

3. Greed is another thing unsurpassed in history, and this was mentioned earlier in my letter. When I worked for a mortgage company in the late 1990's/early 2000's, I saw the "cash out refinance" / over-inflated housing market frenzy firsthand. I thought then, this can't go on. People would buy a house and refinance within 6 months, taking out cash on the new inflated house value to pay off the credit cards they ran up, not out of convenience or need, but out of their love for materialism – vacations, big "things." I understand so many are in a terrible pinch right now and there are legitimate needs. But the "greeds" over recent time have far outweighed the needs, and this is how we got here. A nation, or an individual, will not prosper by amassing debt or having tastes for things out of their realm of income.

4. Abortion may very well belong higher on this list, so do not take these in any particular order. Pastor Jackson Morro writes in *The Real Tragedy* (available free on the Faith On The Earth website), "The REAL TRAGEDY should never be lost sight of: that millions of innocent humans are being murdered in the womb and denied their right to life. And most important, people are violating God's commandment: 'You shall not murder.' (Exodus 20:13)" When life and death were set before Israel as a choice, God did something interesting – He gave them the right answer: "...therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) If by choosing life, a person, a society, and its seed, may LIVE, then what are the consequences to a person, a society and its seed, when DEATH is chosen? The curses found in the law of the Old Testament still apply today. We are seeing the effects of having chosen death in all things: natural

disasters, drought, crime, murder (not just of the unborn), unnatural affection, wars, high food and energy prices, economic instability, etc. etc. The list goes on, and none of it is good.

5. Sensuality has overtaken spirituality. We have neglected our spirits and our souls while feeding our material wants and desires. Instead of tending to our spirits, spending time in fellowship and prayer with God, we go about our daily lives pretty much doing what we want, buying what we want, eating what we want, living how we want. If we are not living out God's individual call in our lives, He has a better path for us than what we have chosen. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11) He wants to be our Guide. But we're swayed by our desires and wants, our immediate impulses and "surface things." We choose a candidate, for example, because he has an appealing smile and a way with words, regardless of a corrupt root in him. It's the appearance of man we seek. We judge all books by their covers – this is why Hollywood starlets are more popular than Jesus. (Sad, but true.)

Instead of assessing our problems by their spiritual root (or the cause), we are attracted to the "band-aid" approach to fixing them. God has an answer to everything we face, whether it be stress in our personal lives, or a global economic meltdown. Notice how the world is rushing to plug all the holes in this big economic boat, instead of asking how to fix the root of the system(s) that got us here. The truth is, there is no answer without God's help.

So many today seek some kind of spirituality in the form of New Age falsehoods. They will follow the teachings of anyone Oprah Winfrey or the likes of her will endorse. Or, after four years in one of our fine liberal meat grinders, they come out believing there is no absolute truth, and all roads, no matter how detrimental, lead to the same "god." (Note little "g.") So adhering to "any religion" is OK.

And this is the deepest root of why we are in this fix. "Any religion" is not the answer. Jesus Christ is the only answer. You've heard it so many times, it may just go in one ear and out the other. But the truth still stands, no matter how many people want to reject it. The Truth Himself still stands, no matter how many want to reject *Him*.

Here are just my personal suggestions for these dark days ahead that are growing darker still. You may accept or reject them. You may consider or dismiss them.

Number one, stay close to God. Get closer than you've ever been and stay there. Leap off the cliff when it comes to faith and trust that He will catch you. In other words, instead of saying, "Maybe He has an answer – I'll try to pray," just trust without doubt – He has an answer to whatever you face – and He will bring an

answer. It doesn't always come immediately, or the way we would like it to, or expect it to, but it comes. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." (Psalm 34:19) The devil has turned up the heat against God's people, and it won't be getting any easier for us.

Pray offensively, covering yourself, your family, your house, your physical body, etc. in the blood of Christ and take a firm stand that "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4) Continue to seek God first, and His Kingdom, and His righteousness, and all that you need will be available to you (Matthew 6:33). Especially now, in this late hour, it must be emphasized: all that you *need*, not necessarily all that you *want*. It's not that prosperous times can't, or won't, come to God's people, but we need to be prepared to live only with our needs, and not always our wants, met, if that is how God calls us to live at any given time.

By all means, stand for the TRUTH. Please do not stand to let the Gospel be abused, ridiculed and trampled. If anyone preaches another Jesus or another gospel, call them on it. Publish your answer to their deception in light of scripture. Please do not be silent in matters of the sins of homosexuality and abortion. Stand your Christian ground and fight against the evil powers of darkness that have sought to destroy this country, and that seek to destroy the entire world and its inhabitants. The devil wants to see you in hell, and he's mad if he can't get you there. He'll attack through your finances, your family, your friends, your job (or lack of), your health, and all else if you let him. Pray, pray, pray and don't stop praying, because that is the *only* way God will hear and answer you. And when you pray, *believe* He hears and will answer you. Be on the offense against enemies. You are in a war.

Will *your* "doing right" change the world? Truthfully, in this current worldwide anti-God climate, probably not. But all you do matters to God, and your treasures are stored up in heaven. The heathen will continue to rage. The stage is being prepared for all-out chaos around the globe. Once this chaos reaches its boiling point, you should be able to discern when the antichrist comes. Your call is still the same, to stand for the Kingdom no matter what. You're called to stand for truth, to fight the good fight, "in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by [your] own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren..." (2 Corinthians 11:26)

Materially, there are things you might want to do also. Start storing rice, soup, water, blankets, flashlights, etc. And lots of it if you have room. The famine is coming. I do not know when it will arrive, but it's on its way. I'd rather mention

this and look stupid if the full impact won't be for ten years down the road, than not to mention it at all. And if we're around when it comes, we must share everything we have with those who do not have. This is also where the real meaning of sowing and reaping comes in. We can trust we will be taken care of too, if we take care of others with sincere concern for them. We should not stop giving to the poor because we have less than we had last month or last year. Not everyone can give a lot – but we give out of what we have. Everyone reading this has *something*.

There is one last note of importance regarding finances that is appropriate at this time to mention. You may not fall into this category, but for those who do.... If you are a senior and are approached by a loan shark asking you to take out a reverse mortgage – please do not do this. The loan sharks who made their killing during the “refi boom” and by offering subprime loans to unqualified borrowers have (quite obviously) exhausted those markets, and now brokers (loan sharks) are shifting gears to where they believe the money will be. Reverse mortgage “specialists” are sprouting up all over the place. If they can't get the money from the younger generation, they'll get it from the older generation.

All reverse mortgages are is a way for a bank to legally steal your home from you, to take away something you worked your life for. Loan sharks prey on the older generation, looking for those who are going through a tough time, and make the mortgage sound wonderful with a bunch of nonexistent perks. They pay you a monthly sum while draining the equity in your home, and they count on your dying before the mortgage is up. They steal your family's inheritance. This is completely contrary to the Bible which has multiple scriptures on inheritance, both material and spiritual. Whatever you're going through – God can take care of you. No bank will.

America has been heading for a socialist takeover for quite some time now. I wonder, with what's been going on lately, if we don't skip over it right to a dictatorship. In any case, we are to look up, for our redemption draws nigh – rather than fearfully looking around. God's people are not appointed to wrath, but we will have to endure what's in the immediate future.

Finally, regarding giving of what we have, I'd like to share the first part of a letter I received from Naomi Durik of Helping Hands Missions recently (their address is on our Ministries Links page):

With our country at war, unemployment high, along with the price of everything, people losing their homes, economic institutions failing, and natural disasters, it seems the common topic is 'Hard Times.'

Now imagine living in a third world country like the Philippines, where if you are one of the lucky few to have a little money to purchase a little rice, you have to stand in line to buy your ration of rice! So many are at the end of their road. They leave their children behind as orphans and homeless!...

I want us all to really think about that. Most reading this right now are not in a position where you have to stand in line for a ration of rice. Please give of what you can to those who have even less. Your reward is in heaven.

Once again – look up – your redemption draweth nigh.

Blessings in Him,
Paula