

THE MANIPULATION OF TIME AND SPACE

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A Discussion On Time And Space, Creation, Eden, Angelic Visitations, Miracles, UFO's And The Beast And The Antichrist

One common theme currently found in modern sci-fi movies and television programs is that of time travel. Just looking back over the past decades, titles that come to mind are 'The Time Tunnel,' 'Lost In Time,' 'Planet Of The Apes,' 'The Time Machine,' 'Time Bandits,' 'Time Cop,' 'Back To The Future,' 'Early Edition,' 'Somewhere In Time,' 'The Philadelphia Experiment,' 'Quantum Leap' and a host of others. Anyone who is even a little bit familiar with the workings of the cinemagraphic and television industries, knows that the great special effects we see are a result of manipulating time, space, distance, size, color and light through a camera lense in just the right way. To someone who lived a thousand years ago, it might seem like magic, or even the power of a god! One common special effect used in horror flicks is to 'contract' time through a sequence of frames so that we can watch as our favorite actor or actresses is transformed into some kind of hideous monster. Of course, as adults, we know that it is all a process of applying make-up and combining different frames to create the final effect. When you are a child though, the effect can be quite impressive. Movies which contain a space or alien invasion theme are also a good example of how these different elements are combined to convert an obvious illusion into what appears as reality for the protagonists of the film. The 'Star Wars' and 'Star Trek' series are prime examples of this.

Clearly, we humans are intrigued by the challenge of manipulating time, and not only manipulating it, but also overcoming its barriers within which we have been confined. The greatest minds of our century and past centuries have given great thought to this subject. Within the circles of scholars, scientists, and science fiction writers, theories abound concerning the very nature and properties of time, as well as its relationship to space and our physical world. In the fringe area of UFOlogy, the element of time also appears to play an important role. During their encounters, many people relate a peculiar phenomenon which is referred to as 'missing time,' a period during their encounter which they cannot account for. According to many reports I have read, there is no memory of what has happened during the time lapse. Some resort to the dangerous practice of hypnotherapy to try to draw out hidden suppressed memories of their UFO experience. As a Christian, I would advise everyone against submitting to such techniques. In my view, by opening up your mind to another person, you are not only giving them control of your very life, but you may even be opening yourself up to spiritual attack, just like those who

practice different forms of yoga and meditation.

Personally, I have never experienced time loss per se, but I know there are times when I have become so involved in my work that I have lost all perception of the passage of time. It is at times like these that we often hear the phrase, 'How time flies!' Of course, we know that time hasn't really flown anywhere; it is just that we have lost track of it due to whatever we happened to be involved in at the time. There have also been a few times where I have become confused when waking up in the middle of the night and have done some crazy things. I recall one time waking up thinking I was late for work. As I frantically prepared myself, getting dressed etc., someone reminded me what time it really was. Of course, I felt like a real fool, but it just goes to show how much we have become creatures of time in our modern world and what can happen when we become disoriented by it. If it weren't for physical objects in our material world which help us to keep track of time, such as the sun, moon and stars, alarm clocks, watches, etc., we would not even be aware of time, or the passage of time.

Think of how odd it would be if we had no concept of time whatsoever except to see our bodies growing and changing and aging over the years, or maybe the seasons changing throughout the year. But you see, even that is dependent upon our observation of, and/or the effects upon or caused by material objects: the physical appearance of our bodies, the changing of the color of the leaves, rain or snow falling from the sky, shadows being cast by the trees, etc. I wonder how much it would affect our sanity if we had nothing with which to observe the passage of time whatsoever. Could this very fear be the reason some of us are so obsessed with keeping an accurate track of time in our daily lives? Does the fact that we are able to track time give us the comfort of knowing that we are still in control of things? Or could it be that it is all a ploy by our Earthly masters to have us become so imprisoned by time and the things of this temporal world that we ignore or forget about those things which are true and eternal? What if we could somehow step out of this physical universe and dwell in a place where time did not exist? Taking it a step further, what if we could not only dwell in such a place, but we could somehow move ourselves between these two planes of existence through some kind of vortex or corridor which unites them? Now there is an interesting thought to consider!

While modern man has sought to understand the relationship between time and space and the physical world, thousands of years ago, a certain wise man once described how history repeats itself, and that there is nothing new under the sun:

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Not only does the Bible tell us that history repeats itself, but it also tells us that there is indeed a sphere of existence outside of our physical environment where the past, present and future are all rolled up into one. In essence, time is

non-existent there. Like a circle or a mobius strip, there is no beginning, and there is no end. Some of us have referred to this as the Eternal Now. The Bible refers to it as the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is there that the Eternal One dwells in the company of His many ministering angelic agents, directing and manipulating the course of history according to His perfect will and pleasure:

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" (Isaiah 46:9-10)

The account of creation in the book of Genesis is a prime example of how God is able to manipulate time, space and energy to produce the matter which forms our physical universe. And what is energy? In essence, it is a modern word for Spirit, an unseen force which creates and gives life, just like the electricity which flows through our homes giving us light, warmth, comfort, and all of the other modern conveniences which we have become accustomed to. Taking it a step further, Jesus said that the words He spoke were Spirit and life. Think of the word 'energy' instead of 'spirit' as you read the following verse:

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

Exactly what did Jesus mean by this? Did He just mean that by believing in His words, in His claim to be the Son of God, that we could obtain Everlasting Life? Or is there more here than what at first meets the eye? This is indeed a much heavier concept than some may realize. I also touched upon this in the 'Holy Ghost' article. We are told that it is by His spoken Word that the physical universe came into being. God's spoken Word is Spirit. God's spoken Word is creative energy. It is for this reason that Jesus is called the Word of God. Said in another way, He is God's Creator Son so-to-speak, the One whom God chose to create the physical universe. He is the Word, the Creator, the One who energized and created the physical universe through the Word or Spirit of His mouth:

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (Psalms 33:6)

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God." (Revelation 19:13)

Seeing then that Jesus, the Word of God, is able to create these things out of nothing, (for in a technical sense, energy, atoms, are nothing; we can't see them without a powerful electron microscope), it is only natural to assume that He can also manipulate them as well. Furthermore, it should also come as no surprise that He would refer to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all things:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

"Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." (Revelation 1:11)

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." (Revelation 21:6)

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Revelation 22:13)

Thus far I have shown how God, through His Creator Son Jesus, brought the physical universe into existence by merely speaking the Word, i.e., by sending forth His Spirit, or energy, which resulted in the creation of physical matter. Exactly how this was accomplished, we really can't begin to understand. We know that matter can be converted into energy. There are many examples of this throughout the world. What we don't know how to do is to take energy and convert it back into matter. If we could, then I suppose we would be gods. Of course, man has tried to play God anyway. Consider, for example, the creation of the destructive atomic bomb, or man's attempt to alter the genetic code. Through modern science and technology, man has engaged himself in tampering with the very forces and processes which bind this world and our very lives together. Without the wisdom of God on his side, can we expect him to lead us anywhere but down the path to destruction?

Continuing then, by some means beyond our current level of understanding, Jesus, the Creator Son, sent forth His Word, or Spirit/Energy from the spiritual realm, the Eternal Now, into the plane where time and space exist. If we use the example of the mobius strip again, perhaps there is some point, or maybe even many points in the twist of the strip, which represent corridors or vortexes between the spiritual plane, and the physical plane. Scientists now claim that at the center of galaxies, as well as wandering throughout the cosmos, there are what they refer to as Black Holes, objects of unimaginable density with tremendous gravitational force which suck in everything around them, including visible light. Assuming that they are correct, what are these things? And where does all of this light and matter go? Is

it just annihilated? The Disney movie 'Black Hole' offered some interesting perspectives. Is it possible that they are in fact corridors to other realms of existence? If the nature of these objects as described by scientists is correct, then one would think that if they lead anywhere, it would be to places of terrible darkness and destruction. Another hint can be found in the Bible:

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." (Jude 1:13)

The book of Enoch goes into great detail about these places. Likewise, the book of Revelation expounds on this thought and suggests that such places might be spiritual prisons for those beings which have rebelled against God. There they are kept in chains and darkness until the Final Day of Judgment. This whole concept should really not seem that foreign to us. After all, if man sets up prisons on a local or national scale, why shouldn't God do the same thing? Perhaps He has planetary prisons, galactic prisons, etc. The books referenced previously certainly seem to support this possibility. This is discussed more fully in other of my articles concerning judgment and angels.

As is exemplified by nature, and discussed in other articles, everything God made seems to come in pairs, thus creating a perfect balance in creation. There is black and white, hot and cold, night and day, sadness and joy, north pole and south pole, positive and negative, light and darkness, etc. If Black Holes really do exist and behave as scientists claim, surely they should be considered a negative side of Creation. If so, what would be their positive counterpart? Could there be similar vortices or corridors which act in a positive manner? In other words, instead of absorbing light and destroying matter, they would create matter and produce light. Perhaps this is the mechanism the Lord used to create our physical universe. Maybe He sent forth some of His Spirit, a spark of energy, through one of these positive points of entry into our realm of time and space. Could it have been this creative action by the Lord which resulted in a colossal explosion which has become known as the Big Bang?

While I don't agree with some of the theories espoused by modern-day scientists, or with all of the times, ages and dates that they apply to them, we cannot just ignore the fact that the Lord must have used some kind of physical mechanism to bring this universe into being. After all, it is physical in nature, as are we. If it is indeed true that the Universe is expanding, then this would indicate a point of origin, and that point just may have been one such connecting link between the realm of the Spirit, the Eternal Now, and the realm of the physical of time and space, as exemplified by the mobius strip. As stated previously, perhaps there are many points of entry and exit. Perhaps our galaxy is one such point, perhaps the Earth is one such point, or maybe there are even many such points all over the Earth. In fact, there are indications throughout the Bible that these points of entry can be opened up anywhere at any time by those beings who have the power to do so.

Considering the unquestionable importance and sensitive nature of these vortices or corridors, it only seems logical that some kind of security system would be implemented to protect these doorways from unauthorized tampering, particularly from the physical end, the Earth end in this case. If such a system exists, it would serve to keep the two realms separated, yet still allow those who know how to, and who are authorized to, to cross back and forth between the two. While this may seem like wild speculation or good material for a sci-fi novel to some, consider the interesting example we find in the book of Genesis:

"So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

(Genesis 3:24)

Could the Garden of Eden represent something much more than what we are currently aware of? Could this guarded entrance in fact be one of these passageways as described previously? An examination of the physical Garden of Eden and the heavenly New Jerusalem in the final chapters of the book of Revelation, reveal some striking similarities. Primary among them is the fact that in both places we have growing the Tree of Life. It was this tree which the Lord sought to protect following the downfall of humankind. For had Adam and Eve partaken of it, they would have lived forever, even after their fall. This is the primary reason they were banned from the Garden:

"And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:" (Genesis 3:22)

The verses which follow this one then go on to explain how Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden as described above. Likewise, in the Garden of Eden we find a river which waters the Garden, just as the River of Life runs through the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem. Along this river we find the very same Tree of Life found in Eden:

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

(Revelation 22:1-2)

The evidence is awe inspiring. While the Garden of Eden was apparently located at some physical point on the Earth where the first human pair abode, what is now referred to as Mesopotamia, these similarities do seem to suggest that it may have been a link to the other side as I have proposed previously. It may have been the physical manifestation of a spiritual reality. We just cannot ignore the close parallel between Eden, from which flowed a great river, and the very Throne of God, from which also flowed the River of Life. Could they in fact be synonymous? Genesis 3 is clearly the

story of Paradise lost, while Revelation 21-22 is the story of Paradise regained. Could the placing of the cherubims have been the means to close or at least protect the portal, (Eden), so that Paradise, the spiritual realm, could not be re-entered until the appropriate time?

The question which has always remained in my mind is, what happened to Eden following the fall of man? If it was a physical place, was it just destroyed by Noah's Flood? We need to remember that the description of the Garden of Eden with the main river dividing into four rivers was written after-the-fact by Moses. In other words, it could be, and I am only speculating, that Moses was describing the location of the Garden of Eden as the Earth appeared AFTER the Flood once the waters had receded. Considering the magnitude of the Flood, it would seem likely that the physical appearance of the Garden of Eden was greatly altered by the mighty forces released during the actual Flood. In other words, in the book of Genesis, perhaps Moses is saying, 'Look, if you go to the area where you find the point of origin of these four rivers, that is where the Garden of Eden used to be located. Obviously, the Garden of Eden could no longer be in existence in Moses' day, or at least so it seems to me. But that still leaves us with a few questions: What happened to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? What happened to the Tree of Life? At what time did the cherubims stop guarding the area? The only answer I have been able to come up with is that sometime after the Fall, possibly before the Great Flood of Noah's day, the Lord once again transported them back through the portal at Eden into the realm of the Spirit, and thus we find them in the Heavenly City of New Jerusalem.

As should now be evident, God is the Master when it comes to manipulating time, space and matter. He created it, He can manipulate it. Not only that, there is sufficient evidence to show that He is not the only One Who has the ability to do this. Leaving aside the actual creation of the world, the following pages will be dedicated to taking a look at some examples of how He and certain other spiritual beings have transcended time and space and entered our physical plane. These will not be what can be classified as obvious dreams and visions as experienced by some of the Prophets. They will be real down-to-earth encounters with angelic agents, or even the Lord Himself in physical, or semi-physical form. The very first example can be found in Genesis shortly after the Fall:

"And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." (Genesis 3:8-10)

It does not seem to me that this is a voice coming down from the sky as we read in later accounts such as in the Gospels. The Lord appears to be there, walking in the Garden, looking for Adam and Eve. They hear Him calling out to them, so they hide. Why would they attempt to hide if He wasn't there

physically in the Garden? This is not a dream in the night or a vision. In those early days of Creation, I speculate that the Lord crossed over that gulf which separates His realm from ours and communed directly on the Earth with His creations. From another perspective, we know that the Lord created all things for His own good pleasure as demonstrated by previous verses. Here is another one which also points this out:

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

What better way for the Lord to enjoy His creation than to be right there in the midst of it. Sure, He could enjoy it from afar, from His Heavenly abode, but the above verses from Genesis seems to indicate the contrary. Why then should it seem so odd to us that the Lord, Jesus the Creator Son, should decide to walk in the midst the Garden enjoying the world and people He had created? This whole idea leads up to another interesting question: At what point did the Lord stop walking amongst men? At what point did He return to His Heavenly abode on the other side of the gulf which separates our two worlds? Well, in thinking about this, and looking through my Bible, it became apparent to me that it might not have been since the time of Eden. In fact, if you read some of the early stories of the Patriarchs, it sounds like the Lord was still making cameo appearances and talking with them directly for quite some time after Eden.

As an example, take the story of Noah. In countless verses we find phrases like 'And the Lord said unto Noah...', or, 'And God said unto Noah.' Exactly how did this come about? Did the Lord just speak to Noah's mind or heart? Did Noah hear a voice in his head? Did a voice come down from the sky? Consider the complexity involved in building the Ark. Did the Lord just transmit this information to Noah's brain?...Or was He there instructing him in person? If you read some of the stories of the other early Patriarchs, you find the same thing. The wording seems to suggest that the Lord was communing with them directly. The Lord said this to so-and-so, and the Lord said that to so-and-so. In the later prophetic books, it seems that we find more dreams and visions, or phrases like 'The word of the Lord came unto me.' It doesn't seem quite as direct as what we find with these early Patriarchs. It could just be a difference of literary style, but from what I have seen, I am not convinced of this just yet.

In the case of Noah, I found a small clue which might indicate that I am right. After the Flood waters had receded, Noah built an altar and sacrificed to the Lord. Now, while these sacrifices were very holy solemn occasions, we can't overlook the fact that they were also occasions of joy and thanksgiving. In a sense, they were like large outdoor barbecues. I mean, think of all of that fresh meat cooking, folks! Now, if the Lord was just up in Heaven observing things, without any kind of a fleshly body, do you think He would have reacted in the following manner?:

"And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every

clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." (Genesis 8:20-21)

Here is a clear picture of the Lord smelling the nice mouth-watering aroma of barbecued meat and being affected by it. If He was in a spirit body up in Heaven, would this have affected Him? The smell of the sacrifice is obviously pleasing to Him, and it is right after this that He decides to never again curse the ground and destroy all life as He did with the Flood. I don't know, I could be wrong, but it seems like the Lord might have been pretty close by in my view. This term 'sweet savour' is used throughout the Old Testament in describing the sacrifices to the Lord. As such, I think it is significant.

If we move on to the story of Abraham, we find similar encounters with agents of the Lord. In Genesis chapter fourteen we find a series of verses which have puzzled Bible scholars for ages. It is the story of Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek. Abraham, along with those in league with him, has just liberated his son-in-law, Lot, from evil King Chedorlaomer and his allies. Right after this, we find the following interesting verses:

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all." (Genesis 14:18-20)

There can be no doubt that this was an actual physical incident which occurred to Abraham following this battle. Yet, if we refer to the writings of Paul, we find out that this High Priest who offered bread and wine to Abraham and blessed him, was Someone very special indeed:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils." (Hebrews 7:1-4)

Here we have Abraham, God's chosen patriarch, probably the greatest man living during his time in God's eyes, tithing to this mysterious Melchizedek. Paul makes it very clear who He was: the King of righteousness with a capital 'K', the King of peace with a capital 'K', with no father or mother or beginning or end of days. In other places we likewise read that Jesus is our High Priest. And just as Jesus used bread and wine as a symbol in the New Testament, likewise He

presented Abraham with the same. Note also that He is King of Salem. Salem is also a reference to Jerusalem. Could this be referring to the King of New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City of God which comes down to the New Earth after the Millenium?

This wasn't Abraham's only direct encounter with the Lord. Only four chapters later we find the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. In that incident, the Lord again takes on human or semi-human form along with two of His angelic messengers. They are so physical in fact, that Abraham offers to wash their feet and has his wife Sarah prepare them a fine meal as was the custom in those days. During the course of all of this, the Lord informs Abraham that Sarah will have a son in her old age. Sarah laughs within herself and is thus brought into the conversation when she denies having laughed. So here we have an occasion of more than one person communing with the Lord in physical form and indulging in conversation, and probably eating with them as well. To show how physical this incident was, consider this one verse:

"And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way."
(Genesis 18:16)

Before leaving however, the Lord, (with a capital 'L'), explains to Abraham that He is going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. It is then that Abraham begins to plead with the Lord since Lot, his son-in-law, lives in Sodom, and Abraham has somewhat of a friendship with the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah. While Abraham and the Lord continue discussing the matter, the other two angelic beings go to carry out the Lord's command. At the end of the chapter, we finally read:

"And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place."
(Genesis 18:33)

There are other incidents in the Old Testament which clearly point to physical contact between the Lord or His angelic representatives, and humanity. In Genesis chapter thirty-two, the Patriarch Jacob has some very interesting encounters with some messengers of the Lord who meet him after his encounter with Laban:

"And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim." (Genesis 32:1-2)

Later on in the same chapter, just prior to encountering his brother Esau, whom he hasn't seen for many years, Jacob physically wrestles with someone in the dark:

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more

Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."
(Genesis 32:24-30)

The story of Moses and the burning bush is familiar to many. Without going into great detail, as mentioned in a previous article, Moses was physically affected by his encounters with the Lord, so much so that his face glowed and he had to cover it with a cloth. As in Jacob's exclamation, we are also told that Moses spoke face to face with the Lord:

"And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle." (Exodus 33:11)

Joshua, Moses' successor, likewise had an unusual physical encounter with someone who crossed over from the heavenly realm. This encounter occurred right after the Lord had stopped up the Jordan river and Joshua and his men were about to attack the fortress of Jericho. In Joshua chapter five we read this most inspiring account:

"And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so."
(Joshua 5:13-15)

If you have any doubt about Who this mysterious warrior might have been who entered into battle with Joshua, compare the above verses to Moses' previous encounter years before:

"And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5)

By now it should be quite evident that the Lord and His angelic agents have had numerous physical encounters with humanity throughout the Old Testament. For them to manipulate time and space so that they can enter human history at any given point is an easy task. They can act like normal humans and blend in so well with humanity, that we might not even be able to recognize them unless we are really in tune to God's Spirit. The Apostle Paul made this very clear when he said:

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

The Lord, His angels, and even His human agents can also

manipulate matter by the power of God. Consider the plagues sent upon Egypt (Exodus 7-12). Consider the stories of the cloudy pillar and the column of fire which led Moses and the children of Israel:

"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:"
(Exodus 13:21)

I have offered some interesting speculations concerning these events which you can read in my article, 'Under The Cloud: UFO's And The Bible.' Consider how the Lord parted the Red Sea by the hand of Moses (Exodus 14) plus the many other miracles the Lord performed at the hand of His prophet Moses. Years later, the Lord also stopped up the Jordan River by the hand of Joshua (Joshua 3-4). Consider how Elijah prayed and it ceased to rain, how he multiplied the meal and oil for the widow of Zarephath, and then raised her son from the dead by the power of the Almighty. (1 Kings 17)

Are you aware of the fact that modern scientist have confirmed that there is a missing day in the celestial clock which they cannot account for? This is a provable scientific fact and not fiction. If they would look to the Bible, they would find that this is the result of the Lord holding back time on two different occasions. The first can be found in Joshua chapter ten where Joshua and the children of Israel were fighting against the Amorites. On that occasion, consider the powerful miracle the Lord wrought at the hand of Joshua, the son of Nun:

"Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel." (Joshua 10:12-14)

Notice that it says 'about a whole day.' It wasn't quite a whole day. But there is no problem here as the rest of the missing day can be accounted for by referring to Isaiah chapter thirty-eight. In this chapter, the Lord promises to give Hezekiah an additional fifteen years of life and to deliver him from the hand of the King of Assyria. As a sign to King Hezekiah, the Lord, through His prophet Isaiah, turns back the sun by ten degrees:

"And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken; Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.' (Isaiah 38:6-8)

This same story is repeated in more detail in 2 Kings
20:8-11:

"And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz." (2 Kings 20:8-11)

These are but some of the cameo appearances and miracles which were performed during the days of the Old Testament Patriarchs and Prophets. In them we see the ability to manipulate both time and matter at will. Moving into the New Testament, we discover that Jesus performed many of the very same miracles as His Old Testament counterparts. This only serves to confirm Who and what was the true Source behind the miracles they performed. We must remember too, that when we see the name Jehovah in the Old Testament, this is a reference to Jesus, and NOT to God the Father. Consider that Jesus also had the power to manipulate matter and the elements: He calmed the sea, He walked on water, He multiplied the fishes and the loaves, He converted the water into wine. In the realm of bodily miracles: He raised Lazarus from the dead, he healed many sick of various diseases, He gave sight to the blind, He cast out many demons. These miracles are found throughout the four Gospels and are too numerous to list in this article. I encourage you to read the Gospels to increase your own faith in the power of the Lord.

One interesting miracle Jesus did occurs right after He performed the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. Most folks pass this one right over not realizing that it is even there. In the following miracle, Jesus manifested His ability to manipulate both time and matter at will:

"When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did

eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?" (John 6:15-25)

These people were totally mystified as to how Jesus had arrived at the other side when His disciples had already left and there was only one boat. Do you really see what occurred here? Not only was Jesus able to walk on water in the midst of a great storm, but once he entered the ship, it says that it was IMMEDIATELY at land. Some folks try to twist the meaning of this verse to make it conform to their narrow-minded view. They say that after Jesus entered the ship, His disciples then rowed the boat to the shore. But that isn't what the verse is saying. If you do as I do and compare scripture with scripture, there can be no denying that this verse means exactly what it says, i.e., the word 'immediately' means 'at that very moment, at that very instant.' To prove this point, read the following verses and see if you don't concur with my view:

"And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." (Matthew 4:22)

"And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." (Matthew 8:3)

"And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

"Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing." (John 21:3)

Taking a look closer at the incident, it says they had rowed out twenty-five or thirty furlongs into the sea of Galilee. A furlong is about two hundred and twenty yards. In other words, they had gone out some five and a half or six and a half miles into the sea. Now the verses say that a great storm had developed on the sea. Considering that, it would have been impossible for them to immediately arrive at the shore, especially if they were five or six miles out floundering in rough waters. It seems obvious to me then, that once Jesus had gotten into that ship, He transported the entire boat and everyone in it through time and space to the shoreline. And why not? He was the Son of God!

Perhaps the culminating point in Jesus' earthly ministry was NOT just when He died on the cross for the sins of the world, but also when He revealed His power over death and the physical world when He rose from the dead, proving once and for all that He is indeed the Lord of the Resurrection. This is truly the hope of all Christians everywhere. Even after His resurrection, Jesus continued to manifest His ability to totally control the laws of physics. According to the Gospel of Luke, after the two Mary's and the other women

encountered the two angels at the empty tomb, they reported their experiences to the eleven disciples who listened in total disbelief. Later that same day, two of the disciples were travelling on their way to the village of Emmaus when the Lord appeared to them and accompanied them on their journey. It was about a fifteen mile journey, so Jesus had plenty of time to talk with them. We are told that for some reason they were not able to recognize Him. The Scriptures merely say that 'their eyes were holden that they should not know Him.' (Luke 24:16) Even after He had explained all of the Old Testament prophecies to them, they still didn't realize it was Him. It was only when they sat down and broke bread to eat that their eyes were finally opened...and at that very moment, Jesus vanished!:

"And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight." (Luke 24:31)

You talk about real ghost stories, well there is one for you! But you see, that's just it...He wasn't a ghost! He looked just like you or me! He was there in a very real physical sense, just like the stories I related from the Old Testament. He was walking and talking and even sat down to eat with them!

If we put together the rest of the accounts in Luke and John, we come up with the following which occurred after the trip to Emmaus, probably late that same night after the two disciples had hurried back to tell the original eleven disciples of their wonderful experience:

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."
(John 20:19)

Having physically destroyed Jesus' body, Satan must have been quite bold at this time, encouraging his human slaves, the Jewish religious elders, to go after the rest of His disciples as well. Remember, it was even forbidden to talk about what had occurred following Golgotha. In our world today, we are likewise slowly experiencing this very same thing as the forces of darkness seek to extinguish our lights...and it will only get worse. At any rate, here we find the disciples huddled together in secret waiting for the Lord's promise of the Holy Ghost. Notice, it says the doors were shut. Zappo! Jesus just materialized out of nowhere. We know He wasn't a spirit. He was there in physical form just as He had been on the road to Emmaus earlier in the day. If we turn back to the Gospel of Luke and read the same account, we find additional information regarding Jesus' appearance to the eleven and those that were with them:

"And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts

arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them." (Luke 24:35-43)

Notice, here is Jesus risen from the dead and still eating food! We should not forget that everything that Jesus did was for a reason. If the Gospels reveal all of these physical attributes of Jesus' resurrected body, it must be for a reason. The only conclusion we can come to is that perhaps He is trying to show us what our bodies will be like after OUR resurrection. Of course, it is also important to remember that He was not manifesting Himself in His glorified body as is described by Daniel, John, Ezekiel and others. Perhaps like Jesus, we will be able to change our bodies according to what element we happen to be in at the time, i.e., spiritual or physical.

Thomas wasn't present during this first appearance, but eight days later, the Lord appeared to them again at which time He said to Thomas:

"...Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." (John 20:27)

Here again is another example of Jesus manifesting His physical body after His resurrection. But, as we have already seen, while it was indeed physical, it also possessed properties that for now, we can only dream of.

The Lord made one final third appearance to His disciples. It seems that in spite of the fact that Jesus had already revealed Himself to them on two previous occasions, they were still slow to believe. While He was yet with them in the flesh, Jesus had designated Peter as the head of the band of twelve, now eleven since Judas' suicide. So, when Simon Peter decides to go out and do a little night fishing on the Sea of Galilee, some of the others decide to go out with him. As a result, we are told that they don't catch any fish that night. The next morning, Jesus calls out to them from shore asking if they have caught anything. At first they don't realize that it is Him until He tells them to cast out their nets one more time, just as He had done when He first called Simon Peter to be His disciple. Of course, they catch a multitude of fish, and that is when John informs Peter that it is the Lord.

The whole purpose of this final appearance seems to have been to encourage and strengthen Peter, for after they have all dined on bread and fish, (which the Lord had already provided for them even before they came ashore), the Lord proceeds to test Peter by asking him three times if he loves Him. It is interesting to note that Jesus tested Peter three times just as Peter had denied Him three times. The Gospel of John ends with Jesus telling Peter to follow Him, just as He had called him some three years before. He also

prophesies how Peter will die and leaves us with some very mysterious verses regarding the fate of the young Apostle John. To this day they puzzle me and leave room for some very interesting speculation.

From here we move into the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. The events in this book occur after Jesus has ascended to Heaven leaving His disciples to carry out their mission of taking the Gospel into the whole world as they had been commanded in Mark 16:15:

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke reiterated this when he quoted the Lord as saying:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The fact that Jesus has indeed returned to His heavenly abode to dwell with His Father is confirmed in the account of the death of Stephen. As Stephen was being bitten upon by the enraged Jewish leaders after his spirit-filled expose of their hypocrisy, just prior to being stoned by the same, he exclaims:

"...Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56)

It is interesting to note that, unlike other descriptions we have read in the Bible, in this instance, Jesus is not sitting on His throne, He is standing up, almost like He is in eager anticipation of receiving Stephen into the Heavenly Kingdom.

One of the final incidents where we see the Lord breaking through the veil which divides the physical world from the spiritual, is in the account of the Apostle Paul's conversion:

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink." (Acts 9:3-9)

One common trait of these celestial events is the direction of the source of the phenomenon. Notice that it is described as a light which shone from heaven, in other words, from above, from the sky. This reminds me of all of the other things I

said in my article 'Under The Cloud: Clouds, UFO's and The Bible.' If you haven't read it yet, you might want to do so. In the story of John the Baptist, we have a similar account. Consider these verses from the Gospel of Mark:

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

Again, notice the source of origin of the phenomenon. They come from above. They originate from something happening in the sky overhead. In this case, it is God the Father who is announcing the arrival of His beloved Son on Earth. We have repeated accounts of this over and over again, of voices, bright clouds, etc. originating from somewhere in the sky. Again, I suggest you read my articles concerning UFO's.

Paul's encounter with Jesus on the rode to Damascus is not the only miraculous event we find in the book of Acts. In Acts chapter two, when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Ghost, we read the following:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)

Notice that it doesn't actually say there was a mighty wind as is commonly believed today. It says there was a SOUND like a rushing mighty wind. This sound was so great that it filled the entire house. If it was an actual wind, as in a tornado or hurricane, it would have obliterated the house. This was just some kind of great celestial sound which originated from somewhere overhead. As to the cloven tongues which were like fire, not actually fire, I haven't a clue as to what they were. Could it have been some kind of sparkling energy, similar to the 'dove' described during Jesus' baptism? In a later account in chapter four where the Holy Ghost is again poured out, we are told that the place acutally shakes:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

As a result of these miraculous events, we read the following:

"And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." (Acts 2:43)

Because of these many signs, miracles and inspired preaching by the disciples, thousands of souls were converted to the

faith. In Acts chapter three, Peter and John heal a lame man which results in them being thrown in prison by the Temple guards in the very next chapter. After spending the night there, they are warned by the Jewish elders to stop their preaching:

"Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done." (Acts 4:16-21)

Well, their freedom doesn't last long. In Acts chapter five, one man and his wife are slain after Peter discovers that they have lied about giving all to the apostles. More people continue to believe in the Lord because of the many signs and miracles being wrought by Peter and the others. So strong is God's Spirit upon them, that we find the following verses:

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." (Acts 5:14-16)

At this point again, the Jewish elders decide that something must be done, so they throw the apostles in prison:

"Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison." (Acts 5:17-18)

But the Lord isn't done with the apostles by any means, so he sends an angel who opens the door of the prison:

"But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Acts 5:19-20)

Here again we have one of the Lord's agents materializing in the physical world and manipulating matter. This wasn't a dream or vision. He was there, and he led them out of the prison. The temple guards were totally astonished by this the following morning when they were sent by the Sanhedrin to fetch the disciples:

"But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told, Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within." (Acts 5:22-23)

Perhaps one of the most amazing examples of defying time and space which can be found in the book of Acts, is the story of Philip and the Ethiopian. In short, Philip is sent by the Spirit to a road leading out of Jerusalem down towards Gaza. Once arriving there, he meets up with a powerful Ethiopian man who serves under his Queen Candace as her treasurer. This man is returning to his homeland from Jerusalem where he had gone to worship the Lord. After being invited up on this man's chariot, Philip explains to him the text he is reading from Isaiah chapter 53. The man consequently believes in Jesus and is baptised by Philip when they stop by a pool of water. It is right after Philip accomplishes his mission that the miraculous happens:

"And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea." (Acts 8:39-40)

Snap! Just like that, Philip was whisked away from the Ethiopian and was found at Azotus. Just as Jesus could materialize in the physical world at any time in any place, the Lord did the same thing with Philip.

This article began with a discussion on time and creation. I explained how time was a unique characteristic of our physical universe and does not exist in the realm of the Spirit. I explained how there appear to be portals through which those of the Spirit realm can enter the realm of the physical. I then went on to explain how the Lord has dealt with humanity throughout history, either by making cameo appearances Himself, or by sending certain of His angelic agents through these portals, or by using certain human vessels to perform His will. I continued with a look at some of the miracles of Jesus and the events following His death and resurrection. And finally, I gave examples of how the miraculous continued to happen, even after Jesus' ascension into Heaven. The final book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, describes the many important events which will transpire and lead up to the completion of God's plan for humanity and the world we live on. To discuss these things in worthy detail would require many more pages. However, the one point I do wish to expound upon is the fact that time as we know it will eventually come to an end. Even in the days of the Apostle John, may considered themselves to be living in the Endtime, the Last Days:

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."
(1 John 2:18)

It is only when we really stop and think on these words that the realization suddenly hits us of exactly what these words

mean: Endtime. Last Days. Last Time. Latter Times. Latter Years. It doesn't just mean that when all of these things are accomplished that Jesus will return. It means much more than that. It means that since the days of Jesus and His first Apostles, we have been living in the Last Days. And if we have been living in the Last Days since that time, what does that mean to us? It can only mean that 2,000 years later today, we must truly be living in the very end of days, the very end of years! The tail end of things! And when you reach the end of something, what does that mean? It means it is over! The following verses from the book of Revelation make it very clear that since John's day, his prophecies have been being fulfilled, and when the last one is finally fulfilled, time will be no more. It will be the end of time. Time will cease to exist:

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Revelation 22:10)

"And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:" (Revelation 10:6)

If time will no longer exist, what does that say regarding the physical world we now live in? If everything I have said is true, if what scientists claim is true, that means that it will likewise cease to exist! If our physical world requires time and space to exist, when time is gone, our physical world will likewise perish! We will have moved into the realm of eternity! Is there any Biblical basis for this assumption? There most certainly is:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:10-13)

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is

done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:1-8)

Up until now, until writing this article actually, I have always believed that the above verses were only referring to a physical cleansing of the surface of the Earth as well as of the atmospheric heavens which surround the Earth. However, as is often the case when writing new articles, the Lord feeds me with new things, just as I am feeding others. It is for this reason that the name of my BBS is 'The Treasure-Trove.' Not only can folks find lots of spiritual treasures on my board, but I am constantly discovering new ones myself as I read, study and write. Consider what Jesus said:

"Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." (Matthew 13:52)

WOW! That is really inspiring! Okay then...Thus far in this article I have only dealt with the positive aspects of spiritual intervention in our physical world, and Lord knows that I haven't even covered them all! Jesus' Second Coming will be wrought by physical signs in the heavens and on the Earth. Just read Matthew 24, or the book of Revelation! But what I wish to say is that there is also a very dark, very evil side to this as well. I don't feel this paper would be complete if I didn't share a few things with you and warn you of some of the possibilities which may exist in the near future. If God, Jesus, their angelic messengers and human servants can manipulate time, space and matter, it only seems logical that Satan and those who follow him can do the same. After all, they are also spiritual beings. A verse which seems to support this possibility can be found in the Gospel of Matthew:

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." (Luke 4:5)

What does the above verse actually mean? Well, for one thing, it seems to imply that Satan had the power to offer these things to Jesus because they belong to him. This appears to be confirmed by several things Paul wrote in some of his epistles:

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" (Ephesians 2:2)

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them

which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

Truly, the thought that we live in a world controlled by Satan is not a comforting one. But what I would like to concentrate on is the last part of that verse from Matthew. I see two possibilities in the verse: either Satan took Jesus to a certain point in time and showed Him all of the kingdoms of the world which existed at that particular point in history, or else Satan has the ability, just like God, to see everything from the beginning to the end of time, and thus he showed Jesus literally all of the kingdoms which will ever exist for all times. In either event, this reveals two things to me: first, that Satan was apparently running scared, so he was doing his best to try to win Jesus to his side...and that is really an interesting point because Jesus did and does have the will to choose, just like the rest of us. He was in a physical body and had just completed fasting for forty days, so He probably wasn't in the best of condition physically. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. Satan knew exactly when was the best time to try to attack Jesus. And why would Satan even attempt such a thing UNLESS he knew there was a possibility of winning? It is indeed an interesting thought worth pondering. One thing Paul said regarding the Lord being tempted was:

"For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." (Hebrews 2:18)

As I have said before, it is because Jesus lived here in the flesh and suffered and was tempted by the same things as we are, that He makes such a great Intercessor.

The second point I want to make is one which deals with the very theme with which this article began, and that is time. Satan is very interested in time. In fact, we are told that he knows that his time is short:

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12)

That being the case, it seems to me that Satan would be very interested in using his remaining time to his best advantage. If you were involved in a certain situation where you were running out of time, how would you react? Well, for one thing, you might become frantic and try to accomplish as much as you possibly could in your remaining time. What else might you do? If you were real smart, you might try to find a way to somehow bend the rules in order to get an extension of the time allotted to perform that specific task. In Satan's case, we know from Endtime prophecy that he will indeed be wreaking havoc on the Earth in a number of ways through the Beast and the False Prophet and their loyal followers. All of this has been covered in some of my Endtime articles. But there is something else which occurred to me as I was writing this article. There is a prophetic verse which indicates that the Beast will also have an interest in time, and more specifically, in somehow changing

time. This verse is found in the prophecies of Daniel:

"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

(Daniel 7:25)

I really don't know what it means by the fact that he will 'think to change times'. Could this simply be a reference to changing our current calendar system? Or could it mean something even more sinister like perhaps changing history books? Or even worse yet, could it be a reference to going back in history to change things as we have seen in some modern sci-fi movies? For example, what if the Beast, through the power of Satan and/or some secret modern technology, could go back in time to change history so that Hitler really won the war? Some consider Hitler a foreshadow of the Beast. In a later chapter, the prophet Daniel says the following about the Beast:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." (Daniel 8:23)

Again, this term 'understanding dark sentences' is shaded in mystery. Could it possibly be referring to the fact that the Beast will have a knowledge of the occult sciences, of some esoteric wisdom not normally meant for mortal men? I have read articles which claim that Hitler was heavily steeped in the occult and made attempts to possess every existing copy of the book of Enoch and the Necronomicon. If this is true, what did he discover in them that he didn't want others to know about? Some people say that UFO technology and/or manifestations were a result of Hitler's delving into the occult. Is it a coincidence that there has been a constant upsurge in UFO sightings since the 1940's? Notice too that those verses say that these things will happen 'when the transgressors are come to the full'. Paul tells us that sin is the transgression of the Law, in other words, the laws of God. In essence, Daniel is saying that the Beast will be revealed at a time of great spiritual darkness, during the time of the Apostasy, the great falling away from the truth faith in God. Paul tells us:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13)

Moving up to the next verses in this chapter, we find yet more intriguing information regarding this mad dictator:

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

(Daniel 8:24-25)

Notice that it says his source of power is 'not by his own power'. Could this be an implication that it comes from Satan? Daniel then goes on to say that the Beast will 'prosper and practice'. Prosper and practice what? Could this be referring back to the 'understanding dark sentences' mentioned only a verse before? And still further on Daniel says that this Beast will 'cause craft to prosper.' I may be wrong, but putting all of these verses together, I am given the impression that perhaps the Beast will be heavily steeped in the occult, in witchcraft just as the antichrist Hitler is purported to have been. He will be a wizard of the dark forces. And why not? After all, he will be the very tool of Satan, the very embodiment of Satan in the flesh, just as Jesus was the Spirit of God in the flesh. It is a known fact that Satanism is on the rise worldwide. There is substantial evidence on the Internet and World Wide Web which points to a rising interest in the works of Aleister Crowley, Dee, Blavatsky, the Necronomicon, Enochian occult practices, etc. There are witch covens throughout the United States, Europe, and elsewhere as well. But these are small potatoes compared to the various secret societies who wield great political, technological and religious power, and who hail Satan as the True Prince, and Jesus as the imposter. Could all of this be heading towards the revelation of the Beast, the Prince of Darkness? I think back on a movie I saw many years ago called 'Rosemary's Baby' and wonder what the true motivation was in making that film. This was followed years later by the Biblically inaccurate 'Omen' movies. Were these movies meant to warn the world of soon-coming events...or were they also meant to inform those who worship darkness that their Prince had been born? Some claim that the Beast was born in 1962. I honestly do not if he has been born yet or who he might be. Considering the current developments in Europe and the Middle East, I do believe it is quite possible that all of the key players are already in place. We just don't know exactly who is who quite yet...but we may not have long to find out.

One interesting bit of information I came across recently, as discussed above in brief, is the belief that UFO's are actually a psychic manifestation created by those who engage in these occult practices. This possible connection between the occult and UFO's really doesn't surprise me. People who are victims of alien/UFO close encounters experience a variety of symptoms including ringing in their ears, a distortion of their speech, disorientation, a loss of memory, anxiety attacks, paralysis (what the Bible refers to as Palsy), paranoia, unexplainable time lapses, etc. It seems to me that this points even more towards a spiritual origin for these experiences. Could it be that at the time of their encounters, these poor people are in some way temporarily trapped in one of these corridors which leads to the other world? Could it be that some of these beings can't fully come into our realm, so the UFO experience is their means of temporarily drawing us into theirs? From everything I have read thus far, most of the close encounters seem to have a negative quality to them. There are purported forced abductions, the mutilation of cows, horses and other farm animals, abductees being forced to undergo unwanted medical examinations, women who claim to carry alien fetuses for a time, etc. And it gets much worse than that depending on how

much information you are willing to believe. I mean, it really gets wild, folks! One thing I do know, as stated in another article, today, many diseases and bodily afflictions which are looked upon in a medical or scientific sense, were viewed by Jesus and his followers as being demonic attack, possession or oppression...just like the 'Grey' abductions of today!

But getting back to the time issue, this whole bit about the Beast thinking to change times really puzzles me. Is there a connection between the Beast and these missing time lapses said to be experienced by abduction victims? I honestly don't know. In thinking about this though, I was reminded of one verse that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians when he was describing the coming reign of the Jewish false messiah; that is, the Antichrist:

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."
(2 Thessalonians 2:4)

Let's really think about this for a moment. Compared to 2,000 years ago, we live in a society which is extremely technologically advanced. We have accomplished much in the past century; in fact, much more than in past centuries combined. Most of us have at least a basic foundation in science and technology. We may not understand it all, but we can appreciate the comforts it has brought to modern living. Considering then how highly advanced we are, what could the Antichrist do to possibly convince the Jews, and others as well, that he is God? In our day and age when many are falling away from religion at an alarming rate, it almost seems like a ridiculous question to even ask such a thing. With our modern de-spiritualized educational system which seeks to destroy faith in anything religious, how could he possibly do anything to fool us or to make us want to worship him as a god?

Thinking back again on the manipulation of time, space and matter, what if the Antichrist could prove that he was God by moving back and forth in time? Or by materializing and de-materializing in different locations? Or even by materializing in different locations at the same time? That would certainly shake up a lot of people! What is interesting is that there is a false prophet living in our current time who some claim has done exactly that! His name is Lord Maitreya. I have gathered quite a bit of information on him, and this includes an article from the Nairobi Times newspaper which claims that Maitreya materialized and then de-materialized in a certain village in Kenya back in the late eighties. Other information I have read also indicates that he performed this same feat for some high government officials. One of the key elements of his doctrine is the sharing of the wealth, something which the Prophet Daniel used to describe the policy of the Beast as well:

"He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall

forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time." (Daniel 11:24)

"Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." (Daniel 11:39)

In our modern day, not only has this become the doctrine of Lord Maitreya, but it is also an essential element of true socialism, or communism, which some believe will be the form of government used by the Beast.

Lest anyone jump to erroneous conclusions, let me state here that I personally do not believe that Maitreya is the Beast, or the Antichrist or the False Prophet...at least not yet. For me to say such a thing at this time would go completely against the conclusions I have arrived at from a lot of Biblical research. I am merely using Maitreya as an example to show that God's agents may not be the only ones who possess the ability to materialize out of thin air. In my view, until he shows otherwise, I feel that Maitreya is but one of many minor false prophets and messiahs to appear in the Last Days as predicted by Jesus and others.

There is something else which I find quite alarming: Within UFOlogy, there is a very antichrist story circulating which says that the 'aliens' known as the Greys, have made the claim that they have manipulated human history for thousands of years. In fact, they say that they are the ones who planted us here in the first place, in this 'Garden of Eden.' As a part of this manipulation, they also claim that Jesus Christ was a product of their alien technology, a clone of sorts, used to teach us morals and spiritual values so that we wouldn't destroy ourselves too soon. Part of this story also states that some of these 'alien' beings showed certain persons within the U.S. Government or military a holograph of Christ's actual crucifixion on the cross. Many are said to have been shaken by it. Perhaps some of you will be offended by this story. If so, I apologize. I find it just as repulsive a thought. But, I am using this to emphasize a point:

As you may know, if you have read a sufficient number of my alien/UFO articles, I hold to the belief that if these Greys really do exist, considering the experiences people are reported to have had with them, they are NOT 'aliens' from other planets whatsoever, but rather demonic beings sent to deceive the world at the behest of their leader Satan. UFO's, not necessarily all of them, may be some kind of semi-physical craft they use to make the transition through the vortexes or corridors I discussed earlier in this paper. Or perhaps they are not even physical craft at all, but rather an energy field, or aura of brilliant light which is a by-product produced when one of these vortices is opened between our two worlds. As explained in 'Under The Cloud,' this is only one possible explanation. Some UFO's may in fact be manifestations of the good side, the Children of Light, the angelic messengers. Others could be real physical craft secretly designed by our own governments. And of course, many are just mis-identifications of known aircraft

or meteorological or astronomical phenomenon. There are just too many possibilities to make a definitive statement.

Now, what if, as I said earlier, the Antichrist is involved in the occult? What if he is in cahoots with these purported 'aliens?' I have read quite a few files which indicate that something may happen in the near future which will totally discredit modern religions, particularly Christianity. Many people will become greatly confused, and there will be a great loss of faith. What could Satan, via the Antichrist, or these 'aliens', do to destroy Christianity, while at the same time elevate the Antichrist to the status of a god in a believable way? I mean, really think about this. It would have to be something very outstanding to convince such a hardened world as the one we currently live in.

Well, what if the Antichrist, through Satanic power, or the power of these demonic Greys, was able to prove that he was Jesus Christ? What if he could actually travel back in time and prove that he was the Hebrew God of the Old Testament? What if he could somehow prove that all of the miracles of Jesus's day and the many miracles of the Old Testament as well, were a result of men of the future, our current time, travelling back in time with all of their modern technology to convince the natives that they were gods sent to teach them how they should act and behave. If you really think about this, many of the things described as miracles or celestial events in the Bible could have been performed with modern technology such as whirlwinds (helicopters), holding back the rain (HAARP), God speaking from the heavens (large loudspeakers), bright lights shining down from Heaven (brilliant beams on helicopters or other craft), Ezekiel's Wheel (top secret Government circular craft), maybe even the parting of the Red Sea or the stopping up of the Jordan River with some type of powerful gravitational devices. Consider the simple act of taking a television set back into the distant past, hooking it up to a portable power supply, and showing the ancients a view videos of modern life; maybe show them the atomic bomb, show them airplanes and helicopters and jets, show them speeding automobiles, show them a rocket taking off, show them how electricity works, etc. In effect, you would be showing those folks 'visions of the future' on your television! Scarey, isn't it? Before you just dismiss this as more wild speculation on my part, consider one of Jesus' most mysterious pronouncements which I have yet to understand:

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?" (John 10:34)

Jesus was probably referring back to one of the following verses:

"I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High." (Psalms 82:6)

"Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together." (Isaiah 41:23)

As I said, this is a very dark and sinister possibility, but

it does make sense that if the Antichrist could somehow manipulate time by the power of Satan, or through secret modern technology, and go back in time to prove that he was either Jesus Christ or the Hebrew God of the Old Testament, or one of His angelic messengers, wouldn't some people really begin to doubt their faith, particularly those who are not really knowledgeable of the Bible, who don't know that these things were predicted to happen in our Last Days? Wouldn't some then be willing to accept him as God today, or even say that there is no God, but that we are all gods? Of course, I don't really believe that any of this is true. I believe the Bible for exactly what it says. But people who don't know what the Bible says, who don't have strong faith, just might be fooled by such things. All I do know is what that verse in 2 Thessalonians says:

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."
(2 Thessalonians 2:4)

Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 24:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."
(Matthew 24:24)

Clearly, the Antichrist is going to have to come up with something extremely powerful to deceive so many people, and I just think that it might have something to possibly do with witchcraft and the manipulation of time as per the verses I shared above. What would it take for YOU to believe in him? Really think about it. What would it take to shake YOUR faith?

Regardless of what he does, we know from the Bible that his time is short. Hopefully, we will witness the return of Christ in our lifetimes, at which time the Antichrist will be destroyed by the brightness of His Coming, and the Beast and the False Prophet will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. Satan will be bound in the Bottomless Pit while the Lord, with His resurrected and glorified saints, will reign on the current Earth for 1,000 years, what is commonly referred to as the Millenium. At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be loosed from the Bottomless Pit to deceive the nations one more time, before he is finally cast into the Lake of Fire as well. After that, the Lord will create a New Heaven and a New Earth, and then the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, shall descend from God out of Heaven, and God and Jesus Christ and all of their holy angels and resurrected saints will rule and reign forever upon the New Earth. We are told that the saved nations of the Earth will flow into that wonderful City. It's going to be a great time, folks! We will have shifted over to the spiritual realm of the Eternal Now. Time will be no more. In closing, here are a few verses which I hope will inspire your hearts:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:13)

I hope that this article has been instructive and a blessing to many.

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