"FOR MAN IS OMNIPOTENT"

When I was a premedical student at the University of Michigan in 1940 I chances to read an article which for some reason recently came back into my thoughts. The article appeared in The Atlantic Monthly and was written by a man in England whose life and profession had been suddenly interrupted and vastly changed due to the advent of the war with Germany. I recall that the article was entitled "I'll Go To Bed At Noon" - and its author Stephen Haggard. What I remember best was its conclusion which stated something to the effect "For Man Is Omnipotent. There is nothing that he can devise which he cannot carry out. All things are possible to him no matter what the circumstances of life." For years I carried Stephen Haggard's thoughts with me. As a poor student, working my way through the University my mind on success I resolved that I would succeed. If I could picture the path of advancement, "I could achieve my goal." Nothing could deter me. Plunging onward and upward I would be able to conquer and succeed.

As a Christian there was in my self emphasis (my humanism) a major flaw. Believing so much in self and in personal omnipotence I had left God in the background and rarely considered Jesus Christ--and His Word. In looking back I have tried to recall when I got out of my humanistic orientation and back into God's Kingdom. Jesus stayed with me all those years of study and accomplishment--never left me, never forsook me. He was there all the time. When did I realize this wonderful truth? It could have been when a young sailor died in a fall into a hold on our ship (The U.S.S. Seminole--AKA104). I could do nothing to help him. He died in my arms. It could have been a result of loneliness, separated from my wife and infant son, when in the Navy aboard ship, or was it when a young patient at "New Grace" in Detroit, Wendell Phillips, was dying of leukemia--when I first prayed directly with a patient--first witnessed my belief in a healing Savior? Whenever it was, I am most thankful that the day came when I passed from a belief in personal human omnipotence to the knowledge of "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil 4:13.

It is doubtless true that one finds himself spontaneously involved in humanism both in and outside of the Christian belief. Humanism is the mental frame of Adamic, soulish, mental and physical life, emphasizing man. Strangely enough one does not cease being humanistic through becoming a Christian. Many Christians are humanist and are soulish Adamic men to the core of their being. Even those who profess to be born again often are humanistic and soulish. This is due to the fact that the church has often confused conception with birth. In many churches those who have conceived of Christ are considered to be born of Christ. Since the seed has never come into differentiation and birth through growth and labor, the spiritual seed becomes atrophic and ineffective, allowing the person to be controlled by the psyche rather than the logos. Perhaps the greatest problem in the world today is the Psychosomatic (Humanistic) Christian who has failed to be born of water and of the spirit. That natural man (the natural Christian) cannot understand the things of God. In fact, he grows to hate spirituality.

For a check list to determine whether one is PS (humanist) or LPS (born again-spirit filled) turn to 2 Peter 1:4-7. Am I diligent, faithful, virtuous, possessive of spiritual knowledge, temperate, patient, Godly and full of agape love and kindness? These qualities of the spiritual life are present in the spiritual man but absent or distorted in the natural Christian.

Spiritual diligence has as its objective--the energetic search for godliness through study of the Bible and through working to become approved in the Beloved. It is not a diligence of self betterment or self achievement. It is also not attempting to use God for self betterment. This is the error of those who proclaim prosperity through various Pseudo-spiritual methods. One must be willing to be as Job, "Tho He slay me yet will I trust in Him."
In one instance the person has his vision filled with God and His Word, in the other, the sights are set upon material prosperity with distortion of the gospel message warping it into a humanist direction. Jesus proclaimed blessedness for those who were reviled and persecuted because they were followers of Him. He did not promise worldly success but cautioned that the danger exists in losing ones heavenly life because of love of the world and seeking the lower life (humanist, soulish, natural man, psychosomatic life).

One does not find St. Paul or any of the leaders of the early church prospering in a worldly sense. At the time of Constantine and with one acceptance of the Roman church by the leaders of the Roman Empire the church did begin to prosper. However the doctrine of Christ did not prevail in the palaces of the Vatican or Constantinople but was perpetuated in the monasteries of Mt. Athos and similar places where men and women lived in holy poverty that they might follow Jesus and Him alone. Moses chose to take his stand with the people of God (the children of Israel) rather than to live in the palaces of Egypt. Riches (even Christian riches) can become a snare of the enemy leading to undreamed of problems. There is a great deal of difference between "little is much when God is in it" and "give your seed faith money and receive multiplied financial rewards." Proverbs 30:8,9 "give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with the food that is needful for me. Lest I be full and deny you and say, Who is the Lord?"

If my omnipotence is based upon self (whether or not it includes God or Jesus) it is a humanist or a soulish quality no matter how much material good is accomplished through it. If my power is based upon The Holy Spirit, and God's Word is the basis of my ability to accomplish all things I am on safe ground. What a subtle difference there is between soul and spirit! And yet how very important it is to see this most important differentiation! When my faith or my church take on the attributes of the world and I begin to accent and to love the world as a result, I must see that my life does become oriented to that which Jesus died to save me from. The God of this world (11 Cor. 4:4, Luke 4:6) is Satan. Even when I use Christian principles to gain worldly power and prosperity I must realize that I have entered into the domain of the world's god. The Christian must resolve to follow Jesus no matter what and to desire only Him. One must realize that following Jesus may result in great material blessings and it may not. In the history of the church the greatest Christians have not been men and women of wealth and position but those who were lowly and poor in a materialistic sense. Many of St. Paul's letters were written in prison. "Paradise Lost" was written by John Milton in prison. In our era many of Solzhenitsyn's writings were also written in prison. By contrast the great universities of the present era have produced little but confusion, as man today tends more and more to place rationalism in the place of spirituality.

Stephen Haggard decided in the midst of the destruction of his way of life to rely upon self. Solzhenitsyn under even worse conditions of human and social catabolism, made his decision to rely on God. Watchman Nee similarly spent his years in communist prisons, not in self reliance, but Christ reliance. This is a reliance upon Jesus totally and unreservedly. Such reliance and diligent searching for spiritual life produces faith. Not faith in what I can do but in what Christ can do. As faith grows and matures spiritual strength develops. Such strength is seen in the lives of the old saints-few of whom are in evidence today. They are the ones whose humble churches were stoned and their tents destroyed as they proclaimed the power of God's spirit to an unreceptive legalistic dispensationalist people. John Wesley was of this group—a man whose message was one of truth—but who was scorned and excluded by his church and his universities. His message would not be received today by the majority of those who call themselves Methodist.

Spiritual strength brings about a deep knowledge of God and His workings with man. This is not a knowledge derived from intellect and thought but from the spiritually anointed intellect open to the receiving of the wisdom of God. The church has been infested by rationalism increasingly since the times when man began to place science and reason (self-achievement) above trust in God. The recent debate among the Baptists as to whether they should relegate the first three chapters of Genesis to the category of fiction is an example of this. This is not a new controversy: Lenormant (Les Origines de l'histoire d'apres la Bible et les traditions des peuples orient-Paris 1880-) preface, page VI denies that any of the historic parts of the Bible are inspired, and believes that Genesis is largely made up of myths, quoted from Breen "Introduction To Holy Scripture." Human knowledge is often at a variance with Godly knowledge and as science replaces theology in the (continued on back page.)
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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

OCTOBER 1982

EVERY TUESDAY--10 AM, Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. (PLEASE BRING A SANDWICH IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH. Only beverages will be served). Kay speaks at 10:30 AM. Dr. Reed at 1 PM, healing service at 2 PM.

The DAYTONA STATION MEETING is cancelled for the month of October and November.

Oct. 6-10--CMF Tenth Annual Conference on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine, Airport Host Hotel, Tampa, Florida.

Oct. 22-24--Dr. Reed & Kay, 1982 Kentucky Faith At Work Conference. Contact Logan Gragg, 7 Tanglewood, Lexington KY, 40505, 606/299-4875

NOVEMBER 1982

EVERY TUESDAY--Same as above.

Nov. 7--Dr. Reed, The Order of St. Luke Chapter Meeting.
Contact Charles Harnish, 147 Bluff View Drive, Apt. 309 Belleair Bluffs, FL 33740 7:15 PM

Nov. 10--Kay, The Women's Aglow Fellowship of Brandon.
Contact Claudia Schwab, 503 Robin Hill Circle, Brandon FL 33511 11:00 AM

Nov. 20--Kay, The Women's Aglow Fellowship of Lakeland
Contact Lou McCrane, 3105 Brook Drive, Lakeland, FL 33803 813/644-3496, 9:30 AM.

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"Patient Care and Spiritual Values," -- October 28 Philadelphia, PA. For information or to register contact: Mrs. Aubrey Beauchamp, Box 4004, San Clemente, Calif. 92672

NOTICE: ALL PHYSICIANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

The Tenth International Conference on Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine will be held October 6-10, 1982

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

HE FAILETH NOT

Each happy morn when I awake,
This promise for the day I take,
"I'll never leave thee, nor forsake,"
HE FAILETH NOT.

Along Life's road I'll feel no ill,
For Christ my Lord is with me still:
He never failed! He never will!
HE FAILETH NOT.

He has not failed me in the past;
He will not fail while life shall last;
For whereso'er my lot be cast
HE FAILETH NOT.

-- E. Luff
GOD CHOOSES LEADERS--Moses dies. Who is now to carry on? Do the people get together and choose a committee to guide them into the Promised Land? By no means. God sends them another leader. Joshua is anointed for the task (Numbers 27:15-23.) Later they get into difficulty. What now do they do? Form a committee? Not at all. They cry to God for a deliverer. They know God's plan. They must have a leader, one man to whom they can look, God answers and Samson is sent. And through all the dark period God's plan operates. Judge after judge is sent, until at last Samuel, the greatest of them all, becomes their leader. The years go by. Another shepherd is needed. God tells Samuel to anoint David. Samuel dies; dies and leaves, not a committee, but a shepherd boy. Thus David, God's anointed, becomes the Shepherd of Israel. And years later when the nation was backslidden, Elijah appears and other prophets, kings and reformers, who turn the people back to God. In the New Testament era it is the same. First, John the Baptist, then Jesus, God's only begotten Son. Now comes the launching of the Church. How is it to be done? By a board? No. By men filled with the Holy Ghost. Peter goes to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles. And so the task is accomplished.--Dr. Oswald J. Smith

RECOMMENDED READING-BREAKTHROUGH and CHASING RAINBOWS by Sara Trollinger. Published by Revell. JOSEPH by Joyce Landorph--Revell. THE SONG OF DEBORAH by Betty M. Ross--Revell. REALITIES by M. Basilea Schlink--Published by Zondervan. MOTHER'S SONG by John Sherrill--Chosen Books

PSALM 23
Transcribed from the Japanese by Teri Migashina
The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet interludes
He provokes me with images of stillness. Which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hour.
For I shall walk in the peace of the Lord
And dwell in His house forever.

CASSETTE TAPE AVAILABLE - "Gospel of Hope" by Dr. William Standish Reed, this message was given at Houston, Texas at a Camp Fartherest Out Retreat some time ago. If you would like a copy of this cassette please order #11-28-80 WSR and send a check for $3.50 plus $1.00 for postage and handling.
"FOR MAN IS OMNIPOTENT", Continued

church, as well as in life, generally God's Word has become increasingly "demythologized." Humanism and rationalism are the creed and method of modern soulish man.

Jung defined Christ as the "psychological symbol of self." This typifies the problem of psyche versus spirit. Jesus can never be a symbol. Neither is He of the psyche. He magnifies the psyche and transforms the psyche from its lethal potential to a beneficial and beautiful part of man. He also causes profound and constructive effects upon the body. These tremendously transforming changes upon the psycho soma occur because of the primacy of the developing Logos (spirit) through the Word becoming made flesh in dying man. Thus God's omnipotence in a sense becomes mine in ways which He allows. Stephen Haggard and the humanists are right to some degree. They have just failed to see that is only through Jesus Christ and His infusion (baptism of the Holy Spirit) that true human potential for greatness can be achieved.

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Post Script--

Last Sunday afternoon at Interlochen with the wind rustling through the trees and a glorious youth orchestra playing Tshaikowski and Beethoven my heart soared to great heights of joy and gratitude. The music was heavenly and the setting idylic. Somehow the setting and the circumstance seemed much like life. The music was harmony and beauty-youthful and full of power and hope. The forest was green and lush and the nearby lake a brilliant blue. The winds and threatening skies were saying "Autumn is coming--and is almost here." Then the leaves will turn from green to a myriad of colors. The winds will increase. The leaves will fall and then will come the cold and snow of winter. We can then remember the music and its wondrous harmony and the beauty of a glorious day. It will make the winter full of happiness even on the coldest, darkest day." Jesus said, "The night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4.) In the day of deep darkness and grief of the soul—the radiance of the light of Jesus in the same way will come shining through!

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EXCERPT FROM A PERSONAL LETTER TO DR. REED--"On Memorial Day weekend, we took some friends to the Lutheran Conference, one of which has been in deep depression for nine years. Dr. Reed consulted and prayed for her and she was healed. Also both received the Spirit of Baptism during the Conference. Praise God! We saw them last night and they are both walking on cloud 9."

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