THE DUST SYSTEM AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CHRIST:

1 Corinthians 14:4 says, "He who speaks in the spiritual language edifies himself..."
1 Corinthians 15:47, 48, 49 says, "The first man was out of earth, made of dust (earthly minded); the second Man (is) the Lord from out of heaven.

Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly minded); and as is (the Man) from heaven, so also (are those) who are of heaven (heavenly minded). And just as we have borne the image (of the man) of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven."

In the consideration of man and his multiple problems following 2008 election and the continuing concerns of war and disunity in America, it becomes more and more apparent that we face the potential of being natural or spiritual in our lives. The natural man scripturally is also called the carnal man in contrast to the spiritual man. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 2 teaches us that the natural man cannot understand or know the things of God since God is spiritually discerned; one cannot become spiritual in order to know Him.

In thinking of these most interesting statements, it occurred to me that one of the problems of modern man is that he is rarely edified. In medical terms, one might say that modern man lives in a state of catabolism simply because of the way that we have to live these days. There is so much rushing about, so much hectic furor on the roads, and so many pressures in business and life in general, that man rarely today has an opportunity to sit back and be quiet even taking time to reflect or to meditate upon life, home, and happiness. It used to be that when man walked behind two horses with his hands grasping on the handles of a plow, he had in the midst of that physical activity time to think and to reflect upon life and man's reason for living. Many a man was called into God's service with hands upon a plow, but how many hear the call of God while behind the wheel of his car in the midst of a traffic jam?

How can the patient who is waiting in the hall to go into radiation therapy or waiting to have surgery or chemotherapy in the midst of busyness and franticness of the average hospital, have any possibility of edification and inner tranquility? One thinks of President Clinton falling to his knees and suffering quadriiceps muscle injury to his knee at one o’clock in the morning, then having to fly to Finland to meet with NATO diplomats and Boris Yeltsin while still in a situation of convalescence. How can he have time for inner reflection and necessary anabolism for his healing?

Sometime ago friends of mine in Utah decided to leave their landscaping business and head to the wilderness north of St. Johns, British Columbia. There they built their own log cabin and homesteaded a large area where they could live and raise their family in the midst of God's provision and His wonderful tranquility. Granted they did not have initially all of the comforts that we are accustomed to here in the United States or in Canada in general, but they had peace of mind and an ability to live a life which is edifying worship in itself.

Coppi and I are going to be going to Winter Park, Florida for a healing meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church January 16th and 17th, 2009. All Saints is a Healing Church and a place of God's miracles and Jesus Christ's and The Holy Spirit's glorious power in wonderful evidence as a result of intercession and amazing expectancy. A member of All Saints has been healed of Lou Gehrig disease. Please come and expect God's healing miracle in your life!
Why don’t you come and join us at one our meetings, go to this Order of Saint Luke’s meeting, take a few days off, just get quiet somewhere where you can read God’s Word, love your family and perhaps even write a poem, an essay, or maybe even compose a little song? The old Pennsylvania Dutch statement was, “We get too soon old and too late smart.” This is indeed a transitory life. Take some time off from the hubbub and furor and let Jesus edify your total being anabolically.

Try it – you’ll like it.”

The image shows a photograph of Dr. Bill praying for the sick at Shores David Synagogue, Tampa, FL.

Coppi and I wish you a very, very Blessed New Year.

Coppi’s Corner

Ps. 139:14...for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are thy works......

I love to write about what I observe in our Lord’s wonderful creation - I call my observations “Encounter God”. Following is one of those times:

“Encounter God

I did while looking out the window early one morning when a family of cardinals arrived. A male adorned with red-orange colored feathers and a mask like the lone ranger wore and a female with putty colored feathers with flickers of orange throughout her wings. She too adorned a lone ranger mask. And then this tiny colorless gray-feathered baby cardinal appeared on the scene. What a contrast!

I watched in wonder how mamma and daddy doted on their new born baby who shook relentlessly when they fed him. How they hovered around him watching his every move. They were so proud - he was theirs - he was COLORLESS. God is Love.”

‘God’s wondrous marvelous love - it’s unconditional.”

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