NORTHERN LIGHTS-KINGDOM NOTES

CHRIST’S CHURCH MILITANT

Until recent times the Book of Common Prayer in the Anglican Communion has talked about praying for the whole state of Christ’s Church militant sometimes using the phrase “in the world.” It would seem that until recently the Church was seen to be that Body of Christ-filled saints who were in the process of being at war with the forces of darkness and evil in the world. As a Layman in the Anglican Church, it seems rather significant that the word militant has been deleted from the Prayer Book. Concurrent with this there has been a tendency for the Church to be in various stances of compromise with the world system. In the Epistle of I John 2:15, we are told “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” We are also told that the God of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) blinds unbelievers minds so that they cannot see the Gospel of Christ. This means that the world and the world system (cosmos) is something which is not of the kingdom of God but of the kingdom of the forces that are opposed to God and to Christ and the Holy Spirit. I do not object to praying for the whole state of Christ’s Church militant in the world but object to praying for Christ’s Church and the world. I pray that my loved ones and that all men may see that we need to escape from the world and enter into the kingdom of God seeking His kingdom and His righteousness as the first priority of life.

In Canada with the great Light of Christ shining down in the Aurora Borealis periodically, we do have a sense of the Light of Christ coming down and bathing the Dominion of Canada and the United States in a spectacular phenomenon which only God could produce. I like to think of the Light of Christ coming down and causing the whole world system of darkness and hatred with its emulation and strife being put to flight as the Light of Jesus bathes our nations.

It would seem that the systems of men and the ideas of men, as well as the mental powers of man in general, are producing nothing but confusion upon multiplied confusion in our era. To the born again Christian there would seem to be no hope in the ideas and constructs of man in general. Our hope is based “on nothing less than Jesus’ Blood and Righteousness,” an old hymn of the Church says. In I John 4:17 we read, “Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.” The agape love system of Christ is the system which defeats the world and gives the believer absolute love and peace and great boldness and courage knowing that as Jesus is in the world so are we. We are in the world but not of it. We are like heavenly astronauts with our invisible space suits on which allow us to walk in the world but not be contaminated by it. Just as the American astronauts carry the atmosphere of earth in their spacesuits, we carry the atmosphere of heaven in ours. There are buttons in this wonderful suit which we can press which give us joy and peace, power and healing, blessing, and all the gifts and endowments, as well as the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We also are involved in this magnificent enterprise in bringing as many people out of the world system as we can prior to the Lord returning for His time of hope and blessing to be instituted on this earth. There is great sorrow in the heart of the believer as he sees so many people, young and old, compromising and opening up to the satanic world system. Even more acutely painful is the fact that it would seem that the Church and the controlling forces in the Church are opening up the whole of Christendom to the satanic influences of the world. This fact led Malcolm Muggeridge to write his book, “The End Of Christendom.” I would recommend that all Christians read this book because it does indicate that the Church system is perhaps sick unto death but the body of Christ and eventually the Bride of Christ will grow from strength to strength and power to power in the days to come. May Canada and its wonderful gift of Light pour out across the Dominion and across the United States, the great hope of Jesus’ Light and love.