

Moving from the Shadow into Reality

Introduction

I really wanted the title to be, “Moving Away from being in the Shadow of Religious Belief Systems into the Light of being I AM,” but it wouldn’t fit properly (to my eye) on the title page.

Most people have either heard or remember reading about the burning bush incident during which Moses was instructed to tell the people of Israel (the descendants of which today are referred to as Jews), that the God of their forefathers was to be referred to as “I AM.” Hundreds or perhaps thousands of years later a man known to be a Jew by virtue of the fact that he was born to a Jewish mother said, “Before Abraham came into existence, I AM.” This Jewish man who made such an outlandish claim was none other than the one the English speaking world refers to as Jesus Christ or Jesus the Christ.

Based on many other things Jesus is recorded as having said, the religious belief system called Christianity is just one of many shadows of reality – but not reality. Jesus actually said he hated the very practices which are a center piece of organized Christianity. Go figure!

Before we go on to expose Jesus’ exact statement of what he hates about Christianity let’s underscore the essence of my preferred title, that is, *being* I AM and avoiding rituals of tradition that seem to men as honoring I AM – and *being* Jesus Christ rather than talking *about* him.

Many shrink from the foregoing thought as being blasphemous at worst or at the very least sacrilegious. Is it either? The answer to that question depends upon your perspective. Am I writing a message given, as I happen to believe, by I AM, or am I deluded by Satan himself?

Let me throw out a word of caution. If this message is inspired by the Spirit of I AM (hereafter “SPIRIT”), be careful about how you judge this message. In fact I urge you to walk away from it now with this bit of understanding: Jesus clearly said that the only sin that would never be for-given is calling that which emanates from SPIRIT as being inspired by an evil spirit; probably something best not to play around with.

We’re going to explore first what Jesus said about what any individual will be and do if he or she believes enough. Then we’ll go on to explore what he said about how to get to the point of believing enough.

...and away we go.

Chapter One

If we revisit the underlining in the last paragraph of the introduction we see something key. Who is any individual and what do we mean by believe enough? Any individual includes you and me and the qualifier is whether we believe sufficiently to do the same things Jesus did and more.

In the original language that is exactly what Jesus said, “Any individual that believes enough will perform the same miracles you have seen me do and even greater miracles.” Before we can even begin to approach the question of how to get to the point of doing the same things Jesus did and more – we have to understand that Jesus didn’t perform any miracles! Jesus said that he didn’t perform them, rather that his Dad *in him* did the “works.”

The reason I can write this message with such confidence is that “I” am not writing it, I AM-in-me is delivering the message. The reason I can do the things Jesus did and more is because I AM-in-me does the “works.” The same I AM that is in you. I know I AM is in you because otherwise you wouldn’t have read this far. Now then, how do we break through into believing enough? The answer is simply by wanting to, that is, having a deep desire to do the will of our Dad and for myriad reasons that may not be so simple or easy. More about this later.

Doing the will of our Dad, for you, may have nothing to do with so-called “miracles.” You may have been chosen by SPIRIT to excel at some-thing else. We needn’t argue about what that may be, each of us needs to go to SPIRIT and ask the question: What am I supposed to be doing with this life I have been given? We need to approach SPIRIT with single mindedness that we are willing and wanting the answer and continue approaching until we have the unique answer that fits each one of us as individuals, and until we know that we can proceed (or continue) in the presence and power of SPIRIT to apply the answer. In a later chapter we will look at several things Jesus outlined as to how to most effectively approach our one and only perfect Dad in order to live and operate in SPIRIT’s presence and power, which is to believe enough.

A young man called me yesterday to express his enthusiasm for an earlier book I had written, “Unlocking the Treasure Chest of God’s Gifts.”

“I am really impressed, he said, “but one thing bothers me about the book.” When I asked him what, he told me that he would have preferred to look up the references to “stuff from the Bible” so that he could see for himself what they say. I told him that was a common complaint and said no more. The reason I usually do not clutter up pages with chapter and verse numbers is based upon something else Jesus said:

“You pore over the Scriptures because you think that it is they that provide the way to Eternal Life when all the time they point to me, but you refuse to come to me and receive that LIFE.”

Jesus said that he would send SPIRIT to lead us into all truth, not the Bible. We can go directly to the Source, the Author, SPIRIT, to get all our answers to life’s situations today. Many people are locked into believing that a compilation of sixty-six separate books transcribed by perhaps fifty different human authors, more or less, albeit “under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit” addressed to many different audiences in order to deal with specific situations, somewhere between nineteen hundred and maybe as long as five thousand years ago, is the only way to get answers for today. Why go to such a book written to and for somebody else two thousand years or more ago when the author is alive now and wants to provide each of us with our own answers for today’s challenges?

This isn’t about whether the Bible is inspired; this is about having the privilege of going directly to the Author. This isn’t about whether the Bible is a valuable tool historically and spiritually, which I happen to believe it can be – and *highly* valuable. It can also lead astray if read with the wrong motives. Jesus was arguing with a certain party of Jews which were steeped in the Scriptures – he told them they were missing him and therefore missing life. We risk the same thing. A reminder of this is the woman in Houston who read the Bible several hours each day and not too long ago murdered all five of her children in gruesome fashion chasing them around and drowning them “to keep them from going to hell” she said.

In a later chapter we will discuss several other seemingly spiritual activities that have the same dampening and deadening effect that going to the Bible has instead of acknowledging and engaging SPIRIT for today’s answers.

Chapter two

How much attention should we pay to what Jesus the Christ had to say? One of my favorite authorities on the importance of paying close attention to what Jesus said is a quite unlikely source... a Hindu by the name of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

Gandhi turned the world of his day upside down via his method of non-violent civil disobedience. We could call it “peaceful rebellion” except for the fact that it caused others, including governments, to use extreme violence in order to attempt to stamp out the movement that Gandhi had fathered. Gandhi claimed that the inspiration for his movement was none other than the teachings of Jesus. My favorite quotes about Gandhi are from two highly notable men:

“Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this (Gandhi) ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth.” - Albert Einstein

“Gandhi was inevitable. If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony. We may ignore Gandhi at our own risk.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is noteworthy that neither King nor Einstein, while extolling the virtues of Gandhi, made mention of the thing that Gandhi said formed the basis of his philosophy and actions, *i.e.*, the teachings of Jesus.

In order to answer the question, “How much attention should we pay to what Jesus the Christ had to say,” appropriately, we need to ask who Jesus was before he became a man, where Jesus was before he became a man and where is Jesus now?

The writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews makes this claim, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)

When we consider what two other writers of “Holy writ” said about Jesus – this passage in Hebrews will begin to boggle our minds.

The self-proclaimed “Apostle,” Paul, and the self-proclaimed “most beloved disciple of Jesus,” John, both claimed that the creative-Spirit-part of the plural Hebrew, “Family of God,” Elohiym, who set in motion this ongoing, ever-expanding universe became the man Jesus Christ to live in and among us and to be an example of what we can be.

If we can be freed from our religious traditions *about* Jesus and begin to listen carefully to what he said and do what he said we can and will do, if we believe enough, we will begin the process which will lead us to spiritual breakthrough into living in and knowing the presence and power of I AM. Here is some of the religious drivel we need to reconsider and the reason we need to reconsider it. When I first had the revelation it was while speaking in a church in southeastern Tennessee...

Chapter three

It was on the last night of a week of meetings during which many dramatic healings and other manifestations of SPIRIT's presence and power had occurred.

The pastor of that church had suggested, the night before to the people that had been attending all week, that this night would be a night of testimonies and that they should invite pastors and other people from their churches so that they could share in what God had been doing.

This same pastor of whose church had hosted the week of meetings facilitated the time of testimonies and it was an exciting time to listen to the various people that had been healed and otherwise spiritually touched, and to listen to the comments of the others in attendance who had known them for years and were astonished at what SPIRIT had done in them. This pastor had asked me to speak for just a few minutes after the time of testimonies.

The few remarks I had planned did not seem appropriate, so I asked SPIRIT what I should do. I “heard” very clearly, in fact, so loudly and clearly that I thought everyone else in the building must have heard it as well.

“Ask them who I am.”

Let’s repeat the question now, many years later, because I believe it is just as important now as it was then as the stepping stone to accessing for this very moment the one who is the same yesterday, today and forever, that is, Jesus the Christ.

“Who is Jesus the Christ?” Let’s add a dimension to the question. Who is Jesus Christ and at what phase of his existence? You see, both John and Paul made it very clear in their writings that Jesus Christ as a man be-came fully a man. Calling him “God” is understandable and sounds good, but it gets us off the track of knowing what our own destinies as individuals are. Jesus, the man, made the supreme sacrifice and died for us and rose again so that we might live in SPIRIT’s presence and power as over-comers of the scourges of this planet. When we relate to Jesus Christ as “God” (or the third part “Son of God” in the triangularly expressed “triune God”) dying for us – that presentation leaves us in a fog of misunderstanding to sit powerlessly on pews listening to or participating in religious drivel.

Here’s the answer and it will open the door of understanding to many things that seem inexplicable until we are able to fully and tightly grasp onto the truth. The Creator of the universe became a man. The Creator of the universe is SPIRIT living today, but for a brief time became fully the “bread of life” man Jesus Christ to be our example of how each of us can live and operate in the presence and power of I AM and do the very same things he did and more in the very same way. It isn’t “us” doing the “works” it is Jesus-in-us. Can we now begin to understand

Paul's, "It is no longer 'I' but Christ" (?), and "'I' no longer live, but Christ lives in me to do his will and pleasure."

Paul also wrote that "the secret of the ages is Christ in YOU!"

"We" are dead to our earthly identities if we have been overtaken by SPIRIT. Our new identity is *being* Jesus Christ.

[The following is excerpted and (edited slightly to make better sense out of that context) from the book *Super Computer* (available to you free for the asking) exposing some mistranslation [that has fostered false religious doc-trines about Jesus and our relationship to him]:

It is helpful to understand that religion has made Jesus into an object of worship. Jesus said we would be who he was as a man and do what he did as a man. Religion says he was unique. Jesus said the only requirement to be what he was and do what he did requires believing sufficiently. Here comes the promised mind-boggling. Are we ready?

Let's step back for just a brief moment. If we have a picture of Jesus whispering and lisping through life, about a foot off the ground, like some fairy with transparent wings beating, mouthing sweet and polite platitudes, we will miss our role model entirely.

Jesus cussed out the religious of his day, calling them all kinds of vile names. He drank alcohol (oh, gasp!) with the boys at the local taverns. He spent time with the disreputable, including known whores. Don't forget, the religious of his day grumbled about all these things, calling him a "drunk-ard and a glutton" and saying that he healed by the power of the prince of devils!

In other words, don't look to the religious and expect to get an accurate picture of the Jesus we're supposed to be. Now that we have a better understanding of what the real Jesus is, let's see just how effortless it is (some of us already have many of the traits the religious find so undesir-able) to be not like him, but to actually be him. Now we come to the mistranslation (of Acts 1:8).

"But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

That's how it reads in most "modern" English versions of the Bible which comes a step closer than does the King James Version (KJV), but why not all the way? Why did the KJV translators mistranslate this and other passages? One scholar told me that the KJV translators were literally in fear of having their heads ordered cut off by the good King James if their translating differed from his doctrinal positions. Imagine a translation authorized by a King of England who had some rather questionable and peculiar needs that differed from the Roman

Church “authorizing Holy writ!” This same scholar pointed out that the English language has evolved in major ways over the three hundred and fifty plus years since the 1600s when the KJV or “authorized” translation was first published. He also told me that I was making a “mountain out of a molehill.” I pressed and asked him if the following translation was accurate – he finally admitted that it was.

Translated accurately from the original language, the passage reads, “When Spirit is fully upon you, you will be able to perform miracles and you will have an entirely new identity. Others will no longer see ‘you,’ for I will be in you and usher in the end of the age.”

That’s exactly what the original language reveals that Jesus said.

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The resurrected Jesus Christ living in each one of us!

Chapter four

We begin to understand that nothing *is* really impossible to any individual that believes enough – Jesus said that and I’m merely repeating it – and he not only said it, but provided the instructions about how to breakthrough into *living* it. Living and operating in the presence and power of SPIRIT, co-creating His prosperity and health in this ever expanding universe in myriad ways. Once the dawn breaks upon us that YOU are any individual and I am any individual then we are ready to begin following Jesus’ instructions that bring us to the point of having the same conscious-ness that he had with which to do the same things he did and more – MUCH, MUCH MORE. Again, Jesus said that, not I.

Perhaps the best way to open our eyes as to what Jesus' instructions are for acquiring his same "I AM consciousness" is to first look at some of his instructions about what **not** to do.

You may remember the following little blurb in the introduction:

"Based on many other things Jesus is recorded as having said, the religious belief system called Christianity is just one of many shadows of reality – but not reality. Jesus actually said he hated the very practices which are a center piece of organized Christianity. Go figure!"

The Gospel of Matthew records Jesus as saying:

"Don't allow anyone to refer to you by any title that that implies spiritual authority or superiority. No! You are all to minister to one another in the same equality as brothers and sisters are equal. Don't you refer to anyone else by any such title either; you have one spiritual Teacher and Leader, the Christ and only one Father."

Then John in his "Revelation of Jesus Christ" quotes Jesus as saying that "he hates the sins of the Nicolaitans." This was given to John somewhere around 90 A.D. apparently as a corrective to some practices that had crept into the "early church." Nicolaitans were those that espoused a separation between a spiritual leadership hierarchy and the common people or "laity." The word Nicolaitan is actually a compound word – *nico* meaning control over and *laitan* is the word from which we get layman and laity and we have the makings of organized Christianity; a professional clergy with control over the rest of us; exactly what Jesus not only said not to do, but said he hated.

A woman asked me in the middle of one of our recent seminars, "Without leaders, especially pastors, wouldn't we have chaos in the church?"

"Absolutely," I responded and just let the word hang there for a moment.

She waited for me to continue, then the light dawned on her – "Oh my, I see what you are saying."

"Maybe, the communists weren't so far off base after all," I finally continued, "when they said that religion was the opiate of the people. Their solution just wasn't the solution that Jesus provided." Jesus clearly and emphatically said that true believers in him would operate in power. Organized Christianity has us sitting powerlessly in pews being spectators to powerless nonsense delivered by men (and increasingly women) whom have not a clue.

Public prayer and emphasis on Bible study are both things that are also cornerstone practices of organized Christianity and yet Jesus demeaned both and emphatically so.

“Pray in your own closet in secret so that your Father will reward you openly” was his “don’t do it” summation of a long dissertation he gave about public prayer. His statement to a group of religionists who emphasized the study of the Scriptures, “You pore over them because you think that it is in them where you find eternal life when all the time they point to me, but you refuse to come to me so that you can have that life.”

We don’t have a handle at all on the meaning of “The Spirit gives life, but the letter kills.” Does this mean that we cannot get spiritual stimulation from reading the Bible? Of course not, but as we pointed out earlier, Jesus said that he was going to send SPIRIT and HE would lead us into all truth. Organized Christianity has been the primary medium for the distortion that the Bible will lead us into all truth.

The “Word of God” tradition perpetuated as referring to the Bible by Christianity is openly blasphemous and easily proven so. How? By the Bible and we will come back to this in a later chapter with the proof. Jesus says, “Come to me,” and our response is, “Sorry, Lord, not now, this is the hour I’ve set aside to read several chapters in the Bible.”

Let’s begin to move out of the shadow and into reality by shaking off the shackles of words that simply and clearly do not mean the same thing as the connotation that religious tradition has perpetuated...

Chapter five

The word in the original language that the KJV translators rendered as “eternity” and “eternal” literally means “no beginning or ending.” The words translated as “eternal life” literally mean that unseen life which has no beginning and no ending and exists NOW in the unseen or spiritual realm, just on the other side of our cognitive reasoning about the physical AND WE DON’T HAVE TO DIE TO EXPERIENCE IT!

Deeply imbedded in our minds, as a result of the traditions birthed in the KJV and continuing in so-called modern translations, is the concept that “eternal life” begins when these physical containers we occupy no longer exist due to what we commonly refer to as death. Two great (at least in my mind) Christian scholars and theologians, C.S. Lewis and J.B. Phillips have both written extensively about the fact that Jesus said death was abolished. Poof, gone, eradicated. The watered down translation into English of one of the things Jesus said is, “He that believes in

me shall never die.” Because of our religious conditioning or programming we interpret that to mean “going to heaven after these bodies we occupy die.”

The good news is brought to us by John who wrote, “as many as receive Jesus, to them he gives” [here we go again] ‘eternal life;’ ” meaning that quality of LIFE that not only has no ending, but neither does it have a beginning; it exists in this very moment, now. We don’t get to the “other side” by the body dying, we get there by receiving and living out the truth that the Creator of the universe and everything in it, SPIRIT, “who was with God and in fact was God in the beginning,” became the man we know as Jesus Christ. Life in the Spirit can begin with the simple acknowledgment that Jesus Christ really is the same yesterday, today and forever, and is avail-able NOW. The challenge is for us to get beyond our religious belief systems and say: “Jesus, come into my life NOW. Energize me for your purposes NOW.” The writers of all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) recorded John the Baptist as saying that he baptized with water but that one would come after him, that is, Jesus and that he would baptize in SPIRIT. This is the energizing he does. We needn’t point back to some ritual we underwent in the past; Jesus is saying that spiritual lukewarmness is abhorrent, an anathema; and that he is the only remedy. “I stand at the door; if you will open it I will come in and have an intimate time with you.” Jesus is available to us 24/7 and this is ETERNAL LIFE, NOW.

The reason we have so much confusion about “eternity” has to do with translation. If you will take out whatever your favorite English trans-lation is and read John 1: 1-3 we can clear up something that will help us break the bondage of religious tradition.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him (this “Word”); and apart from Him (this “Word”) nothing came into being that has come into being.”

Try this for a little understanding: The writer, John, the same self-proclaimed favorite disciple of Jesus we referenced earlier, a Jew, is thoroughly steeped in the Hebrew Scriptures. John is making an obviously valiant effort to translate a Hebrew word found in the first book of the Bible (Genesis) into Greek, the language in which he transcribed this Gospel (of John). The difficulty is that this particular Hebrew word (here in English characters), “*Elohiym*, pronounced (more or less) “A” (as in hay) “lo-heem” does not readily translate into Greek, or for that matter English. Why? Because Elohiym is a plural word and Greek and English both do not have the plural equivalent. The closest word in Greek is “Theos” (in English char-acters) and the closest in English is “God” and both

“God” and “Theos” are singular with tons of emotion and tradition tied to each. There is simply no room in the English speaking mind for “Gods” with reference to a singular one-God deity.

Some scholars refer to Elohiym as “the family of God” or the “Godhead” to equate to the many Spirits that are incorporated into Elohiym. John, in the first three verses, is trying to set the stage for an enormous spiritual truth. That is, the Creative Spirit part of Elohiym clearly depicted in the first chapter of Genesis, as SPIRIT that hovered over everything and spoke it into existence. John referred to SPIRIT as the Logos, a Greek word which means the complete expression of, in this case, “Theos.” This “Word” not only created everything, but became the man Jesus Christ... (John 1:14). Along come the KJV translators who render Logos as “The Word” and we have a translation nightmare; particularly so with the evangelical cultural insistence upon referring to the Bible as “God’s Word” or simply “The Word.”

One startling bit of Biblical proof of the blasphemy alluded to earlier comes from Hebrews 4:12, 13.

*“For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from **HIS** sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of **HIM** to whom we are accountable.”*

I have emphasized the His and Him in the foregoing text to underscore the fact that this passage is referring to this same “Word” (Logos) that John used in the first three verses of John chapter one. The “Word” is a person, a HIM, the Creative Spirit part of Elohiym that became, for around thirty-three years, the man Jesus Christ. The Bible is not the two edged sword, the Bible is not living and active; the “Word” *is* alive and is the SPIRIT of creation which became the man Jesus Christ!

Chapter six

Another word brought into our Christian tradition vocabulary by the KJV translators is “saved.” For several years prior to my first inviting Jesus Christ to take over my life, I would spar with Christians who asked me, “Are you saved?” by responding, “Saved from what?” Their answers to me are rendered moot or perhaps better said meaningless, as is the question “are you saved?” when we realize that the words in the original language generally translated in to the English “saved” literally mean completely re-paired, that is, joined together again into the family of God. In other words, restored to our original position; if we dwell on that for a few minutes we begin to see how flawed our belief system really is. We’ve been programmed by religion to think of ourselves as human beings with a spirit. When in reality we are spirits occupying a human body.

I recently saw these words inscribed on the rear deck lid of a car: “Jesus Christ died for our sins.” Okay – and so? Let’s go back to the first chapter of John. “In the beginning was the Word (Logos), who created everything and later became the man, Jesus Christ...” and “As many as receive this truth about this Creative SPIRIT part of Elohiym who became the man Jesus Christ and receive him are given the right and authority to become joint-heirs with him as completed sons, re-paired, joined together again, sons of and with Elohiym...”

Jesus' death is meaningless to our physical existence unless and until we receive *dunamis anastasis* – in English, literally the power of his resur-recttion. Now let's revisit the mistranslation (of Acts 1:8) cited back at the end of Chapter Three. Two words, the first being "power" from the Greek word *dunamis* pronounced (more or less) doo-nah-meese, which literally means "miracle working power." It is the word from which we get "dyna-mite," but *dunamis* is not dynamite. Jesus said, "When you are baptized in SPIRIT you will be overcome with miracle working power" (*dunamis*) then comes the mistranslation: "and you will be witnesses unto me." The second word translated as "witnesses" is *martus* pronounced (more or less) mar-toose and is curiously twisted in the English text. *Martus* is the word from which we get "martyr" which we know means a person who is willing to die for a cause. But *martus* is not martyr. *Martus* literally means a person who has had his or her identity changed because he or she has been overtaken by another power.

"When SPIRIT overtakes you, you will no longer be you, but others will witness Jesus doing his works in and through you." Evangelical Christianity is split up into two factions over this mistranslation both of which are shadows of reality. One group believes that the SPIRIT baptism Jesus talked about in the first chapter of Acts is for the purpose of receiving power for "witnessing" by which they mean to "tell others about Jesus Christ." The other faction believes that this baptism into SPIRIT results in the ability to "speak in tongues," that is, languages not learned by natural means. We could say that it is not one or the other, but rather both. But that would merely be a double portion of the same shadow or better said merely two shadows of reality. The reality of the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" is that we are no longer "us," but are now containers for Jesus Christ and his Dad's miraculous works. In the words of Paul, "It is no longer 'I,' but Christ!"

Jesus said, "Nothing will be impossible to the one who believes enough." Most of us don't even believe in the possibility of doing the seeming impossible and, therefore, can't begin to put his instructions to work in order to get to the point of believing enough. Jesus said that any individual (that's you, that's me) who believes enough will be a human miracle worker just as Jesus was a human miracle worker. That concept gets diluted because we say he was God in the flesh. Here's the truth: Jesus the man was fully human with God in his flesh. Here's the truth: When we are baptized in or overtaken by SPIRIT we too are fully human with God in our flesh.

How do we get to the point of believing enough? By getting our new identity, by being taken over by SPIRIT! How do we get taken over by SPIRIT? The answer is by believing enough through repeatedly following the instructions of Jesus until our minds become open to the truth.

Chapter seven

Simply put, Jesus' instructions are missed for two very important reasons. In Luke's version of what is commonly referred to as the "Lord's Prayer, most people don't fully realize the set up.

"When Jesus was finished praying by himself, one of his disciples asked, 'How come you don't teach us how to pray the way you pray. After all, your cousin John (the Baptist) taught his disciples how he prays.'"

In other words, in the verses that followed, Jesus is sharing with us how *he* prayed. One important aspect of this is that it clearly demonstrates the humanity of Jesus. He literally went through everything we go through, "in spades."

Think about something: He prayed several times a day to his Dad, "Lead me away from all temptation and deliver me from the clutches of the evil one." He continued on sharing how he prayed by using two metaphors, one of which was he likened God to a friend so close that we can approach him even in the middle of the night with a problem and wake up this friend and his entire family by pounding on the his door and Jesus kept (and we are to keep on) pounding and demanding to get the solution continually without stopping UNTIL we get it.

How many times have we heard some religious teacher say that we cannot demand anything from God, yet this is exactly what Jesus not only said to do, but did also. Another word diluted from the original was trans-lated by the KJV as "ask." The word is aiteo, pronounced (more or less) ah-ee-tayo which literally

means to demand it because it is promised and therefore due us. God has already given it we have to continue on demanding UNTIL our mind “gets” it. Someone recently said to me, “The reason we don’t get what we ask for is that we ask for what we already have.” Jesus’ last gasp of breath as he hung there for us, was, “It is finished.” We have perfect health if we but walk in it. We have perfect prosperity if we but walk in it. How do we “walk in it?” EXPECT IT BECAUSE IT IS PROMISED TO US!

The other metaphor Jesus used was that of God being a perfect parent; an over-indulgent, unique, one and only perfect parent. The words in the original language that the KJV translators rendered the opening words of “The Lord’s Prayer” ... “*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...*”

Literally and accurately are, “Our one and only perfect Daddy...” the word in the Aramaic (Jesus’ spoken language, somewhat equivalent to the Yiddish spoken by many Jews in this country which is a colloquial dialect derived from Hebrew) for “Father” is so intimately personal that it can only be fairly translated into Americanized English as Dad, Daddy or Papa or actually even “Mom” or “Mommy” (for the feminist) is also a somewhat correct translation – “somewhat correct” in that Jesus said that God is neither male or female, but SPIRIT.

“In the metaphors Jesus used he was saying to approach our Friend or our Dad with impudence, that is with a complete lack of awe or respect for DAD’s (or MOM’s) position as “God.”

In the Dad/Mom metaphor Jesus is saying that we, as less than perfect parents, wouldn’t give our children a stone or some vile serpent if they were asking for bread and therefore how much more of His/Her SPIRIT would our one and only perfect Parent give to us if we continue to demand to get it.

When I first discovered what Jesus was sharing in the original language I prayed and got the “go ahead” to dismiss the traditional “Lord’s Prayer” foisted upon us by the KJV and adapt my own personal version from the words in the original language and to extrapolate from several other passages particularly from the 11th chapter of Mark that Jesus had to say about “praying,” and also from the 1st chapter of the book, James, that Jesus’ half-brother wrote and other passages to speak in the manner in which Jesus spoke and taught us. “When you pray, “Say...” the word in the original language connotes commanding and demanding just as someone would while stamping a foot or shaking a fist... this is to change our minds, remember, so that we can access the gift that God has already given to us.

Here is my adaptation and I speak it several times a day – it has changed my life. My suggestion is that you talk to SPIRIT who Jesus says will lead you into all truth and get your own version.

“My one and only perfect Dad, who lives in me, YES! Those things which you have already decreed from Your unseen realm in spirit, to be Your will, that is, Your desires and purposes, I speak into existence on the physical plane. Your will be done! Thank You for giving me the authority to demand and command that Your will be done and I thank you that that authority to demand and command extends to binding and loosing. That is, that whatever I bind in the physical is also bound in the spiritual realm and that whatever I loose in the physical is also loosed in the spiritual realm.” [Note: At this point I further personalize it to bind spirits from attacking those who have asked me to pray for them and for situations that directly affect my life and go through a process of “loosing” as well].

“Thank You for Your daily bread, that is, Your own Creative SPIRIT, the perfect food that sustains me in both the physical and spiritual realms; I eat Your Word NOW, Your own Holy Spirit that became the bread of life man Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8). *“Jesus, you are the baptizer in the Spirit, baptize me afresh right now.* [At this point I spend time praising God in the spirit with and without understanding] (I Cor. 14:15).

“I release and send away violently all thoughts and feelings of judgment and criticism I have against anyone whether conscious or unconscious. I lift such thoughts and criticism in the air over my head” [I visualize doing this; Jesus actually said to do this in the original language] *“I forgive every action taken against me by anyone. I hold nothing to their charge! By doing so I can walk in the perfect release and forgiveness that You have already provided, Dad. Thank You! I release and send away all thoughts of anger, bitterness, melancholy and fear and any other thoughts or feelings that cause me to miss You. Dad, lead me away from all temptation and deliver me from the clutches of the evil one. Thank You that this body I occupy is being perfected by the blood of Jesus Christ and that I am in perfect health.”*

“Thank You that I am in and of Your will, Your presence and power are upon me, and I want and have nothing else and no other thought or feeling shall find a permanent place in me. I choose to let Jesus control my tongue and say I AM!”

My challenge to anyone is to print this “prayer” and put copies in several places to read aloud several times a day until your mind is renewed. When someone asks me the perfunctory question, “How are you?” I answer either “perfect” or “I AM.” I feel the need to share how I started doing this. I was in a

grocery store picking up a few items. The cashier greeted me with, “How are you this evening sir?” I responded, “I’m perfect, how are you?”

“Don’t ask,” she replied.

“Oh, why not?”

She squared her shoulders and looked at me intently, “Well, I can tell you one thing, I am certainly not perfect!”

“Who lives in side of you?” I asked.

Her face took on even more of a determined look as she said, “Jesus Christ!”

“Then why don’t you let Jesus do your talking for you.”

She exclaimed, “Oh, *that’s* what you meant. That’s wonderful.”

“Isn’t it strange how we can say that Jesus Christ lives in us and yet with out mouths spew out all the thoughts and words the enemy lays on us?”

She walked out to the parking lot with me and said, “I’ll never forget this.”

“Neither will I,” I responded and I haven’t.

I am always amazed at brothers and sisters who have an intellectual belief system that includes the understanding of what Paul wrote was the “secret of the ages, Christ in you!” Yet our conversations will go like this.

They’ll ask, “How are you?” I respond, “Perfect, how are you?”

“Well, I’m not there yet.”

Start the process of renewing your mind today by letting Jesus do your talking for you. I firmly believe that he acquired his consciousness of God’s presence and power by speaking several times a day his version of the foregoing “prayer.”

I believe I’ve been called, yes chosen to share this with you. I asked SPIRIT the meaning of Jesus’ words, “Many are called, but few are chosen.”

What’s the difference and how can I be one of the chosen few?

The response I received was, “***I choose anyone who wants to be chosen.***”

“Okay,” I said, “I want to be chosen” and I kept saying it over and over until my desire grew to be one of the chosen few and it finally dawned on me that I was! You are one of the chosen as well; speak it over and over again until you realize it. IT IS YOUR DESTINY. Come out of the shadow into the REALITY of being a container for SPIRIT for HIS creativity and healing. It is yours... walk in it.