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WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

The pitcher in baseball enters the mound, considers the batter and what pitch will be used against him to strike him out! Satan sits on the mount, considers the congregation and what "pitch" will be used against them to strike them out stopping the flow of the Spirit. As each child of God is ready to progress the Kingdom in the flow of the Spirit, Satan carefully determines just what to "pitch" his or her heart against that flow.

Isa 14:13-14 *I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

God's Word is full of His promises and in Isa 14:13-14 we see the promises of Satan called an agenda.

Satan's confession of sitting on the "mount of the congregation" refers to gaining control over the assembling of God's children with an agenda. The Holy Spirit is a yielded flow, while Satan rules in the intellect of man through which an agenda is formed.

If you looked up the word **congregation** from the Hebrew in that Scripture it

means, those times of God's children gathering together for a feast, celebration or worship at the synagogue. By Satan sitting upon the mount of the congregation there is an agenda trumping the flow of the Spirit of God. How many churches today fill that bill?

Jesus **prescribed** three Scriptures to the synagogue:

Matt 21:13 *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Mark 11:17 *Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Luke 19:46 *It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

Prayer in the church today is not the steering wheel but the spare tire. Philosophies of how to live have taken precedence. Teaching the Word also takes precedence over the practice of It, which would lead us into flowing in the Spirit. It is like going to work but not really doing the work because the orientation is never ending.

Satan cries batter up, the pitch is considered. What pitch is the enemy using against the pastor? What

weakness will be tapped to prevent this man/woman from the success of reaching the congregation? More times than not, Satan's success is in selling the pastor an "agenda". An agenda is a program, schedule, plan, outline, memo, schema and itinerary. This agenda is predictable and does not make room for the flow of the Spirit since that was not programmed and cannot be scheduled. Many call this scheduling of the service as being in "decency and order". Whose order? Whose program?

Satan's number one fear is in losing control of the agenda and will inflict that same fear into the ministers to prevent losing it. Batter up! "You cannot just have a goose-bump free-for-all in the sanctuary! Why, you will lose control!" There goes the pitch and...strike one! "It's time for the music to stop. They are taking time away from the message." The second pitch is...strike two! "You've lost the congregation. Look at them; they're half asleep!" Here comes the third pitch and...YER OUT! The pastor then puts down his bat and goes to sit in the dugout to think what will work for the next meeting. Maybe he will take a base or hit it out of the park to hear the adoration of

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the fans...what's next on the agenda?

It would be wonderful if the agenda flew right out the window and the praises could just continue as long as needed or the prayers continue until the realization of them manifested before our eyes? What if God's children began to pray in which the Spirit would take advantage over Satan, and we would begin to flow in the miraculous? How many sermons do we have to hear before we are actually allowed to flow in the Spirit?

It is well over due for Satan to be knocked off the mount so the congregation can flow, *but then* the congregation might complain that they would not be first in line at the food troughs...just one more of Satan's agendas!



“HERE’S LOOKING AT YOU, KID”

Humphrey Bogart’s famous line from the movie *Casa Blanca* has new meaning in this age. We are being watched in so many ways with enough data to actually know and tabulate our habits into predictability, as I have previously written in other articles.

Revelations have emerged recently about the extent to which federal agencies are tracking our phone calls, Internet usage and other information. President Obama and members of Congress have tried to downplay the issue. As the tech companies, which include **Apple**, **Microsoft** and **Google**, try to restore the trust of their customers, many Americans remain concerned about the balance between national security and personal privacy.

People who have nothing to hide think little about this just as the Jews, who had nothing to hide, thought little about the data being collected until Hitler rolled in. The Jews who had nothing to hide found no place to hide when the round up started.

Data collection was crucial to the whereabouts and predictability of each person.

Who is behind the data collection? **1 Chron 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**

To control a population you must first know where to find them, know their habits, purchases and finances, weapons if any, hobbies, reading materials, religious affiliations, political views, their donations, sites they visit online and programs they watch, etc.

Do you realize that knowing how much electricity you use is important to the National Security Agency (NSA). Why would anyone care how much power you use? Some authorities are very interested in high electricity bills because they can signal nefarious activity. Just ask the former South Carolina state trooper who found himself on the wrong side of the law after his utility company called the authorities about his high electricity use last year. Police raided the property and found an indoor marijuana farm. Now, while we do not

pity the law breakers, we also see that the reasons for being tracked and tabulated depends upon the leaders in place over a nation. To what extent and for what agenda do these world leaders use this data?

While we law abiding citizens have nothing to hide, what is the government hiding from us? What happens when a “Hitler” rolls in? We know what happens if we know history. To know history is to be aware of our future.

God is a “witty inventor” but Satan is a repeat offender. The irony is in the wisdom of seeing that Satan is also predictable. Christians should be learning the lessons from the trials suffered at the hands of the enemy. What we do not learn, we also will repeat.

Satan has no ammunition unless we load the gun first. There are very few places in the Old Testament where Satan is mentioned. The Scripture of David being provoked by Satan to give data is one, but another time was when Satan collected data on Job. When God asked if Satan considered His servant Job, the reply tells us everything collected prior to the question. Satan knew:

1. Job’s faith
2. Where Job lived
3. That he had a hedge or a home protection alarm installed
4. Who installed the hedge and alarm system
5. The entire property of Job, which included:
 - Barns, sheds and all out buildings
 - Relatives living on said property
 - Animals and yielding fields
 - Job’s blessings or financial picture

All the data on Job was collected, what remained was to brainwash Job into thinking and reacting from fear to crumble the hedge. “Hitler” rolled in on all sides and took his livelihood, his herds, his children, his home and buildings!

The only thing Satan left to him was the accusing, so-called friends and a nagging wife to aid in Job’s poor mental and physical health.

Whether the leader of a nation is called President, King, Emperor or Führer is of little consequence without seeing where their agenda lies and with whom they are surrounding themselves.

Any leader who encourages or supports baby kill offs has the scent that Satan is in control of the agenda. We remember in the Old Testament that data was collected by the Pharaoh which troubled him since Jews strength and numbers increased. The order was given to make sure these babies did not breathe life in the hands of the midwives. Satan smelled a deliverer in the air from all the data collected. Eliminate the threat and control the land. In the New Testament we see the data collected by a king. The order was given to slaughter children from 2 years and under. Satan smelled a deliverer in the air from all the data collected. Eliminate the threat and control the land.

When a “Chosen People” show power and strength in numbers Satan smells deliverance in the air by all the data collected. The Führer collected his data to gain control. IBM saw Nazi Germany as a lucrative trading partner. Its president, Thomas J. Watson, engineered a strategic business alliance between IBM and the Reich, beginning in the first days of the Hitler regime and continuing right through World War II. A key factor in the Holocaust in Poland was IBM technology provided directly through a special wartime Polish subsidiary reporting to IBM New York, mainly to its headquarters at 590 Madison Avenue...and that’s how the trains to Auschwitz ran on time!

Satan was successful in the slaughter of many Jews yet unsuccessful in stopping their deliverance, which occurred right after the war when they gained back a nation. [Continued p. 4]

HOUSTON, WE HAVE LIFT



OFF!"

Maybe you have heard of the early rapture of God's saints being taken out of the world before the Great Tribulation, in the midst of the Great Tribulation or after the Great Tribulation.

The English dictionary gives us these definitions of the word rapture:

1. overwhelming happiness: a euphoric transcendent state in which somebody is overwhelmed by happiness or delight and unaware of anything else
2. mystical transportation: a mystical experience in which somebody believes he or she is transported into the spiritual realm, sometimes applied to the second coming of Jesus Christ, when true believers are expected to rise up to join him in heaven

Rapture is not a word found in the Scriptures. There is the word *to lift out* or *carry away* in Jesus' prayer in John 17:15 which is *airō*: verb; to *lift*, by implication to *take up* or *away*, away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, remove, take (away, up).

We **do** know that when Jesus comes we will meet Him in the air; of this we are certain. Most people who are going through the long end of the journey are so ready that they are hoping, praying and believing for an early out...that get out of jail free card.

Rapture is not for just some future event. It is for here and now. Each of the two definitions from the dictionary are not for the future except the part about "meeting Him in the air". We can be overwhelmingly happy in the midst of any circumstance. Personally, I went from the despair with a thought of suicide to a euphoric state and literally translated into the spiritual realm within a moment's time of one another. God turned everything around even though all circumstances were the same. I experienced lift off! I was raptured from the world and into the realm of the spirit fully conscious and in my own body! Nothing could touch me in that moment. I was changed in the twinkling of an eye. I could now look at the situation that had grieved me with a joy that

superceded the grief. The phrase "Houston, we have lift off!" crossed my mind as I reflected on that moment. There is no despair that is greater than God's love.

Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch Christian who, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during WWII and was imprisoned for it. The family was sent first to Scheveningen prison, where their elderly father died ten days after his arrest. While there, Ten Boom's sister Nollie, brother Willem, and nephew Peter were all released. Later, Ten Boom and sister Betsie were sent to the Vught political concentration camp, and finally to the Ravensbruck death camp in Germany. Betsie died there, but before she died, she told Corrie, "There is no pit so deep that He [God] is not deeper still." Corrie went from her greatest hour of despair to rapture...lift off! She was translated in the twinkling of an eye, yet still in the horrors of that camp. By the end of the same year of Betsie's death Corrie was released due to clerical error. Corrie said, "God does not have problems — only plans."

If you have not read the book or watched the movie ***A Hiding Place*** I highly recommend it to see the face of total despair and its defeat. Corrie went on to set up a rehabilitation center for the survivors. The refuge houses consisted of concentration camp survivors and sheltered the jobless Dutch who previously collaborated with Germans during the occupation. To help the survivors as well as those who collaborated with the Nazis together is a miracle in itself!

I want you to take the opportunity to hear this amazing woman who defeated despair at its worst and who understood what rapture was all about in some of her quotes:

"Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength- carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest."

"You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have."

"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

"Some knowledge is too heavy...you cannot bear it...your Father will carry it until you are able."

"Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty."

"Happiness isn't something that depends on our surroundings...It's something we make inside ourselves."

"Worry is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of fear."

"Love is larger than the walls which shut it in."

"When I try, I fail. When I trust, He succeeds."

"The tree on the mountain takes whatever the weather brings. If it has any choice at all, it is in putting down roots as deeply as possible.---Each New Day"

"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

"And for all these people alike, the key to healing turned out to be the same. Each had a hurt he had to forgive."

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

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"HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID" Continued

From where might the next deliverance come? What about a Christian nation? Collect the data and remove Christianity from the nation. Liberate the churches in vain philosophies. Next, target the babies. Kill off as many as possible and those born alive will be *retrained* in our schools...of thought. Keep parents so busy trying to earn enough money because of the higher tax burdens and monetary deflation put upon them that they do not know what their children are learning. Start collecting the data with Common Core in schools to start tracking children early to adulthood. Eliminate the threat by either eliminating the child or defusing their liberty and gain control of the land.

The Pharaoh could not stop the deliverer nor could a king stop the deliverer, and neither president nor world dignity will stop the deliverer from returning!

You see, while Satan is credited with all

evil, that evil is void of wisdom and discernment. Satan is a puffed up, proud enemy who does not stoop to look for an ark among the reeds or a manger in a common stable. Deliverers go unnoticed until the time in which they are declared. Even though Noah built a huge ark enough to draw enemy attention, the ark was a novelty because there had been no rain, therefore no threat until the first clap of thunder after God sealed the door shut.

God's children are being warned in this generation. Those who heed the warning and open their ear to the leading of the Holy Spirit will surpass the destruction. You see, we are unburnable in the fiery furnaces if Jesus is in the midst of us. No lion gives us notice when we are thrown in the den and no flood will overtake us when we are in God's ark. If the sea needs to open up that we may walk to safety...it is doable...been done.

Isa 43:1-3 ...Fear not: for I have re-

deemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...

It is the time for Christians to start collecting our own data. Ignorance is not bliss for long. Bliss comes to an end in captivity and loss, but those whose minds are stayed on Him will have perfect peace even in the most tumultuous times.

What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit? **Are** you hearing from the Holy Spirit? Are you **listening**? Let me be the warning before the first clap of thunder and the door is sealed shut.

HOUSTON, WE HAVE LIFT OFF Continued

"If God sends us on strong paths, we are provided strong shoes."

"His will is our hiding place. Lord Jesus, keep me in your will! Don't let me go mad by poking about outside of it!"

"A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be big enough for our needs."

"Discernment is God's call to intercession, never to faultfinding."

From all the books on forgiveness and messages exhorting others, Corrie is faced with the reality of what she has preached in her story:

"It was at a church service in Munich that I saw him, a former S.S. man who had stood guard at the shower room door in the processing center at Ravensbruck. He was the first of our actual jailers that I had seen since that time. And suddenly it was all there – the roomful of mocking men, the heaps of clothing, Betsie's pain-blanching face."

He came up to me as the church was emptying, beaming and bowing. "How grateful I am for your message, Fraulein." He said. "To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away!" His hand was thrust out to shake mine. And I, who had preached so often to the people in Bloemendaal the

need to forgive, kept my hand at my side.

Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him. I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I prayed, I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness.

As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me. And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself."

Yes, rapture is not just a future event for which we wait but is for us now when things look their darkest. I believe that this is more like the first fruits rapture and the second will follow. Just as Corrie Ten Boom so often quoted from her sister Betsie, "There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still."

"Houston, We have lift off!"

JESUS...FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION?

The world considers Jesus a figment of the imagination. The world is not wrong in their analysis. Most Christians' imaginations form who they think Christ is including picturing Him physically from a painting viewed at some point in life that resonated.

We all have our picture of Jesus neatly formed. It was no different from the Jews who had formed their picture of Messiah. Messiah appeared to a generation whose picture of Him did not match the man who stood before them in the flesh. As a result He was *despised and rejected of men*. Yes, as the Scripture notes: *a man acquainted with grief*. Of course, many often see God as the great and powerful OZ. We do not see Him as the Word identifies: ***Isa 53:2-3 ...he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.***

Jesus was neither handsome nor polished in appearance. His introduction came from John a dissident who appeared like "the wild man from Borneo"! Jesus and His disciples were even viewed as unsanitary, Matt 15:2.

There is not one picture of Jesus without His having a whiter than white fully pressed robe fresh from the laundry and never ever a stain from sweat as well as beautiful long locks of glistening clean hair...never oily. Surely Jesus never had callused ugly feet in those sandals nor the callused hands of a carpenter. There is never a picture of a long nose with a crooked bump in its center and nothing but perfect pearly whites as if he had worn braces as a child! We put Jesus within the framework of our design even to testifying of His likes and dislikes. We then attach some of our own personality and dialog to Him.

What is the difference in fashioning a block of wood or carving in stone?

Jesus is real. He was real when He came to earth and walked visibly and spoke audibly. He was real when addressing the Pharisees and real when sitting with friends at Bethany. He was real when showing amazement at the faith of some while amazed at the lack of faith in others.

The person of God has a personality, likes and dislikes, joy and grief, but above it all God is pure Love. Humankind is afflicted of anger, fear and envy which tap into our emotions and passions causing a reaction for which repentance is the remedy. Generally speaking, we do not react from pure Love but work at it dutifully in some cases. The work of mankind's idea of love generally represents itself more like tolerance than pure Love. To be angry and sin not is a difficult task for the human being. It is not, however, impossible. Jesus felt anger and disappointment, yet Love took Him to the cross. In other words, Love was His reaction to all the abuse He took...all the disappointment and grief.

To me there is no greater abuse than to lay your life aside to help someone and feel the sting of an ungrateful slap in return, yet these things happen to us all. Multiply this abuse by more than one instance or four but every moment of every day during Jesus' ministry. Is it any wonder Jesus relished the time He spent in the Lazarus household with Mary and Martha...friends. It was surely His only reprieve.

I see the pattern of mankind at Jesus' coming and wonder if it will be the shadow of His return? Will I recognize Him? Will I be critical because He does not measure with my assumptions?

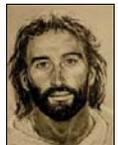
I believe the only conclusion I have made is to take Jesus out of a box and pay closer attention to His Words. What He spoke is who He is. That is

why He is called the Word: ***John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

We cannot imagine who Jesus is because He is not a figment of our imagination, but we can recognize Him by His Word and by that alone.



Is this your picture of Christ? Or do you see Him as more rugged but still handsome like this picture?



We are bound to picture Jesus in some fashion if we have a relationship of communication with Him. But, I think my picture changed when I heard the testimony of the Wal-Mart receipt and saw what they saw.



...he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Even better, picture Jesus as the person God places in front of you to love. Picture Him in the good, the bad and the ugly, since for them He died and your treatment of them will be received by Jesus, Matt 25:40.

It is through His Word that we love Him. What He did to restore us back to the Father makes us love Him, and the authority He bequeathed to us upon His death is the testament of His true nature and Love. How can we help but love Him back.

Even if I have been wrong about most everything that I have thought or believed about Him, it is too late; I have fallen in love with Him regardless of my picture to stop loving at this point in my relationship.

If I close my eyes and listen to His Words, I will know Him. How about you?