

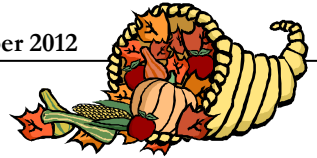


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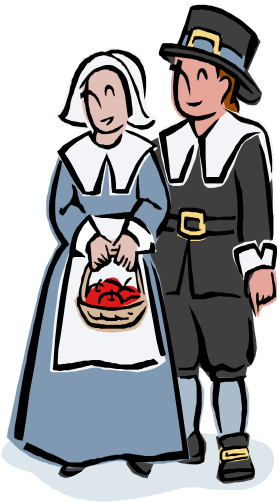
"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,

To all who long for his appearing.....2 Timothy 4:8

He who shall come, will come....Hebrews 10:37

The great danger of sounding any warning too often or too soon or too loudly or too emotionally is that it can cause the opposite of the needed response. We all know about the boy who cried wolf and have even become jaded by too many references to that fable! How do we sound an alarm that awakens needed response? Who anywhere nowadays checks to see what caused a car alarm to go off? They have become common and ignored.

So does common always end up useless? What a dilemma! The greater the urgency, the louder and more oft repeated the warning. Yet if there is any delay in the impact of the approaching danger, if God in His mercy slows down or temporarily postpones the coming evil, the mercy is totally reinterpreted as proof there is and never was any danger. Business as usual floods back, forming a false sense of security, dulling the hearing and response the next time.

I hear it almost daily. "Oh, we've seen it all before. Remember the 70's?" Yes, I do remember them. Painfully well. It is clear to me that what were the seeds of the 70's are the maturing plants of today. In the 70's our Iranian Embassy was taken hostage. Now Iran seeks to hold the whole world hostage. In the 70's homosexuality was an underground aberration. Now it is the controlling perversion of the age. In the 70's abortion was to be legal, safe, and rare. Now it is a common practice to do away with an unwanted interruption and fodder for the beauty industry. In the 70's there were two superpowers facing each other off and held at bay by MAD, *mutually assured destruction*. Now no one knows where many nukes are or who has them, with the threat of attack possible anywhere, and anytime.

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Then I hear about Y2K, which was a big build up to a non event. Or what about the alignment of the planets which was supposed to wreak havoc all over the world? It didn't. And if we had space to review them, there are at least a dozen other non events down through recent history that would contribute to fleshly reasonings that argue against heeding any new warnings. But do false alarms totally refute real ones?

I refer to fleshly reasonings, not spiritual reason. It is fleshly reasoning that cries, **"So where is the promise of His coming? For since our forefathers died folks have been saying the end is near, the end is near, and it hasn't come yet. All things remain as they always were..." (2 Peter 3:4)** The text here seems to be quoting non believers. But why then do I hear so often, believers making similar self-comforting, prophecy-denigrating statements? Could it be that many who claim the name of Christ really do love this present evil system more than they long for His coming?

For the one who loves the world system and its passing lusts, the prophetic Scriptures are only of interest as a titillating novelty, sort of like reading Agatha Christie on a stormy dark night. "Let's not get truly serious about any idea that He might come in our lifetime. After all, we need to remain balanced on these secondary issues." What??? No, I don't want to be balanced! I have an ever

increasing love for the One who saved me which automatically awakens a hatred for the evil of this present darkness. These two forces, love for Him and hatred for evil, stirs an ever burgeoning longing for the King to come, and the wicked to be destroyed out of the universe and for righteousness to reign forever. I don't want to be calmed into a lukewarm insipid theology that refers to His appearing as nothing more than a theological item among other impotent dogmas.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come in power upon your people, and then come as King over your people! **For those who have this hope purify themselves even as He is pure. (1 John 3:3)** The outer witness of the signs of the times calls to the inner witness in the breast of every believer in Jesus. The earth groans (**Romans 8; Isaiah 2, 13, 24**) and we groan (**Romans 8; 2 Corinthians 5**) in unison with the burdened creation. What we once mistook as normal in a fallen world is becoming increasingly intolerable as we grow in grace and see more clearly how it was meant to be and is NOT. May we grow more in the perfect love of Father God, and learn to hate evil as He does. Let us raise a cry that increases with every passing moment and with each new demonstration of insane cruelty until it crescendos into the heavens and becomes the one voice of the Bride calling to the Bridegroom, **Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Rev 22: 20)**





1968 Prophecy from Norway

God will do nothing unless he reveals his secrets to his servants
the prophets....Amos 3:7

You are not in the darkness, so that that day should surprise
you like a thief...1 Thessalonians 5:4

What a great gift of mercy are both the prophetic Scriptures and the operation of the prophetic gifts of the Spirit according to the Scriptures. Just as signs help on a long journey to prepare us for the final destination, so these signs keep our focus clear and our energies spent wisely.

Emmanuel Minos is a highly respected evangelist in Norway. In 1968 he encountered a 90-year-old woman of God who shared with him this prophecy. At the time Minos found it nearly impossible to accept. At that time there was no hope of East/West relations being normalized. Television was barely known in Scandinavia on a wide scale and had very high moral content controls. Her words seemed ludicrous. He recorded it and forgot it. Recently it came back to his amazed and humbled attention. This is a synopsis:

- *There will be a peaceful settlement of differences between East and West, between the USA and Russia in great material wealth.*
- *Western Christians and preaching of the Cross, repentance, and holiness will become mostly rejected.*
- *The Cross will be replaced by preaching of personal success, and worship will become entertainment.*
- *Moral disintegration will destroy marriages; men and women will turn to their own gender more and more.*
- *Sexual and violent behaviors of all sorts will be on TV screens everywhere with children seeing them.*
- *Immediately before World War III these things will occur and become common. I will not see it. But you will see it as an elderly man.*



Closing Thoughts,

In 1937 an elder in the local church of Moss, Norway recorded this word given by an elderly church member. "When oil comes out of the North Sea and along the Norwegian coast, things will occur around the world that will put the nations in position for the return of the Lord Jesus." This man was reviled and told to be quiet. There was no oil in Norway and no drilling in sight. But today, Norway only recently fell from second place to third place in worldwide oil production.

The earth is groaning and manifesting evidence of the return of her Creator/King. God has given us many merciful signs both in Scripture and in the world. Let it awaken in us whatever has been asleep so we will be prepared when the Bridegroom approaches. No matter how normal things may seem, He who shall come, WILL come.

*Giving Thanks,
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