

General Topics :: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ...**An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2008/1/2 8:12**

This is an open letter of apology and the asking of your forgiveness to all you SI Forum members who know why i've posted this ...

Well here it is 2008 and the spiritual status at my church is still quo (no prophesied REVIVAL), as is the status of the US economy still "business as usual" ... It's taken quite some time for me to finally be brought to the realization that some knew earlier in my walk, and as many of you here on SI knew at this later date - that i'm no prophet ... i thank God that He's finally brought home to me that clarity, and am equally thankful to Him that in bro Ironman's case it took nowhere near as long ... i started out this New Year by promptly going thru my library and tossing everything on the subject that had to do with my own particular, now most thankfully past, delusion of NT prophet ...

i have caused unnecessary grief with what is surely now proven to be my nonsense here on the SI Forum and can only pray God that whatever glory He can receive from my error be gleaned, and that Rom. 8:28 be worked out by Him to the benefit of you who've had to endure, as well as for bro Ironman, and for myself ... If there is one immediate benefit i can share it's that i now feel so much lighter in spirit, like when i used to walk two miles with 10 lb. ankle weights on each leg and then take them off ... Perhaps it's taken me 20+ years to finally become free of this now obviously self imposed burden to finally become able to understand that His yoke is light ... It's like receiving a third wind, which at 57 is a good wind to gain ... i kinda feel like Scrooge after he was finally made to realize the real meaning of Christmas ... i really did feel like i'd been on a hook for some 20+ years in all this, and now i've been re-leased ... It's like my slate has been totally erased clean of all my agendas and there's nothing left on it ...

Anyhow i don't think there's too much reason for me to rehash and drag this out any further in the intricacies as they're already posted in other threads that you know about ... After this post my posting on SI will cease not in any attempts to make some kind of last grand exit, but because i really have nothing else to say - especially after making such proclamations in His name that weren't from Him ... Of course i've confessed this as sin, asked His forgiveness, and am content in 1 John 1:9, but it still doesn't stop the fact that apparently i don't rightly know the true voice of God in my own life so to me it's best to keep my mouth shut ... In fact as i stated before i hope bro Greg will find and strike ALL my threads, unless they might otherwise be of a better use as perhaps a road map of warning to others of how it can happen to a saint to get way past God to the point of attributing "words" to Him that aren't His ...

i thank God for His mercy, for Si Forum, and for you all because Holy Spirit via each and every one of you has taught me something toward this deliverance ...

So with 5 grandsons, 2 son-in-laws, and two old friends i've really neglected for the past couple of years (much due to the blighting intensity of my over zealousness), God willing i think we'll go a fishin' - literally ...

May our Lord Jesus continue to bless you all, and may He bring SI to the fullness of His purpose ---

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ..., on: 2008/1/2 8:31

God Bless You

Please remember:

Matt 23:12

12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
(from New International Version)

Not one of us are without fault and sin. Thanks to Jesus we have overcome the world. We are not perfect but we serve one who is. Brother I feel you would be an asset on SI should God lead you to return with more posts. This post touched my heart.
mac_mac

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ..., on: 2008/1/2 8:41

moe_mac:

Quote:

-----This post touched my heart.

As did mine.

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ... - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/2 9:36

I can remember two men of God that fell so agegiously I'm sure the devil himself threw a party.

One of them actually killed and totured christians.

When God showed him his errors He took him aside and"retrained him" , seeing something in him akin to king david. G
reatness!

After this horrific fall in front of ALL the church he was not allowed to even be around the saints.

But then Jesus came! and a way was made for him to have audience with the saints.

This great man of God that fell so mightily went on to write much of the new testament.

I'm almosst glad Paul fell! Arent you?

Oh by the way the other great man of God that also wrote some of the NT.Well, when he felt like his "light" went out h
e said "i think I will go fishing."

He didnt fish for long!

Arent you glad the early church army did't shoot their wounded?

David

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/1/2 9:39

Quote:

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toward this deliverance ...

Thank you for your honesty dear brother, you are loved and in our prayers.

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/1/2 10:19

Haste

HASTE, n.

1. Celerity of motion; speed; swiftness; dispatch; expedition; applied only to voluntary beings, as men and other animals;
never to other bodies. We never say, a ball flies with haste.

The king's business required haste. I Sam.21.

2. Sudden excitement of passion; quickness; precipitance; vehemence.

I said in my haste, all men are liars. Psa 116.

3. The state of being urged or pressed by business; as, I am in great haste.

HASTE

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## Hastily

**HASTILY, adv.** In haste; with speed or quickness; speedily; nimbly.

Half clothed, half naked, hastily retire.

1. Rashly; precipitately; without due reflection.

We hastily engaged in the war.

2. Passionately; under sudden excitement of passion.

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Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; 1Ti 5:1

Brother,

Have had this line running around the melon for the better part of the last year, can't recall if it ever escaped these bounds but ...

"Is your forgiveness 2000 years old?"

In other words, it is so far past tense that it is a given ...

You must know the reason for placing 1 Tim here. All that has been said I pray has this understanding beneath it. It is redundant but it is rare and I want to say never do I leave here without some trepidation over anything that I have left, it carries with me into the hours and days beyond, hoping, praying that I have not brought my own reproach, that I have not erred even if it is but opinion or observation. These are weighty matters quite often and there is such a long, long way to go. A disciple is a learner, that truth, put that way recently in my travels as I found it, is that of experience and what also drives me onward, always after it, it never disappoints and I must add, especially here. We are blessed to have such a dichotomy of both experience and heart, different perspectives from different cultures and upbringing, trust I am not about to fall into the error of what much of the emerging business is forwarding by stating that ... What I do mean is ...

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; Rev 5:9

If I may say this with all due respect brother I feel you have an obligation to *not* leave here, that seems the easy way out for one, but it also goes beyond that. This is an opportunity for all of us and for whoever might be peering into these things to show forth just who and what we are made up of.

The cliché-like attribute we have all heard is that the scriptures are full of all the bumps and bruises, the very failures of Moses and Noah, David and Peter ... Nothing is hidden or covered, "warts and all" as it goes. So it is here and I think it is one of the greatest things we have as our very witness! We are not playing around with this thing, we are sincere even when we are sincerely mistaken! We own up to it, we face it, we deal with it, we allow ourselves some "shame facedness", some embarrassment and like the scriptures themselves do not go back and put some polish on it all to make it a bit more appealing to the masses. Just as well, it did occur to me their repentance was ... yes as Ron put it, *more notorious than their sin*.

So to answer your question/suggestion. Nope. We will leave all this as it is, it's healthy and I believe will be productive in the days ahead. I can attest and own up to all the embarrassing moments, posts and comments that I keep tripping over as I often go searching for links or articles here for either my own or others benefit. Embarrassing things! Some that make me want to almost leave off here and just go away forever, never to return. Some are enough to make me physically ill. A recent example is in regards to "Am I a wretched man ... still" post that I myself started. I had to beg off of it and the reason was I began to realize I really didn't know what I was talking about. Besides, it was 'out of season' the Lord has other things in mind it seems... Not all that pleasant but I digress.

Before I forget, I did not do real service to what you mentioned about this "weird faith" business. Of all people I would consider myself far more strange than most, but, it is difficult to say that when we all are a *peculiar people* to begin with. R

realize that is stretching the meaning there a bit. I absolutely love paradox and that I keep finding more and more true as I go along on this pilgrimage. May Greg forgive me, but he put something to me the other day in regards to a certain situation that would seem to be quite contrary, a shooting of oneself in the foot and the essence of it was *"This is Gods way ... the world does not understand."*

Haste and hastily.

Rashly; precipitately; without due reflection.

I fear this brother, don't be rash. Take some time. Find the right time, but go back and re-read over all these things, read the recent reply from Clint. Take this all in and let it ... stew for awhile? IRONMAN as well if you are peering in here. Brothers you are, prophets perhaps not ... not *that kind* of prophet. To your relief and ours ... But who knows, maybe prophets yet, prophets that can help from what they have learned to better express the truths of scripture, the kind of prophets we so desperately need in this hour.

We are not about to let you off the hook that easy. Lastly, for all the niceties and heart felt, heart meant things stated ... There is something troubling that this all might be made too simple and too easily brushed aside. I cannot measure it nor do I wish to ... Just something in this ... hasty ... arrangement that seems very fast being only one day after the fact. Hope you get my meaning here.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/1/2 10:41

post deleted

Irrelevant to thread. Author humbly apologizes.

Re:, on: 2008/1/2 11:10

Seems to be a reoccurring theme among some of us here lately. I've been re-examing many things concerning my walk with the Lord. My lack of love when responding to some here... my "over-zealousness", if you want to call it that.

I know what Rahman is going thru because the Lord began to work on me in much the same manner before the Holidays were upon us.

I, too, have many things to apologize and beg forgiveness for as well. Don't wish to steal the spotlight in this thread... so suffice it to say that God is at work in many hearts here.

Krispy

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/1/2 11:12

Paul west, I only said Paul was a man of God not born again.

He was a man of God {pharisee of Pharisees ...as to the law blameless

John the baptist was also a man of God but also was not born again.

Again, my motive is to offer encouragement to my bretheren, who, right now, prob. feel like.....

David

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2008/1/2 11:24

Rahman and Krispy, you aren't alone, the Lord has been working on me in this way too.

Thank you brothers for confessing and sharing how the Lord is working in your lives.

Jordan

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ..., on: 2008/1/2 12:23

I kept some of the words from Ironman in the back of my mind as 2007 was coming to a close. I wondered if what was spoken was true. I even told my Mother to which she said nothing and I ended it with, "I don't know if what was said was true or not, we'll see what happens".

I don't think any of you is a false prophet, I think that you are still children (like us) wanting to be used of God in some way. We haven't really learned how to wait on the LORD.

A few weeks ago I was in a home meeting when one of the ladies spoke up about her difficulties that she was having with her husband. She listed all her troubles. Across the room a brother speaks up and says, "I perceive that your having trouble with your husband, I perceive that you blah blah blah (he was speaking the stuff she had just told the room). Now, I know that my brother is not a false believer, he just wants to be used of God and many times we force God's hand and do stupid things in the name of Jesus.

Bible prophecy is like a dark room with no light. No one really knows what's going on, we are just grasping for answers. I am sure there are more pertinent issues than discussing the unknown. The only one that I know of in our day who has been right on in his predictions concerning current future events is David Wilkerson and his book *The Vision*. Other than him, I know of no other. Even the late Kenneth E. Hagin prophesied before he died saying that 2007 was going to be a great revival. Well it's 2008 now.

Rahman, I hope you don't stop posting man, you've got some other good things to share to which I have enjoyed reading.

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ... - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/1/2 18:37

Rahman,

It is real refreshing to hear your repentance and sorrow expressed. Too many would do otherwise...All of us do stupid things at some time or another and they are not in vain IF we learn from them...might humiliate us but never did hear that killed anyone....

God bless you and your family. Have a blessed year...

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/1/2 20:18

Rahman,

May your example instruct and inspire the rest of us. I wonder how many of us who have scolded you, or even patted you on your head, are already busy downloading more prophecies regarding the future from other people?

MC

Re: An Open Letter of Apology and of Asking Your Forgiveness ... - posted by BenBrockway, on: 2008/1/2 20:39

Hello everyone! It's been so long since I've been on here (a couple months or so). It's good to be on here again. Rahman, you are a dear brother in the Lord, and I am certain the Lord will continue, as He always has with us, to mold you and shape you into the man He ultimately wants you to be. I, too, have been humbled this past year in several areas of my life, and I praise God for His refining. Be blessed in this new year, a year of new beginnings.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/1/2 23:08

Quote:

KrispyKrittr wrote:
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Krispy

Nope Brother just shows that were all still human and still held together by flesh and bones and not one soul here should ever forget that, trust me the day I quit making mistakes and saying things I shouldn't, I will not be here I will be in Heaven.

It's really hard for true love for our fellow Brothers and Sisters to survive in such a graceless age, we just have to keep our eyes and Hearts focused on Jesus and do the best we can and don't beat ourselves up to bad and we will be fine.

Re: Danger - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/1/3 10:15

This is a dangerous place ...

For someone with such a constant bent towards honesty, to truth in the inward parts, towards *In spirit and truth* it is incredible to find the things I have been finding.

Leonard Ravenhill in a sermon here talked about and I could be mistaken, think it had to do with a new year ironically, of "*not going scattering through the book looking for a word or message*" but that he got a 'word' and that word was "*Rejection, ... great*". Well, I want to add to that and alongside of it another word; "Indictment". Self indictment that is.

I used;

Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Job 38:2

I need to preempt this briefly. Everything I stated here and elsewhere in this prophetic regard, I meant what I said and said what I meant. I am not now equivocating on it. However, there is a great problem with it all. Re-reading even what was stated here earlier to the brothers ... What pious and pompous, elegant attempts at word craft is laced through all this. I have been well off of late and yet go on speaking anyway ... the prayer life has suffered and I am now looking in this mirror or practically aghast at some of these things. I am more like Eliphaz the Temaniite than Job but will borrow his words anyway as they apply to the 'darkened counsel' and my great overlooking and overshooting lips;

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?

therefore have I uttered that I understood not;

things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Job 42:3

Pray for the brothers. And please, do not respond to this. Just allow it to be the open sore that it is, the exposure may do it good, even the silent air around it.

Re:, on: 2008/1/3 11:48

Quote:
-----It's really hard for true love for our fellow Brothers and Sisters to survive in such a graceless age

Surely you mean "Godless Age"?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/1/3 11:58

Quote:

Compliments wrote:

Quote:

-----It's really hard for true love for our fellow Brothers and Sisters to survive in such a graceless age

Surely you mean "Godless Age"?

Graceless/Godless whatever I think most know what I meant, I personally see this as a Graceless age also along with a Godless age.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2008/1/4 21:32

Years of Crisis Ahead

by J. R. Nyquist

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On December 23 the Telegraph (UK) published an article by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard with the headline, "Crisis may make 1929 look like a walk in the park." The article begins, "Twenty billion dollars here, \$20 billion there... Bucket s of liquidity are being splashed over the North Atlantic banking system, so far with meager or fleeting effects." Large banks are in trouble. Huge sums of money are disappearing. The capitalist system is faltering. At the same time, the "former" center of global communism is brimming with new confidence. Russia is deploying warships to the Eastern Mediterranean, building and testing new intercontinental missiles and submarines. The rhetoric of Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has a "neo-Soviet" ring to it. When visiting Cuba a few years back, a journalist asked Putin about his ideological loyalties. Was he a communist? "Call me a pot," he said cryptically, "but heat me not." Like Stalin after the New Economic Policy of the 1920s, Putin has nationalized major Russian industries. He has curtailed press freedom. He has reversed the process that dismantled the Soviet Union. He is taking up the pieces of the old communist empire, and putting them back into place.

Vladimir Putin knows that defeat may be a temporary expedient. A broken nation can bounce back. The tables can be turned on old enemies who believe they've won. He knows, as well, that history is cyclical; that peace leads to war and boom leads to bust. While Western businessmen and politicians have implicitly denied (in their rhetoric) the inevitability of war and financial catastrophe, there is a longstanding political movement firmly based on the expectation of both. I am referring to the political movement founded by Karl Marx and continued by Lenin, which has existed in many countries under various names and guises. Marx taught his followers to expect a future financial crash. This crash, said Marx, would discredit capitalism and open the door to global revolution. After Marx came Lenin, who taught that a future "imperialist war" would contribute to the destabilization of capitalism, discredit the leadership of the developed countries, and enable a worldwide workers' revolution. The shrewdness of Marx and Lenin may be found in their prediction of what was always inevitable, making themselves appear more authoritative than other would-be revolutionaries.

Marx and Lenin have followers throughout the world. And these followers are organized. They also have Islamic imitators. The specifics of doctrine are unimportant when studying totalitarian countries. What matters is the ever-present hatred of Western civilization, mass-murder, oppression, and an obsession with destructive war. These are the common elements. These are the tags that give away the game and tell the observer what he is looking at. The Islamist and the Communist seek to undermine the West economically, socially, demographically and politically. The military balance also plays into their calculations. This is why the acquisition of nuclear weapons by communist and Islamist countries is a top priority. The policies of Hugo Chavez, Vladimir Putin, the Chinese communists and the clerical regime in Iran are all coordinated at the highest levels. Economic warfare is also a consideration, especially when it comes to oil and currency manipulation.

It is in this context we should consider the statements of leading economists and financial experts today. We are told that financial dominoes are tilting. If the fear of widespread bankruptcy cannot be contained, if banks and hedge funds are about to collapse, if lenders are hoarding cash and borrowers suffering the pangs of unsatisfied addiction, if the money screw has become a thumbscrew and the tortured victim is forced to yell out his bankruptcy, then the Marxist party is about to see the fulfillment of the old prophecies and promises. The expected revolution is about to come. It will come on the

heels of capitalism's crisis.

In the Telegraph article Evans-Pritchard quotes Professor Peter Spencer as saying, "The central banks are rapidly losing control." He also quotes British and American experts who agree that "the crisis" has moved beyond collapsing mortgage securities and now threatens the entire financial system. On Dec. 12 the Wall Street Journal ran a piece titled, "Banks Sound Grim Notes." According to this article, some of the "biggest U.S. commercial banks" have been issuing warnings that "underlying business fundamentals are continuing to deteriorate." Many banks are predicting that 2008 will be a year of "mounting loan defaults" and heavy losses on all sides. Last month, Merrill Lynch advised investors to stay away from Bank of America and J.P. Morgan.

The great economists taught us what to expect from irresponsible credit expansion. But when the generation that experienced the Great Depression had passed from power, the rising generation did not believe a Great Depression could happen to them. Turning their back on history, they imagined themselves superior to those who came before. The great sociologists and historians taught us that the mistakes of previous generations would be made again and again, despite warnings from the wise. And so they are proved right. We are human, and we are fated to err. The boomer generation is not immune to the laws of economics. Furthermore, the "end of history" did not occur, as alleged by Francis Fukuyama. Even now, at this very moment, we are up to our necks in history. Ours is not a "more perfect world" than our forefathers. The world is still the same world, with the same problems as before. If our grandparents had to contend with Hitler and Imperial Japan, we must contend with Putin and the Chinese communists.

Last month Russia successfully test-fired a multiple-warhead road-mobile ICBM. It is a type of weapon the United States doesn't have and doesn't plan to develop. The RS-24 can carry up to three warheads, using technology from the advanced Topol-M system (already deployed). As a mobile platform the RS-24 can hide almost anywhere, so the United States cannot determine if it is falling behind in a new arms race. The Russian navy has also test-fired a new submarine launched ballistic missile called the Sineva. Those who laugh at Russia's meager economy will be baffled by the regeneration of Russia's armed forces, based as they are on a strategy of "leveling the playing field" (literally) with missiles.

The year 2008 will clarify the position of the United States as a great power in relation to the emerging power of China and the supposedly defunct power of Russia. If the financial crisis worsens (as it is likely to do), a political crisis is bound to follow. Few dare talk about this crisis (even now), although communists have been discussing it for many decades. Mainly, they have been considering how they will exploit a major economic crisis. With the Western intelligentsia sunk in the mire of political correctness, and the stupefaction of a television-besotted public, they are the only party on Earth that is psychologically ready with answers and slogans. Their political powder is dry, and they are well stocked. There is every reason to believe that the public will be confused, that the politicians will be knocked off balance.

The year 2008 may be a year of decision, not because it is a presidential election year, but because the West may be shaken to its foundations.

end of article...

Like I wrote to brother Ironman...the wisdom of the Scriptures will bring to light the darkness of the nation we now live in. For those who hope for futile things futility will be their reward...

Your brother in Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2008/1/4 22:41

Brother Rahman and Ironman...

I spent my holidays thinking of this situation and praying for you both. While I never held confidence in the date (2007), this entire ordeal made me reflect at how detached from this world we should all be. We should be so detached that we are ready to depart at any minute. Regardless of whether or not the American economy will collapse (in 2008 or in 2058), our faith should always be fixed upon our relationship with Christ. Our faith should be so pure and firm that, if we truly knew that Christ was coming tomorrow, we would not change anything. We should already be ready for His coming.

With this, please know that my heart breaks for both of you. You are both in my prayers.

Luke 18:9-17

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Psalm 130:3-4

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Luke 22:31-32

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

:-)

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/1/5 1:35

Quote:

-----A broken nation can bounce back.

I'm glad to hear it. In that case let's do more praying and lest prognosticating. The old eschatological axiom "The US isn't in the bible" is a two way street...respectfully it means no one here knows the future of this country.

MC