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I thought this was a good picture of asking the Holy Spirit to give us an enlarged heart for His purposes.

Paul Keith Davis: Enlarge Our Hearts! In the year 2002 the Lord graciously allowed me to experience a series of visions and revelations that I have now incorporated in my book, "Books of Destiny." The essence of these truths involved the soon emergence of great spiritual champions from every walk of life who will be identified according to Hebrews 11 and experience deep realms of the Spirit. They will be a unique generation whose capacity for God will be greatly enlarged by supernatural grace and given access to Heaven's Treasury Room. This treasury room is none other than God's heart containing the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ, according to Colossians 2:2-3 saying:

...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

As part of that overall revelation, the Lord introduced to me a great champion that He supernaturally created as a symbol or token of this end-time group. However, this prototype was not a man but a horse by the name of Secretariat. It is said of Secretariat that he "ran the greatest race ever run." This in reference to his overwhelming 31 lengths victory at the 1973 Belmont Stakes; a feat never before or since achieved!

The mystery of this champion is realized at the time of Secretariat's death and autopsy. Incredibly, the veterinarians discovered that Secretariat had a healthy heart 2.5 times larger than the average and weighed an astonishing 22 pounds. The observation was made that Secretariat ran the greatest race ever run because he had a supernaturally prepared heart giving him greater capacity.

That is the revelation the Lord gave me concerning His end-of-the-age Army. Each will have an enlarged heart for God allowing greater capacity for His love and grace. King David, a man after God's own heart, spoke it this way in Psalm 119:32, "I shall run the way of Thy commandments, for Thou wilt enlarge my heart."

While in Exeter, England, this past February the Lord instructed me to preach the story of Secretariat. It had been several years since I shared this message but I did the best I could from memory. The response was amazing! Interestingly, I discovered later that the building that had been rented to house the conference was called Belmont Church.

This seemed to be an added affirmation of God's desire to bring forward this unique group of people in this generation to respond to the great demands and realms of darkness we see unleashed. I preached an updated version of this revelation in our February conference, "Possessing Bridal Inheritance."

Since then, I have been even more pleased and surprised to discover that the story of Secretariat has been made into a movie to be released October 8. Without knowing this, we planned our fall conference on the exact dates of this movie's release. I cannot help but believe this is marking God's timing for the awakening of a remnant company who will be great champions for God with increased love and capacity for Him.

As a result of this, I felt it important to re-release a portion of "Books of Destiny" related to this story of Secretariat in hopes of it being an encouragement to press in to God all the more in the days ahead.

Secretariat

Excerpt from "Books of Destiny"...

In 1973 Secretariat rose out of obscurity to become recognized as one of the greatest racing horses in history. At that time interest in horse racing was at an all-time low in the United States, but this exceptional horse changed all that. Because of Secretariat's prior history, no one thought he had much of a chance at the Kentucky Derby. Experts believed that the race's distance or field offered little chance for a record-setting performance. Yet, to the surprise of everyone, Secretariat

Secretariat ran the first quarter-mile of this prestigious race in slightly more than twenty-five seconds, setting a new world-record pace. But could such a large and broad-shouldered horse maintain that stride and pace for another mile? Everyone wondered.

Surprisingly, Secretariat did better than just sustain that pace. He increased it with each quarter of the race, finishing the one-and-a-quarter mile distance in less than two minutes—an achievement unmatched before or since.

Suddenly a media frenzy began to flourish around this beautiful red horse. Observers described him as "truly magnificent." He graced the covers of Time, Newsweek, and Sports Illustrated. A champion had been born!

The Preakness

Excitement began to build as the Preakness, the second race in the coveted Triple Crown, approached. The nation's attention was turned to this beautiful horse, about whose attributes commentators struggled to find appropriate adjectives. One announcer claimed that in human vernacular Secretariat would be a Heisman Trophy winner, a Rhodes Scholar, and a Miss America all in one stunning, awe-inspiring being.

In a unique way Secretariat's performance at the Preakness was even more brilliant than his victory at the Kentucky Derby. Secretariat was in last position out of the starting gate but still did something unprecedented in this historic race: He sprinted full-bore around the first bend, and by the time he turned onto the back side, he was racing to the lead. Now, the turns on this track are tight, and horse-racing aficionados considered it suicidal to take the first bend too fast. Nevertheless, Secretariat did the extraordinary in his second of three monumental races. Veteran racing experts were awestruck, declaring, "Horses don't do what he did here today. They just don't do that!"

As he had at the Kentucky Derby, Secretariat won the Preakness by two-and-a-half lengths. Many believe the pace of this race was also record-setting, but because of a controversy over the time clock, the speed was never verified.

With two victories under his belt, all that stood between Secretariat and the Triple Crown was the Belmont Stakes. One journalist said that if Secretariat were to lose the Belmont, "the country may turn sullen and mutinous." World attention was focused on this single race, which some would later describe as "the greatest race ever run."

The Greatest Race

On the morning of the Belmont Stakes Secretariat awoke with a seemingly mystical determination. His trainers later told reporters that he was "rearing and bucking, flaring his nostrils and rolling his eyes." He was somehow filled with anticipation for the race. Reportedly "he burst from the barn like a studhorse going to the breeding shed and walked around the outdoor ring on his hind legs, pawing at the sky in a magical, unforgettable instant, now frozen in time."

Secretariat totally intimidated his competition approaching the starting gate; a supernatural atmosphere appeared to surround him. He did not merely walk to the gate—he romped to his position.

The Belmont was the longest of the three races. After the starter's gun had sounded, initially a horse named Sham gave Secretariat a formidable challenge. The first six furlongs were run in a staggering seventy seconds, with Sham incredibly keeping abreast of Secretariat. However, the pace proved more than Sham could sustain, and the challenger injured himself in the last race he would ever run.

Meanwhile, Secretariat continued to command the lead during the second half of the race. As one commentator put it, "It was as though he were running on the wind." Midway through the race it was clear Secretariat would win the Belmont and become the first new Triple Crown winner in twenty-five years. Yet, even more astonishingly, instead of coasting to a safe victory, Secretariat maintained the same record-setting pace; he did not merely want to win—he intended to run the greatest race ever.

Certain no horse could maintain this pace for so long, many observers and journalists felt jockey Ron Turcotte was foolish to continue to push Secretariat at this tempo and risk collapse and the loss of the Triple Crown victory. But the jockey had little to do with it: Secretariat was running at his own pleasure. This was a day of destiny. Turcotte later commented that Secretariat had a mind of his own for this race, and he (Turcotte) simply held on and enjoyed the ride.

As the last quarter of the race lay before Secretariat, every fan, journalist, and observer grew mesmerized by the fortitude

and sheer talent of this amazing horse, whose victory turned out to be one of the greatest events in sports history. His Triple Crown performance is unmatched in U.S. horse-racing history. It was the greatest single performance he had ever witnessed in a sporting event, recalls legendary golf champion Jack Nicklaus. When this mythic race was over, Secretariat had defeated his closest competition by thirty-one lengths and set an all-time record of 2:24, a feat previously considered impossible.

The Secret of Secretariat's Success

What a great champion God created for us to learn from! Secretariat had a secret, which was only discovered at his death. During an autopsy, medical examiners found that Secretariat had a perfectly healthy heart that was almost two-and-a-half times larger than an average horse's heart. Secretariat's heart weighed a staggering twenty-two pounds, whereas an average horse's heart weighs about eight-and-a-half pounds.

Secretariat had been given a supernatural heart. Almighty God, the Creator, had given this horse a special endowment and greater capacity than any other race-horse in recorded history.

When I asked the Lord why He gave Secretariat such a large heart, He replied quickly and concisely: "Because it pleased Me to do so." No matter what veterinarians' conjecture or animal-biologists' suppositions might attest, God had simply decided to create a great champion. As Isaiah 42:5-6 declares:

Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it, "I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations..."

So in this generation of prophetic destiny, at a unique time in human history, the Lord Jesus will demonstrate divine power and Kingdom virtue through obscure champions with "supernatural hearts." These champions' hearts will be enlarged with passion and desire for the Redeemer and with Heaven's compassion, which they will be able to transmit to a needy generation. Many, like Secretariat, will arise from obscurity to run some of the greatest races ever run.

Isaiah 22:22

In a prophetically symbolic way, Secretariat's twenty-two pound heart could represent the generation soon to emerge with a commissioning from Isaiah 22:22:

Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, when he opens no one will shut, when he shuts no one will open.

The key to the house of David signifies a governmental people who, like King David, will be anointed as both worshipers and warriors. David is regarded in Scripture as a man after God's own heart. He possessed a special capacity in his heart for God and His Kingdom revelation. So shall the emerging generation of radical worshippers and warriors, who in a day unprecedented in history will champion fresh standards of excellence and victory.

David's heart prophetically portrays the nature of the champions of the Lord's army. They are dreaded by the forces of darkness, who will recognize Christ's victory that they convey. As the Psalmist recorded:

Once you spoke in vision to Your godly ones, and said, "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him."—Psalm 89:19-20

God gave David the power to become a champion of Israel and God exalted him as a hero chosen from among His people and anointed him with holy oil. David was a champion of Israel foreseen and identified by the prophetic voice of that day.

There have been forerunners and prototypes in years past but now an entire body of people are being groomed for this lofty purpose. This great and weighty mystery is the hidden truth of godliness. In the Lord Jesus, God was made visible in human flesh and vindicated through the Holy Spirit and preached among the nations. The Living Word or Bread of life once again desires to be made flesh through a body of people joined with Him in a holy consummation. As we live not by natural bread alone but by the living Word proceeding from the mouth of God, the bread of abundant life, even so the

idden truth of godliness will become part of our spiritual DNA.

Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor has yet entered into the human heart, the great blueprint of Heaven the Lord desires to reveal to His people. Mysteries reserved deep in the heart of the Father, locked away in the mind of Christ, and dispersed by the Spirit who searches the deep things, await the passionate embrace of a latter-day company of overcoming, holy, victorious ones. Abba, His Spirit, and the Bridegroom say, "Come."

End of Excerpt from "Books of Destiny"...

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