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The Transcending of the Ascended One (On Genuine Prophetic Ministry): The Prophet and the Beast - posted by Michael

Recently, there have been many "prophetic" words spoken about the future of America. Knowing that we are in the middle of a pandemic and social upheaval, one can find it difficult to see any brightness in the future. We view our Facebook feeds and there seems to be nothing but bad news. We even find self-proclaimed "prophets" online who take sides on political spectrums and somehow invoke the name of God to justify their stances. They predict dreadful futures and seemingly sensationalize fear for Christians. The irony is within these circles, they seem to charge a lot of money for their "spiritual packages" and books. Often much self-promotion and fleshly endeavours are employed to make the so-called prophet look good. Their faces plastered over their websites, the front cover of their books....faces that will, in the end, be decomposed in the grave. For no flesh shall glory in the sight of the Eternal.

Prophetic ministry is not simply predicting the future. There is something much higher with such a ministry than to take sides. Prophetic ministry transcends the carnal mind of egoic divisions because it points back to the Vision of Him who Reigns - Christ. I'm often baffled at what we have done to this ministry. So much so that we have made a mockery of His Holy Spirit as we are doing this, and the world laughs whenever these "prophecies" don't come true. These prophets who say that God's judgment comes against us because liberals are against Donald Trump and people who are politically against Israel. It's sad to see that prophecy is reduced down to ideologies, worldly pursuits, political factions, and using these as a means to call down God's judgment. We've sullied this ministry into defending ungodly men in positions of power. Have we not seen this with the Jeffrey Epstein case? The prolific pedophile who has connections to people both left and right? It does not matter whether it was Donald Trump or Bill Clinton, both are mired in deep wickedness that does not seem to bear the fruit of righteousness. To say that God is using Donald Trump to save America from spiritual disaster is glorifying a man rather than the true Heavenly Man - Christ Jesus our Lord. One can make the comparison that God used Nebuchadnezzar, isn't that a wicked king? Sure, but within the process, He also humbled Nebuchadnezzar by making him eat grass. Humility is the forgotten character of the called in our generation and currently does not seem to be a trait that Trump expresses.

The genuine prophet, the true prophet...is one who is under the governance of Life. The governance of Life is the focal point of the prophet. He is one whom Christ reveals Himself IN (Galatians 1:15-16). Christ is the prophet's sole vision because the Holy Spirit's governance him with the Eternal Purpose - mainly that God's original intention was the gain a corporate man through His Life so that we may have dominion or heavenly expression on the earth. The main concern is the Whole Christ - Head and Body, and what the prophetic call is to the Church in relation to this revelation alone. The concern for His Son. One who bears the Holy Spirit in his heart is one who has the expression of His fruit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Centrality of Christ is the prophet's sole purpose. And in seeing this Christ, he becomes a fool among people because he wishes to know nothing except Christ and Him crucified. That's all he brings to God's people. That revelation alone is the true expression of God's heart through a man to His Bride and sets us free. And in knowing this Crucified Christ, he is humbled into dust and ashes because he sees the Mystery Who is beyond comprehension.

Many "prophets" of today have forgotten the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross is the way of breaking down fleshly visions of what an earthly nation should be politically because the Cross sees no boundaries. The boundaries that we have set up - These leftists are terrible people with their immoral agendas, they will fry. These right-wing people are hypocrites, judgmental, legalistic, they will fry. This is what we have reduced prophetic ministry down to. We invoke the name of God to justify our hatred of the other, instead of allowing the Cross to break us down and unite us into resurrection as the Ascended One New (corporate) Man. The Corporate Christ! The call of the prophet is a call to the Cross. Christ Crucified! Did not our Lord say, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me"? All men meaning Left, Right, Black, Brown, Asian, Latino, Jewish, Mongolian, Mexican. ALL MEN! There is no put down of the other. This concept is even applied to churches - Calvary Baptist Church, The People's Church, Chinese Baptist Church, New York Pentecostal - when in reality God only sees One Church - His Universal Bride. He doesn't see the labels, but only His corporate Body. The prophet has a genuine revelation of the Cross and he calls God's people back to this dynamic revelation. The greater the Vision of Christ, the greater the Vision of His Body - The Church. Therefore, the genuine prophet transcends all boundaries because he has the Vision of the One who transcends all and in all. In beholding this Vision, the prophet is characterized by divine love and humility.

Men like Art Katz, Watchman Nee, T. Austin-Sparks, Paul Washer, Leonard Ravenhill. these are/were men who seem

to be genuine prophets in their own right because in experiencing the Cross, they were humbled. There isn't an ounce of self-promotion in their ministry, but they spoke with such truth, love, boldness, and humility that their words bear the fruit of eternity. Because they only sought the glory of Christ. All they did was lift up Christ and men were drawn regardless of status or political factions. Jesus doesn't go around shaming liberals for their problems. Neither does he do that with conservatives. What have we done when we have reduced Jesus down to conservative political ideologies, when the true Christ transcends all?

Think about our Brother Sparks who gives away his books and teachings for free. Because in receiving a deep revelation of Christ, he believed that what was freely given to him, he gave away for free. Not wanting to make a penny off the Gospel. That's a man who has been dealt with by the Cross. Brother Art Katz talks about how he never lifted a finger to promote his books, and God in His Sovereignty allowed his works to be translated into many different languages. But, not today's prophets. Get this book on the future of America for \$40, and you'll also get this spiritual package as a bonus. Call right now! And for an extra \$20, you can get a soaking kit where you can soak in God's presence. What have we done when we defile the Gospel this way by using the Holy Spirit for financial gain? Or worse, if these prophecies do not even come true, was it even the Holy Spirit to begin with or some other spirit? If not the Holy Spirit, then we've made a mockery out of Him, and that is not something to be trifled with.

Could it be that many of these so-called "prophets" are actually beasts? Beasts that devour our vision of the Simplicity of Christ? Coming to us with language that sounds awfully Christian and seemingly prophetic in nature, attempting to prepare us for some impending disaster, only to be actually far from the Centrality of the Ascended One? We are so captivated by the smooth words of a man that his character is never in question. And the reason for this is that we ourselves are so obsessed with what the future holds. "What will happen to our nation? Are we going to survive? Who's going to be elected? Do we need to hide in a bomb shelter?" Forgetting the fact that Christ calls us to the Eternal Moment of where He is :

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:25-34

In our desperate attempts to latch on to a speculative future that has yet to arise, we've forfeited the faith that grounds us in the present moment. In the Present, we find His Presence. We've forsaken the peace that has been given to us in Christ Jesus. For every spiritual blessing in the Heavens has been given to us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). But, in holding on to divisive and speculative "prophecies", we live as though we do not believe what has been given to us freely. Though rich internally, we live as beggars! Yes, Jesus Himself spoke prophetically about the End Times, but He also assured us of His peace - the peace of Him who has overcome the world. Perhaps in latching on to these "prophetic insights" of the future, we're actually showing how poorly prepared we are for when the Real Trial comes our way. Because it is those who are dwelling in Presence, who understand how to access all things in Christ by faith, who understand how secured they are in the Love of Christ and believe in His Provision that will stand in the Last Days against the onslaught of darkness. Not those who in the flesh constantly prepare and fret for an unknown future, listening to so-called prophecies and conspiracy theories....so much so that they forget to make breakfast or sleep with one eye open. We've forgotten what is in front of us in the name of unproven fantasies. We're even demonstrating how little we know of the prophetic when we dwell on an unknown future because in lacking Presence, we do not fully comprehend the heart and mind of God - the very foundation of what prophetic ministry is! O how little faith we have in the Present Christ! It is the element of trust that is developed in the believer by God's Holy Spirit. Trusting that God is much bigger than our problems and that our future is secure in Him - no matter how it comes about. Because "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.â€

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Romans 8:35-39

I'm beginning to understand how the Apostle Paul became so fearless in his walk with the Lord. It was because He knew how deeply loved he was. His value and worth was so secure in Jesus that no demon in hell could frighten him. No man could scare him away from preaching the Gospel because he knew how loved he was. No future circumstance could deter him. That even if the world didn't want him, his life was defined by Christ. "To live is Christ and to die is gain" was the core of his identity. Come what may....my life is secure in His love, and that present moment of knowing this love through the Cross is what grants us the supernatural assurance that in all things, God works together for good to those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

The Cross is the Open Window through which Time meets Eternity. Because in coming to the Cross and in eating of His flesh and blood, we access the Resurrection on the other side of the Cross, thereby uniting us with the Resurrected and Ascended One. Seated in Heavenly Places with Him (Ephesians 2:6). Waiting to become the New Jerusalem as a Bride adorned for Her Husband. Have we seen this? Do we know this about ourselves in our relationship with Him? Or are we so preoccupied with our future status on earth, our political turmoils, our constant bashing of the other side, that we've missed eternity's values in view? Brother Art Katz once said, "In missing the Cross, we have missed the power of the Resurrection." Those words of our late brother are truer of us today than ever before. Perhaps we need the Cross to deal with our earthly perceptions of who Christ is and what His Body entails. The earthly perception of reducing our Lord Jesus down to who to vote for - Republican or Democrat, Conservative or Liberal, Calvinist or Arminian, Baptist or Pentecostal, Orthodox, Catholic or Protestant, and the list just piles on. These labels warp our perception and must be dealt with at the Cross in order for a genuine corporate expression to be manifested. God is on no one's side but His Own, and His Own Side is the revelation of His Son.

May the Vision of Him who Reigns transcend our earthly ideals. Even the ideals that seem to be covered over with Evangelical terms in order to justify our sins; making certain sins respectable because of religious overtones. Idols fashioned by our egos as we attempt to "Christianize" our political leanings. As time goes on, the Church is called to greater unity among the saints. It is no wonder the enemy laughs at us because of our petty divisions over doctrine and theology. In our disunity, we are powerless. But in a full corporate expression prepared for the End Times, we will participate in the Final Consummation of God's Eternal Purpose which will put an end to the works of the enemy. Demons will tremble at the revelation of this full corporate expression of the New Jerusalem: The One New Man - which is the Whole Christ. Head (Christ) and Body (Church)! We are His dwelling place, and when Jesus comes back the second time, we're coming down with Him as the One Body with Many Members. "Christ is the Head, and He is also the Body." -Watchman Nee

God help us to see this, or we will miss what He had wanted for us from the beginning of Genesis all the way to Revelation - The Tree of Life (Christ) in us, who is our Hope of Glory! God forgive us for sullyng the prophetic by substituting Christ with religious and political endeavours. May we return to the Life of Him who transcends all, and may the Vision of the Ascended One be relished with a holy jealousy. Only then will the words of our mouth and the testimony of our lives be genuinely prophetic in these Last Days because we speak and live by the Son alone. (Hebrews 1:2)

Your Servant in Jesus' Name,

- Michael Barnabas Hoy-Kuen Liao

Re: The Transcending of the Ascended One (On Genuine Prophetic Ministry): The Prophet - posted by rhuomai, on: 20
Greetings Michael,

May I ask you whether these words you have posted are all your own words and no other's words?

I feel led to respond to your words but cannot do so if the words are not your own.

In Christ
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Re: The Transcending of the Ascended One (On Genuine Prophetic Ministry): The Prophet - posted by billy1980 (), on: 2020/10/16 17:35

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May I ask you William if you know what you have said? I know that you have stated that this is the first time this kind of p
rophetic utterance has taken you in this way. That apart, do you know what you have said William?

So as to be of help to you brother. Such things as you have experienced in this utterance is characteristically a gift of pro
phesy. However, the character of what you have said is regarding the prophetic ministry in the time we now live. The diff
erence is profound.

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Re: - posted by billy1980 (), on: 2020/10/16 19:23

Brother rhuomai I did not mean to post twice. My wife called as I was listening and writing the last line. I felt the Lords presence all around me, I'm still a bit shakey. I do have a prayer language and I was praying and praising God on the way home. When I was reading what the brother wrote at the end of it. This happened. I was writing as the words were being pushed out. I myself was not thinking, they were just flowing. I have an understanding concerning what has been written if that is what you mean older brother.

Re: - posted by rhuomai, on: 2020/10/16 19:35

Dear Brother,

I assume that you mean these words from the original OP.

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I would expect you to have an understanding of what you wrote.

Can you express what you understand from the words you were led to share?

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Re: - posted by billy1980 (), on: 2020/10/16 20:06

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Re: - posted by rhuomai, on: 2020/10/16 20:28

Thank you William.

Your latter words of understanding would be considered prophetic in a true meaning of speaking as a prophet and the former words were given as a gift.

The difference between the two forms of word being:

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The distinction here brother is a distinction of the renewed mind. The first words are straight out of the spirit in a gift and the second words are a fruit of a renewed mind that is not obstructing the Spirit within. The first word are given with shaking and the latter words are given soberly with a fear of God. Some say that it is better to shake than to fear - but in truth it is better to obey than to sacrifice.

The OP by Michael has a schism in it and if he finds the liberty to answer my question to him then I will tell him what the schism is.

The reason why I asked you as I have done is because your first words spoke spoke to Michael - but the latter words spoke to myself.

Take care brother and remember to bless your wife with every good blessing in Christ Jesus.

In Christ
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Re: - posted by billy1980 (), on: 2020/10/16 20:41

Thank you for helping me with this older brother! I will leave this post. I pray if the Lord puts it on your heart you could direct me towards a few books or something to help me in as I seek to farther my walk with our Lord. Amen concerning my wife. Im blessed the Lord has through His grace made us one.

Re: - posted by MichaelLiao (), on: 2020/10/16 22:26

Hello Brother rhuomai,

Greetings and grace to you, brother. Yes, I had written this piece. Although I must admit that much of my theology and ecclesiology is heavily influenced by men like Watchman Nee and T. Austin-Sparks on the Centrality of Christ, so some of their language comes out in my writings. Also, some other sermons on this platform have influenced me as well.

I see that you have a comment about my post and how there may be a schism. Would you mind sharing with me your perspective, brother? I'd love to hear from you and your input.

Your Servant in Jesus' Name,

- Michael Liao

Re: - posted by rhuomai, on: 2020/10/17 7:46

The schism is a simple one. And like all schisms its outward and visible form hides or covers up its true effect. As we are concerned for the churches then it is the hidden effect that truly concerns us.

Are you a prophet Michael? None of the men you listed 'Art Katz, Watchman Nee, T. Austin-Sparks, Paul Washer, Leonard Ravenhill' called themselves prophets. It is true that they spoke or else still speak in prophetic terms and do/did so in the mantle of a watchman. Yet the watchman is not a prophet. It is but a characteristic of the prophetic office and a herald of the coming prophetic ministry. Their words were/are warnings and the warnings have been rejected by many. So when the prophetic ministry comes into the churches it will not be a gentle and lovely man - rather a consuming fire.

If you are going to assert what the prophetic office is to the churches then your words need to be tempered with revelation as to what it is that is coming upon the churches. And to that meaning here brother, I mean in the US in particular.

So to the visible schism.

From here:

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From another place:

I have often heard Christians say that the Judgment of God is coming to America because of homosexuality and abortion. As if these are the only two sins that are enough to bring down Wrath. What about Judgment for slavery? Racism against blacks? What about the sex abuses that happen in our own churches? Or the Ashley Madison scandal which many Evangelicals seem to be quiet about? I hear John MacArthur saying that gay marriage and abortion are the two greatest terrorist attacks against America. But I hardly hear anything in the church that addresses racial injustice and how God's judgment should fall on such sin. What about White Privilege? What about the sexual abuse against the hundreds of women that happened in the Southern Baptist Convention? When Beth Moore called out the SBC for the abuse, John MacArthur tells her to "go home." Perhaps the judgment of God is not coming because of homosexuality or abortion. Hypothetically speaking, if the judgment were to actually come, it's coming against Self-Righteous White-Privileged Evangelical Christians who think everyone else around them is going to hell except them! And if any judgment does come, it would be collective against a system. When God called Amos to preach the incoming judgment against Israel for neglecting the poor and engaging in injustice, it was the call for "systemic repentance." Social justice is never separate from the Gospel call because God cares for the downtrodden of society. Biblical social justice is not a call to far-left/socialist/communist policies. In today's sense, it is a call to repent of our own collective biases towards the Black Community - a community downtrodden through police brutality and systemic racism. It is a call to listen to our Black brothers and sisters. To weep with those who weep. To work towards racial reconciliation. It is to leave the 99 sheep and go after the one who is broken.

EndQuote:

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Re: - posted by MichaelLiao (), on: 2020/10/18 1:32

Brother rhoumai,

Thank you for your response to my post. I appreciate your insight into some of the characteristics of a prophet that I had missed out in my piece with regard to the warnings. Yes, prophets give warnings when there is a dire condition that needs to be rectified in the people of God and involves a call back to His Central Revelation. So I understand why you felt the schism between what I had written here and what I had written in the past, which I will address later in this response. I admit that I have my failures in this piece, so maybe I can compensate for some of it here. Even then, I realize that someone can always find something wrong with what I say and know that this response is not a perfect one. We're all still learning as a process.

Now, I would like to mention the purpose of why I had written this. It was actually a response to what I have observed in the charismatic circles where this gift has been horribly abused and reduced down to "Who's going to win the election? What is God saying about our nation's politics? Is God judging our nation because we've not sided with Israel on certain issues?" And then the commercial comes along saying, "For only \$40, you can get this DVD on prophetic insights of America's future...." or "Take our 3 bestselling books, make them a collection and offer them for just \$27." and so forth. Do not get me wrong, I'm all for the gifts of the Spirit manifesting supernaturally. Like Brother William who had posted here, I do praise and pray in the unknown tongue from time to time. I'm just grieved over how the Spirit is being trifled in these circles that the true revelation of Christ is not seen. The gifts are not the end, but a means to the end who is Christ Himself. And if these gifts are used to uphold corrupt men in places of power instead of displaying the compassion and justice of God to the broken and sinners alike, then we've missed the corporate expression in some way.

To answer your question, I am no prophet. God forbid I should call myself that. And nowhere in this piece did I claim to

be a prophet. But, just because I am no prophet, does not mean I cannot speak on what the characteristics of a prophet should entail, especially in the New Covenant dispensation that we live in. It does not mean that I cannot make a comparison based on my observation between an Art Katz and someone in the charismatic circles who is spewing nonsense and engaging in a sort of self-glorification. Who apparently says things like, "God will use Donald Trump to bring revival onto America again....God is using Donald Trump to win against leftists." A politician? The people that I think of in terms of revival are the Brainerds, the Spurgeons, the Nees, the Sparks; people who were considered fools in the eyes of the world, yet precious in the eyes of God! If someone said, "God will use Joe Biden to bring revival onto America again...he will win the war against conservatives", I'd be just as horrified! Because we are using this so-called "prophetic" to elevate a man rather than point back to the Centrality of Christ, the One Who actually saves, and the One Who is the sum of all things spiritual as Watchman Nee would've put it. We've made a flawed man or a political party into a saviour without realizing it. We've made the prophetic into a guessing game rather than genuine revelation from the Heart of God which speaks in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Spirit only has one job, and that is to glorify the Son. And in glorifying the Son, we actually have the revelation of the Cross applied to us where not only our human perceptions of God are crucified, but so does our perceptions of each other. We are living more polarized than before as we are making black and white judgments of each other. And to use the prophetic ministry as a means of demonizing the other is simply blasphemous because we've decided to devalue the image of God in people with whom we have disagreements. "Oh you're a liberal, my oh my you must be a snowflake, SJW, triggered libtard...." "You're a conservative...you must be a racist xenophobe gun-lover...."

This is not just in the world, we're seeing it in our own churches. The prophetic call of the Cross frees us from such pettiness and stereotypes where we don't seem to see the Christ within the other. Where we can't seem to understand where the other person is coming from. Perhaps the warning now is to come out of the labels, come out of the political idols we've made, and come unto the Ascended One who Reigns with all authority, and through His Life in us, we demonstrate the Love of God to a dying world that has yet to see it. Because in removing/crucifying the labels and human limitations we've placed onto God, the greater the Vision of Christ, and therefore a greater Vision of each other as The One Body with Many Members (1 Corinthians 12:12). This is the reason why I said prophetic ministry under the Vision of Christ transcends all because it CALLS ALL. But, that's not my prophetic word nor me proclaiming to be a prophet. That's just how I understand the Cross in my experience. The Cross alone is prophetic and is a stumbling block to many because how many really want to give up their egos?

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28). In the modern sense, there is neither Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or some strange animal in between, but Christ is all and in all.

That's the power of the Cross!

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Therefore, all we can do is be present with Christ. No matter what the future holds, whether a prophecy comes true or not, are we faithful to Christ in the NOW? When John Wesley was asked, "Mr. Wesley, what will you do if Jesus were to come back tomorrow?" Most Christians would probably respond by saying, "Yikes! I'd be getting on my knees, confessing every sin I know of, and cry out to God in panic mode!" But, not Wesley. He just gave a calm reply, "I'll be doing whatever God's been calling me to do this whole time. I'll do my devotions in the morning, serve in the orphanage, work on the hymnbooks with my brother Charles, etc." In other words, Wesley was just being faithful and being present. He was ready for Judgment Day. I think the true Christian does not fear Jesus's coming. I think the true Christian wants Jesus's coming! We never know what will happen tomorrow. Maybe all the human progress will go down the drain in the bat of an eye. I don't know. I am no prophet of doom. I don't know which school of eschatology is true. But, in the meantime, be faithful with what you have now. Maybe that's what truly matters....

Your Servant in Jesus' Name,

- Michael Liao

Re: The Transcending of the Ascended One (On Genuine Prophetic Ministry): The Prophet - posted by rhuomai, on: 202

Dear Brother,

Piece by piece then!

BeginQuote:

Now, I would like to mention the purpose of why I had written this. It was actually a response to what I have observed in the charismatic circles where this gift has been horribly abused and reduced down to "Who's going to win the election? What is God saying about our nation's politics? Is God judging our nation because we've not sided with Israel on certain issues?" And then the commercial comes along saying, "For only \$40, you can get this DVD on prophetic insights of America's future...." or "Take our 3 bestselling books, make them a collection and offer them for just \$27." and so forth. Do not get me wrong, I'm all for the gifts of the Spirit manifesting supernaturally. Like Brother William who had posted here, I do praise and pray in the unknown tongue from time to time. I'm just grieved over how the Spirit is being trifled in these circles that the true revelation of Christ is not seen. The gifts are not the end, but a means to the end who is Christ Himself. And if these gifts are used to uphold corrupt men in places of power instead of displaying the compassion and justice of God to the broken and sinners alike, then we've missed the corporate expression in some way.

EndQuote:

Your purpose in writing, as you have illuminated, is a simple thing to understand. Yet so is the answer to your consternation. Ignore it brother.

The trifling of the things of God by those who take the name of Christ and speak to presidents are best left with presidents and with God.

One thing you may wish to consider, seeing that you are found in faith by the ministry of brother Nee, is to ask the Lord how the latent power of the soul (which Nee speaks into very well) corresponds to the flesh of sorcery (Gal 5:20) as a fruit of the flesh and how that is the essential character of the charismatic churches in some great measure and amounts to sorceric babblers and fortune-tellers. The inclination of many brethren to speak into the future is driven by the power of the flesh, seeing that the charismatic churches have laid hold of a great perception that speaks of the coming kingdom, and not of the time we now live in, where the kingdom is within, yet must necessarily flow from us as living streams. It is a seeing that which lies ahead when Christ returns and applying this meaning boastfully today. I would that I could say that in resisting this blasphemy for nearly four decades that our charismatic brethren are humbled when their ill effects are presented to them before their eyes - unfortunately all I have seen is a desire to flee in a claim that we all sin. So when I have said that we do indeed all sin yet God will begin to judge the pastor and the elder and the prophet in the sight of the church they once again refuse even the evidence of their ill effects and go back into blasphemy. Unless the Lord has raised you up to bring these effects to the pit then leave them alone. You will only be caught up in an endless consternation of deceit from the very table at which you eat and break bread.

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To answer your question, I am no prophet. God forbid I should call myself that. And nowhere in this piece did I claim to be a prophet. But, just because I am no prophet, does not mean I cannot speak on what the characteristics of a prophet should entail, especially in the New Covenant dispensation that we live in. It does not mean that I cannot make a comparison based on my observation between an Art Katz and someone in the charismatic circles who is spewing nonsense and engaging in a sort of self-glorification. Who apparently says things like, "God will use Donald Trump to bring revival onto America again....God is using Donald Trump to win against leftists." A politician? The people that I think of in terms of revival are the Brainerds, the Spurgeons, the Nees, the Sparks; people who were considered fools in the eyes of the world, yet precious in the eyes of God! If someone said, "God will use Joe Biden to bring revival onto America again...he will win the war against conservatives", I'd be just as horrified! Because we are using this so-called "prophetic" to elevate a man rather than point back to the Centrality of Christ, the One Who actually saves, and the One Who is the sum of all things spiritual as Watchman Nee would've put it. We've made a flawed man or a political party into a saviour without realizing it. We've made the prophetic into a guessing game rather than genuine revelation from the Heart of God which speaks in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Spirit only has one job, and that is to glorify the Son. And in glorifying the Son, we actually have the revelation of the Cross applied to us where not only our human perceptions of God are crucified, but so does our perceptions of each other. We are living more polarized than before as we are making black and white judgments of each other. And to use the prophetic ministry as a means of demonizing the other is simply blasphemous because we've decided to devalue the image of God in people with whom we have disagreements. "Oh you're a liberal, my oh my you must be a snowflake, SJW, triggered libtard...." "You're a conservative...you must be a racist xenophobe gun-lover...."

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You did speak on what the characteristics of the prophet should entail and yet you did not speak of the prophet. You spoke of men who were/are watchmen. Whereas the characteristic which you say Nee upheld is a characteristic that all believers should lay hold of by laying hold of Christ. Are all believers prophets?

If the character of these brethren who have placed themselves into the way of the prophetic ministry seems foolish to you then perhaps that is because you despise their ambitions. No Biden supporter is going to raise the flag of Christ and make prophetic utterances. So neither then the prophetic utterances of the Trump supporter can produce truth. Besides these prophetic babblers are at best misusing a prophetic gift that all believers should desire, yet they do it so well that they make of themselves seeming prophets. They are neither prophets nor yet are they walking in the simplicity of the gift of prophecy. William demonstrated by the grace of God what the gift of prophecy is like when a believer desiring a new work of God in their lives is suddenly moved to speak outside their own minds - and yet when asked in his reasonable mind what he has said - he is able to speak prophetically and in a clear meaning that which did not contradict the utterance over which he found no escape from speaking.

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This is not just in the world, we're seeing it in our own churches. The prophetic call of the Cross frees us from such pettiness and stereotypes where we don't seem to see the Christ within the other. Where we can't seem to understand where the other person is coming from. Perhaps the warning now is to come out of the labels, come out of the political idols we've made, and come unto the Ascended One who Reigns with all authority, and through His Life in us, we demonstrate the Love of God to a dying world that has yet to see it. Because in removing/crucifying the labels and human limitations we've placed onto God, the greater the Vision of Christ, and therefore a greater Vision of each other as The One Body with Many Members (1 Corinthians 12:12). This is the reason why I said prophetic ministry under the Vision of Christ transcends all because it CALLS ALL. But, that's not my prophetic word nor me proclaiming to be a prophet. That's just how I understand the Cross in my experience. The Cross alone is prophetic and is a stumbling block to many because how many really want to give up their egos?

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To demonstrate the love of God to a dying world is an ambition to bring all men to Christ. In this hour the prophet must also prepare to bring men to judgement in our time by speaking of a coming revival of the saints so that in the end there will be no excuse when the Lord comes and makes the kingdoms of the earth, the kingdom of heaven and these same brethren are cast out into darkness. You are right of course - you did not claim to be a prophet - but neither do you understand in the least part what that ministry is. Perhaps it would be simpler to go back to evangelism and leave the contentions for those who are called to contend. Of course I am simply giving you my view. Neither do you appear to be disturbed by anything I have alluded to.

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Dear brother I was not trying to characterise you at all. How can I do that Michael? I do not know you?

And yet this paragraph from your reply perhaps reveals something you would wish to consider. You say that Jeremiah wept. Well he certainly did weep. Did you know that God told him not to pray for His people and that if he did He would not listen?

It's a bit late for the church to get into empathetic intelligence if by that claim we intend to convince others that being sensitive is worthwhile. Sensitivity is a two edged sword. If we seem careful and loving with those who are oppressed it is in order to tell them the truth that they are wretched sinners deserving of hell. If we are careful with the oppressed in speech so as to give the oppressor a measure of their failing then we may find that we are striking ourselves when the oppressor is of the same house as we are. Unless the Father has called you to take His house to task then I would remove yourself from it and weep yourself knowing that you will be despised, and yet you love as Christ has loved.

May the Lord bless you dear brother and may your Uber journeys be filled with the fruit of repentant sinners for the glory of God and Christ.

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Re: - posted by MichaelLiao (), on: 2020/10/18 15:49

Yes, brother. I know of the book *The Latent Power of the Soul*. I have yet to read it, but have been interested in it for a long time. From what I remember Brother Art Katz had mentioned about the book in his sermon "A Man in Whom the Spirit of God is".

"I think we all need to heed a book that is rarely read. I was probably not ready for it when I picked it up a few years ago. It said nothing to me at that time. It is saying much more to me now. The book is called, *The Latent Power of the Soul* by Watchman Nee. How prophetic this book is! Before the advent of the first electronic amplifier, Nee suggested that one of the greatest menaces for the children of God at the end of the age would be that soulish realm of activity that emulates, imitates, counterfeits, and gives every appearance of being the realm of the Spirit. He mentions that there is something about music itself that has inherent possibilities for danger. Of all people and of all generations, we need the sharpest kind of sensitivity and discernment to be able to distinguish between that which is soulish and that which is spiritual." -Art Katz, *A Man in Whom the Spirit of God is*: <http://artkatzministries.org/articles/a-man-in-whom-the-spirit-of-god-is/>

Yes, there is a lot of soulish behaviour that looks spiritual, but is far from the Centrality of Christ. Indeed, Brother Nee was onto something when he warned of this kind of manifestation in our modern churches. I appreciate your response brother. I admit that as I look back at my posts, there is always something missing or perhaps contradictory. I do have my biases and as I look back, it did come out in the letter as a rebuke to the conservative church, though written in a hypothetical fashion. So I understand your meaning of the term schism. I must admit my lack of honesty on that part. I think any kind of injustice we see in the world breaks the heart of God and he calls out to us through the Revelation of the Cross to return to Him. The Cross that not only refuses to see boundaries but eliminates them all together in Christ Jesus. Perhaps I still have much to learn about the prophet and what that ministry truly entails. My only goal is to only encourage us all to see the Manifestation of the Corporate Christ and hope for a greater unity among the saints. That's my hope. To see the Love of Christ which looks beyond our denominational and political spectrums. An organic Body ready to be manifested in these dark times. Maybe that's the bigger picture of what I meant. To see Christ. Just like those men I had mentioned - Christ and Him Crucified.

Part of my problem is that in my past posts and this current one, my motives were not always pure. I do want to see a change in the Body of Christ where genuine divine love is expressed. I wish for communication where humility is seen between all of us. But, at the same time, I know how I am. I know my own biases that come out in my writings. My own political leanings that I myself need to be called out of to the Cross. Even to the point where I've covered my political leanings with Evangelical terms. I know my need for seeking human attention and approval, or to even pick a fight with someone online. I praise God that I'm going to Christian therapy to deal with this and other personal traumas. In the meantime, I can only leave this conversation here. I don't think I'm ready to engage in online conversations yet and may need to step back for a while. But, I pray the Lord will keep you at this time as you continue to behold Him.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

- Michael Liao

Re: - posted by rhuomai, on: 2020/10/18 16:25

Thank you brother Michael. That was a humbling response and a great testimony to Christ. Some of what you have shared about yourself I can see in my own flesh also. I can also see the hand of Nee in your manner and use of words. That much at least we can both receive with ease. Nee has been the most persistent influence in my life outside of the Lord Himself. So thankful that his ministry was put into my hands within a few hours of being saved. That was the Lord's hand and I have always been grateful that I wrestled with that first book until I could understand it in the spirit in which it was written.

May the Lord bless you brother and open your heart to find His rest.

In Christ
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Re: - posted by MichaelLiao (), on: 2020/10/19 15:45

You're very welcome, Brother Rhoumai. I did not want to admit the schism and I realize how crafty my ego can be in attempting to defend myself. I've had my painful history with the Conservative Evangelical Church and it comes out in my interactions with people. There was some hypocrisy I noticed that made me feel disillusioned. But, I'm also aware how my pride would like the attention and try to be a prophet. Attempting to be a hero because of my own inferiority complex. It's very easy for me to try to cover up my true intentions. But, I'd rather be honest about where I am and admit that I was dishonest with you when attempting to correct my schism between The Transcending of the Ascending One and the Letter I wrote regarding Black Lives Matter. I care deeply for the Black Community and was sad to see how some have responded to this from churches. I wrote that with brokenness, but also I wanted to send a rebuke to those who I felt turned a blind eye to this issue. When you said that a prophet comes with a warning, not as a gentle or loving man, I realized there was a schism between this current writing and what I had written about Amos and my take on judgment against the evangelical churches. I may not understand prophetic ministry well, but my main intention was for all of us to have our eyes set on Christ rather than man. Maybe then we'll have unity without the earthly labels we place on each other.

There's much for all of us to learn, especially myself. Therefore, I want to owe you my sincerest apology and ask for your forgiveness in saying that you did not fairly characterize me. I was clearly in the wrong and I could've handled the conversation by trying to understand where you were coming from and extending more grace to you. At the end of the day, you were correct, we really don't know each other and especially on online forums, we cannot see or hear the intonations of the other person. I realize there are limitations to this form of communication. I'm also glad to hear that Brother Watchman Nee's ministry was of great benefit to you, brother. Especially hours after you were converted. His works have been helping me out of legalism for years and to live by Christ's Life. His works saved my life many times, brother. Times where I've wanted to give up on the faith, Nee's books brought the Spirit of Christ back to me.

I pray that you will rest in His grace as He carries you into His Heavenly Expression - found only in Christ Jesus our Lord. May you continually eat from the Tree of Life, Brother Rhoumai.

Your Servant in Jesus' Name,

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