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"KINGDOM RESEARCH SCIENTISTS"**

Dear Friends,

On May 25, 1961, John F. Kennedy, then-President of the United States, stood before a special joint session of Congress and set the goal of putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. This set in motion a tremendous amount of research, work, experiments and overtime hours. Basically, all the scientists had at that time was what they could see in the sky at night. But just seeing the moon and taking pictures wasn't enough; they needed information about the entire constitution of the moon. Various aspects of physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, fluid dynamics and more had to be researched.

Their work ultimately led to the launch of Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969, at 08:32 AM EST. The spacecraft carried a crew of three: Mission Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. Then, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on the moon's surface. Here are highlights of other space missions that served as a step-by-step progression toward that historic event.:

- **Feb 20 1962:** American John Glenn orbited the Earth three times
- **Oct 3 1962:** American Walter Schirra orbited the Earth six times
- **July 31 1964:** Ranger 7 transmits the first close-range images of the Moon
- **Jun 3 1965:** Ed White performs America's first spacewalk
- **Jun 2 1966:** America's Surveyor 1 soft-lands on the Moon
- **Dec 21 1968:** Apollo 8 begins the first manned journey to the Moon, orbiting around it and returning home. Astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell and Williams Anders make a Christmas Eve broadcast that is shown live on television around the world.
- **July 16 1969:** Apollo 11 blasts off from Cape Kennedy, Florida, with Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Lt Col Michael Collins on board.
- **Jul 20 1969:** A little over eight years after President Kennedy's challenge, Armstrong and Aldrin become the first men to walk on the moon while Collins remained in lunar orbit in the command service module.

Never in human history had anyone been in outer space to that extent. No one had ever stood on the moon. In fact, some scientists speculated that the surface of the moon was composed of loose dirt and sand of an untold depth and that anything - or person - would sink into its depths, making a lunar landing impossible. However, prior extensive research revealed what could actually be done and there have now been a total of six manned missions to the moon.

Man had no comprehension of what the moon was like until scientists focused on space exploration and the study of the moon's characteristics. In a similar fashion, explorers throughout history have ventured into unknown territories and discovered soaring mountains, valleys that were rich and fertile for growing crops, majestic rivers and animals they never knew existed.

Until brave men like Christopher Columbus proved otherwise, the most learned scientists in the world firmly believed for centuries that the world was flat. Leading minds in the medical world refused to believe that invisible creatures called "germs" could transmit disease until the research of Louis Pasteur convinced them they were wrong. Interestingly, Christians could learn a lot from these examples. Consider what God reveals to us from the following passages of scripture:

***¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins
(Colossians 1:12-14)***

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. (John 18:36)

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (John 17:16)

¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

***²³And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (Matthew 4:23) ³⁵And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (Matthew 9:35)
¹⁴Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark 1:14-15)***

Contrary to what some may believe, Jesus did not teach and emphasize the Law that was given to the Jews. Instead, He taught about the Kingdom of God in order to help prepare people for what was coming after He had completed His work on Earth. This is why the Jews struggled at times to understand what He was teaching; they were not at all accustomed to hearing about a Kingdom they didn't even know existed.

Prior to becoming born again we were spiritually lost and essentially confined to the restraints of this fallen, corrupted creation. That was all we knew, all we had observed and all we had been taught about. All our training was based on how to live and survive according to the way the natural world operates. We were totally clueless as to the actual existence of another way of living.

In the verses above, God is telling us that, as Christians, we are now a part of something we have never before known or experienced: the Kingdom of God's Dear Son. Though we still live in a flesh body associated with the natural world, God has declared that we are no longer of this world. Our primary life is spiritual; our secondary life is flesh, bone and blood. Such a concept is extremely challenging to a world-based mindset; nevertheless, it is still true.

The physics and conditions in the Kingdom of God are not the same as the physics and conditions in this fallen, natural world. Poverty does not exist in the Kingdom. Sickness does not exist in the Kingdom. Fear does not exist in the Kingdom. Nothing of the fallen nature of this world exists in the Kingdom. In fact, the fallen, corrupt conditions of this world can actually be changed by Kingdom physics; Kingdom science does not operate by, nor is it bound by, the same laws as natural science.

Kingdom physics can multiply a few fish and loaves so that thousands can be fed. Kingdom medical laws say that a Christian can lay hands on the sick and the sick will recover. Kingdom science can alter the effects of a deadly poison if accidentally ingested by a Christian. Kingdom words spoken by a Kingdom citizen can immediately calm a raging, stormy sea. All of this and more are a part of Kingdom truth; truth that cannot be changed, but can be dismissed as not true.

The Bible is the ONLY source of Kingdom laws, principles and truth. Yes, it is true that the Holy Spirit has been sent to teach us all things and guide us into all truth; but the Holy Spirit will ONLY teach what has already been established in the Bible. People may give us reports, stories and testimonies of what they believe they have experienced concerning the Kingdom, but if what they share does not align with scripture, they are giving an unsupported theory or a false report.

Preachers may deliver stirring sermons, but if those sermons are not based on Kingdom truth then what is said is no different from the medical experts who taught that germs don't exist and cannot spread disease. Using a verse here and a verse there to formulate doctrine is like coming to a conclusion about the entire composition of the moon by examining one rock taken from the moon's surface. What if that rock didn't come from the moon and is actually a piece of material that fell from a passing meteorite?

The first moon landing that took place on July 20, 1969 did not happen because some people built a rocket and launched it toward the moon, hoping for the best. Instead, it took years of intense study and step-by-step research before the rocket was built and launched. In the same fashion, we as Christians cannot simply step out to serve Jesus and His Kingdom without first learning about the Kingdom. Does this mean a Christian must first go to seminary before being used by God? It means nothing of the sort.

At the moment of salvation, every single Christian is qualified to tell others how faith in Jesus washed away their sins and caused them to be born again. But those new converts are now part of a Kingdom in which they have never lived. Telling someone how you got born again is one thing, but how can you possibly explain Kingdom principles if you don't know them? If a person doesn't understand Kingdom principles, then the tendency is to formulate teaching based on human reasoning and logic.

It is this failure to understand and accept Kingdom principles which has led to some very inaccurate beliefs and teachings concerning speaking in tongues, divine healing, prophecy, the difference between ministry gifts and spiritual gifts, and much, much more. All too often the tendency is to equate physical age or years of being saved as being the same as Kingdom maturity.

God, through the Apostle Paul, has given us some interesting qualifications for ministry:

¹This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. ²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; ³Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; ⁴One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; ⁵(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:1-6)

The word "bishop" comes from the Greek word, "episkope." Sadly, the church world has turned this into a ministry calling like that of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. But as used in scripture, it was never a term in reference to a ministry calling. Rather, it was a word used to describe an appointed position similar to what we would call a church administrator or superintendent. The word "novice" comes from the Greek word "neophutos," from which we get the English word "neophyte." In the above passage the word novice was used concerning someone who was a new convert, but can also be used to describe an immature Christian, similar to what is recorded in Hebrews 5:13,

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

If a Christian unskilled in the Word of God should not be chosen to serve as a Sunday School superintendant, what does this say about those who step into ministry as an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or Teacher? We need spiritually mature leaders who understand what the Kingdom is all about. Contrary to what happens so often in churches and organizations, personality, popularity, eloquent sermon delivery and fund raising skills are not the primary reasons a person should be seen as qualified to be in ministry.

As Christians, we should see ourselves as Kingdom research scientists and explorers. We have stepped onto the shores of a new country, having begun a new and exciting way of living. In order to live life to the fullest in our new land we must explore it in great detail to discover all it has to offer. We must study its science and physics to understand our incredible potential. There is order and structure in the Kingdom which greatly impacts our day-to-day life; we must learn how it operates.

If we want to understand our place in the Kingdom, our potential in the Kingdom, our blessings in the Kingdom and all the Kingdom has to offer, we must study our text book, the Bible, in a critical and contextual fashion. We must also spend time in our Kingdom classroom (prayer) with our Kingdom professor, the Holy Spirit, praying in the Spirit. There is no other text book more complete and no instructor more qualified to take us into the very heart of this Kingdom that is filled with the glory of God!

In His Grace,

Jim

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