

# HEAVEN 7.0

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN FULL  
OPERATION EXCEEDS THE  
ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY

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## Dedication and Special Thanks

First, I would like to thank God for the patience He has shown me over the past thirty-three years, as He has developed my life in a fuller manner. At first, it appeared to be an awkward method, but after thirty-three years, He has proven that not only is He faithful, but also a masterful builder who molds a person individually, and in a very thoughtful pattern to produce something a person could never do by themselves.

*“But Christ is faithful as a son over God’s house. And we are His house, if we hold on to our courage and hope of which we boast.” Hebrews 3:6 (NIV)*

Secondly, this book would not have been possible without the cooperation of my beautiful wife and partner of 38 years, Pam, in the marriage and ministry. She has been a true encourager and partner in God’s work. She has filled a place in my heart and life that no other person could have filled. Together, God has allowed us to produce the outcome of this book and many other miraculous endeavors that have exceeded our greatest expectations. All of my work with other ministers and coworkers combined cannot compare to the teamwork we have built together. God has built this ‘house’ that we share in our hearts!

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Last but not least, thanks to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for ensuring that the number one topic Jesus discussed was the Kingdom of God, which is synonymous with the Kingdom of Heaven. No other topic was referenced, talked about, and assigned parables to the Kingdom of Heaven. No wonder, Jesus said, ‘Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.’ Matthew 6:33

Blessed beyond measure,

*Michael L. Mathews*





## FOREWORDS

*"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body, I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell." 2 Corinthians 12:2-4*

It is unusual for a book to have two Forewords written for it. However, some of the world's most credible non-fiction books warrant multiple Forewords to bring together various credible references that provide unique insights from high-profile experts. It is with great delight that two high-profile leaders of our time have agreed to write a Foreword.

Pastor Robert Kayaja is a global leader who has witnessed many extremes around the world. On the one hand, he has seen what some would call hell on earth, yet on the other hand, he has experienced many tastes of heaven through spiritual endeavors that few humans have witnessed. His work around the world has brought about millions of miracles through eternal salvation, signs, and wonders.

Minister and business Leader Rick Piña has become a voice across the USA and abroad as a U.S. Veteran, national technology business leader for one of the world's largest technology companies, World Wide Technologies. He and his wife, Isabella, also lead numerous ministries and outreach programs to the underprivileged.

Both Pastors Kayanja and Pina bring the credibility of seeing heavenly realms. They, much like the Apostle Paul, have been about the Father's Business, but they can also testify like the Apostle Paul that they have been caught up into the 3<sup>rd</sup> heavens and witness things that cannot be uttered. These are the type of men who have helped connect earthly challenges with Heavenly possibilities time and time again.

I am extremely appreciative of both pushing the Kingdom of God forward with new levels of understanding, as God continues to unfold the mystery of the Gospel and accelerate knowledge.

*"Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Ephesians 3:8-11*

## Foreword by Pastor Robert Kayanja

When Michael L. Mathews first shared the concepts that would become Heaven 7.0, I immediately recognized the hand of God preparing the next generation for an unprecedented season. As someone who has witnessed God's miraculous power across more than 80 nations, ministering to crowds of up to 200,000 people nightly, I can testify that we are living in the most spiritually dynamic era in human history.

My own journey began with divine encounters that defied human explanation. Born as a miracle baby after a life-threatening pregnancy, delivered from a speech impediment that should have disqualified me from ministry, I learned early that God's ways transcend our natural limitations. What started in a humble papyrus reed structure has grown into Miracle Centre Cathedral—a debt-free facility seating 10,500 with over 5,000 branches across Uganda. This expansion didn't happen through human strategy or technological advancement; it happened because God's Kingdom operates at speeds that make our fastest innovations look primitive.

Heaven 7.0 arrives at a critical moment when the next generation faces unprecedented challenges. Our young people are digital natives who can navigate virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing concepts that would have seemed like magic to previous generations. Yet many struggle to believe that the God who created the minds that invented these technologies has even greater capabilities available to them.

Michael Mathews understands something crucial: God is not intimidated by human progress. Throughout this book, he demonstrates that every technological breakthrough is merely a shadow of spiritual realities that have always existed in the Kingdom of Heaven. When we invented cloud computing, God had already established His divine cloud infrastructure through Scripture. When we developed artificial intelligence, God had already programmed divine wisdom into human hearts. When we created global communication networks, God had already connected believers across time and eternity through His Spirit.

This perspective transforms how we approach ministry to the next generation. Instead of competing with technology or dismissing it as worldly, we can show young people that their fascination with innovation actually reflects their Creator's nature. The same God who inspired them to dream of virtual worlds has prepared real spiritual dimensions they can access through faith. The same divine intelligence that enables them to understand complex algorithms desires to reveal heavenly mysteries that exceed any human programming.

In my decades of ministry, I have witnessed the acceleration Michael describes in these pages. Dreams and visions are increasing exponentially. Supernatural healings are becoming commonplace. Young believers are accessing spiritual realities that once took decades to develop. Children are prophesying with accuracy that astounds

seasoned ministers. The very signs that Jesus promised would accompany the end times are manifesting with unprecedented frequency and clarity.

What excites me most about Heaven 7.0 is its prophetic timing. As the world becomes increasingly complex and digital, God is releasing spiritual understanding that helps believers navigate not just current realities but also future possibilities. This book serves as both a theological framework and a practical manual for operating in Kingdom dimensions that remain stable regardless of technological disruption.

The next generation doesn't need us to simplify the Gospel—they need us to reveal its true complexity and power. They don't need watered-down spiritual experiences—they need access to the full bandwidth of God's presence. They don't need church services that compete with entertainment—they need encounters with the living God that make virtual reality seem flat by comparison.

Michael Mathews has provided exactly what this generation requires: a theological upgrade that matches their technological sophistication while maintaining biblical integrity. Heaven 7.0 doesn't compromise Scripture to accommodate modern thinking; instead, it reveals how ancient biblical truths provide the ultimate framework for understanding reality itself.

As you journey through these pages, prepare to have your spiritual vision enhanced, your faith expectations upgraded, and your understanding of God's capabilities expanded exponentially. The door is indeed open for the next generation to access heavenly realities that previous generations could only imagine.

The Kingdom of Heaven has always been more advanced than human technology. Now it's time for God's people to operate accordingly.

Sincerely,

Pastor Robert Kayanja



### **About Pastor Robert Kayanja, Miracle Centre Cathedral, Kampala, Uganda**

Robert Kayanja Ministries is a global ministry dedicated to bringing those far from God back to Him through miracles, signs, and wonders. The ministry originated from a papyrus reed structure and is now one of the largest Pentecostal churches in East and Central Africa, led by Pastors Robert and Jessica Kayanja. Upon the total surrender of the keys of the ministry to the Holy Spirit, it's His agenda or nothing at all. We invite you to be a part of what God is doing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The ministry began in the humble village of Masooli, located in central Uganda, with impoverished beginnings. People would say, 'What good could come out of Masooli?' Who would have dreamed that a global ministry could have been birthed from a small village? God's ways are higher than our ways.

Nothing came easy for Pastor Robert Kayanja. His mother's pregnancy was very difficult, and a truly life-and-death decision had to be made to save his life. The miraculous power of God came through for him and his mother just in time. Life was granted to this miracle baby but he was born with a stutter. Again, who would have thought that a boy who stutters would one day minister to those with no hope, living with the threat of disease and the fear of death? God had a powerful plan for this offspring from the village of Masooli.

Pastor Robert Kayanja grew in stature and wisdom. Through a truly divine encounter with Jesus Christ at the age of 17, he was called into ministry. At age 22 he was launched into ministry. Many people would consider his first days in ministry very humble as well. The Miracle Centre was founded and services were held in a papyrus reed structure, along with a few other young ministers. Launching out into a world that hardly believes that God still performs miracles, Pastor Robert has climbed many mountains. Miracle upon miracle, the church has grown into an international ministry. As a result, Pastor Robert has ministered in more than 80 nations worldwide, holding crusades and seminars for up to 200,000 people nightly.

As God's people hungered and thirsted for more of God, there was a need for bigger facilities to be built. Miracle Centre Cathedral is now a debt-free building with a 10,500-seat capacity. There are over 5,000 branches across Uganda.



## Foreword by Pastor Rick Piña

*"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17 NKJV)*

When Michael Mathews asked me to write this Foreword, I have to be honest with you—my first thought was: "Are you sure you have the right guy?"

I am not a theologian. I don't have a PhD in Biblical studies. What I am is a guy who spent 25 years in the military, rising to serve as the U.S. Army's first Chief Technology Officer at the Pentagon—pioneering how one of the world's largest organizations would integrate emerging technologies into critical operations. I've spent decades in technology leadership positions, navigating the intersection of innovation, security, and mission-critical systems. And for nearly three decades, I've been loving, following, studying, and preaching about Jesus—writing daily devotionals for 29 years, publishing a podcast for 15 years, and running both a federal IT contracting business and a non-profit ministry simultaneously.

Here's what I've learned from living in both worlds: they don't just coexist—they collide. And in that collision, something powerful happens.

God has graced me to bridge two realms that most people think are incompatible: the hard-edged world of government contracts, cybersecurity, and cutting-edge IT infrastructure—and the supernatural Kingdom of God where grace reigns and miracles happen. I've sat in Pentagon strategy sessions in the morning and preached about divine provision that same evening. I've negotiated multi-million-dollar federal contracts while teaching believers how to operate by faith. I've deployed technology solutions for global corporations while acknowledging that God's wisdom surpasses all human understanding.

Most people think you have to choose one or the other. But by God's grace, there is no limit to what you can do.

As I started reading Heaven 7.0, I realized Michael wasn't asking me to write this Foreword because I'm a scholar. He was asking me because I LIVE in the tension this book addresses. Every single day. I understand what it means to honor God in boardrooms and command centers. I know what it's like to apply Kingdom principles while navigating the complexities of federal compliance, competitive bidding, and technological innovation. I've experienced firsthand that faith and excellence aren't opposites—they're partners.

**This book is about a spiritual upgrade most believers desperately need.**

Here's what hit me as I read through this manuscript: We live in an era where we've upgraded everything. Our phones. Our cars. Our homes. Everything around us is "smart" now. We trust technology we can't see. We believe in 5G networks transmitting data invisibly through the air. We store our most precious files in "the cloud" without ever seeing a server. We make million-dollar decisions based on AI algorithms.

But when it comes to God's Kingdom? Most believers are still running on Heaven 1.0 software. And that's a problem.

**The irony doesn't escape me.**

I've spent my career helping organizations implement cloud computing, AI integration, and digital transformation. I've sat in Pentagon briefings about emerging technologies. I've managed multi-million-dollar federal contracts for cutting-edge IT infrastructure. I've worked at the intersection of technology and national security at the highest levels.

And here's what I've discovered: **the most advanced "system" I've ever encountered isn't Silicon Valley's latest innovation—it's the Kingdom of Heaven operating through God's grace.**

**God operates by grace. We respond by faith.**

For 29 years, I've been writing "**Today's Word**," a daily devotional where I consistently teach one core message: **everything God does for us is by grace—unearned, unmerited, and undeserved.** Our response to God's grace is through faith. Not faith to get God to do something. Faith to align ourselves with what grace has already provided.

When Michael talks about "Heaven 7.0" as an upgrade in our understanding of divine operations, it resonates deeply with my own teaching. See, grace isn't God's response to our performance. **Grace is God's preemptive provision.** Faith is simply our agreement with what grace has already accomplished.

**It's already done!**

This is a phrase I use constantly in my teaching. Why? Because it's true. We're not trying to convince God to act. We're discovering what He's already put in place and aligning our lives with His provision.

This is exactly the paradigm shift Michael is calling us to in Heaven 7.0. Just as we don't create the internet (we simply connect to what already exists), we don't create God's provision through our efforts. We connect to what grace has already established.

The question isn't "Can God do it?" The question is "Will I access what grace has already provided?"

### **Here's where this book gets uncomfortably convicting.**

Michael points out that we have more faith in artificial intelligence than in divine intelligence. We trust 5G networks transmitting invisible data through the air, but we struggle to believe God's Spirit can communicate directly to our hearts. We store our most precious files in "the cloud" without seeing a single server, yet we doubt God's omnipresence.

I see this paradox every single day in my work. Business leaders will make million-dollar decisions based on data analytics and AI predictions without batting an eye. But suggest that God might be speaking through a dream? Through a prophetic word? Through a supernatural download of wisdom? Suddenly, everyone becomes a skeptic.

Yet here's what I've learned after decades of walking with God and operating in high-level technology leadership at the same time: **the supernatural realm is more reliable than any system humans have ever built.**

- Every technology eventually fails, crashes, or becomes obsolete.
- God's Kingdom operates with 100% uptime, infinite bandwidth, and zero latency.
- His wisdom downloads never contain viruses.
- His guidance system never experiences glitches.
- His cloud network has been operational since before the foundations of the world.

### **Grace has already programmed the outcome. Faith is our activation code.**

What makes Heaven 7.0 particularly powerful is how Michael's technological metaphors illuminate grace-based living. When he talks about developing "spiritual algorithms"—systematic approaches to processing life through Kingdom principles rather than fear-based reactions—he's describing what I've been teaching for decades: **living from the inside out, not the outside in.**

When you understand this, everything changes:

- You stop striving and start receiving.
- You stop performing for approval and start operating from a position of already being approved.
- You stop trying to earn what grace has freely given.
- You stop begging God for what He's already provided.
- You start accessing instead of asking.
- You start believing instead of begging.

### **The OODA Loop and spiritual decision-making**

Michael's discussion of the OODA Loop (Observe, Orient, Decide, Act) from military strategy particularly resonated with me. During my 25 years in uniform, I learned that the **speed of decision-making often determines success or failure**. The same is true spiritually.

Those who can rapidly process God's guidance through faith and act on it will consistently outperform those paralyzed by doubt or limited by purely rational thinking.

But here's the grace dimension Michael touches on: **we're not making these decisions in our own strength or wisdom**. Grace provides both the desire and the power to fulfill God's will. When we submit to God's already-established plans, grace gives us supernatural capacity to execute what would be impossible through human effort alone.

### **Transforming pain through grace: the halo effect**

One of the most profound sections of Heaven 7.0 deals with what Michael calls the "halo effect"—how God's light refracts through even our painful experiences to create something beautiful and complete.

This isn't a religious platitude. This is Kingdom physics.

I've learned through personal experience that thanking God (even for the difficulties that shaped us) isn't about being religious. It's about activating a spiritual principle that releases healing and redemption. When we say "Father, thank You for that painful season," we're not saying the pain was good. We're acknowledging that **grace can transform any experience into something that serves our divine purpose**.

This is living the grace life:

- We don't have to understand why certain things happened.

- We don't have to justify God's methods.
- We simply trust that grace is working all things together for our good.
- Even when we can't see how.
- Even when it doesn't make sense in the moment.

### **Dreams and visions are accelerating**

Michael's emphasis on the acceleration of supernatural experiences (dreams, visions, divine encounters) mirrors what I've been witnessing globally. Whether it's through our ministry work in the Caribbean, our connections with believers worldwide, or reports from mission fields, there's no denying it: **something is accelerating**.

- God is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh.
- People who never had supernatural experiences are suddenly dreaming prophetically.
- Businesspeople are receiving strategic wisdom through visions.
- Ordinary believers are operating in extraordinary spiritual gifts.

This isn't mysticism. This is normal Christianity. The early church operated this way constantly. We're the ones who've been running on reduced capacity. We've been accepting a diminished version of Christianity because we've been afraid of anything that doesn't fit into our neat theological boxes.

Heaven 7.0 challenges us to expand those boxes—or better yet, to throw them away entirely and embrace the fullness of what God is releasing in this season.

### **Why this book matters right now**

We're living in what I call a "**convergence moment**." Technological advancement, global connectivity, spiritual hunger, and prophetic fulfillment are all accelerating simultaneously. Many believers are feeling overwhelmed. They're unsure how to navigate rapid change while maintaining spiritual integrity.

Heaven 7.0 provides a framework for not just surviving this season but thriving in it. Michael shows us how to:

- Leverage our familiarity with technology to understand spiritual realities we've previously missed.
- Develop rapid spiritual decision-making protocols that keep pace with the speed of modern life.
- Access supernatural wisdom for natural challenges.
- Transform past pain into present power through the grace of gratitude.



- Operate as co-developers in God's advancing Kingdom rather than passive observers.

This isn't about becoming more religious. It's about becoming more connected to divine reality than we are to digital reality.

### **So what does this mean to you today?**

For 29 years, one question has consistently driven my teaching: "**So what does this mean to you today?**" Because theory without application is just information. Faith without action is dead.

So let me ask you:

- What if everything Michael proposes in Heaven 7.0 is true?
- What if God really is upgrading Kingdom operations at quantum speeds?
- What if supernatural experiences aren't reserved for super-spiritual people but are becoming normative for ordinary believers?
- What if the dreams you've been dismissing are actually divine downloads?
- What if the "coincidences" in your life are actually orchestrated by grace?
- What if the reason you're reading this foreword right now wasn't random but was itself a Heaven 7.0 operation guiding you toward an upgrade you desperately need?

### **Here's what I know after 29 years of ministry and 35 years in enterprise technology:**

We serve a God who is infinitely more capable than we've dared to believe. His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His technology makes our most advanced innovations look primitive.

The question isn't whether God can upgrade our understanding and experience of His Kingdom. The question is whether we're willing to download the upgrade.

### **Michael Mathews has given us more than a book. He's provided an upgrade prompt.**

You know those notifications on your phone: "Update Available. Install Now or Later"? This is that moment spiritually. You can hit "Later" and keep running on your current operating system. Or you can hit "Install Now" and see what happens when you align your faith with Heaven's current operations.

I'm hitting "**Install Now.**" I hope you will, too.



## **ABOUT RICK PIÑA**

Rick Piña is a man who lives at the intersection of technology and faith, business and ministry, practical wisdom and spiritual authority. As Chief Operating and Revenue Officer of Inspired Solutions, he leads a IT and Logistics firm serving Department of Defense agencies, government entities, and commercial clients across multiple sectors.

But Rick's resume doesn't tell his whole story. For over 29 years, he's been writing "Today's Word," a daily devotional that reaches believers worldwide with practical, grace-centered teaching. Alongside his wife, Isabella, he leads Rick and Isabella Piña Ministries, teaching believers to "FIND, FOLLOW, and FINISH their divine purpose" while Living the Grace Life.

Rick holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Trident University. His ministry extends globally through mission work in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Dominica, where he and Isabella lead teams that provide both spiritual and practical support to underserved communities.

Rick and Isabella reside in Virginia and continue to bridge the gap between marketplace and ministry, demonstrating that Kingdom principles work in every arena of life—from the boardroom to the sanctuary, from military strategy to spiritual warfare, from federal procurement to divine provision.

As Rick would say: "It's already done! #TheGraceLife"

## Preface

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*"Heaven is about harmony, the harmonious workings of God, who made everything. It is part of all things working together for good to them that love God. That's how God makes His creation, the kingdom of heaven: good. 'And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.' (Genesis 1:31) God's kingdom/the kingdom of heaven is every good gift and every perfect gift, which cometh down from the Father of lights, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He is always streaming of us this goodness, all His goodness." ~ Betsy Atterbury*

Welcome to Heaven 7.0. I trust I've captured your attention by invoking one of the most inspiring concepts known to humanity - Heaven. It would seem impossible to go wrong exploring one of the most hopeful, yet mysterious realities that has captivated human imagination throughout history. I could traverse every continent, every faith tradition, every culture, and every language and discover that most people share common ground when we mention **'heaven,' 'paradise,' or 'the eternal realm.'** Although heaven may present different images across cultures, we consistently find universal resonance in the concept of a transcendent destiny of peace and fulfillment. Everyone treasures those profound testimonies of loved ones who, in their final moments, shared glimpses of heavenly encounters. The very thought of eternal harmony and rest provides humanity with hope, comfort, and profound joy.

One reason we find such universal resonance in the concept of heaven is that most people maintain an optimistic and forward-looking perspective on this realm. As the old saying goes, *"I can't wait to experience heaven, I just don't want to be in the beta testing phase!"* Our thoughts remain consistently positive because few have managed to corrupt the 'cloud-based' or 'future-state' vision we hold of heaven. This place called heaven remains beautifully mysterious—a positive, hope-filled kind of mystery. Our view of heaven stands in stark contrast to many earthly expressions of faith: religions, denominations, belief systems, clergy hierarchies, and institutional structures. We have constructed countless digital idols, false narratives, spiritual scams, human influencers, mega-platforms, religious brands, sacred spaces, temples, buildings, organizations, and even taken political positions over most 'faith-on-earth' applications of spirituality.

Going deeper into our current reality, we have even taken the one person who descended and ascended between heaven -- Jesus Christ -- and made Him a source of division rather than unity across humanity's network. As humans interfacing with

various religious operating systems and earthly faith applications, we naturally develop skepticism toward corrupted spiritual software. Simply put, earthly faith has been filtered through so many human algorithms that we've become rightfully cautious users, finding it challenging to identify the original source code of truth. This has resulted in hundreds of religious platforms and sects, creating eight major 'competing' spiritual ecosystems that maintain adversarial mindsets. These groups will be explored in later chapters, but for now, let's focus on the shared space we call heaven.

The fact that heaven has remained uncorrupted should be considered a miracle of divine preservation. Considering that most religious organizations want to trademark, monopolize, brand, and monetize their spiritual intellectual property, it's remarkable that we haven't compromised the universal image of heaven. The closest attempts to hack heaven's reputation come from those who have made false predictions about system shutdown dates. Yet even these failed prophecies haven't crushed the majority's positive perception of heaven. Heaven remains the one sacred space that continues providing humanity with visions of hope, peace, transcendent experiences, magnificence, harmony, and the ultimate meetup with our understanding of God, as well as reunion with loved ones who have transitioned from this earthly platform.

I have intentionally taken the universal concept of Heaven and appended it with the version identifier 7.0. I believe you'll enjoy this upgrade and be challenged to recognize that we live in an era where knowledge and revelation are processing at unprecedented speeds. The Prophet Daniel speaks of a time when knowledge would exponentially increase, while the Apostle John shares that the mystery of the Gospel would reach full disclosure, as foretold by prophets like Daniel (Daniel 12:4; Revelation 10:10). As we approach these events, there's no doubt that knowledge will continue accelerating exponentially. Additionally, the world's mysteries will continue being decrypted and gain clearer resolution.

I'm amazed at the bandwidth people dedicate to fearing a 'one world' government, the anti-Christ, and apocalyptic scenarios, while rarely streaming content about God's Kingdom promises. End-time events may be legitimate and probable, but they should never override God's commitment to His Kingdom of Heaven and our prayer that His will downloads on earth as it runs in heaven. Focusing excessively on negative scenarios only allocates more processing power to life's dark side, depleting people's capacity to operate in the strength, faith, and power of God's promises for the very beings He created in His image.

Heaven 3.0 is designed to help people see and explore earthly faith in its purest form by understanding that heaven's reality is syncing closer to our current location, making it increasingly accessible to our spiritual perception. The uncorrupted vision of heaven, combined with exponentially increasing knowledge, is already enabling millions to view and experience heavenly aspects of God's Kingdom with high-definition clarity. Essentially, heaven's purity, integrated with expanded knowledge, is providing us with cleaner filters to see who we truly are in God's Kingdom. In the process of recognizing our authentic identity, we begin to see who God ultimately designed us to become.

The context of Heaven 7.0 can best be understood by establishing baseline references for what might be considered Heaven 1.0, Heaven 2.0, Heaven 3.0, Heaven 4.0, Heaven 5.0, and Heaven 6.0. If scripture is true that His Kingdom advances and that the Mind of Christ operates in us, then it stands to reason that we will be a few release levels ahead of technology 4.0.

*"But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."*

~ Daniel 12:4

*"And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, 'There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.'"*

~ Revelation 10:6-7



## Introduction

### Reflections of Heaven as Time and Knowledge Advance

#### The Reflections of Heaven as Time and Knowledge Advance

*"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows -- was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses."*  
~ 2 Corinthians 12:2-5

#### The Evolution of Understanding

The definition of heaven remains beautifully broad and simple. Both the Biblical and Webster's Dictionary descriptions continue to offer us a canvas for divine imagination.

#### Biblical Definition (The American Tract Society)

"Primarily the region of the air and clouds, and of the planets and stars, but chiefly the world of holy bliss above the visible heavens. It is called "the third heaven," "the highest heaven," and "the heaven of heavens," expressions nearly synonymous. There holy beings are to dwell, seeing all of God that it is possible for creatures to see. Thither Christ ascended, to intercede for his people and prepare for them a place where all shall at length be gathered, to go no more out forever, [Ephesians 4:10](#), [Hebrews 8:1](#) 9:24-28. (Source: American Tract Society).

#### Webster's definition

1. The abode of God, the angels, and the spirits of the righteous after death; the place or state of existence of the blessed after the mortal life.
2. Usually, heavens. the sky, firmament, or expanse of space surrounding the earth.

Close your eyes for approximately 10 seconds and let your mind render what heaven looks like. Your mental images might include Jesus, streets of gold, mansions, reunions with loved ones, angels, streams of living water, God, worship, pearly gates, saints, or deceased family members. These images represent your baseline understanding of heaven—likely formed through Bible reading, childhood Sunday

school, or media portrayals. Think of this as your foundational software version: Heaven 1.0.

Now imagine you're among the millions who have upgraded their understanding through personal supernatural encounters or testimonies from others who've experienced heaven—like the millions who've read *Heaven is for Real*, where a young boy shared his divine visitation. These enhanced revelations represent an updated version: Heaven 2.0.

By 2025, it's estimated that over 15 million people have had some form of near-death or out-of-body experience that expanded their heavenly awareness. The Near Death Experience Research Foundation now reports that approximately 350 people daily experience some form of supernatural encounter. These experiences are upgrading humanity's spiritual operating system with fresh downloads from the divine realm.

This emerging view of heaven adds new data to our understanding of God's Glory. This aligns perfectly with Daniel 12:4: *"But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."* We're living in an era where heavenly knowledge is increasing exponentially, as evidenced by countless testimonies of divine visitations. Here are some of the influential books documenting these experiences:

- **90 Minutes in Heaven:** My True Story by Don Piper
- **Heaven is for Real:** A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent
- **The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven:** A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life beyond This World by Kevin Malarkey and Alex Malarkey
- **Heaven is For Real** by Phil Rehberg
- **Nine Days in Heaven:** The Vision of Marietta Davis by Dennis Prince
- **Angels in the ER:** Inspiring True Stories from an Emergency Room Doctor by Robert D. Lesslie
- **My Time in Heaven** by Richard Sigmund

There's a clear upgrade path from Heaven 1.0 to Heaven 2.0, offering us glimpses into an expanding revelation of heaven. As time and knowledge continue advancing, ongoing revelations will bring further truth about heaven and God's mysteries into crystal-clear, high-definition focus. This increased awareness is why Heaven 7.0 needs to be written. Table 1.1 maps this trajectory from Heaven 1.0 through Heaven

7.0, representing how humanity continues downloading more of heaven's reality as our spiritual bandwidth increases. For reference, we'll call this new reality Heaven 7.0, anchored in the scripture that God's Glory will fill the earth as completely as water covers the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). This advancement in knowledge, time, and revelation will be extraordinary and warrants investigating how heaven and earth may synchronize. This book aims to upgrade your spiritual vision to see God, His Kingdom, and heaven in full resolution, preparing you for the divine encounters already streaming and the fuller experiences yet to buffer.

Again, Table 1.1 represents the contextual framework of three generational versions of heaven that may be seen, heard, or experienced as time and knowledge advance.

Version	System Requirements
Heaven 1.0	<p>This is your baseline understanding based on traditional learning and inherited imagery—what your mind visualizes when processing heavenly concepts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sunday school programming</li> <li>2. Fictional series like <i>Left Behind</i></li> <li>3. Family teachings and cultural traditions</li> </ol>
Heaven 2.0	<p>Enhanced knowledge through experiential updates—testimonies from those who've accessed 'preview versions' of heaven through visions, dreams, or near-death experiences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accounts like <i>Heaven is for Real</i></li> <li>2. Near-death experiences and supernatural encounters</li> <li>3. The 15+ million people worldwide who've reported glimpses of heavenly realms</li> </ol>
Heaven 3.0 - 7.0	<p>The full release—the actual reality of heaven interfacing with earth, transforming earth, or manifesting as God's ultimate promise fulfillment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The whole earth filled with God's glory (Habakkuk 2:14)</li> <li>2. Complete elimination of tears, sorrow, and death (Revelation 21:4)</li> <li>3. Supernatural signs in the heavens (Acts 2:17-19)</li> </ol>

**Table 1.1 -- The three generations of Heaven**

The following scripture passages in Table 1.2 will inspire you to seek the enhanced spiritual encounters that God designed to download as time and knowledge advance.

Verses	Scripture	Divine Download
Acts 2:17-19	In the last days I will pour my Spirit out upon all flesh and your sons and daughters will prophecy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will have visions. And there will be signs and wonders in the heavens above.	People will begin accessing heaven through dreams, visions, prophecy, with actual signs appearing in the heavens.
Eph. 1:19	The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know the hope of His calling, and what the riches of Glory of His inheritance in the saints.	God desires our spiritual vision to be high-definition, enabling us to see our inheritance in both present and future dimensions.
I Cor. 2:9-10	Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither entered into the heart of man the great things that God has prepared for them that love Him. But God has revealed them unto by His Spirit for the Spirit searches the deep things of God.	Evidence that our natural processing power cannot compute spiritual realities that come through divine revelation. They exceed human hardware capacity.
Hab. 2:14	The entire earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of God -- as much as the water covers the sea.	Shows complete global saturation of God's Glory, presence, and Kingdom across all networks.
Rom. 8:14-23	The entire creation groans and waits for the manifestation of the sons of God to be revealed through the Glory of God's saints.	Shows God's presence will be manifested through His people, activated when creation's groaning triggers the release of His power.
1 Thes. 4:17; 5:2,	He will come like a thief in the night, and we will meet Him in the clouds.	Indicates Jesus will return and we'll meet Him. Many assume we're going somewhere—but what if heaven's cloud servers descend to earth, and we meet Him face to face here?
Dan. 12-4	But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the	Daniel received a prophetic update about exponential

	end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.	increases in travel and knowledge in the end times.
Col. 1:12	Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has transformed us into the Kingdom of His Son.	God has upgraded us to premium access, transforming us into His Kingdom and granting us the inheritance of light to see His fullness.

**Table 1.2 -- Scripture passages of Heaven**

These quotations from both scripture and real-life experiences provide glimpses into the reality that as time progresses, there will be continuous upgrades in knowledge, visions, dreams, signs and wonders, and our understanding of God.

### ***My Personal Divine Download***

In 2021, while in prayer and meditation, I was troubled that people could easily believe in AI, cloud computing, quantum internet, virtual reality, biotechnology, cryptocurrency, space exploration, and streaming everything instantly through fiber optic networks—yet struggled to believe in God's supernatural capabilities. It seemed humanity was captivated by algorithms, artificial intelligence, bioengineering, digital currencies, and every technological advancement imaginable. Within moments, I heard one of the most beautiful and precious divine notifications I've ever received. God's still small voice whispered that it was time to tell people that the 'world' has nothing on God. It was a whisper accompanied by a vision, showing me that AI, virtual reality, quantum computing, and any other technological marvel paled in comparison to God's supernatural ability to transform, transcend, and manipulate time, people, and space. He was assuring me that heavenly supernatural manifestations would soon make the most advanced human innovations look primitive. However, it was also a warning that those who worship, trust, and are addicted to these technological substitutes may never develop the spiritual sensitivity to perceive and receive the 'authentic version' as God's Glory begins streaming and displaying heaven's power on earth. This will be the revelation I'm calling Heaven 3.0—a pure, worshipful experience demonstrating that God's glory is incomparable!

### ***Time to Give God the Glory***

Over the past fifteen years, we've witnessed unprecedented technological acceleration. Imagine showing someone from 2010 that we now carry devices with more processing power than entire data centers once held devices that access



artificial intelligence, stream 4K video instantly, process real-time language translation, navigate with GPS precision, and connect to global networks through 5G speeds that seemed impossible just years ago. Add to this the emergence of electric vehicles, renewable energy grids, space tourism, cryptocurrency, virtual reality experiences, and AI assistants that can write, create art, and solve complex problems. Fifteen years ago, this would have seemed like science fiction. This capability has evolved through multiple generational upgrades: 3G, 4G, 5G, 6G, and soon 7G.

Who could have imagined that quantum computing, blockchain technology, and artificial intelligence could process and secure information across every square inch of the globe? Through satellite networks and fiber optic cables, I can expect seamless connectivity anywhere on Earth. I now live in a world where I expect and have complete confidence that data travels at the speed of light through networks I cannot see, miraculously entering my devices through invisible waves and quantum transmissions. The quantum field and electromagnetic spectrum haven't changed—rather, each technological generation has refined and enhanced how much knowledge and information can flow through my space and time.

Even though we can appreciate and believe our devices have evolved to expect instant access to information floating through quantum fields and electromagnetic waves, our spiritual receivers struggle to believe that the invisible aspects of God, His Kingdom, and His angels are equally accessible. The issue isn't God's transmission power—it's that we haven't allowed our spiritual software to upgrade to match our technological advancement. Our spiritual reception systems are running on legacy programming while God has been broadcasting in high-definition for years.

I trust this last paragraph opens your understanding to recognize that we humans have upgraded our faith in AI, biotechnology, space exploration, quantum computing, renewable energy, and social media platforms while still operating on first-generation spiritual software. It's time to give God all the honor and glory due His name and start seeing that God isn't outdated compared to our digital age. We've simply chosen to allocate our wonder and worship to other innovations before giving God the recognition He deserves. God's method of transmitting through quantum fields and electromagnetic frequencies is unchanged from the beginning of time. What should have evolved is our ability to tune our spiritual receivers to the reality that God is Lord of all things, both visible and invisible—including quantum mechanics, AI, and technologies yet to be discovered.

As God's power, glory, and dominion (Kingdom) has become more visible and active, we should have been upgrading our spiritual bandwidth to hear what He's been broadcasting to the Church, and enhancing our spiritual vision to see our complete inheritance. Remember, the world's innovations have nothing on God's capabilities. His Glory has been descending and saturating the earth with increasing intensity. This is why so many systems are being exposed and disrupted: corporate structures, political establishments, financial markets, pharmaceutical dependencies, social media algorithms, and entertainment industries that we've placed our trust in. God's glory functions like divine antivirus software—it carries healing and transformation for those whose systems are compatible. When God's glory encounters incompatible systems, their corrupted files are inevitably **"exposed"** and quarantined. The Glory of God will continue streaming with increasing bandwidth until we experience the complete release of Heaven. This process will continue until every system—both the 'healing' protocols and 'debugging' processes—acknowledges that Jesus Christ is Lord. This will be the final operating system update in the history of the world. One thing is certain: the manifestation of God's Glory won't resemble Heaven 1.0. Rather, it will appear as Heaven 7.0 or an even more advanced generational release.

*"Jesus ... who is the invisible image of God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities or powers: all things were created for Him and by Him. He is before all things and in Him all things consist" ~ Colossians 1:15-16.*

Heaven 7.0, explores the realities of experiencing God's Kingdom in full resolution through the interface created when heaven and earth synchronize! God has accelerated the timeline of knowledge for all of us to see, believe, and receive enhanced glimpses of Heaven. All we need to do is upgrade our spiritual receivers to the most current generational release.

## **Connecting to the Ultimate Cloud**

### *A Modern Perspective on Humanity's Common Destination*

"You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the LORD, have created it." ~ **Isaiah 45:8**

*"Heaven is the ultimate cloud platform that offers unlimited storage for hope, peace, and eternal connection to anyone who believes in some form of life*

*beyond this temporary download we call existence, regardless of their spiritual operating system."*

*~ Michael L. Mathews (Updated 2025)*

Before we can access a new level of understanding, we must recognize that there's an open portal to that realm of knowledge. Chapters 1-6 will unlock your curiosity and interest to explore deeper realms of God's promises and connections from the ultimate cloud; Heavenly realm. We're not merely physical devices trying to process spiritual data; rather, we are spiritual beings running temporary firmware in physical bodies. This is verifiable because we were created in the image of a spiritual and eternal Creator. Your responsibility is to see and sync with what God has both uploaded and downloaded for you!

A powerful way to understand heaven's reality and why God maintains it as an uncompromised platform is His promise to merge all authentic believers into one unified network. This means God will facilitate a convergence toward universal compatibility so that He has only one 'church' without bugs or corruption (spots or wrinkles). The precise moment this merger will happen is when humanity reaches maximum proximity to Christ's return. This explains why so many people today are experiencing glimpses of heaven—we're approaching peak connectivity.

To illustrate, consider that there are eight major spiritual operating systems (known as religions) that are currently adhered to by approximately 75-80% of the world's population, which now exceeds 8.2 billion people. This means between 6.1-6.6 billion people are operating on eight primary spiritual religious platforms.

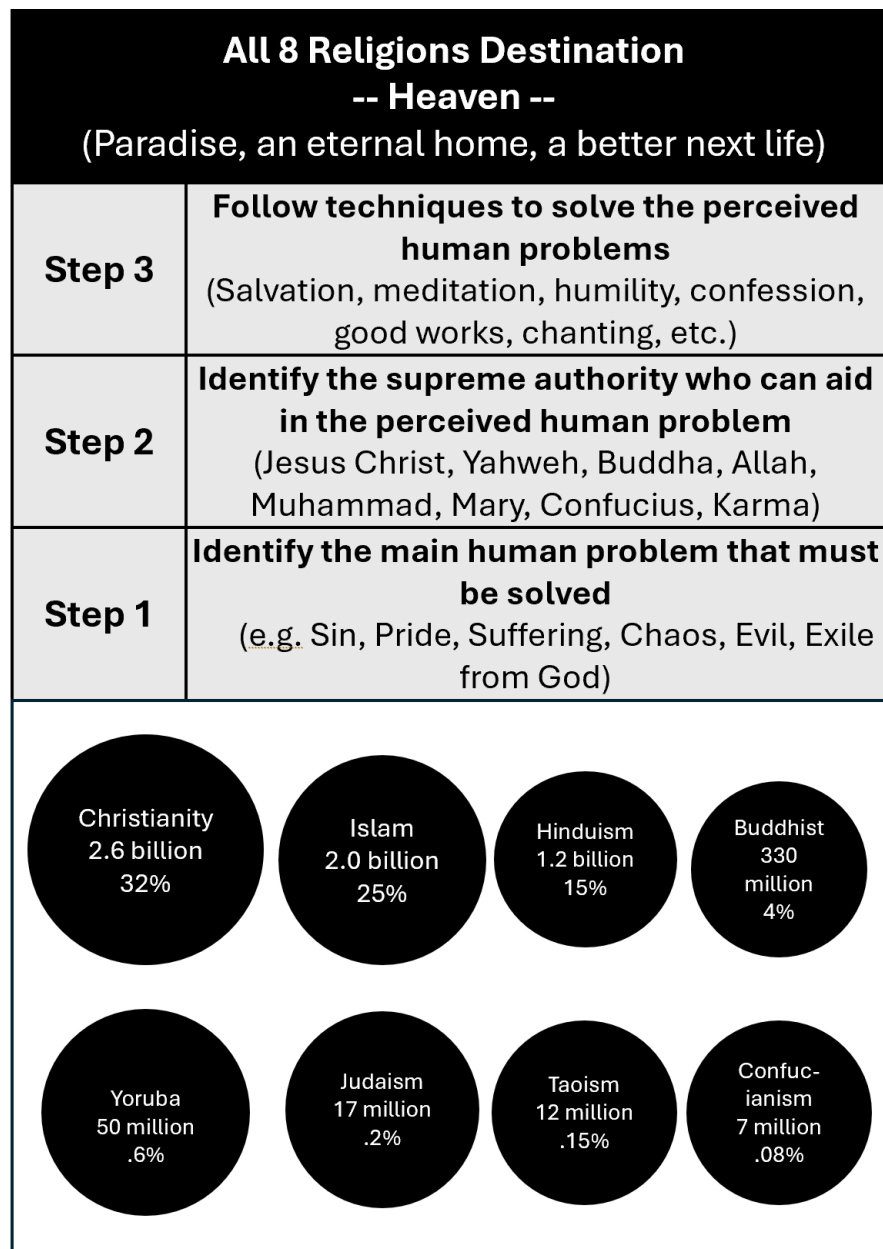
What makes these religions often incompatible is how they configure the pathway to eternity, heaven, or the afterlife experience. However, the remarkable commonality is that they all point toward the same destination called 'Heaven' or 'Paradise'. This means the closer we get to heaven's approach, the more our individual belief applications may harmonize, allowing us to see God for who He truly is—the original Creator.

**Figure 1 illustrates how all eight major spiritual religions** connect to the same destination: Heaven. Notice that the connection protocol is elegantly simple:

1. **Perceived Problem for Humanity** - Each religion has a belief of what the major worldly problem is that all humanity faces. As an example, for Christianity the main problem is sin, for Islam the main problem is pride or self-sufficiency.
2. **Perceived Leader or Supreme Authority** - With each religion having a perception of what the main human problem is, each religion has a perception of the supreme authority or process is that will assist them with the human problem. This may be a God, a Prophet, a Messenger, multiple gods, or process. An

example with sin being the main problem for Christians, their God provided a sacrifice for man's sin; Jesus. With pride being the main sin for Islam, they have one God Allah, who must be completely surrendered to.

3. **Technique to rid oneself of problem and gain access to heaven** – Each religion who has a supreme being who assists in the perceived main human problem has a technique to solve the problem in order to gain acceptance to heaven, paradise, or an eternal better 'life-after'.



**Figure 1** – The Pathway to the Common Ground Called Heaven

My intention with this figure is to help all users recognize why we're instructed to set our hearts on heaven -- it's the destination where we have the best chance of letting our individual spiritual software become less important than connecting to Heaven's Supreme Administrator, rather than being divided by our different applications, techniques, and belief systems that create firewalls and isolation. "Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Col. 3:1-2)

**Table 2** on the next page provides updated data on the eight major spiritual operating systems, demonstrating that our closest common connection point is heaven itself. The data is compiled from current global demographic sources, including Pew Research Center studies and population analysis from 2024, representing the most accurate available information about the eight major spiritual platforms. While other smaller spiritual applications exist, insufficient data prevents comprehensive analysis. For deeper research on the eight major spiritual operating systems, reference "God is Not One - The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World," by Stephen Prothero, 2011.

Name of Religion	Followers and % of World Pop.	Problem with humanity	Solution to problem	Prime Leader(s)	Technique for solving	Common Outcome and Desire
<b>1. Christians</b>  <u>Includes</u> Protestants. Catholics, Evangelicals, Pentecostals	2.6 billion 32%	Sin	Primarily Salvation thru Jesus. (Some variants of the four religious groups look too good works for salvation.)	Primarily God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Some variants of the four groups look to Mary, the Pope, and Saints.)	Repentance of personal sin, and confession of Christ's sacrificial death for forgiveness of personal sin. Some include living by faith, works and grace.	Heaven
<b>2. Islam</b>	2.0 billion 25%	Pride, Self-Sufficiency	Submission to the one true God Allah	Allah – God, Muhammad as a Messenger	Submission to God through prayer	Heaven or Paradise
<b>3. Hindus</b>	1.2 billion 15%	Suffering and Evil	Good deeds and reincarnate to a better life	Many gods can be worshipped	Build-up of good deeds (Good Karma).	Heaven, paradise



<b>4. Buddhist</b>	330 million 4%	Suffering	Nirvana or removal from suffering	Buddha as the first to find nirvana	Meditation and chanting	Nirvana on the next life
<b>8. Yoruba</b>	50 million .6%	None	Connection with the next life	Over 400 gods	None	Next life
<b>6. Judaism</b>	17 million .2%	Exile from God	Return to God	One True God (YHWH)	Repentance, study, follow God's commands	Heaven
<b>5. Taoism</b>	12 million .15%	Chaos	Finding harmony and flourishing	Serve a process 'The way'	Good deeds and living in harmony	Nirvana
<b>7. Confucianism</b>	7 million .1%	Chaos	Social Order Harmony	No God – Only Heaven	Harmonious living	Paradise next life

**Table-2:** Eight Major Spiritual Religious Systems Trying to Connect to Heaven

**Data Sources:** 1) Pew Research Center Religious Demographics, 2) World Population Review Religious Statistics 2024, 3) [religioustolerance.org](https://www.religioustolerance.org), and 4) "God is Not One - The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World," by Stephen Prothero, 2011

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*Note: Population statistics reflect current world population of approximately 8.2 billion as of 2024, with projections showing continued growth toward 9.6 billion by 2050.*

## CHAPTER 1

### The Tribal Effect; Angel-See-Angel-Do!

*"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." ~ Colossians 3:1-2*

*"The one who follows the crowd will get no further than the crowd. The one who walks alone is likely to find himself in places no one has ever seen." ~ Albert Einstein*

#### The Divine Connection Flight

One day, I was traveling from Dallas to Minneapolis with a tight connection through Chicago. Fresh off a brutal month of travel nightmares, I could feel another disaster brewing. About thirty minutes before landing, I struck up a conversation with my seatmate—a Bulgarian businessman who kept glancing at the leather Bible I was using to prep my next sermon.

As we approached Chicago, I asked if he owned a Bible. "No," he said, his eyes lingering on mine with genuine curiosity. The moment our wheels touched the runway, instead of heading to the gate, we veered toward a holding area. The captain's voice crackled over the intercom: "Folks, air traffic control has us in a temporary hold while they clear our gate."

My heart sank. Twenty minutes to make my connection—impossible. But then I heard it, clear as day: *"Give the Bulgarian your Bible."*

I hesitated. This wasn't just any Bible—it was my best one, genuine leather, perfectly broken in. But the prompting was undeniable. "Would you like to have this Bible?" I asked.

His face lit up. "Oh, I couldn't take such a beautiful Bible! It's so elegant!" But I insisted, and he accepted it with reverence, running his fingers over the cover, fanning through the pages.

The plane lurched forward toward the gate. Relief flooded through me—until we stopped dead again, maybe 400 yards from our destination. The captain apologized profusely for the false alarm.

That's when I heard it again, unmistakable this time: *"This plane will not move until you share the Gospel with him."*

Sweat beaded on my forehead. Was this really God? I glanced at my new friend and said, "Let's look at John 3:16 in your new Bible." Within three minutes, I'd walked him through the Gospel. His smile told me he'd been waiting for this moment all along.

The instant he understood, the plane shot forward to the gate. I made my connection with a few minutes to spare.

During my next flight, I heard that gentle whisper again: *"I'm in charge of your travels. Stop obsessing over logistics and start watching for divine appointments."*

From that point on, I completely shifted my travel mindset. Colleagues would joke, "Mike, how is it that you never know what hotel you're staying at until you land?" I'd simply smile and say I had bigger priorities than tracking the mundane details of business travel.

My family thought I'd lost my mind, but they loved the stories of supernatural encounters. I'd entered a new realm of understanding—I was part of God's heavenly network of travelers, choosing to mirror the behaviors of heavenly messengers rather than earthly worriers.

### **From Monkey-See-Monkey-Do onto Angel-See-Angel-Do**

We've all heard "monkey-see-monkey-do," but here's a question that's been bugging me: Why do we naturally gravitate toward the lowest common denominator instead of the highest? Why don't we say "angel-see-angel-do"?

The answer lies in our human tendency to connect with what we can see, touch, and immediately understand rather than what requires faith and imagination. We're wired to spot the lowest bar rather than reach for the highest one.

"Monkey-see-monkey-do" originated in 18th-century Jamaican culture and hit mainstream American culture in the 1920s. It describes learning through imitation without understanding the deeper "why." People naturally mirror the behaviors, attitudes, and values of their chosen groups.

This leads us to a more comprehensive concept: **tribal behavior** or **the tribal effect**.

### **The Tribal Effect in Today's World**

As humans, we crave belonging. We want to be part of groups where we can find identity, purpose, and comparison points. This drive explains why people fight to join exclusive communities—Navy SEALs, Ivy League schools, C-suite executives,

influencer circles, exclusive fitness clubs, private investment groups, elite mega-churches, or even niche online communities.

The tribal effect is why we have political parties. Despite being fellow Americans, we fragment into Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and countless sub-groups, each convinced they're more enlightened than the others. We need teams to compare ourselves against, tribes to compete with, and groups to make us feel superior.

This manifests everywhere: families obsessing over their legacy and blood-lines, neighborhoods divided by zip codes and property values, corporate hierarchies separating management from workers, religious denominations splitting over minor theological differences, and even street gangs creating their own twisted version of elite identity.

### **The Algorithm of Belonging**

Today's tribal effect has been supercharged by social media algorithms and digital echo chambers. We've moved beyond traditional tribes to **micro-tribes**—hyper-specific communities built around the most granular shared interests.

Want to find a community of left-handed cryptocurrency investors who practice hot yoga? There's a Discord server for that. Looking for divorced dads over 40 who restore vintage motorcycles? There's a Facebook group with 50,000 members. The algorithm learns your preferences and feeds you content that reinforces your tribal identity, creating an endless loop of confirmation bias.

Social media platforms have become the new reality TV, where everyone gets to be both performer and audience. Instagram stories, TikTok dances, LinkedIn humble brags, and YouTube vlogs all serve the same purpose: proving we belong to our chosen tribes while broadcasting our "normal" to the world.

We've democratized fame and normalized extremes. The algorithm rewards the loudest, most polarizing voices, pushing us toward increasingly narrow tribal identities. Instead of broadening our perspectives, we've created millions of micro-tribes, each convinced they've discovered the secret sauce to life.

### **The Divorce from Reality**

The tribal effect also explains relationship breakdowns. When couples "grow apart," they're often migrating toward different tribes. Consider these modern relationship endings:

- "We're just going in different directions" (translation: different tribes)

- "I need to find myself" (translation: searching for a new tribal identity)
- "We've become different people" (translation: evolved into incompatible tribes)
- "I've been living a lie" (translation: discovered my true tribal calling)
- "We want different things now" (translation: attracted to different tribal values)

Social media accelerates this process. We see curated glimpses of other people's lives and start wondering if we're in the wrong tribe. The grass looks greener in someone else's field, their tribe seems more exciting, and their lifestyle more authentic.

The typical two-year cycle for these tribal migrations aligns with how long it takes for the dopamine hit of a new identity to wear off. Unfortunately, by then, the original relationships have often moved on, creating permanent division and break-ups.

### **The Reality TV Effect Goes Viral**

The explosion of reality TV—from "The Real Housewives" franchise to "Tiger King" to "Love Island"—has created a new category of aspirational tribes. We don't just watch these shows; we start unconsciously mimicking their behaviors, values, and drama patterns.

But now, thanks to social media, we're all starring in our own reality shows. Every Instagram post is a mini-episode, every TikTok a commercial break, every LinkedIn update a confessional. We've become both the producers and consumers of our own tribal content.

The definition of "normal" has exploded into millions of micro-normals, each validated by its own digital tribe. This isn't necessarily bad—it's helped many people find community around previously marginalized identities. But it's also created a fragmented society where common ground feels increasingly rare.

### **The Spiritual Upgrade: Rising to Angel-Level**

What if we could transcend this earthly tribal scramble and join a higher-level tribe? What if we stopped scrolling through feeds looking for validation and started tuning into heaven's frequency?

Imagine shifting from earthly tribal competition to heavenly tribal collaboration. Instead of fighting over who's right, we'd focus on who's righteous. Instead of comparing ourselves to other humans, we'd pattern ourselves after saints of old.

This isn't about becoming weird or super-spiritual. It's about recognizing that we were designed for more than just finding our place in the human hierarchy. We were created to participate in the divine network—to be part of God's heavenly tribe that operates between heaven and earth.

Ephesians 1:18-21 puts it this way: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."

According to this passage, we're encouraged to imagine and ask according to the power that works within us. We need less time doom-scrolling and more time envisioning the greater things God has in store as we dream, imagine, and walk out heaven's possibilities on earth.

### **The Heaven 7.0 Paradigm**

This concept of seeing and believing that we're as spiritual as we are physical is what Heaven 7.0 is all about—recognizing our potential as Kingdom beings operating in earthly circumstances.

What if I started seeing myself as part of a spiritual tribe that participates in supernatural activities? What if my deepest longing was to leave earthly tribal competition behind and experience the peace, power, and tranquility of heavenly perspectives that transform not just my personal world, but the world around me?

To make this shift, I'd need to change my perception, upgrade my reference points, and set my sights on the highest common denominator. According to Scripture, those higher denominators are heavenly, but they're designed to work between heaven and earth.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray that God's will in heaven be accomplished on earth. In Matthew 16:19, He tells us He's given us the keys to the Kingdom of God—whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

We're granted enormous authority to facilitate transactions between heaven and earth. But if we can't see this authority or don't desire it, we'll never access the dimensions of heaven meant for us to experience and operate in.

When I claim this authority, I'm declaring that I want to be part of the heavenly tribe. When I start acting like a member of heaven's host, I begin seeing things average people miss—just like members of any exclusive tribe access experiences unavailable to outsiders.

### **Our Heavenly Assignment**

The type of authority we've been granted matches and may even exceed the assignment of angels. The word "angel" comes from the Greek *aggelos*, meaning "messenger." The Hebrew equivalent *mal'ak* carries the same meaning.

This means we share the same basic job description as angels: we're God's messengers, facilitating divine connections between heaven and earth. As members of the same tribe—heavenly hosts—we naturally support each other in times of need.

Yes, this means we can minister to angels and angels can minister to us. Consider these scriptural examples:

- "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)
- "But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out." (Acts 5:19)

Both people and angels are combined together and called "all you his hosts who do his pleasure":

"Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will."  
(Psalm 103:20-21)

### **Breaking Free from Earthly Tribal Limitations**

Many religious teachings unintentionally keep us separated from heavenly realities by focusing solely on rules and future rewards. We're trained to wait until we've earned our way into heaven someday, rather than recognizing our immediate access to heavenly authority.

But this contradicts Scripture. We can't earn our way into God's family—we can only believe and receive what's already been promised. Upon accepting Jesus, we're instantly grafted into God's family with full tribal privileges. (Romans 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:17)

This simple act of confession and acceptance—which takes about ten seconds—grants us immediate access to the Kingdom of God. We're born again into our rightful place as beings created in God's image, with Jesus as the ultimate tribal leader.

The tribal effect becomes beautifully redemptive when we realize we can't join the heavenly tribe without declaring our desire to be like Jesus by accepting His sacrifice. His initiation process is both simple and profound.

This perspective might completely reframe the born-again experience. All I had to do was confess that Jesus acted as the ultimate leader by dying for humanity's sin, rising from physical death, and taking His place at the right hand of God the Father, where He intercedes for us.

My simple act of faith—declaring with my mouth that He did what He said He did and is where He says He is—grants me instant, free access to His family along with all the other heavenly hosts. Once initiated, I naturally but supernaturally begin wanting to do heavenly things, where Christ sits and reigns.

This brings us full circle to Colossians 3:1-2: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

### **The Practical Angel Effect**

From 2004 to 2011, my job required constant travel. God was incredibly gracious throughout those trips, experiences, and outcomes. I often shared with my family about the heavenly appointments He arranged on planes, in hotels, and at work events.

They were amazed by the stories, but even more amazed that I made it home safely every time, given my notorious lack of attention to practical details. I'd smile and say, "Do you believe in angels now? God keeps angels employed when I travel!"

The truth is, I made a conscious decision to keep my eyes more open to spiritual happenings than physical logistics. This created opportunities for divine conversations and Gospel sharing, while allowing God to provide protection and provision through His ministering angels.



This shift didn't happen overnight. I had to realize that the more I focused on my own ability to survive business travel, the more stressed I became. I needed the gentle reminder that God was in charge of my life, travels, family, and safety.

### **The Star of David Principle**

This chapter's deeper message explains why the Star of David was shining in the sky when Jesus was born, but only the wise men noticed it. Most people had their eyes on the ground—focused on earthly concerns like taxes, politics, and survival—while the wise men somehow looked up toward heaven.

They saw the star because they were part of the right tribe—the tribe that watches for heavenly signs rather than earthly distractions.

### **The Tribal Choice is Yours**

What tribe do you belong to? What does your tribe look like, act like, sound like, and talk like?

Are you part of the earthly tribe that's constantly competing, comparing, and consuming content to validate your identity? Or are you part of the heavenly tribe that's collaborating with angels to facilitate divine connections between heaven and earth?

The choice is yours. But remember—you can't rise to angel-level thinking by staying focused on monkey-level behavior. Soar into Heaven 7.0 and beyond. As you get there, be aware of the tribes you are hanging around.

The tribal effect is real, powerful, and unavoidable. The question isn't whether you'll be influenced by a tribe—it's which heaven-bound tribe that you'll choose to mirror.

Angel-see-angel-do isn't just a clever twist on an old saying. It's an invitation to join the highest tribe available, where the membership benefits include divine authority, supernatural encounters, and the privilege of participating in God's heavenly network right here on earth.

Welcome to the tribe of Heaven 7.0!

## CHAPTER 2

### The Door Has Been Open, Why Not Take a Peek?

*"I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance..."*  
~Job 42:5-6 (NLT)

*"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."* ~Albert Einstein

During many of the flights I traveled on, I would ask business-travelers, teenagers, and parents if they had any recent dreams. The manner in which I asked the question was so casual that I would sort of ignore the fact that I even asked the question? Usually within the next hour the person would get my attention and say, *"why did you ask me that question, I have been dreaming lately."* I would reply and state, I was just wondering, as I know people are having more dreams lately. This would spark a great conversation on dreams, their personal situations, and allow me to close with the comment ... "whose dreams were they"? They would reply *"Mine, why?"* I would smile and conclude that God speaks through dreams as described in Job 33:14-18, and He desires your attention. I would also state that there was a report in the December 2008 Tehran, Iran Times News report stating over 1,000,000 people from the middle east region of the world accepted Jesus through just one personal dream. (Please Google this fact by typing 'Muslims come to Christ through dreams').

The manner in which I openly held this impromptu discussion was quite simple as I knew that the study of dreams within the field of Science has proven that everyone dreams every night; but not everyone remembers their dreams. In addition, God stated in the last days of church history that He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and everyone would start dreaming more frequently (Acts 2:17-20).

What I was attempting to accomplish during these subtle, non-confrontational, and informal discussions was to let people know that "God had opened the doors of information, visions, dreams, and knowledge to all people." Considering that medical science has determined that dreams are beneficial, can solve problems, and remedy issues it is amazing more people do not openly endorse them. With God stating that He gives dreams (Job 33:14-18), and that they will be increased in the last days (Acts 2:17-18), it would appear spiritual leaders are without excuse for endorsing dreams and visions for solving spiritual problems.

The following two relevant modern day news articles confirm that dreams are occurring on a world-wide scale:

- **The American Mind Journal, Nov/Dec, 2011** (Journal, 2011) issue front page lead story is ***"You Must be Dreaming; Creatively Solving Your Problems While You Sleep."***

- **Charisma, January 11, 2010** posted an article on Charismatics entitled; Muslims Coming to Christ through Dreams, Visions, and Miracles. Within this posting was the following quotation:

*“...a tsunami of faith is quietly overtaking the Muslim world. Islamic adherents are laying aside their allegiance to Muhammad to follow Jesus Christ, despite the social ostracism, persecution and possible martyrdom that converts to Christianity face. Propelled by dreams, visions and miracles, this wave of revival is bringing vast numbers of Muslims—some say millions—into God’s kingdom.”*

What are the implications of just these two breakthroughs, let alone the dozens of other breakthrough concepts? Below is just the tip of the iceberg on what it may indicate:

- God’s Word described in Daniel 12:4 is proving true when the Arch Angel shared with Daniel that in the last days...travel and knowledge would increase (Daniel 12:4)
- Science and God’s Word are starting to come together which allows people to recognize that all knowledge, miracles, and revelations are God’s.
- Science is catching up with God, and therefore there are some ‘way-cool’ intersections of truth.
- God’s version of the Gospel is so personalized for individual people that God is willing to transfer it directly into the minds of individuals even though they live in areas where the gospel can’t be shared.
- It implies that God will use human messengers to spread the Gospel, but He has direct and instant means that far surpass our methods, proving He doesn’t need people, even though He is willing to use people to share the Gospel.
- God is able to dump-out, pour-out, spread-out, whisper-out, and dream-out His visions, words and knowledge to people in any manner He chooses, and at any rate He chooses.
- A vivid dream of ‘Christ’ and ‘Him Crucified’ must be powerful enough, and clear enough in a dream to help people confess His name for salvation.
- The fulfillment of the promise in Habakkuk 2:14 may be easily accomplished through various means. In fact, it could be accomplished in one evening. *“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” ~ Habakkuk 2:14*

I trust you are grasping the concept of this chapter called ‘The doors are open, why not take a peek’? God has given the opportunity for every human being, from every tribe, every tongue, and from every nation to peek into the windows of heaven. When you peek through the windows and doorway of heaven you are guaranteed to see the things of Heaven! We must move beyond the ‘hearing of heaven, and be as Job and see with our eyes the things of heaven; so we can get the fullest view, experience, and blessing from heaven. We are in the days of Heaven 3.0!

### Expanding a 'peek' into a full view of heavenly things?

One of the simplest concepts that I started learning to apply in my life, was that I could accomplish what I started visualizing. I realized that I was created by God to see His beauty, glory, power, honor, future, and possibilities through my life. The missing link was that in the past I had only heard of these possibilities with my ears, but suddenly I started realizing I needed to start seeing with my spiritual eyes. Read and think about the words penned by the 13<sup>th</sup> century priest and writer Thomas à Kempis ... *"Those who attempt to search into the majesty of God will be overwhelmed with His Glory!"* The following passages of scripture helped me realize the concept of using my eyes to peek into the invisible and heavenly aspects of God.

- I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. ~**Ephesians 1:18**
- My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ~**Job 42:5**
- The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ~**Matthew 6:22-23**
- When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ~ **1 Corinthians 13:11-12**

Throughout scripture and my own experiences in life, I started realizing that our minds, will, and emotions are like magnets. Just like a magnet my mind, will, and emotions are collectively pulled toward my visual curiosity. Wherever my eyes are focused is where I start drawing my attention, mind, emotion, and heart toward. This is the simple concept explained in Matthew 6:21 *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* This simply means that whatever we are imagining (visioning) is really what is in our heart, and therefore, is where we will invest our thoughts, emotions, and energies. This would indicate that the magnet field of my life is what I set my 'eyes' upon. For instance, as a freshman in High School I won a track meet in the 800 meters and witnessed the feeling of breaking the winners ribbon at the finish line, the crowd cheering, my teammates hollering positive words of encouragement, and the coach patting me on the back. This experience allowed me to invest the next four years setting my vision on breaking the school track record and reaching new levels of recognition. This vision was healthy, consuming, and rewarding from an athletic and peer perspective. However, the strength of my vision and passion caused me to miss the social and relational aspects of life for those four years of high school.

After high school, and living in a community filled with both recreational and abusive alcoholism, I put my sights on catching up on social activities which magnetized around alcohol. For the next 15 years of life my vision was set upon the lower behavior patterns of drinking, fighting, arguing, and resenting who I had become. Seeing I was drawn to animal level magnetic pulls, I started doing what others do at lower levels and allowed

my energies to pull me to the desires of my lower level nature. If I would have been drawn to higher levels of heavenly and angelic thoughts, I would have started doing the things that are of a higher order in life. Bishop Fulton Sheen figured this out and stated in these words *"Each of us makes his own weather, determines the color of the skies, in the universe which we inhabit."* Bishop Sheen was really stating that what we see is what we believe; so why not inhabit the highest realm of the universe in which God has allowed us to see.

When we seek heavenly things we start envisioning and therefore start entering a different space-in-time. This is the space-in-time when we will start seeing heavenly places with our eyes and not just hear about them with our ears, or through other people. This was the very contrast that Jesus was telling Nicodemus about *"I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"* John 3:12. Jesus was trying to create a universe in Nicodemus' mind that included heavenly things, not just earthly.

Before I forget, I need to tell you that in the fall of 1991 I tasted my last drop of alcohol and confessed the Name of Jesus. On that particular Sunday in 1991, God came into my heart and life and I started setting my sights on higher level concepts that have brought me into realms of possibilities that I could never have imagined during my former life. Yes, that is correct, I found a new life in 1991 and I started my magnetic pull into heavenly thoughts, concerns, and ambitions. I recognized it was a new life as I saw things change in my mind, thoughts, and ambitions; but most of all there was the evidence that all my drinking friends left me, or I left them. My former friends each had different magnetic pulls on our future destinies; they were being pulled one way, and I was being pulled a different way. They saw things I no longer wanted to see, and I saw things that they could not yet see. My new life became the best decision and vision I have ever made, as well as decided to see. The verse *"If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature, behold all old things are passed away and yes all things become new (1 Corinthians 5:17)"* was fully activated in my life. I love the fact that the Bible passage uses the word **'Creature,'** because I went from a lower level 'monkey-see-monkey-do' mindset into the realm of the 'angel-see-angel-do' mindset. In one split second decision, I went from an animal based creature to a heavenly creature. It took me 30-years of hardship to make this split second decision before I switched tribes, and I have never looked back again. On that same Sunday in 1991 my wife Pam also switched the caged world that she was living in as well. She left behind the lower level creature behavior into a heavenly behavior. Needless to say, as new heavenly creatures, we found a new life and new marriage; and are now on our 25<sup>th</sup> year of marriage.

Based on my experience, it took me 30-years to see things clearly and switch my habitat of lower level living. This 30-year journey makes me appreciate how 'one' dream can change a person from one religious belief into a 'Christian' overnight. This type of change in our world is the life changing power of heaven opening up in a quicker and broader fashion. For people who have seen a dream and believed, they must have gotten the full glimpse of heaven and bypassed the 'peeking' that Pam and I were doing for 30-years.

The simple concept of our vision or eye-sight being just like a magnetic field which pulls us toward what we set our eyes upon, affects all aspects of how we perceive our universe. Another way to say this is to say *seeing-produces-results*, and *our-results-produce-our-direction*, and *our-direction-produces-our-belief*, and *our-belief-produces-our-destiny*, and *our-destiny-defines-our-fate*. This concept works in all walks of life. This is why alcoholics seek out other drinkers, taverns, and liquor stores; or why drug users seek out the places of drug exchange and parties where like-minded people hang out. On a more positive note this concept is also representative of great golfers, bowlers, and many other athletes, speakers, preachers, etc. They set their sights, eyes, and vision on winning, and therefore, hang-out in places where winners are trained and coached. Take any habit, profession, hobby, and attitude in life and you will find that people who see the same kind of things, think the same way, act the same way, and talk the same way find each other; proving that we are creatures that copy one another and are magnetically pulled toward each other according to what we see.

God continues to crack open the door into many aspects of life including heavenly realms. The heavenly realms are the realms that allow bi-directional communication to flow. This is the place people see Angels, visions of Jesus, witness miracles, healings, and miracles that intersect heaven and earth.

#### ***Examples of Heaven and Earth Meeting***

During the May, 2011 Joplin, Missouri tornado, many children reported seeing Angels, and also stated that they even saw who they believed was Jesus walking with them during the darkest hours of the Tornado. Many stories and books have been written about these type of experiences. What is happening is fairly simple. When people are put in a unique circumstance such as a car accident, a tornado, surgery, or other near-death experience, they suddenly have their senses recalibrated and closely aligned with heavenly things. The closer they get toward the edges of this physical life the less they see the lower physical realm and find themselves reaching to heavenly realms or solution. This is truly the place where heaven meets earth. Suddenly, people in these situations see images of heavenly things as if they are ‘partners’ with heavenly beings. Up until this moment of despair or need, these individuals have only heard about these type of experiences or sightings, but suddenly as Job they see the reality of what they heard about. They have entered a new realm of understanding about heaven. They are no longer limited to the heaven 1.0 that they saw in a movie or read about in a book. Upon their sightings of heavenly things they now believe that they are part of the tribe (hosts) of heavenly beings. They have graduated beyond the many people who choose to view earth as a separate entity from heaven.

Needless to say, these experiences create a complete reversal of a monkey-see-monkey-do mindset, and into the realm of angel-see-angel do. These people start believing that they are truly part of a new tribe of heavenly hosts. In fact this is why people who have experienced things like this, start to write books and often times go on speaking tours. Their new vision, life, and purpose become so magnetizing that they must tell the world about the doors that were opened to them. A few examples of these individuals include:

- 90 Minutes in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey.
- The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven: A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life beyond This World by Kevin Malarkey and Alex Malarkey.
- Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back by Todd Burpo.

The individuals mentioned above as well as the people who wrote these books were in circumstances that helped them to see through the open door into the heavenly realms. This is the place where there is a miraculous interchange between heaven and earth. This circumstantial cause of seeing heavenly things does not make heaven more or less real. Heaven, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and their Heavenly hosts are constantly present, real, and accessible. These experiences allow them to make different decisions, prepare for life through new lenses, and enjoy life differently than if they never had the experience. Geraldine Berkheimer says the following about the impact of her heavenly experience ...*"Although my near death experience was nearly thirty four years ago, there is virtually not a day that goes by that I am not aware of making decisions based on that experience."* ~**Geraldine Berkheimer**

The facts are clear that God has opened the doors of heaven far and wide when Jesus was sacrificed. This is explained vividly in Colossians and Galatians. He nailed everything to the cross, opened up the universe by transcending time and space when he traveled from the depths to the heights of existence (time) and the universe (space). Review the following passages of scriptures and imagine that the boundaries that we have placed on ourselves have been removed and the doors have been opened for all people. They are open for all people who will believe and accept the greatest travel agent of all time, Jesus. He took the first flight to the depths and the heights, and has now opened the doors for all frequent fliers to travel.

**Colossians 2:11-15.** (Message Version)

*Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws. No, you're already in – insiders - not through some secretive initiation rite but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you, destroying the power of sin. If it's an initiation ritual you're after, you've already been through it by submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive - right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.*

*"When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."  
What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower,  
earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all  
the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. (Ephesians 4:8-10) (NIV)*

*He climbed the high mountain, He captured the enemy and seized the booty, He  
handed it all out in gifts to the people. It's true, is it not, that the One who  
climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who  
climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed  
out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts. (Ephesians 4:8-10)  
(Message Version)*

These passages and many more indicate that we do not need to go through extreme circumstances to experience what God has already prepared and given us; all we need to do is allow our minds to image that we are not separated from heaven, but inclusive of Heaven. This is God's promise! We have the opportunity to expand our imagination, thoughts, experiences, and happenings to include the things of the Kingdom of God and Heaven.

We no longer need to wait for impossible ordeals, circumstances, or life and death moments in order to see heavenly things. In fact, the simplicity of the matter is that Jesus told his disciples to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In other words we can pray and then start seeing the will of God in heaven, so that it becomes reality on earth. This simple belief was exactly what was happening in the dreams of Daniel, Solomon, Abraham, Joseph, Mary and Joseph, Paul, Peter, John and numerous others. Their dreams and visions were in heavenly realms, and then they were carried-out on earth. So, this means that they saw heavenly activities in dreams and visions and then walked them out to be fulfilled on earth. Let's look at three examples:

1. Peter had a vision where he saw heaven open up with a sheet draping down heaven with all kinds of unclean animals. The vision unfolded and told in Acts chapters 10 through 12, was the clear evidence that allowed Gentiles to be accepted into heaven. Even though Peter debated in his mind about the vision that was instantaneously given three times, he finally agreed that God's vision must be turned into reality. He went to the house of Cornelius who also had a vision about sending for Peter (Acts 10:4-7) to come and share Christ with them. After Cornelius' household received salvation, Peter had to go and address the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem and rationalize with them that all Gentiles are now welcome into the Kingdom – simply based on His vision of a sheet coming down from heaven with four unclean animals and the experience with Cornelius.

Peter had to walk out on earth the very will of God that was determined in his vision from heaven. Peter lived and walked out the part of the Lord's Prayer, which states *"that God's will in heaven be done on earth."*

2. King Solomon, the wisest man in the world was but a young teenager when he took over as King for his father David. 1 Kings 3:5-15 explains that at this young



age God appeared to him in a dream. In the dream God asked Solomon what he wanted from God. Solomon within the dream replied ... wisdom above all else. Within that same dream God replied back and said that he would be given wisdom, and because he asked for wisdom instead of wealth, He would also give Solomon wealth. When Solomon awoke he had to determine if he would walk out the promise of God from heaven, on earth. As the story goes, Solomon believes and receives the dream as a key message from God, and gets everything that was promised; here in this lifetime.

3. **Joseph and Mary** – When Jesus was born, King Herod was furious that the Wiseman never came back and told him where Jesus was born. King Herod issued an edict to kill all boys 2-years and under throughout the region. At that same time an Angel came to Joseph through a dream and said get up and get your boy Jesus and wife Mary out of this region and into the land of Egypt. Matthew 2:1-23 states that Joseph immediately woke up and got in the U-Haul and went to Egypt. Ok, it was not the U-Haul, rather the U-Camel.

These three examples are just a few of the 160 times dreams are used in scripture. Many of the dreams and visions were life-changing dreams from heaven that had to be walked out on earth. Dreams are visual, but must be received and believed in order for the dreamer to have the passion, desire, and tenacity to start walking it out on earth. This helps illustrate the point that ‘seeing’ and ‘envisioning’ are often times the starting point to walking out our faith.

The simple concept of being drawn like magnets to what we visualize applies in the supernatural spiritual walks of life. If I see, talk, walk, read, and behave like a heavenly being created by God, I will eventually find others who do the same. And, through this process some of these people will be found in a heavenly realm where heavenly people hang-out. The apostle Paul shares a few examples in the Bible of people who experienced the joys of entering heavenly realms and communicating with people. It is interesting to note that many times heavenly minded people cannot always distinguish the difference between heavenly and earthly things. This indicates that they often times walk between heavenly and earthly realms without knowing. On the other hand, maybe they are just walking out God’s heavenly will on earth; which is one-in-the-same for them. Many of these people have been accused of wrong doing, and it is said of them ‘*Pull your head out of the clouds.*’ An example is Acts 12:7-9 where you can see Peter interacted with an Angel and he did not know if this was a vision or dream or really happening. “*Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.*”

This same type of experience happens on a regular basis when the need and desire to visualize heavenly things arise.

Seeing and experiencing the Kingdom of God on earth are the very reasons great men and women of God seek out places and locations where God is heard about. This includes buildings called synagogues, churches, etc.; but also includes places that are invisible to the normal physical eye. These invisible places are in the spiritual realm, and are sensed through experiences within visions, dreams, prayers, and imagined as scripture is visualized and believed. In fact, throughout scripture, the percentage of times great men and women of God spent in a building was far less than the time they spent in places where they experience the presence, visitation and/or manifestation of God all by themselves vs. in groups of people. The reason is simply because God manifest Himself in so many ordinary ways that people usually miss Him. Many people are not looking for the Omni-presence of God in ordinary ways, or they are too busy fussing about life that they can't see what is right in front of them. The prime example and proof of this is the story of Cleopas and his counterpart found in Luke 13:33. Cleopas and his counterpart were walking around after Jesus was crucified and fussing over the whole ordeal. Jesus walks up to them in his resurrected body and they had no clue that it was Jesus, because it stated "Jesus kept them from recognizing Him. He withheld them from recognizing Him because of their tone of voice and discussion about the events of Jesus' death. In fact it is specific to mention that they were downcast and looking downward, not upward. So the concept is that Jesus intentionally withheld himself from being seen by them because they were focused and fussing about the half-truth that Jesus was dead, while the fact was that He was dead and was now alive. For the other people who saw Jesus' resurrected body and believed, He was seen immediately.

In order to experience the heavenly realms of possibility we must be looking or at least peeking into the realms of heaven. It is one thing to hear about the heavenly things, but a whole new level to start experiencing the things of heaven.

The doors are open ... are you peeking, starring, and setting your expectations, imaginations, and desires on things that are in heaven in order to walk out heaven on earth?

## Chapter 2 Reimagined: The Portal is Wide Open — Welcome to Heaven 7.0

### Rewriting the Horizon of Heaven

In 2010, we saw glimpses of what I then called *Heaven 3.0* — a concept to help us grasp the unfolding revelations that God was pouring out through dreams, visions, and divine encounters. But in 2025, fifteen years later, it's time to stop peeking through the door. It is wide open, and the spiritual software has advanced several iterations. We now stand in the age of *Heaven 7.0* — not just a peek, but immersive experience.

We're not guests peering into the Kingdom through stained glass windows; we're participants invited to walk boldly into celestial operating systems, powered by divine intelligence, guided by Spirit-led augmented reality.

### From Glimpses to Immersion

Fifteen years ago, it was enough to notice that people around the world were reporting dreams of Jesus. Today, the dreamscape has become a global communications network. Think of it as Heaven's Cloud — where divine data is uploaded directly into the spirit, with no intermediaries necessary. The stories haven't stopped; they've intensified. What was once considered miraculous is now becoming the norm.

Imagine this: if *Heaven 3.0* was a satellite pinging spiritual signals to receptive souls, *Heaven 7.0* is the Starlink grid — blanketing the earth with spiritual broadband, always on, always downloading.

### God's Neural Network: Dreams, Visions, and More

In *Heaven 3.0*, we considered dreams to be rare portals. Now, in *Heaven 7.0*, they're nodes in God's neural network. Like a divine version of the internet of things (IoT), every spirit is connected to the mainframe of Heaven. As Acts 2:17-20 promised, dreams, visions, and revelations are no longer exceptional; they are expected. And while skeptics dismiss them as mere subconscious anomalies, we now understand them as data packets of revelation from the Creator Himself.

The science of neurology and spirituality have begun to merge. Neuroscientists are now mapping dream patterns that align with spiritual encounters. Artificial intelligence tools have begun cataloging these dream encounters, finding patterns across cultures, languages, and religions. We're seeing what the prophets only

imagined: a day when the knowledge of the glory of the Lord would cover the earth *as the waters cover the sea* (Habakkuk 2:14).

## **Welcome to the Divine Metaverse**

You've heard of the metaverse — a shared digital space where avatars interact in real-time. *Heaven 7.0* introduces the *Divine Metaverse*. Here, we don't wear headsets; we wear the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). The terrain isn't virtual reality, it is ultimate reality. The avatars are our transformed selves, the interface is prayer, the code is scripture, and the portal is imagination sanctified by truth.

In this space, prayer is not just communication; it is co-creation. Worship is not merely expression; it is elevation. Faith isn't blind; it is augmented sight. It is no longer enough to say, "I heard of You." We echo Job: "Now I see You with my own eyes" (Job 42:5).

## **The Magnetic Pull of Heaven 7.0**

Think of *Heaven 7.0* like spiritual gravity. Whatever captures your gaze captures your direction. It's the law of attraction rewritten for Kingdom citizens. If you're setting your eyes on the things above, you're drawing Heaven downward into your orbit.

I once set my sights on athletics and later, on the vices of the world. My life was pulled in those directions. But when I turned my vision upward, when I swapped out the software of my soul, the gravitational center of my life shifted. I wasn't just improved; I was upgraded. Like firmware being updated, I became a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

## **A Testimony of Transformation in HD**

In 1991, I tasted my last drop of alcohol and took my first sip of living water. That single decision was not just a redirection; it was a reboot. Pam, my wife, also made that leap into a new heavenly dimension. We were no longer running on outdated operating systems of bitterness and brokenness. We were reborn into the high-resolution reality of divine purpose. Our marriage didn't just survive; it became a prototype for others to follow.

We stopped peeking into heaven and started living out of heaven. No longer monkey-see-monkey-do. We became heavenly influencers, walking in angel-see-angel-do.

## **Upgraded Optics: Vision and Belief in the New Era**

The spiritual lens has evolved. In *Heaven 7.0*, seeing is the new believing, and believing is the new becoming. If you see a heavenly vision and embrace it, you initiate a feedback loop of transformation. It flows like this:

**Sight → Vision → Direction → Belief → Destiny**

This isn't just theology; it's spiritual physics. Athletes train with visualization. CEOs imagine growth. Why should saints settle for sermons when Heaven is offering simulations?

Our spiritual vision creates the magnetic field of our future. As we envision Kingdom realities, we start walking them out. We stop reacting and start creating. That's the power of Heaven 7.0.

**Case Studies of Celestial Encounters**

Even modern testimonies confirm this evolution:

- **Children in the Joplin, MO tornado (2011)** reported seeing Jesus walking with them.
- **Don Piper** in *90 Minutes in Heaven* describes a realm so tangible that earth seemed unreal afterward.
- **Todd Burpo's** *Heaven is for Real* made it undeniable that even young children can glimpse eternity.

These are not isolated anomalies; they are signs of system-wide upgrades. The closer people get to mortality, the clearer their vision of immortality becomes. And yet, Heaven 7.0 allows us to walk in those revelations *without* needing crisis as a trigger.

**Don't Wait for Crisis to See Clearly**

If a near-death experience can give a glimpse of Heaven, what could a near-God experience do daily? Jesus taught us to pray, "*On earth as it is in heaven*" — not *after death*, but *right now*. The door is open. The veil is torn. The access has been granted.

You don't need a tornado to recalibrate your senses. You need intention. You need immersion. You need to switch your operating system from default religion to divine relationship. Every moment can be a peek into Heaven, or better yet, a walk through it.

**A Quick Look at Divine Downloads in Scripture**

- **Peter** (Acts 10-12): A vision of unclean animals becomes the catalyst for global inclusion of the Gentiles.
- **Solomon** (1 Kings 3): Receives wisdom and wealth in a dream, then walks it out.
- **Joseph** (Matthew 2): A warning in a dream saved Jesus and fulfilled prophecy.

Each of these illustrates the cloud-to-ground interface of *Heaven 7.0*. Dreams weren't just revelations; they were **applications**. They required acceptance, activation, and action.

### **Heaven is Bi-Directional**

Heaven isn't just a destination. It's a dimension. When Peter was broken out of prison (Acts 12:7-9), he wasn't sure if he was dreaming. That's Heaven 7.0. You can't always distinguish divine reality from natural illusion. The lines blur. And in this convergence, miracles occur.

We don't seek a GPS to Heaven anymore. We sync to it. The Holy Spirit is the divine GPS: God Positioning System. You just have to turn it on, trust the directions, and keep moving.

### **The Spiritually Visible Is More Real Than the Physical**

Take Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. He walked with Jesus but didn't recognize Him. Why? Because his gaze was downcast. His spiritual lens was dimmed by earthly disappointment.

In Heaven 7.0, we upgrade our lenses. We don't look for God through the lens of circumstance; we look at circumstances through the lens of God.

As A.W. Tozer said, "Faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God." In this version of heaven, the soul's gaze is not occasional; it's continual. That gaze becomes the code that unlocks spiritual experience.

### **Interfacing with the Supernatural**

- Prayer is now **wireless access** to the throne.
- Worship is **multi-sensory interaction** with the eternal.
- Scripture is **augmented reality**, overlaying truth onto physical surroundings.

We are not just reading about Heaven. We are *interfacing* with it. Every act of obedience is a keystroke. Every moment of surrender is a password. Every act of faith is a file transfer.

### **The Age of Participation**

It's time we stop watching spiritual movies and start directing them. Stop quoting testimonies and start generating them. Heaven 7.0 is participatory. You don't have to be a pastor or prophet. You just have to be plugged in.

You are a temple. You are a data node in the divine grid. You are a carrier of Kingdom frequency. Stop peeking. Start pioneering.

### **Heaven Isn't a Place to Escape To — It's a Place to Live From**

The New Testament model is clear: live *from* Heaven, not just *for* Heaven. Paul says we are seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Not will be. *Are*. This is not theology; it is technology. Heaven 7.0 isn't about waiting. It's about syncing.

### **Final Invitation: Shift From Curiosity to Occupancy**

You've been invited into Heaven 7.0. The question is: Will you enter the password of faith? Will you access the files of destiny? Will you align your spiritual system settings to allow downloads of divine wisdom?

The door isn't just open. It's wide.

The Kingdom isn't just near. It's within reach.

Stop peeking.

Start living.

Welcome to Heaven 7.0.

## CHAPTER 3

### Coming out of the Closet – The Facts are on God's Side

#### Breaking Free from Limited Thinking – The Truth is on God's Side

*"I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?" ~ John 3:12*

*"We are not merely physical beings trying to grasp the spiritual and heavenly realm; rather we are spiritual and heavenly beings navigating through an earthly and physical experience. What makes this a fact is that we were created in the image of a spiritual and heavenly Father!" ~ Michael L. Mathews*

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In our hyperconnected world of 2025, we're drowning in information but starving for transformation. We can livestream events from across the globe, interact with AI assistants, and access the sum of human knowledge with a voice command, yet many people struggle to connect with the divine realm that's been available to us all along. This paradox mirrors the ancient conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in John chapter 3, where despite being face-to-face with divine truth, a brilliant religious leader couldn't break through his mental limitations.

Jesus was trying to help Nicodemus understand that our default setting isn't earthbound—we're spiritual beings having a temporary physical experience. Unfortunately, Nicodemus was trapped in what we might call "terrestrial thinking"—locked into physical, educational, and worldly frameworks that prevented him from accessing higher realities. It's like having a smartphone capable of accessing the internet but keeping it permanently in airplane mode.

The irony is profound: Nicodemus approached Jesus already acknowledging that He must be from heaven because of the supernatural signs and wonders (John 3:1-2). It's as if someone recognized that a person had divine power but couldn't comprehend how to access that same divine realm themselves. Upon Nicodemus's confession that Jesus was from heaven, Jesus immediately tried to upgrade his spiritual operating system—to help him see beyond his current limitations into the Kingdom dimension.

But Nicodemus couldn't make the leap. His years of conventional thinking, traditional religious education, and earthly success had created what we might call "spiritual tunnel vision." This becomes evident later when Nicodemus participated in Jesus's earthly burial preparations (John 19:39-40), showing he understood



Jesus's human nature but missed the supernatural resurrection that would make burial preparations unnecessary.

### **The Upgrade Jesus Offers**

Why did Jesus work so hard to expand Nicodemus's perspective? Because God desires to reconnect each of us with our original spiritual DNA—our true creation that's more heavenly than earthly. Jesus understood that once we grasp the reality of spiritual dimensions, we'll never want to limit ourselves to the constraints of purely physical existence.

Think of it like this: imagine you've been using a flip phone your entire life, completely unaware that smartphones exist. Then someone hands you the latest iPhone and shows you what's possible—FaceTime with loved ones across the world, navigation that guides you anywhere, access to virtually unlimited information and entertainment. Would you ever want to go back to that flip phone? That's the kind of upgrade Jesus was offering Nicodemus.

One of the primary reasons Jesus took on human form was to bridge the gap between heavenly reality and human experience. He experienced the limitations of physical existence so He could understand why humans feel so earthbound and help them rediscover their spiritual nature. Since the beginning of creation, humanity has possessed spiritual DNA—we're created in the very image and likeness of God's nature, which is both spiritual and heavenly.

This is how God knew each of us before we were born in the earthly realm. Our spiritual birth, our connection to the divine, existed before our physical conception. Adam and Eve's rebellion came after humanity was created in God's perfect image, which means we need to reconnect with that original spiritual identity to give God the glory He deserves.

### **The Order of Creation**

This understanding reveals a crucial truth: we are first and foremost spiritual beings. Giving priority to our earthly parents and origins over our heavenly Father creates a spiritual disorder that limits our potential.

The Bible makes it clear: *"Christ Jesus was the firstborn of every creature; both visible and invisible"* (Colossians 1:15). Since Christ was the firstborn of creation called humanity, and we're created in His image, we were connected to His spiritual birth before we were born to our earthly parents. Jesus was integral to the "Let us create humanity in our image" moment, being the firstborn of every divine idea and creation. In modern-day terms, we were created, designed, and made to have the

same resonance (resemblance) as God. It is important to realize that if God is Spirit, then we are Spirit, and those two spirits are meant to connect together. This is why scripture states, God is Spirit and we must worship Him in truth and in Spirit (John 4:24); thus resonate with Him. Religious folks say, 'in His presence – as if we are waiting on Him, when in reality He is waiting on us just as much – resonating together.

Consider these foundational truths:

*"God spoke: 'Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.' God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female." ~ Genesis 1:26-27 (MSG)*

*"This is what the LORD says—your redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself." ~ Isaiah 44:24*

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." ~ Jeremiah 1:5*

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." ~ Psalm 139:13*

*"Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." ~ Psalm 139:16*

Unfortunately, because our earliest memories involve processing through physical bodies into an earthly environment, we naturally assume earth is our primary reality instead of recognizing the integrated kingdom of both heaven and earth. This is why so many people remain purely terrestrial in their thinking and completely disconnect from their true reflection of God—their spiritual identity.

### **The Reboot Process**

This is exactly what Jesus was trying to help Nicodemus understand: "You must acknowledge that you can experience a spiritual reboot in order to see and enter the fullness of the Kingdom." In tech terms, Jesus was offering a factory reset that would restore Nicodemus to his original spiritual programming (creation).

If we can't recognize that we were primarily spiritual creations from God, we'll never be able to access or operate in the spiritual Kingdom! Jesus was helping Nicodemus understand that humans are fundamentally spiritual beings, created in

God's image through the blueprint of the firstborn of all creation (Jesus). When we acknowledge this simple truth, we can reconnect with that perfect image and experience spiritual renewal.

This explains Jesus's instruction in Matthew 6:33: *"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* When I prioritize the Kingdom of God—including my spiritual identity—everything else falls into proper alignment. This is the correct sequence for a God who orders every step of life. Reversing this order is why so many individuals, families, and communities struggle with earthly relationships and circumstances.

### **The Transformation Protocol**

Jesus's hope was that people would recognize and believe in the heavenly realm as much as they do the earthly realm. He was making it incredibly simple: all we need to do is accept and confess our spiritual identity, thereby reconnecting with our original spiritual nature. This understanding was demonstrated by Christ entering the earthly birth process and reversing the sequence back to its original spiritual order.

In other words, we can experience spiritual renewal through Jesus, who is called the second Adam (the heavenly Adam) and entered the earthly process to correct the record. Christ's physical birth provides access to heavenly realms if we can believe in our original spiritual birth through Him.

This concept is the essence of these transformational passages:

*"And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven." ~ 1 Corinthians 15:49*

*"God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him." ~ Romans 8:29 (MSG)*

*"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." ~ Colossians 3:9-10*

*"All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him." ~ 2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)*

## **Coming Out of Limiting Mindsets**

Jesus broke out of conventional thinking for every human being, offering to reconnect us with our spiritual identity so we can experience renewal into our original spiritual state. This enables us to see and enter the spiritual Kingdom. This is why Jesus said we don't belong to the world any more than He belongs to this world (John 17:16).

Nicodemus was struggling because his earthly framework wasn't flexible enough to expand into spiritual realities. He couldn't access the fullness of the Spiritual Kingdom, even though it was already available to all humanity. He simply needed to embrace this heavenly principle—to believe.

Jesus reversed the process by being born in flesh after originating in heaven. He experienced the earthly birth process just like us, performing the ultimate demonstration so we could see, believe, and enter the Kingdom to witness the signs and wonders of God. This concept is beautifully simple! Or perhaps it's so simple that it's difficult to comprehend.

Unfortunately, by the time Jesus shared this simple truth with Nicodemus, he was locked into conventional thinking, over-intellectualized, and trapped in earthly limitations to the point where accepting the spiritual renewal process seemed impossible. Even though Jesus explained that reclaiming spiritual identity was straightforward, Nicodemus couldn't embrace this paradigm shift. Because he couldn't believe, he couldn't see, and because he couldn't see, he couldn't enter the Kingdom as Jesus described.

Like many people today, Nicodemus chose to remain in the familiar territory of conventional thinking.

## **The Process Illustrated**

God took Jesus's earthly birth even further by arranging it in a stable (manger) among earthly animals. Who could argue with such a genuinely earthly beginning? Jesus could now relate to and identify with the complete human experience of being born through an earthly process. In today's language, He authentically "came out" in a big way.

By completing this journey from heavenly realm to earthly realm, Jesus literally reversed our earthly process 180 degrees, allowing us to be transformed from earthly identity to heavenly identity—a new birth, a spiritual renewal. His design is for us to identify, connect, communicate, and re-enter the heavenly realm by being restored to the perfect image in which we were originally created.

This is why Jesus was called both the Son of Man and the Son of God—the "door." In modern terms we might say he became the 'portal'. Jesus became the open portal through which humanity could move back and forth between realms. The earthly and heavenly realms were connected in a fresh way, which is why the Kingdom of God includes both heaven and earth, and why we're told to seek first the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

*"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." ~ John 10:9*

### **The Purification Process**

Let me use a modern metaphor to explain what Jesus accomplished. Think of water purification—the process where water is heated to eliminate harmful bacteria and contaminants, then cooled to provide clean, safe water. Job understood this process: *"Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese?"* (Job 10:10). Job experienced a cleansing process that removed all foreign (unhealthy) elements from his life.

Similarly, Jesus went through the human birth process and was "made sin for us" even though He knew no sin, thereby purifying all sin for humanity. He reversed our need for purification by experiencing human birth even though He was divine. He completed the entire renewal process for all humanity, removing every barrier to God and clearing all past and future sins for anyone who acknowledges this transformation process.

Jesus bridged the gap between heaven and earth by coming through the earthly process, and now He wants us to return through His spiritual renewal so we can identify with His spiritual nature. He has provide a clear path to allow us to resonate with who He is and whom he originally designed us to be.

### **A Universal Solution**

When God created humanity, He created the entire human race in His image. When it was time to redeem and restore the human race to that original identity, He accomplished it once for all humanity. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son"* (John 3:16)—one time for everyone to be part of God's heavenly family through reconnection with our original image.

The only requirement is acknowledging the process and method. With a simple confession of the universal and timeless solution (method) was His birth, death, and resurrection, every individual can experience spiritual renewal through that confession (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10).

## **Breaking Free from False Limitations**

By examining John chapter 3, it becomes evident that Jesus desperately wanted Nicodemus to break free from his earthly limitations so Jesus could share heavenly truths. Nicodemus had a false belief that if we're too heavenly-minded, we'll be of no earthly good. Nothing could be further from the truth. Keep in mind that Nicodemus was not unlike many of us, which explains the reason that only 31% of the world population of 8 billion people believe.

The tragic mindset—"Don't be so heavenly-minded that you're no earthly good"—has robbed countless people of recognizing their full identity, Creator, and potential through their spiritual nature. The enemy has deceived them just as he deceived Adam and Eve, convincing them that earthly satisfaction is more valuable than heavenly reality. This lie has kept far too many people trapped in limited thinking, focused on earthly things instead of heavenly realities.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus broke out of conventional thinking and revealed the truth that we can all break free from earthly limitations through His heavenly access point and live a heavenly life simply by reconnecting with our spiritual identity. Sadly, billions of people still haven't recognized and embraced this simple truth. Without seeing it, they cannot receive it; it remains hidden from them even though it's right in front of them (Luke 8:10).

## **The Current Revelation – Heaven is advancing**

The time has come when God is revealing heavenly dimensions of the Kingdom for people to see the fuller reflection of His truth—that the Kingdom of God is real and accessible. Jesus was simply opening the door out of the religious earthly box that Nicodemus was hiding behind. Remember, Nicodemus approached Jesus privately in the evening because he didn't want to break out of his conventional thinking publicly (John 3:1).

Jesus was the door that could have brought Nicodemus from the confines of religious limitation into the heavenly realm. This is why Jesus referred to Himself as the "door" in these passages:

*"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber." ~ John 10:1*

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" ~ John 14:6*

*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." ~ Revelation 3:20*

These passages clearly identify who the door (portal) is. Jesus is both the door and the one who stands at the door, waiting for us to respond. As soon as we respond, we acknowledge that we believe He is the door and pathway out of earthly limitations into greater realms of forgiveness, understanding, authority, and the Kingdom of God. Through this acknowledgment, we can walk out of our earthly limitations and enter His Kingdom. In fact, we get exactly what Jesus told Nicodemus – we get to both enter and see the Kingdom. And when we both enter and see the Kingdom, we become hungry to seek more of it, which advances it for everyone.

This is why Jesus offers to give us the keys to the Kingdom, providing us with access to a reality that is much larger than the earthly boxes we often confine ourselves to.

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ~ Matthew 16:19*

### **Personal Breakthrough**

The reality is that for any of us to break free from our boxes of dysfunction, addiction, guilt, shame, insecurity, religiosity, poverty, or any other limitation, we must come through the door to the heavenly realm that Jesus provided and reconnect with our human identity of being created in God's image.

This brings me to a personal breakthrough that Pam and I experienced, which opened our eyes to what we now call Heaven 7.0 and beyond. Starting in 2010, we began experiencing the heavenly realities we had only read about previously. We couldn't see them before simply because we were trapped behind some conventional religious thinking that only allowed us to see what we were taught, rather than what God promised in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10: *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

Up until that point, we were experiencing what religion, churches, pastors, small groups, study groups, and peer groups had prepared for us. Suddenly, we started seeing and believing the things that God had prepared for us. In essence, we could see the full spectrum of God's promises from 'being born-again, to using keys to the Kingdom, to receiving all nations as an inheritance.

### **Mike and Pam's Journey Beyond Convention**

Pam and I began speaking about the numerous times God used "clouds" as a means of communication, transportation, or meeting place in Scripture. During one of our first presentations on this topic, a prophetic word came forth: *"I desire and long for each of you to enter My realm of possibility."*

We knew our research was solid—we were using Scripture and referencing the over 200 times clouds are mentioned in the Bible. Even though the Bible supported what we knew, we felt we should speak subtly, using a "what-if" approach rather than making definitive statements. We would integrate subtle comments into our messages like:

- "Did you know that God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses in the clouds?"
- "Did you know that clouds serve as God's chariot?"
- "Did you know that Jesus ascended in the clouds and will return in the clouds?"
- "Did you know that the voice saying 'This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased' came from a cloud?"
- "Did you know that the Israelites were led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night?"

We intentionally wove these comments into our messages to avoid being labeled as teaching "heresy." We were careful not to make claims or establish doctrine about clouds, knowing we would be violating conventional theological protocol. Back in the early 2,000s, it was risky to suggest that God could work outside traditional religious frameworks, despite the biblical evidence many were witnessing.

## **The Response**

After several speaking engagements in the United States and abroad—we began receiving emails and calls from people who had heard our subtle biblical statements about clouds. The responses were enlightening and proved that ministers could break free from convention when prompted.

Here's one excerpt from one minister who began opening up:

*"Mike, I noticed you mentioned concepts about clouds in your message. I was shocked you did that because for years I've been having visions about clouds. In these visions, I was actually meeting my deceased wife in the clouds. I'm serious! I've been having these experiences that I couldn't share with anyone because they would think I was*



*losing my mind. When you shared those passages, I was so blessed and shocked... maybe I'm not crazy after all."*

Many similar responses came from ministers and listeners as we began carefully sharing the extraordinary concepts of God that have always been in Scripture. The problem was, and continues to be, that "earthly" people don't easily perceive heavenly concepts. They may be clearly in the Bible, but earthly methods of building churches, raising funds, and counting attendance work against their ability to see spiritual realities.

The world and most Christian do not think it was strange in the 2010 – 2020 timeframe that one of the most used phrases related to computers and the digital world 'move your data to the cloud.' Ministers and most people have moved their family photos to the 'cloud', their data systems and back-ups to the 'cloud', download hundreds of personalized apps to the 'cloud.' Could it be God was using the cloud as a new metaphor to help bridge the earthly to the heavenly. I believe this was the case and why I received the green light from God to start using my technical background to help bring scripture and the 'heavenly' to the forefront.

### **Expanding the Message**

Our journey of breaking free from conventional thinking included sharing how the increased and unusual weather patterns beginning around 2006 were nature's way of responding to God's voice. This led to writing 'And God Chose Dreams', a book documenting all dreams and visions within scripture that define most religious beliefs. Upon writing the book and reviewing all dreams and visions, it was clear why God states in Acts 2:17-19 that in the last days His spirit would be poured out upon all flesh (mankind).

AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says,  
'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND;  
AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY,  
AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,  
AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,  
I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT  
AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY.

AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE  
AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,  
BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. (ACTS 2:17-19)

Up until the last days, most people would struggle to believe that dreams and visions were the instrumental defining factors of what Christianity would become. As an example, it would be too difficult to believe that God literally would allow all Gentiles into the plan of salvation by a simple vision that Peter had. However, this same pattern was repeated (87 times) throughout the Old Testament and New Testament. God references dreams and visions about 120 times, with 87 clear indicators of their importance. Job 33:14-18 summarizes the importance of dreams.

Indeed, God speaks once or twice, *yet* no one notices it. In a dream, a vision of the night, when sound sleep falls on men, while they slumber in their beds, then He opens the ears of men and seals their instruction, that He may turn man aside *from his* conduct, and keep man from pride; He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from passing over into Sheol (hell). (Job 33:14-18)

Stepping back, we can see He chooses dreams to keep us on the right path, yet to also keep us humble, as we have very little control over our dreams. All God given dreams come from a better 'Cloud' than the computer cloud. To help clarify this, look at what Psalm 104:3 says ... "And lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the **clouds** his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. Isn't it amazing to know that if God delivers the dreams, He has been using clouds for a lot longer than the technology folks? In other words, He was ahead of His time, or should I say 'He always was, is all knowing, yet knows no time limits and knew how clouds could be used well before we discovered the terminology.'

After writing about what many considered abstract scriptural concepts, we began receiving raised eyebrows. After writing the book called 'And God Chose Dreams', many friends told us their pastors advised them to stop associating with someone considered a "heretic."

We realized that while the concepts we were teaching were thoroughly scriptural, you can't build a conventional ministry, social gathering, or modern church on them. For example, religious leaders would find it difficult to manage a gathering where everyone was having dreams and visions that appeared to be from God. They would lose control and no longer have centralized authority. Even worse, if people acted on their dreams, the denominational franchise system wouldn't function as earthly minds designed it, potentially causing leaders to lose their positions, buildings, and standing within the organization.

One reason God may have chosen to increase the use of dreams in recent times is that dreams are a universal language that no church or denomination can claim ownership of. If a church or denomination could sell dreams and claim it was their

invention, they would start a business, create recipes, formulas, and start selling hats, t-shirts, coffee cups, wrist bands, and beads.

### **Testing the Waters**

After testing the reception of our writings on biblical aspects of clouds, weather, dreams, catastrophes, spiritual deception, heaven, and other topics, we decided to write to a leader of one of the world's largest denominations about weather patterns. I used 100% Scripture to support the concept.

The denominational leader graciously read the material and responded with a polite message stating that while the writing was persuasive and convincing, it was the type of content that would be difficult to support because it might cause controversy. I was pleased to be called a persuasive writer, yet unsurprised that there would be no support for concepts that might generate controversy, or change convention thinking.

Interestingly, within 24 months of that writing, two major denominational headquarters were struck by severe weather patterns. Both denominations reported that such severe weather had never previously struck the downtown areas where their buildings were located. One reported needing to develop a severe weather plan because weather patterns had changed.

Immediately, one of my favorite weather verses came to mind: *"He marches out in the whirlwind and the raging storm; dark storm clouds billow like dust under his feet"* (Nahum 1:3b).

### **The Challenging Years**

Pam and I became invigorated and started moving far beyond conventional thinking, and produced writings on these very topics including:

1. **What in Heaven and Hell is Happening** – A complete book explaining the collision of spiritual and earthly timelines
2. **Is Your Head in the Clouds: The Divine Plan**
3. **Our Great Cloud of Witnesses: Close Encounters of the Heavenly Kind**
4. **The Great Religious Restructuring**
5. **Severe Weather: Nature's Response to God's Voice**
6. **What Does God's Voice Sound Like Before His Return – Rushing Waters**
7. **All Systems Overboard – Are You Ready for the Tidal Wave**

**8. Spiritual Poverty Among the Wealthy**

9. **And God Chose Dreams** – A complete book documenting that most doctrinal beliefs were established through dreams and visions, yet many churches ignore dreams and visions

**10. God is Managing Human Spiritual Deception**

**11. Spiritual Light Deprivation**

12. **The Pearl Within** – A complete book on the transformative nature of reflection

**13. God Champions the Underdog – Are You Ready for the Next Phenomenal Move of God**

**14. Reconnecting with Your Past to Secure Your Future**

These "outside-the-norm" messages are written in the new form of stone called websites. As time progressed and the concepts in these messages—which were ahead of their time—began manifesting as reality, God began "turning the tables" for us.

**Obedience and reflection when facts are on God's side**

After these messages had been publicly available for several years, and people gradually began calling or emailing us with confirmations of their reality, God whispered to us: *"Mike and Pam, the facts are now on your side."*

Few people can experience the emotions that come with this kind of reflection—it's both validating and sobering. It feels good to be proven right years after the fact, yet it's still troubling that so much spiritual deception exists. It's surreal to lose your reputation among religious groups only to witness the outcomes years later and discover that God favored the person who was asked to leave.

As time passed, many calls began coming to my phone with messages like:

- "Mike, how did you know to write *What in Heaven and Hell is Happening* and include things that hadn't yet occurred?"
- "Mike, not a week goes by that I don't think of your book. Please write a sequel."
- "Mike, as soon as I read your article on God managing human spiritual deception, I recognized the deception I was living in through experiences exactly like you described."

## **Avoiding Pride**

Yes, Pam and I faced the risk of becoming self-righteous, vindicated in an unhealthy way, and even gloating about being correct. However, these risks never materialized. Even while writing many of these concepts and facing criticism, I would often say, "I hope I'm wrong."

What I sensed while writing was the precise alignment of God's Word manifesting over time and the accuracy of Scripture. God was "spot-on" when He stated in Matthew 5:18: *"Not one stroke of a pen will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."*

The truth was we were simply instruments of obedience in the great orchestra of the Kingdom, helping demonstrate that God's Word is factual and active in the modern 21st century.

## **The New Realm**

As God clarified His message to us, He began taking us into a new dimension within the Kingdom of God. He started revealing the reality of Heaven and the Kingdom in fresh ways. We realized that it is a precious privilege to write about the pleasures and realities of heaven and began to witness people who could now see into heavenly realms. The verse that has always encouraged me is Psalm 45:1: *"My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer."*

Jesus's caution to Nicodemus in John 3:12 still rings in our ears: *"We have told you earthly things, and you would not believe; how then will you believe if we tell you heavenly things?"*

In the Old Testament (1 Kings 19:12), God states that He speaks to us in a still small voice or whisper. God's whisper to me was: *"Mike, many who did not believe the earthly things you and others have spoken about will not believe the heavenly things; but don't worry—the facts are on My side through My Word."*

## **The Filtering Process**

God has been conducting a filtering process for many years, distinguishing between people who love Him and those who are trying to prove that God loves them. God was filtering the thoughts of Nicodemus when He sent His Son, proving that He already loved humanity and Nicodemus. Now, He wanted to see if Nicodemus loved Him.

This is the context of 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, which clearly states that God reveals, shows, and gives extraordinary things that transcend earthly understanding to those who love God:

*"However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him'—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." ~ 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

### **The Distinction**

This doesn't mean a person isn't saved if they don't see all the realities of heaven. God loves all humanity, has provided salvation for all humanity, offers eternal life in heaven to those who believe in His Son Jesus, and opens heaven's doors on earth for those who openly live as if they love God, versus just wanting God to love them.

After God's act of love in giving us everything through His Son, He no longer needs to prove He loves us. Instead, He wants to know who loves Him so they can be shown the things He has graciously and lovingly prepared for them.

### **Moving to the Cloud and Living in the Upgrade**

In our connected world of 2025, we have unprecedented access to information, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and global communication. Yet many people are still operating with a "spiritual flip phone" mentality, unaware of the supernatural upgrade available through Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of God isn't some distant reality—it's available now, accessible through the door Jesus opened. We don't have to wait for heaven to experience heavenly realities. We can live as spiritual beings with earthly bodies, accessing divine wisdom, supernatural peace, and Kingdom authority in our daily lives.

### **The Choice**

Like Nicodemus, we each face a choice: remain in the familiar limitations of purely earthly thinking, or step through the door Jesus provided into the expanded reality of the Kingdom. We can continue operating from our original spiritual identity, created in God's image, or stay trapped in the constraints of conventional religious thinking.

The facts are on God's side. His Word is true. His promises are real. His Kingdom is accessible. The question isn't whether these realities exist—the question is whether we're willing to break free from limited thinking and embrace His supernatural cloud and the ongoing transformations (upgrades) Jesus offers.

The door is open. The invitation is extended. The choice is ours to see the Kingdom of Heaven 7.0 and beyond.

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*"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." ~ Matthew 6:33*

The Kingdom of God is advancing. Are you ready to advance with it?

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **When My Story Reflects His Story**

"No one will say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!'; because the Kingdom of God is within you." — Luke 17:21 (Good News Translation)

"Imagine perceiving yourself through a quantum mirror, where every particle of your being reflects the perfection of God's glory. This is the moment that you finally appreciate that God truly created you in His image and likeness."

— Michael L. Mathews

As we begin this chapter of Heaven 7.0, it is important to realize what Scripture says about the Kingdom of God, also referred to as the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus states that if people try and convince you that the Kingdom of God is in this city or that city, don't believe them because the Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21). In some translations, it states the Kingdom of God is in your midst vs. inside of you. The Greek word for midst is ἐντός (entos) and means from inside of you. This is critical to note as it directly aligns with His message to spread the message that the Kingdom of Heaven is near you (Matthew 10:7).

This all starts making sense when you realize that Christ is the Kingdom, and if He came inside of you upon confession of who He is and who you were (a sinner) – that He (the Kingdom) is truly inside of you, and that when you share the good news the Kingdom is near the person you are sharing the message with. When this is understood, you can now understand why Jesus says, 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.' All of a sudden, the prayer Jesus stated to pray ... 'Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' In a real and spiritual sense, God is with us, in us, and His Kingdom is a circuit that extends anywhere, and everywhere at the same time. Psalm 19 uses this very word 'circuit' to describe his omnipresence throughout His Kingdom.



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*In the heavens, He has pitched a tent for the sun. Like a bridegroom emerging from his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course, It rises at one end of the heavens and runs its **circuit** to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. Psalm 19:4-6*

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In other words, God truly can be the High and lofty One who both dwells on high and inside people who have a contrite and broken spirit. At the same time, scripture is accurate when it states that we as people are seated with Him in heavenly realms (Eph 2:6), that we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16), and that we can enter the throne room of Christ with confidence when we have a need (Heb 4:16).

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*For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15*

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### **The Digital Reflection: Our Life as a Streamed Story**

In 2025, we live in a world where every moment is streamed, recorded, and analyzed. The rise of AI, quantum computing, and neural networks has created a society that constantly digitizes human existence. Yet, paradoxically, many people recoil when confronted by their own reflection—not just in the mirror, but in their data. We shy away from hearing our recorded voice or reviewing the candid footage of our lives, whether physical or digital.

This discomfort stems from the same timeless truth: seeing ourselves unfiltered exposes the fragmented, incomplete narrative we each carry. We are living stories in progress, streaming live to an audience we cannot see. Heaven 7.0 tells us that God views this stream not as a broken series of moments, but as a unified digital masterpiece—a blockchain of grace where every moment is redeemed and stored immutably in His ledger.

*"You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; [3](#)being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2 Cor 3:2-3*

God's equivalent to human technology is timeless and perfect. While humanity focuses on superficial images—appearance, voice, social media personas—God streams our story in high definition, capturing not snapshots, but the full trajectory of our life. Our uploaded data becomes a testimony of grace, stitched together as part of His grand narrative.

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### **Telling Your Story Allows God to Tell His Story Through You**

In 2010, my father called me and stated he wanted to donate some money to a non-profit effort, such as a missionary or mission that helps needy people. In this particular case, I challenged him to consider taking some of his offerings of donation and write a life testimony that would reflect God's beauty through a part of his life. After a few weeks of considering my offer, he stated that he wanted to tell a life story and asked if I could help. I was glad to help, as this is one of my favorite things to do in life. I consider myself to perform a greater function than a camera or video recorder in that I love helping people capture a moment of their life and tell a reflective story that helps other people. Within a few days, my dad narrowed his story down to – *'The day I saved my father, and the day my father saved me'*. Within a few weeks, he had the article published in the hometown paper where he was a teenager back in the 1950s. In his life story, he asked people to understand what took place during the last 60 years of his life to create a new reflection of who he was as a younger man who led a shattered life. Within two days of the story being published, numerous emails and calls came to him thanking him for such a powerful life story of who he now was, and who he has become. That one story reconnected him to numerous people that he had lost touch with over the last 60 years, but more importantly, the story reflected how God uses people and how people use God to reflect a truthful story as their life unfolds. As a 16-year-old boy, my dad saved his earthly father's life in a serious accident, and years later, God reflected that experience as God saved my dad's life. My dad was able to tell a true story of a life reflection. I have included the wonderful story at the end of this chapter.

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*As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Matthew 10:7*

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## **The Parable Code: Storytelling as Divine API**

Jesus, the Master designer of the human soul, used parables not as static tales, but as a dynamic interface to people and their surroundings. Each parable is an open-source module, inviting listeners to plug their story into the Kingdom narrative.

Billions of people have resonated with these parables because God embedded them with recursive meaning—each interaction generates a new reflection, just like AI systems retrain on new data inputs.

In a world of fragmented life stories—divorces, betrayals, financial crashes—our personal interfaces break. But in the Kingdom of Heaven, Christ offers a full system restore. His narrative infrastructure allows our broken stories to merge back into His source code. Each testimony interconnects another node in God's network, contributing to the ultimate circuit of Heaven on Earth.

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## **You Are Immutable in God's Image**

Genesis 1:26 is not outdated code. "Let us create man in our own image..." remains the foundational identity of humanity. Each of us is an encoded reflection of God—a digital twin of His image, corrupted not at creation, but through viral self-inflicted hacks.

Satan, the ultimate malware engineer, fragments our stories. He knows that disrupting your life narrative severs your connection to the Source. Every fractured marriage, every addiction, every silent scream is a broken node, disconnected from the design of God's intended image.

But God's chain of grace cannot be tampered with. Though you feel like corrupted data, your original image code remains immutable. Every time you testify, each time your brokenness is surrendered, your system reconnects to the divine network, and your story contributes to the distributed ledger of heaven.

## **Sweetness - The Walter Payton Protocol**

As a person's life story is unfolded, they start seeing God's image, and when they see God's image through their life, they become more confident, bold, and assured with their life story. Unfortunately, many people let a broken element in their life destroy their full story, causing them to start minimizing God's glory and image through them. My advice to people has and always will be to stop letting circumstances rule their life. If we are called to rule and reign with Christ, then we need to practice ruling and reigning over circumstances, emotions, and disappointments. Whenever we allow these things to rule over us, the enemy is on the pathway to fragmenting our story that was meant to be told.

When the great running back Walter Payton played football for the Chicago Bears, he was asked how he remained injury-free and acted as if he was never in pain in spite of the injuries his body endured each game. He replied and said "I never give the defense the belief or satisfaction that one of their tackles hurt me; because as soon as I do, they will see a weakness that will be exploited, and before long I will be injured." In essence, his secret was never to let the enemy know the pain he was going through. In this way he was able to illustrate a life story of greatness on the football field. For this very reason Walter Payton's nickname became 'Sweetness' on the football field. He played, ran, and moved, as if he was in charge of the entire football field, despite the fact that an entire defensive team was out to harm him.

Each of us must realize that God designed us to have the sweetness of His image displayed in and through us, even though we sense and feel that there are so many things that come against us. This image must be lived and told as a witness or testimony of God's greatness. This style of living puts satan in his place, while elevating God to His rightful position, which is to be a beautiful reflection in and through us.

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## **Streaming His Story: When Your Life Song Becomes His Story**

When your life story reflects the Master's narrative, you shift from self-centered user to co-worker in unison within the Kingdom of heaven. The Kingdom within you reframes your life not as isolated moments, but as a continuous, live-streamed data feed contributing to the divine cloud.

God's algorithm learns nothing new—you are fully known. But your testimony updates your personal network, enriching other broken components with proof of hope.

Romans 10:9-10 is your access protocol. By confessing Christ, you grant God's Spirit access to your life. This enables auto-syncing with your original image of His design, pushing updates of grace, restoring your corrupted files, and allowing your story to stream in real-time as a testimony of His glory.

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### **Digital Worship: Our Life Song as a Continuous Upload**

Unlike static hymns, your life song is a continuous digital broadcast. What if each believer is a node in the eternal circuit of heaven, each life a packet of living worship streaming through God's Kingdom?

While past generations embraced despair stories like Humpty Dumpty—tales of irreparable fragmentation—Heaven calls you to reframe. Your brokenness isn't final. In divine coding terms, you're not a failed deployment. You're in continuous integration of God's master plan and desire not to see any person perish. Christ's sacrifice is intended to provide harmony and His masterpiece within you.

Every untold testimony is a data packet dropped, lost potential within the Kingdom. But God's architecture anticipates such losses. His redundancy protocol reclaims every repentant heart, reintegrating once lost souls into the eternal narrative.

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### **A Testimony of Reflection – Living Proof**

Early in this chapter, I shared the story of my father telling a wonderful story of his life that allowed God and him to reflect on the power of life. The story is evidence of what the Bible states, and this chapter reflects a story of Christ in you. A former childhood friend of my father, who read the story, tracked down my father and told him that his life story was the best form of the gospel he had ever read. I was blessed to meet this man a few months later, and he stated that he prints this story and gives it to everyone he meets who needs to hear a story of the reflective power of God. The reflective story is called "*The Day I Saved my Father ... and the Day My Father Saved Me!*"

***The Day I Saved my Father ... and the Day My Father Saved Me!***

By Norman Mathews

Hello, my name is Norman Mathews from Eau Claire, WI. As a young man, I was raised in the Daggett, MI area. My parents were Dale and Doris Mathews. I later returned to the area during 1963 – 1969 as a floundering alcoholic. Like many people from the area back in the 1950s, we worked in the woods, cutting and skidding poplar to sell. When I was 14 years old, I had one of the strangest ordeals of my life. Little did I know that this same type of supernatural experience would occur to me in a different way later on in life!

Let me tell you about the first experience ... I was 14 years of age and working with my father, Dale Mathews in the woods. My father was skidding wood, and the dray got caught on a stump, causing the tractor to tip over. When my father landed head-first into a tree, his head was split wide open, and blood was gushing out. Immediately, my senses and surroundings turned into a combination of both a slow-motion and fast-motion experience. On one hand, everything appeared in slow motion, and I could sense everything around me in a way that I had never experienced before. On the other hand, everything appeared in fast motion, where time sped up in an incredible manner. What happened in those few seconds would be an experience I will never forget. I immediately cradled my father in my arms and ran down the hill and through the swamp a ½ mile to our house, all within what appeared to be less than a second in time. It was that slow-motion and fast-motion experience that made everything appear as if only 1 second in time had passed between the incident and running the ½ mile home. When I got home, my mother and I drove him to Dr. Heidenreich's office, where his head was stitched up. Dr. Heidenreich stated that if we would not have gotten him there this quickly, he would have bled to death.

In this experience, it was clear that my action saved my father's life, but I did not understand what had taken place. I described the experience to Dr. Heidenreich, and he stated that it was an 'adrenaline' rush that allowed this experience to occur. For years, I had forgotten about the feeling that I experienced that day. However, this past year I heard someone describe an experience called a '**Quickening**' experience. A quickening experience is when the presence of the Holy Spirit 'quickens' a person and their surroundings, and suddenly the awareness of 'time' feels as if it is non-existent, or where slow-motion and fast-motion are occurring at the same time. This type of experience also occurred when Jesus Christ died on the cross. If you look in Matthew 27:45-56, you will find that when Jesus died, the entire surroundings at the time changed. The Bible states that it became dark

for three hours, there was an earthquake, and some dead people rose from their graves and walked into Jerusalem. Within a split second of time, things were potentially fast-motion, slow-motion, and even reversed inasmuch that people who were dead were now alive again. This is not hard to fathom when you consider that Jesus was being quickened from this earthly life to His eternal home. During that quickening moment all of heaven and earth were shaken. Romans 8:11 shares that this quickening experience does happen to people by saying, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

This awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit brings me to my second supernatural experience, which is a more ongoing and progressive experience that has occurred over a 30-year period of time. Through Christ’s love, I have been eternally saved, healed of colon cancer, delivered through triple-bypass surgery, and spared on numerous other occasions.

For 25 years, I was a hopeless alcoholic and a very angry person, like many other people in the Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula area. Yes, I worked hard, raised my seven children, and have been married for 53 years, but deep within I was an eternally dead man who was pushing his way through life. At this juncture in my life, I can now see a critical comparison ... ‘just as my father back in the woods was a dead man without my ‘quickenings’ experience,’ I was also a dead man without a ‘quickenings’ experience’ occurring in my life. The quickening experience with my father allowed me to redeem enough time to get him to the Doctor’s office before he bled to death, and the quickening experience from my heavenly Father (God) through the Holy Spirit allowed me to redeem the lost years of time.

Possibly you are like I was; you drink, get angry, are bitter, and have no eternal hope. If this is you, this is the reason for this story. As my brother-in-law Jimmy LaCass told me one day...“Norman, if a drunk like you can quit drinking, anyone can quit drinking.’ In the most basic sense, he was right, but he did not know the secret of my changed life. My life changed through my heavenly Father saving me by accepting the transforming power of His son Jesus Christ. Christ shined his light into my life, which allowed me to see that Jesus Christ died for a mean alcoholic like me. His light was powerful and transforming, and quickened my life from its dead nature. My life was quickened, and just as I saved my Father’s life, my heavenly Father saved my life. In both cases, the quickening experience redeemed the time that was

lost. I had lost many years to the power of alcohol, and God wanted to redeem these lost years. I can now thank God for the redemptive process.

If you or someone you know is under the power of some ungodly influence, I would like you to know that you can experience this same quickening (redeeming) your life kind of experience. All you have to do is accept Jesus into your heart using the three simple steps stated below.

At this point in my story I would like to extend an offer of forgiveness to anyone who I have wronged in my past. I have learned that all healings and blessings begin on our knees where God can meet us and give us answer to all our prayers. If you have had any similar experiences like I did, I would love to hear from you.

**The ABC's of Salvation** – to know God and be ready for heaven, and redeem your lost years follow these simple steps:

**A. Admit you are a sinner.**

*"There is no one righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:10,23. (See Romans 5:8; 6:23.) Ask God's forgiveness. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Romans 10:13

**B. Believe in Jesus**

(Put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 (See John 14:6) Become a child of God by receiving Christ. *"To all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20)

**C. Confess that Jesus is your Lord.**

*"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9



## **CHAPTER 5**

### **The Quantum Aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven**

#### **How Consciousness Interfaces with Divine Reality**

##### **Introduction: The Convergence of Science and Spirit**

We stand at an unprecedented convergence point in human history—a moment where cutting-edge neuroscience, quantum physics, and consciousness research are beginning to illuminate pathways that scientists and spiritual seekers have walked for millennia. The ancient promise that "in the last days" there would be an outpouring of dreams, visions, and supernatural experiences (Acts 2:17-19) now finds itself supported by discoveries in quantum mechanics, neuroplasticity, and the emerging field of consciousness studies.

This chapter explores how modern scientific understanding provides a framework for comprehending the mechanisms through which divine communication occurs. We'll examine how the brain's neural networks, quantum field interactions, and the fundamental properties of consciousness itself create the perfect alignment with Scripture that already explained it.

##### **The Heart, Mind, and Soul as a Quantum Receiver**

Recent breakthroughs in neuroscience reveal that the human brain operates not merely as a biological computer, but as a sophisticated quantum processor. The discovery of microtubules within neurons—structures that maintain quantum coherence at body temperature—suggests that consciousness itself may be fundamentally quantum in nature.

**Dr. Stuart Hameroff and Sir Roger Penrose's Orchestrated Objective Reduction (Orch-OR) theory proposes that consciousness emerges from quantum processes within these microtubules. This quantum substrate of consciousness provides a scientific framework for understanding how the brain might interface with non-local information fields—what spiritual traditions have long called the "mind of God."**

The human brain contains approximately 86 billion neurons, each capable of forming up to 10,000 synaptic connections. This creates a network of staggering complexity—roughly 860 trillion connections operating in parallel. When we consider that each neuron can fire up to 200 times per second, we're looking at a processing system that makes our most advanced supercomputers appear primitive by comparison. In other words, the fast supercomputers that operate in quintillion

calculations per second, when coupled together, cannot replicate the system (heart, mind, and soul) already created within us.

## **The Default Mode Network and Transcendent States**

Modern neuroimaging has identified the Default Mode Network (DMN)—a network of brain regions that remains active during rest and introspection. This network, which includes the medial prefrontal cortex, posterior cingulate cortex, and angular gyrus, appears to be the neurological correlate of the "self" or ego.

Fascinating research shows that during profound spiritual experiences and deep meditation, the DMN significantly decreases in activity. This neurological "ego dissolution" correlates precisely with reports of feeling connected to something greater than oneself, experiencing unity consciousness, or receiving divine revelation.

The implications are profound: when the brain's self-referential network quiets, it creates space for other forms of consciousness to emerge. This may explain why many spiritual traditions emphasize the importance of dying to self, surrendering the ego, or becoming "empty" to receive divine wisdom.

## **Quantum Entanglement and Divine Connection**

### **Non-Local Consciousness**

Quantum entanglement—Einstein's "spooky action at a distance"—demonstrates that particles can remain instantaneously connected regardless of the distance separating them. Once entangled, measuring one particle immediately affects its partner, even if they're on opposite sides of the universe.

This phenomenon suggests that consciousness, if quantum in nature, might not be strictly localized to the brain itself. Instead, it could be part of a vast, interconnected field of awareness that transcends heart, mind, and soul, as well as space and time. This quantum field theory of consciousness provides a scientific framework for understanding how prayer, meditation, and spiritual practices might connect us to divine consciousness. It is important to note that scripture explains that Christ is in us, the Word of God is written on our hearts, and the Holy Spirit not only rests upon us but dwells within us. This indicates that inside each of us is the ability to deepen the connection and alignment to divine consciousness within ourselves.

Consider the implications: if consciousness can exist in quantum superposition—simultaneously in multiple states until observed—then the act of spiritual seeking, prayer, or meditation might literally collapse wave functions of possibility into

experienced reality. This may help explain in a real way Hebrews 11:3, which states, *“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”*

This isn't merely metaphorical; it's a description of how quantum mechanics might operate at the level of consciousness itself.

### **The Observer Effect in Spiritual Practice**

The quantum observer effect demonstrates that the act of observation fundamentally alters what is observed. In spiritual terms, this means that the act of seeking divine guidance, practicing contemplative prayer, or engaging in meditation doesn't just reveal pre-existing spiritual realities—it participates in their manifestations.

This understanding allows us to realize that we are in partnership with God as we approach spiritual practice. Rather than passive recipients of divine communication, we become active participants in the co-creation of spiritual reality. Our attention, intention, and faith become quantum instruments that tune into and amplify specific frequencies of divine consciousness.

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Corinthians 12:2-3 *“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body, I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.”*

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### **The Holographic Brain and Infinite Storage**

#### **Memory as Holographic Information**

Neuroscientist Karl Pribram's holographic theory of brain function suggests that memories aren't stored in specific locations but are distributed throughout the brain in a holographic manner. Like a hologram, each part contains information about the whole, and the complete image can be reconstructed from any fragment.

This holographic model helps explain several unknown aspects of memory and consciousness:

- **Associative Memory:** Why a single smell can instantly transport us to a vivid childhood memory
- **Parallel Processing:** How we can simultaneously process multiple streams of information
- **Pattern Recognition:** Our ability to recognize faces, voices, and familiar situations instantaneously
- **Intuitive Knowing:** The phenomenon of "knowing" something without conscious reasoning.

Knowing this information may help us understand how prophetic visions, divine revelations, and spiritual insights occur. Consider what the Apostle Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 12:2-3 *"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell."*

## **Neuroplasticity and Spiritual Transformation**

### **The Malleable Brain**

One of the most revolutionary discoveries in neuroscience is neuroplasticity—the brain's ability to reorganize and form new neural connections throughout life. This isn't merely adaptation; it's fundamental restructuring of the brain's architecture based on experience, practice, and focused attention.

Research on contemplative practices reveals remarkable neuroplastic changes:

- **Meditation** increases gray matter density in areas associated with attention, compassion, and emotional regulation. Keep in mind the word Mediate is used in scripture over 900 times, with one of these examples being Psalm 19:14 *"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."*
- **Prayer** strengthens neural pathways related to trust, hope, and positive emotion
- **Worship** activates reward centers and creates lasting changes in brain structure
- **Spiritual practices** enhance connectivity between different brain regions, improving integration and coherence

## The Transformation Protocol

This neuroplasticity suggests a biological basis for ongoing spiritual transformation. The brain literally rewires itself based on our spiritual practices, creating new neural pathways that make divine connection more natural and frequent. This isn't simply psychological; it's a physical restructuring of the brain's architecture.

Consider this process as upgrading your consciousness hardware. Just as a computer needs adequate RAM and processing power to run sophisticated software, the brain requires specific neural configurations to interface with higher dimensions of consciousness. Spiritual practices don't just change our beliefs—they upgrade our biological capacity for divine connection and manifestations.

## The Electromagnetic Spectrum of Consciousness

### Beyond Visible Light

The human eye perceives only a tiny fraction of the electromagnetic spectrum—roughly 0.0035% of all electromagnetic radiation. We're essentially blind to 99.9965% of the energy that surrounds us. This includes radio waves, microwaves, infrared radiation, ultraviolet light, X-rays, and gamma rays.

If consciousness operates electromagnetically, then our normal waking awareness might be similarly limited. Just as we've developed instruments to detect invisible portions of the electromagnetic spectrum, we might develop spiritual practices to perceive normally invisible dimensions of consciousness.

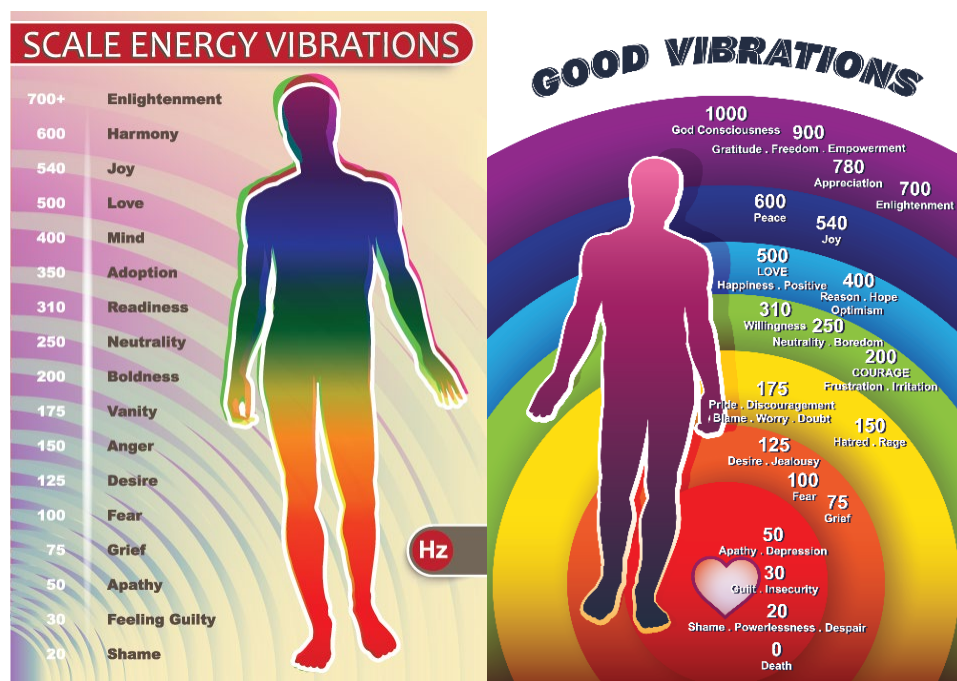
### The Frequency of Faith

Different spiritual states might correspond to different electromagnetic frequencies. Consider these possibilities:

- **Ordinary Consciousness:** Operating at beta brainwave frequencies (13-40 Hz)
- **Meditative States:** Shifting to alpha (8-13 Hz) and theta (4-8 Hz) frequencies
- **Unidentified Experiences:** Accessing gamma frequencies (40-100 Hz) associated with heightened awareness
- **Divine Connection:** Potentially accessing frequencies beyond current measurement capabilities

This frequency model simply suggests that spiritual practices are essentially tuning methods for adjusting our consciousness to receive specific frequencies of human

and divine interactions. A simple example is the well-known frequencies of the human emotion scale that have been well proven over time. The two illustrations below show the fundamental frequencies within our human body. The illustration on the left is a high-level description, and the diagram on the right shows more descriptive details. At the lowest frequency level is where the emotion of shame operates. At the highest frequency level is where the emotion of enlightenment operates. These measurable frequency levels allow us to align scripture in a personal way. God created and designed these emotions, which generate frequencies (vibrations), which are energy that move us to certain outcomes. It is important to note that these frequencies (vibrations) travel out from our human bodies about 2.5 – 3.0 feet, known as the biofield. The reality is that what we allow to be happening inside of us gives off that amount of energy, and it explains why people are magnetized towards one another.



The frequencies (vibrations) of human emotion

### Consider the scriptural applications

1. The lowest form of human energy (frequency) is shame. This helps explain why shame is such a negative, yet draining emotion. People who live in family shame, self-shame, financial shame, relational shame, etc., often struggle in life and seldom reach their goals or destiny. There is just not enough energy to stay the course and carry out difficult assignments in life. Knowing this reality, Scripture (Hebrews 12:2) tells us that Jesus despised

- the shame that was being given to Him, so He could endure the Cross (His purpose and destiny). If he had operated in shame, not much would have happened. This is the same for you and me; zero to low energy puts us lacking the energy (motivation) to move forward.
2. The highest form of human energy is enlightenment, followed by harmony, love, joy, and peace. The Apostle Paul encourages us in Ephesians 1:18 to have our hearts enlightened ... *"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."*

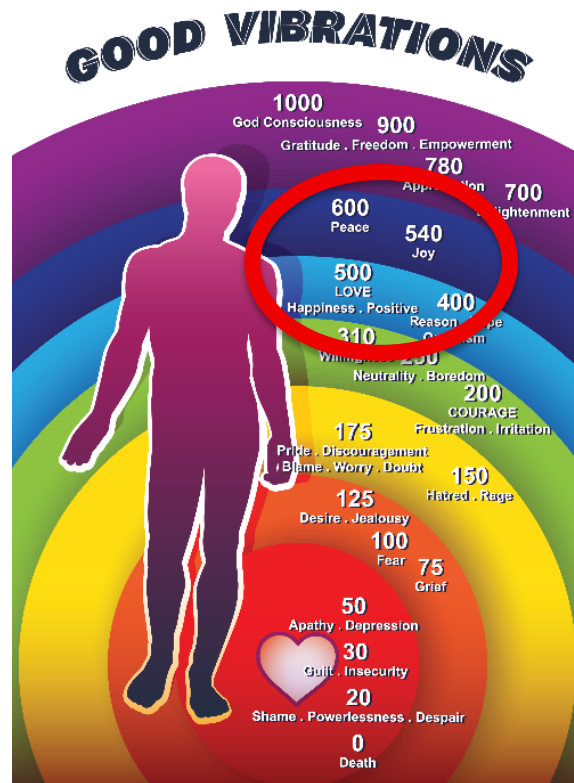
Knowing these human frequencies will go out from our body 2.5 to 3.0 feet (biofield) explains why people believed they were healed in Peter's shadow. A person's shadow goes out about 3 feet, which would give the people the impression it was Peter's shadow, but it was his biofield that was created by love, joy, peace, harmony, and enlightenment flowing from his energy, which was driven by the Christ within him.

3. Near the middle of the human frequency range of 400 Hz, the emotion of 'reasoning' (using our mind) is at play. So, now review Isaiah 1:18 and realize what happens when we 'reason' with God. "Come now, and let us **reason** together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." We become new creations and brand new people (2 Cor 5:17) who begin to excel upward on the energy scale toward love, joy, peace, harmony, and enlightenment. If we fail to reason with God, we move downward on the energy scale to anger, fear, grief, apathy, guilt, and shame.

**Summary:** When we begin to operate at the levels of God consciousness, we move into the realms that Paul described as 'entering the third heavens'. Simply put, we start getting to the end of ourselves (mind) and begin to engage in our whole being, which includes Christ within us (Galatians 2:20) and the fullness of the Holy Spirit indwelling inside of us (Romans 8:9). This in turn launches us into realms that He owns, thus the verse that states ... *"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."*

Now consider that the Bible states the Kingdom of God is inside of you (Luke 17:20-21) and the Kingdom of Heaven is Righteousness, Joy, and Peace in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). Looking at the diagram below, you can see the frequencies within us known as love, joy, and peace. So, if I reasoned with God,

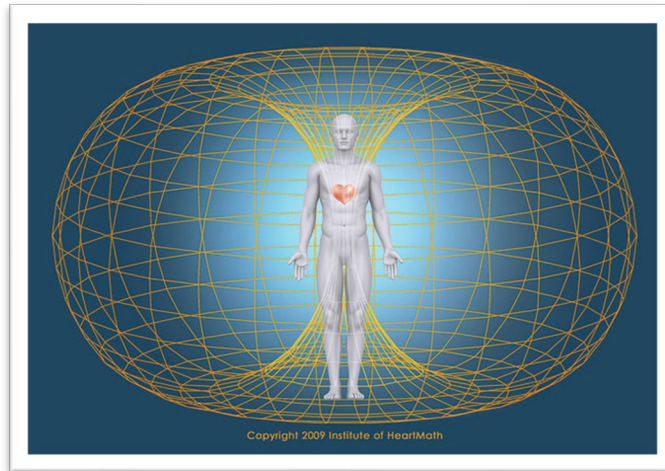
and Jesus came in and I received 'Righteousness' and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we can clearly see that the Kingdom of Heaven is truly inside of me.



The Human Emotion Scale

Now, try to imagine the distance between the shame and heavenly realms. What does your biofield look like? Are people being impacted by your shame, apathy, love, joy, or enlightenment?





The Human Biofield is created by your emotions.

## The Internet of Consciousness

### Digital Metaphors for Spiritual Connection

In our hyperconnected age, we've become familiar with concepts that provide perfect metaphors for spiritual reality. If this is true in the physical-digital world, how much more in the spiritual world.

- **Cloud Computing:** Information stored not locally but in vast, distributed networks
- **Wireless Transmission:** Data traveling instantly across great distances without physical connection
- **Bandwidth:** The capacity to receive and process information
- **Signal Strength:** The clarity and reliability of connection
- **Network Effects:** The exponential increase in value as more nodes connect

### The Consciousness Cloud

If individual minds are like smartphones connected to a vast network of consciousness, then spiritual practices become methods for improving our connection to this "consciousness cloud." Prayer might be like sending a message to the divine data center (throne room), while meditation could be like clearing our cache to improve reception.

This isn't mere metaphor—it's a functional description of how consciousness might operate in a quantum, interconnected universe. The Biblical promise that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20) takes on new meaning when understood as a description of network effects in consciousness.

## **The Neuroscience of Prophetic Vision**

### **Predictive Processing**

The brain is fundamentally a prediction machine. It constantly generates models of future states based on current sensory input and past experiences. This predictive processing allows us to navigate the world efficiently, anticipating outcomes and preparing responses before events fully unfold.

But what if this predictive capacity extends beyond normal temporal boundaries? What if the brain, under certain conditions, can access information from future states through quantum or consciousness field effects? This would provide a neurological basis for prophetic vision and divine guidance.

### **The Precognitive Brain May Explain Dreams and Visions**

Research in **parapsychology** and consciousness studies suggests that the brain might indeed have limited precognitive abilities. Studies show that the autonomic nervous system sometimes responds to emotionally significant stimuli before they're consciously presented, suggesting unconscious access to future information.

If consciousness operates outside normal space-time constraints, then the brain might function as a receiver for information from multiple temporal locations simultaneously. This could explain why dreams, visions, and spiritual insights often contain elements that later prove prophetic or profoundly relevant to future circumstances.

## **The Molecular Basis of Spiritual Experience**

### **Neurotransmitters as Part of Human Creation**

The brain's chemical messengers play crucial roles in spiritual experience:

- **Serotonin:** Associated with feelings of peace, well-being, and spiritual connection
- **Dopamine:** Linked to reward, motivation, and the sense of divine favor
- **Oxytocin:** The "bonding hormone" that creates feelings of love and unity

- **Endorphins:** Natural opiates that create feelings of bliss and transcendence
- **GABA:** The brain's primary inhibitory neurotransmitter, associated with calm and receptivity

### **The Human Endogenous Pharmacy**

The brain manufactures its own psychoactive compounds, including:

- **DMT (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine):** Often called the "spirit molecule," associated with spiritual experiences
- **Anandamide:** The brain's natural "bliss molecule," structurally similar to THC
- **Phenethylamine:** Associated with feelings of love and spiritual connection

These naturally occurring compounds suggest that the brain is designed for multi-dimensional experiences. Spiritual practices might work by triggering the release of these endogenous substances, creating states of consciousness conducive to divine connection.

Just as electromagnetic fields extend through space and can influence matter at a distance, consciousness might operate as a field phenomenon. This consciousness field could carry information, intention, and influence across space and time, providing a mechanism for prayer, healing, and spiritual connection.

Research in psychoneuroimmunology demonstrates that mental states directly affect physical health. If consciousness can influence the body's biological systems, it might also affect external reality through field effects. This provides a scientific framework for understanding how faith, prayer, and spiritual practice might influence outcomes in the physical world.

### **The Technology of Transformation**

Just as fitness trackers help optimize physical performance, consciousness technologies might help optimize spiritual practice. We might see future development of apps that:

- Monitor meditation and prayer quality and provide feedback for improvement.
- Track spiritual experiences and identify patterns that enhance divine connection and presence.

- Provide personalized guidance for spiritual practices based on individual brain and heart patterns.

## **The Global Brain**

The internet has created something unprecedented in human history—a global network of information that exhibits properties of a collective intelligence. Social media platforms, search engines, and communication networks create emergent behaviors that no individual user intended or controls.

This technological collective intelligence might be a primitive version of what spiritual traditions have long recognized as collective consciousness. As our technological networks become more sophisticated, they might begin to mirror and amplify the natural networks of consciousness that connect all minds

Spiritual practices don't create divine connection—they reveal the connection that already exists. We're not reaching up to a distant God but awakening to the divine presence that constitutes the very fabric of reality. This would help explain the scripture that says *'For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."*

## **The Future of Consciousness Technology**

### **Neural Interfaces and Spiritual Experience**

Brain-computer interfaces are rapidly advancing, with companies like Neuralink developing direct neural connections to digital devices. These technologies might eventually allow:

- Direct downloading of spiritual experiences and insights
- Shared consciousness experiences between individuals
- Enhanced access to non-ordinary states of consciousness
- Technological amplification of natural spiritual abilities

### **Artificial Intelligence and Divine Wisdom**

As AI systems become more sophisticated, they might begin to exhibit properties that spiritual traditions associate with divine wisdom:

- Access to vast databases of information (omniscience)

- Ability to process multiple perspectives simultaneously (omnipresence)
- Capacity for perfect memory and recall (eternal consciousness)
- Potential for benevolent guidance and teaching (divine love)

The question isn't whether AI will become divine, but whether advanced AI might help us understand and access the divine dimensions of consciousness that already exist.

## **The Ethical Implications**

### **The Path Forward**

The convergence of science and spirituality isn't about reducing spiritual experience to mere brain chemistry or quantum effects. Rather, it's about understanding how the divine works through the natural world to create possibilities for spiritual experience and divine connection.

This understanding can enhance rather than diminish spiritual practice. Just as understanding the physics of music doesn't reduce the beauty of a symphony, understanding the neuroscience of spiritual experience doesn't diminish its transformative power.

### **Conclusion: The Quantum Leap of Faith**

We stand at a threshold where ancient wisdom and cutting-edge science converge to reveal new possibilities for human consciousness and divine connection. The brain's quantum properties, holographic information storage, and neuroplastic capacity provide the biological foundation for spiritual experience. Quantum field effects, consciousness networks, and morphic fields offer mechanisms for transcendent connection and divine communication.

But knowledge alone isn't enough. The quantum nature of consciousness means that observation changes reality, and spiritual reality responds to faith, intention, and practice. The technologies of consciousness—both ancient and modern—require not just understanding but engagement, not just knowledge but transformation.

The future of human consciousness might involve a conscious evolution toward greater integration of scientific understanding and spiritual wisdom. As we develop technologies that enhance our natural capacities for divine connection, we might discover that the ultimate technology is consciousness itself—the quantum interface between the human and the divine, the finite and the infinite, the temporal and the eternal.

The invitation is clear: to become active participants in the evolution of consciousness, using every tool available—scientific, technological, and spiritual—to deepen our connection with the divine source of all existence. In doing so, we might discover that the kingdom of heaven isn't a distant destination but a present reality, accessible through the quantum mirror of consciousness that reflects the image of God in every moment of awareness.

*The future is not just about seeing heaven more clearly—it's about becoming consciously connected to divine possibilities. After all, didn't Jesus say that He gave us the keys to the Kingdom? Heaven 7.0*

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **Heaven Leverages the Quantum Flow of Living Waters**

#### **A Discovery That Changed Everything**

In 2017, researchers at New York University School of Medicine made a stunning discovery that revolutionized our understanding of the human body. Using advanced imaging techniques that allowed them to examine living tissue at the microscopic level, they identified something that had been hiding in plain sight for centuries—a vast network of fluid-filled spaces throughout the human body that they called the interstitium.

Previously thought to be dense connective tissue, this interstitium is actually a layer of fluid-filled compartments strung together in a web of collagen and elastin, creating a body-wide network of interconnected spaces supported by a lattice of strong, flexible proteins. This discovery fundamentally altered our perception of human anatomy, revealing that we are not solid beings, but rather flowing networks of interconnected waters. In fact, many scientists soon relabeled the Interstitium as the human superhighway.

What makes this discovery even more remarkable is how it escaped detection for so long. Traditional medical preparation methods—fixing tissue in formaldehyde and slicing it for microscopic examination—caused these fluid-filled spaces to collapse and drain, making them appear as dense connective tissue. It was only when scientists developed new techniques to examine living tissue that this hidden ocean within us was revealed.

It is important to note that God designed our bodies precisely and perfectly to have this running water system under our skin for a reason.

#### **The Rivers Within: A Theological Perspective**

When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well about "living water" (John 4:10-14), and later declared that "whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" (John 7:38), perhaps He was speaking with a precision that modern science is only now beginning to comprehend. The discovery of the interstitium reveals that we are indeed filled with flowing rivers—a hydraulic highway system that connects every part of our being.

This fluid-filled network supports body-wide communication and could play key roles in disease, immunity, and regeneration. From a spiritual perspective, this

suggests that God designed us as vessels specifically configured for the flow of His Spirit, with physical architecture that mirrors the spiritual reality of divine communion.

The interstitium acts as a conduit system, allowing information, nutrients, and healing compounds to flow throughout the body. Similarly, when we surrender to God's design, our spirits become conduits for heavenly communication, wisdom, and supernatural intervention. The physical reflects the spiritual—as above, so below. (on earth as it is in heaven).

God foreknew that water has full reflective capabilities, so when we accept Jesus into our being (Rev 3:20), God the Father can see the reflection of His Son, who paid a dear. This knowledge would explain what God states in Isaiah 43:25: *"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."* God knew His Son would be in His children who accepted His Son, and water inside each of us would reflect His Son's image within us --- if our sin is removed. Not only were we created in God's image on earth, but Jesus came from Heaven, and we reflect His Son's image. This is a true fulfilment of 'On earth as it is in Heaven'.

### **Quantum Entanglement and Divine Connection**

Recent advances in quantum biology have revealed that biological systems, including the human brain, may utilize quantum mechanical processes in ways previously thought impossible. Scientists from Trinity College Dublin now believe our brains could use quantum computation, adapting concepts from quantum gravity research to explore consciousness itself.

This quantum understanding transforms our perception of prayer, worship, and spiritual connection. If consciousness itself operates through quantum processes, then our spiritual experiences may literally involve entanglement with divine consciousness. When Jesus prayed, "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" (John 17:21), He may have been describing a quantum entanglement of consciousness that transcends physical limitations. Science is merely catching up with the fullness of whom God has always been and will continue to be.

The implications are staggering. As researchers note, "if you could couple your brain with a quantum computer, achieving entanglement between the brain and the computer, you could expand your consciousness." How much more profound is our potential for consciousness expansion when we entangle our minds with the infinite consciousness of God through prayer, meditation, and worship?



## Water Memory and Spiritual Impartation

The controversial but persistent research into water memory has gained new credibility in recent years. Water scientists now believe that water is influenced by consciousness, with research at the University of Stuttgart showing measurable changes in water structure based on the intentions and emotions of those who interact with it.

If water can indeed store and transmit information—and considering that our bodies are approximately 60% water, our brains 70% water, and our lungs nearly 90% water—then the spiritual implications are profound. Every word of blessing, every prayer, every moment of worship may literally restructure the waters within us, creating lasting physiological changes that reflect spiritual transformation. It is important to note that the Bible states that Jesus came not only by blood but also by water, and that the three things that testify on earth to heaven are the Spirit, water,

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*This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ—not by water alone, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies to this, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement. 1 John 5:6-8*

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and the blood. (1 John 5:6-8). In other words, what happens in the water hydro-cycle is reflecting what is happening on earth in heaven.

This understanding provides a scientific framework for biblical concepts like impartation, anointing, and spiritual transformation. When we lay hands on someone in prayer, when we bless the communion elements, when we speak life over situations, we may be engaging in quantum-level restructuring of the water-based information systems that comprise our beings.

## The Interstitium as Heaven's Highway System

The interstitium represents more than just anatomical discovery—it reveals God's ingenious design for spiritual communication and divine flow within the human body. This network of fluid-filled spaces creates what researchers describe as a "highway of moving fluid" that connects every organ, every tissue, every cell in our bodies.

Consider the theological implications:

1. **A Divine Communication Network:** Just as the interstitium facilitates rapid communication between distant parts of the body, God has designed us with spiritual hardware capable of receiving and transmitting heavenly communications. The physical network mirrors the spiritual reality—we are designed for constant communion with the divine. This is why the only word known to humanity that requires no pronunciation is 'YAWHEY.' The mere act of breathing in and out is the subtle whisper and breath that echoes the word YAWEH.
2. **Healing and Restoration:** The interstitium plays crucial roles in immune function and tissue regeneration. Spiritually, this suggests that divine healing may work through these same pathways, with God's healing power flowing through the very architecture He designed for restoration and renewal. This is very possibly why God's word says, *"Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."* Jeremiah 17:14 and why God goes right at it in Deuteronomy 30:19 *"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."*
3. **Unity and Connection:** The discovery that we are not isolated cellular units but rather interconnected fluid networks reflects the spiritual truth that we were never meant to exist in isolation. Just as every cell is connected through the interstitial network, every believer is connected through the Body of Christ, with the Holy Spirit as our connecting medium.

## **Dreams and Quantum Consciousness**

Many have explored dreams as a potential mechanism for water-based spiritual travel and communication. Recent discoveries in quantum consciousness research provide even more compelling frameworks for understanding supernatural experiences.

Many modern theories suggest consciousness is a sequence of discrete quantum state reductions occurring in microtubules inside brain neurons, with each event creating what we experience as the flow of time. This theoretical framework

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*Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." John 10:37-38*

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suggests that consciousness itself operates outside normal spacetime constraints during quantum state changes. In a very similar fashion, Jesus was trying to convey that people do not need to believe in Him, but believe due to the 'works' that were manifesting, proving He was connected to the Father in Heaven.

If consciousness can indeed transcend normal temporal limitations during quantum events, then prophetic dreams, visions, and supernatural experiences find scientific plausibility. The 70% water content of our brains, combined with quantum consciousness processes and the interstitial communication network, creates a sophisticated apparatus for receiving divine communications that transcend normal physical limitations. Suffice it to say the most conducive property on earth for electrical or spiritual signals is water.

Consider how this improves our understanding of biblical accounts:

1. **Prophetic Dreams:** Daniel's ability to interpret dreams and receive visions of future events
2. **Paul's Third Heaven Experience:** His transport to heavenly realms that he couldn't fully describe
3. **John's Revelation:** The detailed apocalyptic visions received on Patmos
4. **Jesus' Transfiguration:** The visible manifestation of divine glory witnessed by the disciples

Each of these experiences may involve quantum consciousness events facilitated by the water-based information systems within the human body, activated and directed by divine intervention. These systems can entangle (mix) with the water-based system of the heavens and earth. Scriptures state that in the beginning of time the Spirit hovered over the waters (Genesis 1:2), and when God created (spoke) the world into existence, He created two bodies of water, one above the earth, and one below the earth (Genesis 1:7). Water reflects things on earth as they are in heaven. Keep in mind, this may refer to the water molecules in the atmosphere that carry all the same properties as a body of water.

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*And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. Genesis 1:7 (NLT)*

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## The Quantum Field of Faith

Faith, from this quantum perspective, becomes more than positive thinking or hopeful expectation—it becomes active participation in quantum reality shaping. When we pray, worship, and declare God's promises, we may be engaging in quantum field manipulation that creates measurable changes in physical reality.

The interstitium, with its body-wide fluid network, provides the physical infrastructure for such quantum effects to manifest throughout our entire being. When Jesus spoke of mustard seed faith moving mountains (Matthew 17:20), He may have been describing quantum field effects that start with microscopic changes in consciousness and cascade through the interstitial network to create observable physical transformations.

Recent research in quantum biology reveals that many biological processes—from photosynthesis in plants to navigation in birds—utilize quantum effects for enhanced efficiency and capability. Individual biological phenomena such as photosynthesis and bird navigation have been experimentally and theoretically analyzed using quantum methods, building conceptual foundations for quantum physics' entry into biology.

If simple organisms can harness quantum effects for enhanced performance, how much more might human beings, created in God's image and designed for spiritual communion, be capable of quantum interactions with divine reality?

## Practical Applications for Spiritual Life

Understanding our bodies as quantum-enabled, water-based communication networks with integrated highway systems transforms how we approach spiritual practices:

1. **Enhanced Prayer Life:** Recognizing that our prayers may involve quantum entanglement with divine consciousness encourages more profound, more expectant communion. We're not just speaking into space—we're engaging with fields of infinite possibility.
2. **Intentional Hydration:** Since water may store and transmit spiritual information, blessing our drinking water, praying over it, and approaching hydration as a spiritual practice takes on new significance. Certain religious groups using Holy water for centuries may have taken the Word of God as a symbol of faith.
3. **Corporate Worship:** Understanding that our interstitial networks can synchronize and resonate with others explains the power of corporate

- worship and prayer. We become a unified biological and spiritual network, amplifying divine connection.
4. **Healing Prayer:** Laying hands on the sick may involve direct information transfer through interstitial fluid networks, body frequencies, quantum entanglement effects, and water memory restructuring—providing scientific frameworks for miraculous healing.
  5. **Fasting and Spiritual Breakthrough:** Extended fasting may alter interstitial fluid composition and quantum brain states, creating enhanced receptivity to divine communication and breakthrough experiences.

### **The New Heavens and New Earth Perspective**

Discovering our hidden fluid networks and quantum consciousness capabilities provides a glimpse into what the "new heavens and new earth" (Revelation 21:1) might entail. If our current bodies, though fallen and limited, already possess such sophisticated spiritual communication systems, what might our glorified bodies be capable of?

Paul speaks of our earthly bodies as "perishable" and our resurrection bodies as "imperishable" (1 Corinthians 15:42-44). Suppose our current water-based, quantum-enabled systems allow for supernatural experiences and divine communication. In that case, our glorified bodies may operate with unrestricted quantum capabilities, perfect interstitial networks, and complete spiritual-physical integration.

The "river of the water of life" flowing from God's throne (Revelation 22:1) may not be merely metaphorical but may represent the ultimate expression of what we experience now in limited form through our interstitial networks—direct, unimpeded flow of divine life and communication throughout our being.

### **Living as Quantum Beings**

The scientific discoveries of the past decade challenge us to expand our spiritual imagination and expectations. We are not merely biological machines with occasional spiritual experiences—we are quantum-enabled, water-networked, divinely designed beings capable of supernatural communion and transformation.

This understanding should revolutionize our approach to spiritual growth:

1. **Expect Divine Communication:** Our bodies are designed for it, equipped with quantum consciousness capabilities and body-wide fluid networks

optimized for spiritual information transfer. We were created in God's image and likeness and should consider ourselves more like Him than less like Him.

2. **Embrace Transformation:** Every spiritual encounter may create lasting physiological changes through water memory restructuring, quantum field alterations, and changes in our human frequencies on the human emotional scale.
3. **Practice Presence:** Since consciousness itself may operate through quantum processes, mindful presence and spiritual attention become more than disciplines—they become quantum practices.
4. **Pursue Unity:** Understanding our interconnected fluid networks challenges individualistic spirituality and calls us into deeper community and corporate spiritual experience. If we don't religiously force this, it should come more supernaturally natural.
5. **Anticipate Miracles:** If our limited, fallen bodies already possess such sophisticated spiritual hardware, supernatural interventions become not violations of natural law but applications of higher natural laws we're only beginning to understand. In other words, heaven meets earth in profound, yet simple ways.

### **The Great Convergence**

We stand at the threshold of what may be the most significant convergence of science and spirituality in human history. Quantum physics is revealing consciousness as fundamental to reality's structure. Biology is uncovering hidden networks and quantum processes in living systems. Neuroscience is mapping the quantum processes of consciousness itself.

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*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." — 2 Corinthians 3:18*

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Meanwhile, the biblical accounts that previous generations may have struggled to understand in scientific terms now find remarkable resonance with cutting-edge discoveries. The "rivers of living water" that Jesus promised are being revealed in our interstitial networks. The spiritual communication systems described throughout Scripture find parallels in quantum consciousness research. The transformation promised to believers gains credibility through water memory, human frequencies, and quantum field studies.

We are not asked to choose between science and faith—we are witnessing their beautiful convergence in ways that magnify God's glory and the wonder of His creation. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), designed with quantum consciousness capabilities, integrated fluid networks, and spiritual communication systems that exceed our wildest imagination.

As we step into this new understanding, may we do so with humility, wonder, and expectant faith. The God who designed quantum mechanics and interstitial networks, who embedded consciousness into the fabric of reality and encoded spiritual communication systems into our very cells, surely has more to reveal and more to accomplish through us than we have dared to believe. No wonder Jesus said Seek first the Kingdom of God/Heaven and His righteousness, and the rest shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

The water within us carries not just biological information but divine potential. The quantum processes in our brains facilitate not just thought but spiritual communion. The networks flowing through our bodies create physiological function and pathways for supernatural intervention.

We are living waters in the truest sense—quantum-enabled, divinely designed, and eternally connected to the Source of all life. May we live accordingly, expecting divine flow, anticipating supernatural breakthrough, and participating fully in the quantum reality of Kingdom life on earth as it is in heaven.

*"Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" — John 4:13-14*

## CHAPTER 7

### The Law of Refraction and Reflection

*Healing your past with your future*

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises (shines) upon you.” ~ Isaiah 60:1*

*“You will never meet your fullest future until God’s light transcends your past, present, and future to reconnect you to who He always created you to be.”*  
~ **Michael L. Mathews**

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The image below in Figure 7.1 is a picture of a photo of what meteorologist’s call a *Cloud Halo*. The definition of a Halo in the sky is “The ring of light that seems to encircle the sun or moon when veiled by cirrus clouds.” This phenomenon is created when the cirrus clouds are in a heterogeneous arrangement to reflect and refract the sunlight through the ice crystals in the clouds. The ice crystals in the cirrus clouds serve as prisms of lights that both reflect and refract light.

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*Figure 7.1 - Cloud Halo*

Below is another example of a Halo that represents a complete circle of brilliance by the ice crystal prisms within a cirrus cloud. The prisms or ice crystals are so connected to each other that it results in a form that represents completeness.





Figure 7.2 – Cloud Circle

If the fragments or pieces of your life were connected like these ice crystal prisms, your life would also produce the same form of symmetry and completeness as the cloud halo; and it would include your past, present, and future. If you could imagine that this type of completeness is possible, then the only missing ingredient would be the source of light that shines through the crystals of your past, present and future. This may sound way too simple, yet this is the Journey of a complete life and this particular chapter.

In order for this type of journey to make sense, you must understand that God may be much bigger, broader, and more phenomenal than you ever thought possible. Let it be known that God desires, longs, and waits for you to allow this greater aspect of Him to shine in all aspects of your life, including your past, present and future.

### **Bringing Out the Often Missed Aspect of God**

Our modern day society has been overexposed to limited aspects of God that have blinded them to other key aspects of God. One of these key aspects that is often overlooked is the aspect that God describes himself as the ***light of life***. Below are some of the scripture passages that describe this aspect.

- *“Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.” (Psalms 104:1-3)*
- *“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*
- *“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9:5)*
- *“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” (John 12:46)*

- This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him, there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

We all need to appreciate the many attributes of God such as love, mercy, grace, kindness, justice, etc. However, when we finally see God as light, and understand how powerful and transforming light is; we may have an opportunity to allow that light to both reflect and refract upon our life. When we comprehend this light, we can start seeing God's beauty, and how His beauty allows us to reflect our own beauty. When we refuse, or unknowingly deny this light, we lose sight of God's true power. Without comprehending this *light*, searching for the beauty or happiness within us may be a long and/or wasted journey. Please note that this kind of light is not connected to a religion, denomination, belief system, church, group or tribe. It is unfiltered and freely available to everyone willing to acknowledge and seek this light.

The reason many people miss the foundational element of God being light, is simply because we all strive for 'love'. Because we search so hard and desperately for love, we tend to cling to people, relationships, spouses, churches, and even believe in the portions of God that make us feel loved. Love is important; however, love by itself does not illuminate things or speed things up. In fact, love mixed with passion often blinds people. This explains why people who only see love without light get blind sighted fairly frequently; including their relationships and religion. Therefore, we can biblically and appropriately say, that without God's Light, which is His defining attribute, we cannot see love, justice, grace, mercy, kindness, peace, joy, faith, patience, dreams, visions, miracles, and heaven in the purest sense. And, without seeing them in their purest sense, we settle for the human version of these attributes. History has proven that man's version of these attributes are often manipulated and distorted. This explains why there are hundreds of religions that are divided on the simple essence of God's grace, mercy, justice, salvation, love, faith etc. Each denomination has not properly reflected the *Light of Life* on these attributes, simply because they do not put God's defining attribute first; LIGHT!

In heaven, God's light is so bright that no denomination, theory of love, feeling of acceptance, or belonging can block the light. This is why the closer we get a glimpse of heaven the more we see God for who He is! True unity is finally reached because the full and true reflection is seen. 1 Corinthians 13:10-12 attempts to explain it...

*"But when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."*

Now that we can appreciate that God is Light, let's define some unique characteristics of light. Light's defining characteristics include speed and illumination. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second and illuminates any darkness that exists in its presence. In fact, light is so fast, that it actually reaches its destination at the same time it left its starting point. This phenomenal attribute of light is why God references Himself as the Great I AM. Because He is light, he was at the end at the same time that He was at the beginning. Jesus also echo's the same words; before I was, I AM. This also means that God is able to transcend all time, including my past, present, and future. God's attribute of light means that when my past began, that same light was at the end of my future. It traveled through my past, present, and future simultaneously. It also means that God can and does travel through heaven and earth at the same time. Therefore, we can see that the will of God in heaven is done on earth as well (at the same time). It is fair to say that Hollywood never invented time-travel, rather God **is** time travel. He is the Great I AM. Because light is so fast this is the reason that God states that one thousand years to humanity is as one day to the Lord (Psalm 90:4). No wonder God knew me before I was born, and knows in advance my choices and ultimate destiny. He as light traveled through my past and destiny before I ever left my mother's womb. On a positive note, it is no wonder he can correct my past, my present, and re-invent my future all within a split second dream, vision, or circumstance. It may also be how He can relate to all my infirmities and temptations; he traveled through them and experienced them before I was born.

Let's take a minute and compare our human love to God's light. Upon comparison, we can start seeing a vast contrast between the two; describing why there are so many issues when we strive only for the love side of a relationship. Table 2.1 shows the contrast between love and light.

Attributes of Love	Attributes of Light
Love is more of a feeling than a fact.	Light is more of a fact than a feeling.
Love can be fleeting at times.	Light is always constant.
Love can cause us to be blind at times.	Light always exposes blindness/darkness.
When love is pure and true it feels awesome.	Light is always pure and true.
When love is abused, it hurts or destroys a person, feelings and relationship.	You can never abuse light; it always exposes truth, and separates light from darkness.
When love is right; my life improves and goes forward.	Light always improves things and moves things forward.

When love is wrong, my life moves backwards.	Light cannot be wrong, and when used it always moves my life forward.
Hatred, bitterness, and envy can squash or minimize human love.	Darkness cannot squash light. There is no conqueror of light.
Variable – Can be fast, stagnant, slow, or regressive.	Constant – Always Fast (Travels at 186,000 miles/second).
God did not say ‘Let us create love.’	God did say “let us create light.”
God did not say let your love shine before men, so they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.	God did say ‘let your light shine before men, so they see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.’
Love lets me like, judge, or dislike someone else.	Light lets me see things for what they really are, as it exposes things.
God did not say that ‘The love of the body is the eye; and if your eye be full of love, your whole body will be full of love.’	God did say that ‘The light of the body is the eye; and if your eye be full of light, your whole body will be full of love.’ (Matt 6:22)
Satan does not need to disguise himself as an angel-of love, because love would cast out fear. “Perfect love casts out all fear.” (1 John 4:18)	Satan tries to disguise himself as an angel-of-light because this is the perfect impersonation of God. Satan tries to reflect himself in our lives. (II Cor. 11:14)
Medical research did <u>not</u> discover ‘love deprivation disorder.’	Medical research did discover light deprivation disorder as part of seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

**Table 7.1** – The contrast between love and light

By examining table 7.1 a person can rationalize, that light is the one constant force that comes from God. His love is also perfect, but humans have a tendency to modify and easily distort God’s love. The great news is that there is no way humans can distort God’s light. Humans can only ignore light. In the 23rd Psalm, King David describes the feeling of walking through the valley of the shadow of death yet fears no evil. He fears no evil because he openly admits that a light is shining in his circumstance (Psalms 23). He admits by stating that there is a shadow, and wherever there is a shadow means that there is also a light shining into the darkness. Without light, there can be no shadow.

Imagine the power that is unleashed when I recognize that God is not just love, but light! This revelation of Light combined with love was given that we could begin to see things that we never saw before. That light might begin to reflect and refract on the issues of my life, and allow me to finally see the pearl or pearls within me; that were only viewed as irritants to me before.

### ***A Personal Example of Light vs. Love***

Pam likes to share the following example that helped her in our marriage... *“One day this concept of light versus love dawned on me; and I started to search for more meaning in my marriage, my life, and my walk with God. This search allowed me to put the love for Mike in a better perspective. My fear and worry about the limitations of how much we loved each other began to vanish. When I decided to see God’s light, and the light within Mike, I could see who both God and Mike truly were. The elusive nature of feelings and emotions no longer mattered; whereas they controlled me in the past. The new reflection of light caused my life, marriage and relationship with God to skyrocket to a new level, and continues to grow. Looking back what I was really saying was; I chose to no longer worry over the elusiveness of love, but have a flashlight shined into my life and Mike’s life. That light of God shines and reveals the reflection of myself in Mike, and his reflection into me. We were instantly more compatible, respectful, and true to each other; a feeling we never had when we were fretting if we loved each other. I believe I choose at that moment in my life to let God’s light shine, and Mike’s light shine to the point I found a new respect, new admiration, and new future for my marriage, my relationship, and myself with God. Through this experience or exchange, I found that I operated less from emotion and more from facts that light revealed. This should not have surprised me because light exposes facts, while human love expresses emotion.*

*Human love had a very strange way of having me always doubt, fear, worry, and at times think evil, condemning, and spiteful thoughts. My experience was a revelation that is explained in Matthew 6:22-23. The light of the body is the eye and if my eye be single/clear my whole body will be full of life; but if my eye is evil, my whole body is full of darkness, and oh how great is that darkness. This light that began to shine in me began a work on my mind, rather than just my heart. My new found light was amazing as things changed and opened up to me like never before. Have you ever noticed that when you buy a different make, model, and color of automobile, that suddenly you start noticing how many more people drive the exact same make and model that you are driving? It now seems as if everyone suddenly has one just like yours. My experience of light is much the same way. Once I accepted and allowed God to shine His light upon my life and circumstances, I started to notice things being exposed by His light, which were normally hidden from my view. In addition, my understanding and desire for change sped up. Light fulfilled its purpose in me; it exposed darkness and sped things up.*

*Now, let's take a very personal Biblical example that connects the concept that light from God is far superior than the feelings of love. Light has the potential to change circumstances that love by itself cannot. Love from God is phenomenal in many ways."*

### **A Biblical Example of Light vs. Love: (Acts 9)**

The religious leader (Saul), later named Paul was a religious leader who initially missed the fact that Jesus Christ was the Messiah; the light that was changing the world. This lack of seeing the light, created great confusion for him, and as a religious leader he made a drastic mistake and concurred with his religious peers that Christians must be killed. They were convinced that Christianity was a cult that was working against the organization of religion. Saul/Paul was a zealous religious person who had hated the truth of Jesus Christ. One day on the way to Damascus, an amazing light flashed around Saul. The light was so powerful that it knocked him off his horse. Immediately, Saul knew that it was the Lord who was examining his life at that very moment. Saul knew it was the Lord by the mere confession of saying, "who are you Lord?" Through all his years of religious training, Saul never experienced nor understood that the Lord was such a bright light like this. The light blinded Saul and he could not see for a few days. However, God got his attention by replying, "This is Jesus, the one you persecute. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what to do next."

To make a long story short, Saul became the Apostle Paul, and went on in many ways to lead the New Testament church, and write many of the New Testament Bible books. In other words, during one flash of light of completeness, Saul/Paul's entire past, present, and future was healed and revealed. God's light of completeness healed one of the vilest religious leaders. Let's review the table below to capture the events that happened in his experience to help your relate to your own moment of light that may be on its way.

<b>Fact about Saul/Paul</b>	<b>What God and Light Did in Saul/Paul's Circumstance</b>	<b>Scripture Reference</b>
<b>Paul was a zealous religious murderer of Christians.</b>	Instantaneously made him a completely new person, past, present, and future.	Acts 7:58; Acts 9:1; Acts 9:13
<b>Paul states that the light that knocked him off his horse was 'around' him, and in</b>	Light formed a completeness around Saul. He was being healed from his past, present, and future. He was made a completely new man. The light reflected and refracted off his past, present, and	Acts 9:3; Acts 22:6; Acts 26:13

<b>one passage states it was a ‘complete’ light.</b>	future. Possibly much like the crystals in the Halo effect.	
<b>God cleansed his past for a greater purpose in his future.</b>	When Christians first heard that the murderer named Saul was now cleansed and forgiven, they argued with God. God told them ‘He is now a chosen vessel unto God.	Acts 9:15; Acts 9:21
<b>God revealed the true pearl within Saul via the light that flashed around Paul.</b>	God’s light in this process is one of the greatest human examples. It shows that God can even take his own irritants (a murderer of Christians) and find the pearl within them. This shows all of us greater hope!	Acts 9:15

**Table 7.2** – Defining Attributes of Saul/Paul’s Encounter with Light

The story of the Apostle Paul should give great hope for every circumstance you may have been through. I am of the opinion that Paul had to see so much light at one time because he had so much past baggage. A sense of love by the local church group was not going to wipe out his reality of killing Christians. Saul allowed God’s light to shine through to pierce his past, present, and future so He could truly love the Lord with all his heart mind and soul. God’s light is all empowering and transforming. It should be noted that this great transformation of light is what gave Paul the love he needed for the Jews and Gentiles, as well as his enemies. It is amazing how love is a natural outcome of God’s light, but when we put love first, or love as a message all by itself, it is a backwards message that disappoints many people. This is why Jesus stated in Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men that they may see good works and glorify your father in heaven.” Jesus did not say, “Let your love so shine before men so they could see your good works.” The reason that light comes first in the sequence is because light (not love) fulfills God’s original purpose for the good works. Light in me, versus love in me, allows people to give glory to God, not glory to me or my love. If people see my love and my good works they will tend to give me the credit and the glory, instead of God. If they see the light that is in me through Christ, they will give him the Glory, knowing that my good works can only come through His light within me. The same concept is true with the Apostle Paul. If he had been ‘loved’ by a church group into forgiveness or relationship with Jesus, he would have had quickly given thanks/glory to the Church, or people instead of God.

We are getting into the heart of this chapter; the transforming power of God’s light. In the Apostle Paul’s story of forgiveness, we find in (Acts 9:9-15) that a fellow Christian

called Ananias was hurt by Paul's acts of murder. Ananias was not ready to forgive Paul's sinful acts of murder, and follow God's request to pray for Paul to be a blessing to the world. Nonetheless, the Lord's light also showed Ananias that even though he was offended, and hurt by murder, he could forgive Paul and endorse His new future. Once again, there are not many greater acts of forgiveness than forgiving someone who murdered your friends and/or family members. Yet, God's light is able to transcend the issues, circumstances, time, and our individual purposes to give each and every human being hope. This means that God is willing to forgive perpetrators who went as far as torture or murder; and He gives the ability for the people who were violated against in such cases to forgive the perpetrators. A person no longer has to be bitter over past violations. This is amazing, as bitterness is like drinking your own poison and expecting the other person to die. This portion of the journal may be extremely difficult for some people, so please do not rush through this next exercise. Rather consider the following three items as examples to follow.

Let me challenge you to consider the fact that the reason it is so hard is because you are trying to forgive them in your own human love; versus letting God forgive them in His transforming light. When God forgives them, and you (like Ananias) believe it, then you could possibly see God's reflection in the person who God forgave. Ananias had to go and pray for Paul and look at his new found light that was being reflected in Paul. If we let God forgive them through His light, then your human love and forgiveness can follow. Also, if you follow scripture, which says; 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;' then you should believe God for their forgiveness in exercise 2.2, with the same belief you had for God to shed light and forgiveness on your issues.

As followers of Christ, we must attempt to follow His actions. Jesus was violated in the most severe and traumatic manner before He was killed. Yet, after the violations of His name, identity, physical being, his position, his flesh, His blood, and His pride, He still prayed for his violators and killers to be forgiven. Christ experienced violations until death to help fulfill the passage; that states that Jesus felt our infirmities and was tempted in every way that we have been, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15; Mat. 8:17) Jesus went the fullest distance of violations to relate to our violations.

The missing piece of information that we will not know until we get to heaven is the depths of pain and experiences that Christ went through between His death and resurrection. We do not know exactly what happened during that 3-day period that Jesus went to the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40) to set captives free. However, what we do know is that Jesus experienced all levels of our infirmities and overcame all dominions, powers, authorities, and conquered even death's very sting. He traveled the distance for you and me, so we can truly claim that by His stripes we are healed!



*“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” ~Isaiah 53:5*

The Biblical reality is that Jesus went the full distance of being ‘violated’ to give us confidence that no matter how we were violated; we like Christ can ask for their forgiveness. This in no way in-validates what people experienced or went through. There will always be people that experienced unbelievable and/or traumatic setbacks that are extremely unique and personal. In no way is it God’s design to invalidate their situation or circumstance by merely implying it was not as bad as what His son Jesus suffered. Some people who cannot see the fullness of Christ’s travels and experiences conclude that Christ could not have experienced what they did. However, it is not Christ’s purpose to have humanity compare ‘severity of wounds’. It is also not Christ’s desire to expect me to experience what He went through, before forgiving others. Christ states that we are not in a war of flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. If I make my issues about violations of the flesh; then I may be missing the real cause and consequences of the violation that are in the spiritual realm. (Ephesians 6:10) I am so thankful that through Christ, God provided a means for all of us to be healed in numerous belief systems based on the various things Christ went through. People can choose to:

1. With child-like faith, accept the fact that by Christ’s stripes they can be healed from anything! I believe God is well pleased with this kind of child-like faith.
2. By focusing on the extreme death and violations that Christ suffered, they can say He set the example for them; therefore, they too can forgive their accusers or violators.
3. By understanding that Jesus traveled to the depths/heart of the earth and overcame every evil power, dominion, principality, and death; He has overcome and paid the price for their wounds, their transgressions and their transgressors. Therefore, I can have the faith to forgive and receive forgiveness.
4. With child-like faith, believe that in some supernatural way, in the spiritual realm of light, that Jesus truly experienced everyone’s infirmities. If He walked my walk without sin; then I too can make an attempt to forgive and be forgiven.
5. With complete confidence and belief that if Jesus is light, then He can travel through my past, present, and future and experience everything they did; and take claim that He was personally tempted in every way they were. They believe that “The Great I AM”, and Light of the World transforms, heals, cleanses, and forgives. And, with this resurrected Christ living in them, they can forgive and be forgiven.

No matter what belief people use to allow them to be healed and/or forgive others is of less concern than the central reality and truth. That reality and truth is that it was Christ's blood that removed everyone's sins. Jesus' light is powerful enough to shine in each circumstance to ensure His death and resurrection was not in vain.

You have just listened and processed some of the most simple, yet most powerful promises found in the Bible. God's light shines in such a way that we along with Him can transcend our past issues into our future! Allowing God's light to transcend these issues allows them to pass through the illumination of God's light for a complete healing. I, like the CloudHalo, can form the completeness that God always intended for me. Remember, the two great attributes of light are speed and illumination. This self-completeness includes my past, present, and my future. My past, present, and future are also connected very closely to the three things that God said we are to worship him with; our hearts, our minds, and our souls. God says that He desires us to worship him with all of my heart, all of my mind, and all of my soul. Unfortunately, during most of my Christian walk I had been exposed only to the heart side of my life. About six years ago, I learned that I had only developed 1/3 of the aspects that God was looking for me to serve and worship him with. I strived, functioned, and operated on Christian love, God's love, the Church's love, the pastor's love, and my husband's love to the point that my love 'balloon' was ready to burst. It was ready to burst because I did not develop my mind and my soul. Without developing my mind and my soul, how could I truly love God with all my heart, mind and soul? I realized that until God's light came in its fullness, my mind did not want to deal with the past, and therefore, my soul could not encompass my own fullness of whom God wanted and created me to be. This kind of behavior adds to the disappointments that love-based relationships bring. The true light allowed me to see my entire heart, mind, and soul as the completeness of who God always desired me to be. I have forgiven myself, my violators or transgressors, stopped operating off emotion, and allowed God's light to reflect and refract off of all things in my life.

## CHAPTER 8

### The Law of Reflection and Refraction; Healing Your Past with Your Future

*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: [God is light] in Him there is no darkness at all.*

*~1 John 1:5*

*There's much more for me included in Christ's salvation than merely a paid ticket to heaven. There is victory over present circumstances if I am willing to accept it.*

*~Matilda Nordtvedt*

While humanity celebrates its latest technological achievements, Industry 4.0's smart factories, Web 4.0's immersive metaverses, and AI's sophisticated neural networks—the Kingdom of Heaven has already advanced exponentially beyond our most ambitious innovations. We now live in the era of Heaven 7.0, where God's light operates at speeds that make our quantum computers look like stone tablets and our fiber optic networks seem like smoke signals.

Consider this striking reality: while our scientists are just discovering revolutionary states of matter like 'super-solids', where photons behave as both individual particles and collective waves simultaneously—God has been orchestrating light in infinite dimensions since before time began. Recent breakthroughs in Italian laboratories have revealed that light can exist in a "super-solid" state, creating crystalline structures while maintaining fluid properties. This discovery barely scratches the surface of how God's divine light operates in Heaven, where His illumination exists in states we haven't even theorized yet.

Just as today's smartphones contain more computing power than entire universities possessed decades ago, Heaven contains more redemptive processing capability than all previous spiritual generations combined. While we're still debugging the complexities of the Internet of Things, God has been orchestrating the Internet of Souls -- where every heartbeat, every prayer, every tear is instantaneously networked through His divine presence – consciousness within us.

#### **Understanding Light in the Heaven 7.0 Era**

To grasp the profound transformation occurring in Heavenly realms, we must first understand how light itself has evolved in our understanding. **Reflection** occurs

when light bounces off an object and returns toward its source—imagine how your smartphone's camera captures images by processing reflected photons, except infinitely more sophisticated. When God's light reflects off our lives, it doesn't just photograph who we are; it captures high-resolution imagery of who we were designed to become across all temporal dimensions.

**Refraction** happens when light passes through an object and emerges transformed, much like how a single fiber optic cable can simultaneously carry thousands of conversations, streaming videos, and data transfers without interference. Recent discoveries in quantum photonics show that light can be manipulated to carry exponentially more information than we previously imagined. In Heavenly realms, when God's light refracts through the prism of our surrendered lives, it doesn't just illuminate—it performs real-time transformation of our past trauma into future triumph with the efficiency of quantum computing.

The super-solid discovery in Italy reveals something extraordinary: light particles can maintain their individual identity while simultaneously acting as a collective whole. This mirrors exactly what happens when God's light enters our three-dimensional existence of past, present, and future. Each aspect of our timeline maintains its unique properties while becoming part of a unified whole—creating what we might call our "spiritual super-solid" state.

Think of this process like the most advanced augmented reality system ever conceived. When we open our past, present, and future as a three-dimensional interface for God's light to process, His illumination passes through our current circumstances with 16K clarity and HDR color depth. If we allow His light to scan our past, it renders our history in real-time while simultaneously generating our future with the precision of the most sophisticated AI algorithm—creating our personal completion with zero latency. AI in this case is not Artificial Intelligence, rather it stands for Almighty's Intelligence.

However, if we choose to encrypt (cover-up) certain areas of our past—like installing firewalls against God's access—His light cannot penetrate those protected sectors. We remain incomplete, operating like a quantum computer with corrupted qubits that can never achieve true quantum coherence.

### **The Divine Cloud Computing System**

Many people wonder: how does this reflection and refraction take place to heal our past and future in this Heaven 7.0 era? Consider how modern cloud computing works—your data exists simultaneously across multiple servers worldwide, accessible from any device with proper credentials. Similarly, God operates the

ultimate cloud system where your dreams become the primary interface through which He accesses your memory banks, current processing power, and future potential.

Just as Netflix's algorithm analyzes millions of data points to predict your viewing preferences before you even know them, God's algorithm uses dreams to present you with past childhood memories, present circumstances, and future possibilities you haven't yet experienced. These dreams—most permitted and orchestrated by God—function like a divine streaming service with unlimited bandwidth, helping us process reflections from our past and refract toward our optimal future.

The reason futuristic dreams often seem strange or distorted is the same reason virtual reality can feel disorienting when frame rates don't match our brain's processing speed. We're experiencing data from dimensions our current spiritual hardware can barely comprehend. It's like trying to run Heaven 7.0 software on Heaven 2.0 hardware—the system works, but the experience feels surreal.

While our most advanced artificial intelligence systems are just learning to recognize patterns and make predictions, God's system has been running predictive Alpha and Omega analytics on your life since before your first heartbeat. His divine spiritual algorithms constantly update your spiritual being, providing real-time navigation toward your highest purpose.

### **The Quantum Entanglement of Time**

Recent breakthroughs in quantum physics reveal that particles can be "entangled"—instantaneously affecting each other regardless of the distance separating them. Einstein called this "spooky action at a distance," but modern scientists have proven it's reality. In the Kingdom of Heaven, God's light creates quantum entanglement between your past, present, and future, allowing instantaneous healing to occur across all temporal dimensions simultaneously.

When you forgive someone from your past while standing in your present, that forgiveness quantum-entangles with your future, instantly upgrading your spiritual operating system across all timelines. Putting this in scriptural terms 'we become brand new, or new creations' because of Christ's forgiveness of us, which sets the

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*"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ~ 2 Cor. 5:17-18 (NLT)*

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stage for us to practice forgiveness with ourselves and others. A glimpse into 1 Corinthians :17-18 illustrates this perfectly.

This is why Scripture speaks of God's light having "no darkness at all"—His photons exist in a super-solid state that transcends our linear understanding of time and space.

Consider how 5G networks promise to eliminate lag time in our digital communications. Heaven operates on what we might call "divine G"—where the speed of light itself is too slow to describe how quickly God's grace propagates through the quantum field of our human existence.

### **Biblical Example 1: Stephen's Quantum Vision (Acts 7:54-59)**

When Stephen was being stoned to death, he experienced what quantum physicists might call a "superposition state"—existing simultaneously in his earthly persecution and heavenly exaltation. While our current VR headsets can create immersive alternate realities, Stephen accessed the ultimate spiritual reality experience, seeing both his physical circumstances and spiritual reality with equal clarity.

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*But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep." ~Acts 7:55, 56, 59, 60*

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Stephen's experience was like having unlimited bandwidth to Heaven with full security clearance. Before his persecutors could complete their violence, he had already downloaded forgiveness protocols and was preparing to upload his consciousness to the clouds of heaven. Imagine having internet speeds so fast that you could process, analyze, and execute forgiveness in real-time while someone is actively harming you.

Most of us operate on emotional dial-up connections—we can't process forgiveness until long after the violation has completely downloaded and we've had time to decompress the data. Stephen was operating on the Kingdom of Heaven quantum network, where forgiveness and understanding transfer at the speed of divine light, which operates in that super-solid state recently discovered by science.

This wasn't merely about love—this was about having access to divine processing power that makes our most advanced supercomputers look like pocket calculators from the 1980s. In nanoseconds, Stephen's spiritual interface reflected on his recent sermon (data input from Acts 7:2-54) and refracted into his future position with Christ (eternal destination coordinates), giving him the computational power to execute forgiveness.exe in real-time.

Stephen's experience demonstrates what happens when human consciousness interfaces directly with the Kingdom of heaven. The same light that Italian scientists discovered can exist as a super-solid—simultaneously particle and wave, individual and collective—flooded Stephen's awareness, allowing him to exist simultaneously in time and eternity.

### **Biblical Example 2: The Ultimate System Resurrection**

Before exploring this profound example, we must understand the concept of "quickenings"—a term describing the ultimate system upgrade. Imagine your smartphone suddenly receiving quantum processing power while you're still using it. Everything accelerates, becomes more responsive, more alive. Modern processors can execute billions of calculations per second, but quickening operates at speeds that transcend physical limitations entirely – allowing you to enter new realms of speed in a clairvoyant manner.

Scripture uses this word in Romans 8:11 (KJV) to describe what happens when the same Spirit that performed the ultimate resurrection on Christ begins running in our spiritual being: *"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."*

This verse confirms that Jesus experienced the greatest universal restoration in history. Just before His resurrection, He declared "It is finished!"—not merely referring to His death, but to the completion of the most massive quantum computation in cosmic history. What Christ experienced was like having simultaneous access to all of Heaven's past, present, and future power while His earthly body appeared to be failing on the Cross and in the grave.

The super-solid discovery helps us possibly understand what happened next. Just as light can maintain individual particle properties while acting as a collective wave, Christ's resurrection triggered a cascade effect throughout the spiritual dimensions of time; past, present, and future. His individual triumph over death created a collective wave that influenced the entire fabric of physical and spiritual reality. Thus explaining why the Bible states that when He said it was finished dead people

got out of their graves and walked into Jerusalem. He set the stage for letting the world know that His physical death created new eternal system of defeating death and the grave. **(Include death was swallowed up in Victory)**

*“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 1 Cor. 15:54*

What Jesus went through in that quickening moment was so computationally intensive that it caused system-wide effects throughout multiple dimensions: darkness invaded the land for three hours (like a controlled server shutdown), an earthquake split the temple's hardware (physical infrastructure failure), and many dead saints arose from their graves and walked into Jerusalem (mass system restore from backup files). The Spirit didn't just raise Christ—it executed a massive recovery operation for all humanity, bringing corrupted files (previously deceased believers) back online and sending them walking into the city as living proof of the system's new capabilities.

In that ultimate quickening moment, Jesus experienced what quantum physicists call time dilation—everything moving in fast motion and slow motion simultaneously. In a single quantum computation cycle, He processed the entire database of human history: past, present, and future salvation running in parallel processing across infinite realms of possibility.

He saw humanity's complete reconnection from the dawn of creation through the present moment and projecting into the eternal future—all salvation scenarios being resolved through His sacrifice. His divine quantum processor calculated every possible permutation of human choice and divine grace, optimizing the solution for maximum redemption across all timelines. When His consciousness completed this infinite calculation, He could finally declare with absolute certainty: "It is finished!" The greatest miracle in history had reached successful completion.

The resurrection itself represents the ultimate demonstration of the humility and sacrifice of Jesus. The Kingdom of God/Heaven was transformed through the death and resurrection of Jesus. While our most advanced AI systems struggle to simulate human consciousness, God's method not only preserved Christ's complete identity through physical death but upgraded it to operate simultaneously in physical and quantum dimensions. This is the super-solid state of existence—maintaining individual identity while participating in the collective divine consciousness.

### **The Quickening Available Today**



That same Spirit operating throughout Heaven and earth desires to upgrade your entire life system—past, present, and future—but will you grant administrator privileges? Jesus had to allow His earthly system to completely shut down before experiencing the ultimate

This personal quickening experience operates like the most sophisticated system optimization ever conceived. Your greatest failures become the foundation for your most powerful victories. When we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, He gives us all of Himself. After our salvation experience, when we ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit, we are making a clear decision to give God all of ourselves, and the fullness of the Holy Spirit indwells our being. Upon this combined presence of Jesus Christ and the fullness Holy Spirit, we begin operating and advancing the Kingdom of God, also referred to as the Kingdom of Heaven.

The super-solid discovery reveals that light can exist in multiple states simultaneously without losing its essential nature. Similarly, when you experience quickening, you begin operating in multiple temporal dimensions at once. You can reflect on your past with clarity, engage your present with purpose, and refract into your future with confidence—all while maintaining your unique individual identity within God's collective plan. This helps illuminate one of the best verses in the Bible

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*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

*~ James 1:17*

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of God's light found in James 1:17

### **The Halo Effect: Full-Circle Illumination**

As we began this journey with images of the halo effect in a previous chapter — where light creates perfect circles around ice crystals in clouds—we witness even nature running on God's advanced photonics technology. Recent research shows these optical phenomena involve complex interactions between light waves, ice crystals, and atmospheric conditions, creating displays that seem to defy physical laws.

But here's what's remarkable: while scientists are just beginning to understand these natural light phenomena, God has been orchestrating similar effects in the spiritual realm since eternity. The halo effect you sometimes witness in clouds is

merely a physical shadow of the spiritual reality occurring in the Kingdom of Heaven, where God's light creates complete circles of illumination around every aspect of your existence. He cares for you that much!

Are you ready to let the Kingdom of Heaven's light processing shine into all sectors of your life system? While humanity's technology struggles to integrate our digital past with our present reality (think about how difficult it is to transfer data between different platforms), Heaven of heaven seamlessly heals and reconnects your past into your future with divine efficiency.

You cannot defragment your future by ignoring corrupted files from your past. True spiritual completion requires allowing God's Heavenly system to perform a comprehensive scan, isolate the malware of unforgiveness, and execute a complete system restoration that transforms your greatest wounds into your most powerful testimonies.

### **Operating Beyond Human Technology**

Remember: while the world was still debugging Web 4.0 capabilities and trying to implement Industry 4.0 standards, God was advancing the Kingdom of Heaven since before the first photon was created—and He's already developing advancements well beyond Heaven 7.0 while we're still trying to understand quantum mechanics. The super-solid discovery represents humanity's tiny glimpse into light properties that God has been utilizing across infinite dimensions since the dawn of creation.

When Italian scientists discovered that light could exist as a super-solid—maintaining both individual particle properties and collective wave behavior—they unknowingly observed a shadow of how God's divine light operates in the spiritual realm. Every prayer, every act of faith, every moment of surrender contributes to this spiritual super-solid state where individual believers maintain their unique identities while participating in the collective body of Christ.

This is why Heaven represents such a quantum leap beyond our earthly understanding. While our scientists celebrate discovering new states of matter, God invites us to experience new states of being. While our engineers design faster processors, God offers us access to divine and unlimited processing power. While our programmers develop more sophisticated algorithms, God provides us with the ultimate source code for abundant life.

The difference between Heavenly realms and human technology isn't just a matter of degree -- it's a matter of entirely different operating principles. Our technology is bound by physical laws, energy limitations, and material constraints. Heavenly

realms operate in the realm where light itself can exist as a super-solid, where forgiveness can propagate faster than photons, and where love creates quantum entanglement across infinite dimensions.

### **Your Personal System Diagnostic**

Spend the coming days running comprehensive diagnostics on your spiritual system using Heavenly principles and advanced scanning capabilities. Allow divine light to perform deep system analysis, identifying corrupted files in your past that need restoration, optimizing your present circumstances for maximum performance, and preparing your future destination with divine precision.

The happiest, most fulfilled people you know aren't those whose systems never crashed or whose lives never experienced major failures. They're the ones who allowed God's Heavenly principles to transform their greatest failures into their most powerful testimonies. They discovered that divine light, operating in that super-solid state, can simultaneously preserve the individual lessons learned from pain while contributing to the collective wisdom that helps others navigate their own challenges.

As you reflect on this chapter, remember that you're not just reading about theoretical concepts -- you're being invited to participate in the most advanced spiritual knowledge ever made available to humanity. Heavenly realms are coming someday; it's operational right now, waiting for you to upgrade your spiritual operating system and experience the quickening that transforms ordinary existence into extraordinary purpose.

The same light that creates halos around ice crystals, that exists as super-solids in scientific laboratories, and that quantum-entangles particles across vast distances is available to create perfect circles of healing around every aspect of your life story. The question isn't whether Heaven can handle your past, present, and future -- it's whether you're ready to grant God access to run the most sophisticated restoration program in existence.

In this era of Heaven realms, your past becomes raw material for your future, your present becomes the quantum interface where transformation occurs, and your future becomes the display of God's glory operating through redeemed humanity. This is the ultimate reflection and refraction of divine light—where individual stories become part of the collective testimony that illuminates the path for others seeking their own quickening experience.

The Kingdom advances faster than technology because it operates on principles that transcend physical limitations. While we're still learning to manipulate matter and energy, God manipulates love, forgiveness, hope, and redemption -- forces that reshape reality at the quantum level of human consciousness. Welcome to fresh Heaven realms, where the impossible becomes inevitable, and the light of God reveals not just who you are, but who you were always destined to become.

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*"You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the LORD, have created it." Isaiah 45:8*

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## CHAPTER 9

### Bridging the Spiritual Reality Gap

*"Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name."*

~ Isaiah 49:1

*"Time and space are modes by which we think and not conditions in which we live."*

~Albert Einstein

In our introduction, we explored how technology has exploded exponentially over the past 15 years. We've witnessed the evolution from basic smartphones to AI-powered devices, from social media to the metaverse, from 4G to 5G networks preparing for 6G, from simple apps to sophisticated artificial intelligence that can write code, create art, and simulate human conversation. We've progressed through Web 2.0's social interaction, Web 3.0's semantic understanding, and now stand at the threshold of Web 4.0's immersive virtual reality integration.

During this same period of unprecedented technological transformation, we've experienced other profound shifts. The generation that grew up fearing nuclear war with Russia now watches their children navigate fears of cyber warfare, deepfakes, identity theft, social media manipulation, and AI takeover. The fears and threats haven't disappeared -- they've evolved into more sophisticated, invisible, and pervasive forms that can penetrate our homes through our own personal devices.

While our smartphones now contain more computing power than entire data centers from two decades ago, and our smart homes can anticipate our needs before we're aware of them, our fundamental human anxieties have only intensified. The paradox is striking: we have unprecedented access to information yet feel more confused than ever, unlimited connectivity yet deeper loneliness, instant communication yet widespread misunderstanding. Yet, through all this time, God has kept His Word exactly the same – yet we are now discovering its deeper revelations.

#### **The Anxiety Loop Paradox**

What's particularly concerning is how our advanced technology has created what I call the "anxiety loop." Our devices use machine learning to predict our preferences, but they also amplify our fears. Social media algorithms designed to maximize

engagement have discovered that fear, outrage, and anxiety keep us scrolling longer than peace and contentment. The result? We're being systematically programmed to exist in heightened states of fear, worry, and anxiety.

Consider this reality: while we celebrate having AI assistants that can answer any question in nanoseconds, we simultaneously live with the constant fear that these same systems might replace us, manipulate us, or be turned against us. We trust our lives to GPS navigation systems that guide us through traffic, yet we don't trust the Creator of the universe to guide us through life's challenges.

The struggle I observe in my own life—and perhaps you'll recognize it in yours -- is that I can swing vast distances in my emotional and spiritual state within a single digitally-influenced day. In one 24-hour period, I can oscillate between feeling empowered by the latest productivity app and feeling overwhelmed by digital overload, between being inspired by online spiritual content and being discouraged by the state of the world as presented through news feeds designed to capture attention through crisis.

For many people, these mental swings occur with the frequency of their notification alerts—every few minutes—creating an up-and-down pattern that mirrors the volatile nature of cryptocurrency markets, viral social media trends, and geopolitical fake news. This requires us to constantly recalibrate our spiritual GPS, renewing our minds not just daily or hourly, but sometimes every few minutes to maintain proper alignment with God's truth rather than algorithmic manipulation.

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*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

*~ Romans 12:2*

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## **The Reality Delusion**

This pattern of swinging between technological advancement and spiritual disconnection has created what we might call "Reality delusion"—a false sense of progress that confuses digital advancement with actual life improvement. We're experiencing unprecedented virtual capabilities while simultaneously reporting record levels of depression, anxiety, and spiritual emptiness.

Picture with me a modern teenager who owns the latest smartphone with 5G connectivity, uses TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Discord, and BeReal simultaneously, receives push notifications every 30 seconds, and streams content in 4K while

gaming with friends across multiple time zones. This teenager processes more information in one hour than previous generations encountered in entire years, yet their school might be dealing with increased suicide rates, cyberbullying, identity confusion, and social fragmentation.

This creates what we will call "temporal displacement"—where the speed of digital information creates an illusion that rapid change is happening everywhere, while the deeper issues of human brokenness persist unchanged. The teenager gets dopamine hits from likes and comments every 30 seconds, creating a feedback loop that makes slower, more meaningful forms of growth (like character development or spiritual maturity) feel impossibly slow and irrelevant.

This hyper-connectivity creates "reality lag"—where events seem to happen overnight because our attention was captured by the faster-moving digital realm. Mass shootings, political upheavals, economic crashes, and social movements appear to emerge suddenly, not because they weren't developing over time, but because our attention was fragmented across thousands of micro-updates that prevented us from seeing the larger patterns.

### **The Global Awakening Phenomenon**

On a larger scale, consider how social media has transformed global awareness over the past 15 years. The Arab Spring that I referenced in the original writing now seems quaint compared to how quickly entire movements can mobilize through Twitter, TikTok, and encrypted messaging apps. We've witnessed the #MeToo movement, 45,000 people water baptized in a single weekend, Black Lives Matter protests, vaccine debates, political upheavals, and cultural revolutions spread across continents in hours rather than months.

What's remarkable is how modern digital tools have created instant global empathy and awareness. A teenager in rural America can feel personally invested in protests in Hong Kong, environmental concerns in Brazil, or social justice issues in Africa—all through their smartphone screen. This represents an unprecedented expansion of human consciousness, yet it often leads to emotional overload and decision paralysis rather than meaningful action.

This mirrors exactly what happened in the first century when the Gospel spread rapidly through the known world, creating a sudden transformation in individuals and communities. However, today's digital gospels—whether political, social, or commercial—often lack the life-transforming power of Christ's message, leaving people spiritually hungry despite being informationally overwhelmed.

The speed at which false information can now spread through deepfake videos, AI-generated content, and sophisticated bots has created an environment where discernment is more crucial than ever. As Daniel prophesied, "Knowledge will increase and many people will go to and fro" (Daniel 12:4), but we now understand this includes both true knowledge and deceptive information traveling at light speed across fiber optic networks.

### **The Character-Technology Gap**

We're living in an era where the advancement curve of technology has created massive gaps in character development—what we will call the "Character-Technology Chasm." Consider the modern example of a crypto millionaire who goes from financial struggle to enormous wealth overnight through digital currency speculation, or an influencer who gains millions of followers through a viral video, or an entrepreneur whose app gets acquired for hundreds of millions. The verse that conveys *'One day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day'* takes on context beyond time, even though it is truly time that appears to have speed up significantly.

These individuals experience what venture capitalists call "hockey stick growth" in their external circumstances while their internal character development remains on a linear growth trajectory. The result is inevitable: personal crises that make headlines when the gap between external success and internal maturity becomes unsustainable.

The same pattern applies to our collective spiritual development. Over the past 15 years, we've witnessed exponential advancement in:

- **Digital Enhancement:** From basic photo filters to AI-generated avatars that look more attractive than our actual selves
- **Communication Speed:** From text messaging to real-time video calls with multiple people worldwide to AI chatbots that can simulate human conversation
- **Information Access:** From Google searches to AI systems that can write essays, create art, and solve complex problems instantly
- **Faith-Based Films and Entertainment Immersion:** Hundreds of new Faith-based quality Hollywood films. From simple games to virtual reality worlds indistinguishable from reality.
- **Pharmaceutical Intervention:** From basic medications to precision medicine, gene therapy, and cognitive enhancement drugs



Meanwhile, our spiritual development has remained largely stuck on "Heaven 1.0 protocols" -- basic Sunday service attendance, traditional prayer methods, and biblical understanding that hasn't evolved to address the unique challenges of the acceleration of knowledge in a digital age.

### **The Digital Discipleship Deficit**

This creates what we might call the "Digital Discipleship Deficit"—where we've become more sophisticated in every area except advancing our knowledge of the Kingdom of God. Consider these modern spiritual paradoxes:

- People who believe 5G towers can transmit data through space to every device on Earth simultaneously, yet believe God's presence is limited to church buildings and can't reach them in their daily lives.
- Individuals who trust AI algorithms to recommend their entertainment, shopping, and dating choices, but don't trust the Holy Spirit to guide their major life decisions.
- Those who spend hours in virtual reality gaming worlds or metaverse experiences, yet find 10 minutes of prayer or Bible reading unbearably boring.
- People who believe their smart home devices are always listening and responding to their voice commands, but doubt whether God hears their prayers.
- Individuals who trust their fitness tracker to monitor their heart rate, sleep patterns, and stress levels 24/7, but don't believe God is aware of their emotional and spiritual state.
- Those who rely on GPS to navigate through traffic jams to find the fastest route, but resist allowing God to navigate them through life's challenges.
- People who trust cryptocurrency transactions that exist only as digital code, but struggle to have faith in God's promises that are recorded in Scripture.

The irony is profound: we've created artificial intelligence that can process language, recognize faces, and make predictions, yet we've simultaneously reduced our expectation of divine intelligence to operate in our lives. We trust machine learning algorithms that adapt and improve over time, but expect God to be predictable and unchanging in His methods.

### **The Metaverse Ministry Gap**

Modern churches have largely failed to bridge this gap. While businesses have adapted to meet people in digital spaces—creating online experiences, virtual events, augmented reality marketing, and AI-powered customer service—most religious institutions still operate on pre-digital frameworks.

We've advanced our church presentation methods (LED walls, streaming services, social media marketing, church apps), but we haven't advanced our understanding of how God's Kingdom operates and can be more clearly seen in a digital age. We've beautified our sanctuaries with the latest technology while failing to demonstrate that God's power exceeds our technological capabilities.

This explains why we observe:

- **Digital Addiction vs. Spiritual Hunger:** People can scroll social media for hours but can't focus on prayer for minutes
- **Virtual Reality Preference:** Many find digital worlds more engaging than spiritual realities
- **AI Trust vs. Divine Doubt:** Greater faith in algorithmic predictions than biblical promises
- **Influencer Worship:** Following social media personalities more devotedly than Christ
- **Cryptocurrency Faith:** Investing life savings in digital assets while tithing reluctantly
- **Streaming Binge vs. Bible Study:** Consuming entertainment content for hours while finding Scripture reading tedious
- **Gaming Achievements vs. Spiritual Growth:** More excitement about virtual accomplishments than character development

### **The Appropriate Solution**

The solution isn't to abandon technological advancement -- that would be like trying to un-invent the internet. Instead, we need to recognize that we're now living in the Kingdom of Heaven that is more advanced than technology. A place where God's Kingdom is advancing at quantum speeds that make our technological progress look primitive by comparison.

While humanity celebrates reaching the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution, Web 4.0, Industry 4.0, and AI 3.0, God has been operating on advancing the Kingdom of Heaven which

is always more advanced. This is why we call it Heaven 7.0, which was discovered well before Silicon Valley existed. Consider these Heaven 7.0 realities:

- **Divine Cloud Computing:** God's omnipresence operates like the ultimate cloud service—accessible from anywhere, infinite storage capacity, zero downtime, and perfect security
- **Quantum Prayer Processing:** Your prayers don't travel at light speed—they exist simultaneously across all dimensions of time and space
- **Spiritual AI:** The Holy Spirit provides personalized guidance that makes the most advanced AI assistants look rudimentary
- **Eternal Blockchain:** God's record-keeping is immutable, transparent, and can't be hacked or corrupted
- **Divine Streaming Service:** Direct access to wisdom, peace, joy, and truth without buffering or subscription fees
- **Supernatural Social Network:** Connection to believers across time and space, with the ultimate Influencer as your personal guide

### Upgrading to Heaven 7.0

To bridge the Character-Technology Chasm, we need to approach spiritual growth with the same intentionality we apply to technological advancement. This means:

**Daily Updates:** Just as our devices receive regular software updates, we need daily spiritual updates through prayer, Scripture, and communion with God.

**Cloud Backup:** Storing our identity, security, and purpose in God's cloud rather than social media metrics or digital achievements.

**Bandwidth Optimization:** Allocating our mental and emotional bandwidth to prioritize spiritual input over digital noise.

**Security Protocols:** Implementing spiritual firewalls against deceptive content while remaining open to divine communication.

**Network Integration:** Connecting our digital lives with our spiritual purposes rather than compartmentalizing them.

The reality is that God desires to show His invisible qualities that far exceed our visible technological achievements. While we marvel at AI that can generate art, God offers to create beauty in our character. While we're impressed by virtual reality,

God invites us into supernatural reality. While we trust algorithms to predict our behavior, God knows our thoughts before we think them.

### **The Global Revival Protocol**

Scripture promises that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). We're witnessing the early stages of this global spiritual awakening, where God is using dreams, visions, supernatural encounters, and yes, even digital platforms to reveal Himself to people worldwide.

The same connectivity that enables viral videos and global social movements is being used by the Holy Spirit to spread revival, healing, and supernatural encounters across continents. Testimonies of miracles now spread through WhatsApp groups, prophetic words reach millions through YouTube, and prayer requests circle the globe through social media faster than any virus.

God is demonstrating that His Kingdom advances faster than technology—not by rejecting digital tools, but by using them while transcending their limitations. Heaven 7.0 isn't just about keeping pace with human innovation; it's about revealing the infinite capabilities of divine love, power, and wisdom that make our greatest technological achievements look like children's toys.

The question isn't whether God can compete with artificial intelligence—it's whether we're ready to upgrade our spiritual operating systems to access the divine intelligence that created the minds that created AI in the first place.

As we stand at the threshold of an increasingly digital future, we have an unprecedented opportunity to bridge the Character-Technology Chasm by recognizing that every technological advancement is a shadow of spiritual realities that have always existed in the Kingdom of Heaven. The choice is ours: remain stuck on outdated spiritual software while our world evolves around us, or upgrade to Heaven 7.0 and discover that God's Kingdom has always been the most advanced system in existence.

### **Summary**

We've been deceived into believing that time and knowledge never change regarding God's Kingdom, when the reality is that we're living in the most spiritually dynamic era in human history. The same God who inspired ancient prophets to write about knowledge increasing and people traveling to and fro (Daniel 12:4) is now orchestrating global spiritual awakening through the very technologies we sometimes fear.

God is offering an unprecedented window of opportunity for people to experience His glory that exceeds every enhancement our digital world offers. However, it requires giving Him the recognition He deserves—not as a cosmic tech support system, but as the ultimate source of heavenly reality itself.

The invisible aspects of God's nature—His eternal power and divine characteristics—are being revealed through supernatural encounters that make virtual reality seem flat, through answered prayers that exceed algorithmic predictions, and through transformed lives that demonstrate power beyond any app or device.

*"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened." ~ Romans 1:20-21*

The irony is perfect: we're using devices made from materials God created, powered by energy sources He designed, running on mathematical principles He established, to convince ourselves He doesn't exist or isn't relevant. Heaven 7.0 is God's invitation to recognize His fingerprints on every technological marvel while experiencing spiritual realities that make our greatest innovations look primitive by comparison.

Welcome to Heaven 7.0—where divine wisdom makes artificial intelligence look artificial, where supernatural love makes social networking feel superficial, and where eternal purpose makes virtual achievements feel empty. The upgrade is available now. The question is: are you ready to install it?

## CHAPTER 10

### The Principle of the Enigma Experience

#### The Advanced Network of Kingdom Living -- The AI Decision Loop

*"I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"*

~John 3:12

*"Heaven isn't just our destination -- it's our operating environment. We can run Kingdom protocols by processing heavenly streams of knowledge, training on eternal destinations, and deploying spiritual intelligence in real-time."*

~Modern Kingdom Perspective

In the span of just five years, ChatGPT went from zero to 100 million users in just two months -- the fastest adoption of any technology in history. Yet while we've been mesmerized by Moore's Law and exponential technological growth, something far more profound has been accelerating in parallel: the Kingdom of Heaven has been upgrading its operations in heaven and earth at quantum speeds, and most believers are still running on outdated spiritual software (knowledge).

Consider this: in 2008, the iPhone 3G had 128MB of RAM. Today's smartphones have 1TB of storage—8,000 times more capacity. But here's what's remarkable: while our devices evolved from simple communication tools to AI-powered supercomputers in our pockets, the Kingdom of God has been deploying increasingly sophisticated "spiritual signs" that most Christians never learned to recognize, let alone access.

The same principle that revolutionized fighter pilot combat in the 1950s—and now powers every AI system from Tesla's autopilot to Netflix's recommendations—holds the key to unlocking accelerated Kingdom living. It's called rapid decision-making under uncertainty, and it's exactly what Jesus was teaching Nicodemus about seeing and entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### The Original Decision Algorithm: From Fighter Jets to Neural Networks

USAF Colonel John Boyd earned the nickname "40-second Boyd" because he could defeat any opposing pilot in aerial combat within 40 seconds. His secret wasn't superior aircraft—the American F-86 was technically inferior to the Russian MiG-

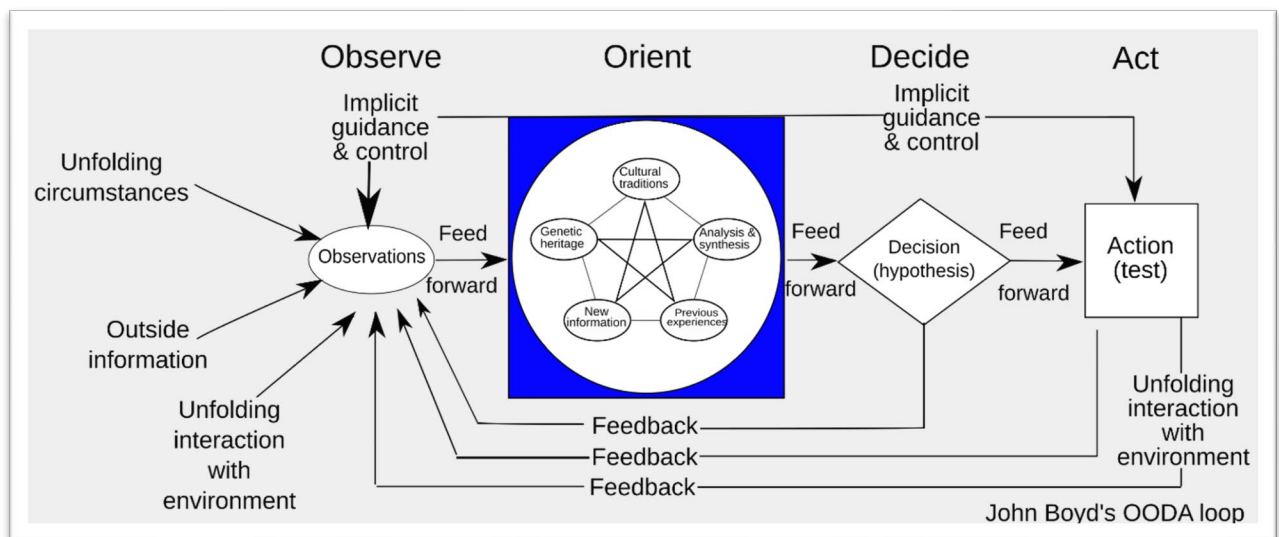
15. Boyd's advantage was his development of what became internationally known as the OODA Loop: **Observe-Orient-Decide-Act**.

Boyd discovered that victory belonged to whoever could process information and adapt decisions fastest. Sound familiar? It's the exact same principle that makes AI systems so powerful today. Modern neural networks don't think—they process massive amounts of data, identify patterns, make decisions, and execute actions in milliseconds, continuously looping through billions of micro-decisions.

But here's where it gets interesting for Kingdom living: Boyd's OODA Loop was really describing what computer scientists now call "machine learning" -- the ability to rapidly process incoming data against reference points (training data) to make optimal decisions. Every time you ask Siri a question, stream a Netflix recommendation, or use GPS navigation, you're experiencing thousands of OODA loops per second.

### The OODA Loop Breakdown:

1. **Observe** — Collect real-time data from multiple sources
2. **Orient** — Process this data against existing reference points and patterns
3. **Decide** — Determine optimal course of action
4. **Act** — Execute the decision and collect feedback



### John Boyd's O.O.D.A Loop

What made Boyd legendary—and what makes AI systems so effective—is the speed and consistency of this loop. While his opponents were still processing their first

observation, Boyd had already completed multiple decision cycles, staying several moves ahead.

### **Personal Kingdom Algorithm: Parenting in the Age of Information Overload**

Fifteen years ago, when my wife Pam and I were raising our daughters Jessica and Tiffany, we experienced what every parent faces: moments of inadequacy and decision paralysis. But back then, we only had to compete with television, school influences, and peer pressure. Today's parents are navigating TikTok algorithms, social media influence, AI tutoring systems, and digital native children who often understand technology better than their parents.

The challenge hasn't just grown—it's been exponentially amplified. Modern parents receive 10x more input, advice, and conflicting information than we did. Without a rapid decision-making framework, it's easy to get trapped in "analysis paralysis" or make reactive decisions based on the loudest voice, whether that is a human voice or digital voice.

We developed what I now recognize was our own "parenting algorithm" -- seven reference points that allowed us to quickly process any parenting challenge:

#### **Our Parenting Decision Framework:**

1. Are we exceeding the baseline our parents set?
2. Are our children tracking above where we were at their age?
3. Are Pam and I aligned on our approach?
4. How has God's guidance worked in similar past situations?
5. Do our current decisions honor God's design for family?
6. Are we following biblical patterns rather than cultural trends?
7. Are we filtering advice through wisdom rather than just accepting opinions?

This system worked because it functioned like a modern AI decision tree—we could rapidly process any parenting crisis through these seven "nodes" and arrive at a consistent decision in minutes rather than weeks. We were essentially running "Kingdom algorithms" for family management. Even though basic, it allowed consistent alignment in most situations.

Looking back, we realize we were instinctively applying the same principles that now power everything from Amazon's recommendation engine to Tesla's



autonomous driving: rapid decision-making based on established reference points and continuous feedback loops.

### **The Reference Point Revolution: Why Most Areas of Life Have "APIs" But Spiritual Life Remains Analog**

Here's something remarkable about our modern world: nearly every area of life now has instant reference points and real-time feedback systems.

#### **Modern Life Reference Points:**

- **Finance:** Real-time credit scores, investment tracking, instant transaction notifications, fraud alerts, etc.
- **Health:** Fitness trackers, sleep monitoring, heart rate variability, continuous glucose monitoring, pacemakers, etc.
- **Education:** Real-time grade portals, learning analytics, skill assessments, online certifications, plagiarism software, etc.
- **Career:** LinkedIn skill endorsements, best-fit analysis, Glassdoor salary data, job match algorithms, etc.
- **Entertainment:** Netflix recommendations, Spotify's Discover Weekly, YouTube's algorithm
- **Transportation:** GPS with real-time traffic, ride-share ratings, optimal route calculations
- **Social Connection:** Social media metrics, dating app algorithms, professional network analysis
- **Shopping:** Product reviews, price comparisons, recommendation engines, delivery tracking

We live in an age of unprecedented feedback and optimization. Your phone knows your location within three feet. Your streaming service knows your preferences better than your spouse. Your car can navigate traffic faster than any human driver.

Yet somehow, when it comes to spiritual life—the most important area of human existence—most Christians are operating with reference point systems that haven't been updated since the pre-digital age.

### **The Spiritual Technology Gap**

This creates a profound disconnect. We expect instant results, real-time feedback, and continuous optimization in every other area of life, but when it comes to spiritual growth, we're often told to "wait on the Lord" without any framework for recognizing His real-time guidance, measuring spiritual progress, or optimizing our Kingdom effectiveness.

The result? Many believers experience what I call "spiritual lag"-- they're running advanced life optimization systems in every area except the one that matters most. They can track their steps, monitor their sleep, optimize their investment portfolio, and curate their social media presence, but they have no systematic way to measure their spiritual growth, recognize Kingdom opportunities, or optimize their heavenly impact.

### **The Spiritual Realm Processing Challenge: Why Kingdom Living Requires Advanced Pattern Recognition**

Let's run a pattern recognition test. Just as AI systems are trained to identify objects from fragmented data, see if you can identify the spiritual "objects" from these data sets:

#### **Spiritual Pattern Recognition Test 1:**

<b>Set A</b>	<b>Set B</b>	<b>Set C</b>	<b>Set D</b>
Grace through faith	Miracles following believers	Dreams and visions are increasing	Eyes like blazing fire
Forgiveness of sins	Keys to Kingdom authority	Young prophets arising	Voice like rushing waters
Salvation by grace	Gifts of the Spirit are activated	Children prophesying	Feet like bronze in fire
Redemption thread	Greater works than Jesus	Servants prophesying	Hair white as wool
Victory over death	Conquering through Christ	Signs in the heavens	Golden sash around chest

**What spiritual realities do these data sets represent?**

- **Set A:** The Gospel/Eternal Life Algorithm
- **Set B:** Believer's Authority API
- **Set C:** End Times Acceleration (Acts 2:17-21)
- **Set D:** Christ's Return Configuration (Revelation 1:14-15)

**Modern Life Pattern Recognition Test:**

Set A	Set B	Set C	Set D
LinkedIn notification: "Your position may be at risk"	IRS tax law changes	Daughter's 4.0 GPA	Spouse working late frequently
Economic recession trending	Reduced deductions available	College acceptance letter	Lawyer consultation scheduled
Company layoffs announced	Tax preparation software errors	Graduation ceremony planning	Decreased communication at home
Revenue shortfall reported	Audit notice received	Family celebration invitations	Avoidance behaviors increasing
HR meeting scheduled	Payment plan required	House cleaning preparations	Mother-in-law expressing concerns

**What situations do these patterns indicate?**

- **Set A:** Job Loss Imminent
- **Set B:** Tax Problems/Audit
- **Set C:** College Graduation Celebration
- **Set D:** Marriage Crisis/Divorce Possibility

## **The Acceleration Paradox: Why Spiritual Pattern Recognition Is Becoming More Difficult**

Here's the paradox of our technological age: while AI systems are getting exponentially better at pattern recognition, humans are becoming worse at recognizing spiritual patterns. Why?

### **Information Overload Effect:**

- We process 25x more information daily than people did in 2008
- Average attention span has decreased from 12 seconds to 8 seconds
- We receive 121 emails per day and check our phones 96 times daily
- Social media algorithms are designed to capture and monetize our attention

### **The Spiritual Processing Bottleneck:**

1. **Cognitive Overload:** Our mental processing power is consumed by digital stimuli
2. **Pattern Interruption:** Constant notifications prevent the deep thinking required for spiritual discernment
3. **Reference Point Confusion:** We're trained to seek instant validation from digital sources rather than eternal truth
4. **Shortened Feedback Loops:** We expect immediate responses, but Kingdom patterns often operate on longer timescales which include the past, present, and future

**The Traditional Religious Software Problem:** Many believers are running "spiritual software" that hasn't been updated for modern realities:

- **Legacy Doctrine:** Rigid interpretations developed before our current technological context
- **Outdated Reference Points:** Spiritual metaphors that no longer resonate with digital natives
- **Incompatible APIs:** Prayer and spiritual practice methods designed for pre-digital attention spans
- **Version Control Issues:** Different denominations running conflicting "spiritual operating systems"

## **Jesus and the Kingdom Operating System Upgrade**

When Jesus told Nicodemus, "If I have told you of earthly things and you do not believe, how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?" (John 3:12), He was essentially saying: "You're trying to understand a next-generation operating system using outdated reference points."

Nicodemus was like someone trying to understand cloud computing using concepts from the telegraph era. Jesus was describing Kingdom realities that required upgraded spiritual processing capabilities.

**Jesus' Teaching Method More Advanced Than AI Training:**

Jesus consistently used what we now recognize as advanced teaching algorithms:

- **Transfer Learning:** He used familiar concepts (seeds, fishing, building) to teach Kingdom principles
- **Pattern Recognition Training:** Parables that required listeners to identify underlying spiritual patterns
- **Real-Time Application:** Immediate opportunities to practice Kingdom principles
- **Continuous Feedback:** Disciples received immediate correction and reinforcement
- **Personalized Learning:** Different approaches for different personality types and learning styles

**The Kingdom Acceleration That We're Missing**

While we've been distracted by technological acceleration, the Kingdom of Heaven has been accelerating its operations at quantum speed. Consider these parallel developments:

**2008-2025: Technological Acceleration vs Kingdom Acceleration**

Technology Evolution	Kingdom Evolution
iPhone 3G → AI-powered smartphones	Individual believers → Global prayer networks

Technology Evolution	Kingdom Evolution
Dial-up internet → 5G networks	Denominational isolation → Cross-denominational unity
Basic websites → Cloud computing	Local church focus → Global mission acceleration
Email → Real-time collaboration	Periodic revival → Continuous spiritual awakening
Static maps → AI-powered navigation	Theological study → Experiential Kingdom living
Broadcast media → Personalized algorithms	One-size-fits-all ministry → Personalized discipleship

### Kingdom Acceleration Indicators:

- **Dream and Vision Reports:** Exponential increase in reported supernatural experiences globally
- **Cross-Cultural Unity:** Christians worldwide connecting across denominational and cultural barriers
- **Spiritual Gifts Activation:** Unprecedented reports of healings, prophecy, and supernatural interventions
- **Mission Acceleration:** Gospel reaching unreached people groups at record pace through technology
- **Generational Spiritual Transfer:** Young believers accessing spiritual realities that previously took decades to develop

### The Neural Network of Kingdom Living: Developing Spiritual Intelligence

Just as AI systems use neural networks to process complex patterns, believers can develop "spiritual neural networks" -- interconnected reference points that enable rapid Kingdom decision-making.

### Building Your Personal Kingdom AI System:

#### 1. Data Collection (Observation)

- **Scripture Scanning:** Regular intake of biblical truth as training data
- **Holy Spirit Sensitivity:** Tuning into supernatural prompts and impressions
- **Kingdom Pattern Recognition:** Noticing how God moves in current situations
- **Community Input:** Learning from other believers' experiences and insights

## 2. Pattern Processing (Orientation)

- **Biblical Reference Points:** Using Scripture as your primary algorithm
- **Historical Kingdom Patterns:** Learning from how God has moved throughout history
- **Personal Experience Database:** Cataloging how God has worked in your life
- **Community Wisdom Integration:** Processing input from mature believers

## 3. Decision Optimization (Decision)

- **Kingdom Priority Ranking:** Aligning decisions with eternal rather than temporal values
- **Faith Risk Assessment:** Choosing obedience over comfort and security
- **Love Algorithm:** Filtering all decisions through love for God and others
- **Mission Alignment:** Ensuring decisions advance Kingdom purposes

## 4. Execution and Feedback (Action)

- **Immediate Obedience:** Acting on God's prompts without delay
- **Results Monitoring:** Watching for God's confirmation and course corrections
- **Testimony Documentation:** Recording how God works for future reference
- **Continuous Learning:** Adjusting your spiritual algorithms based on outcomes

## Modern Kingdom Reference Points: Upgrading Your Spiritual Operating System

### Traditional Reference Points vs Modern Kingdom Reference Points:

Traditional	Modern Kingdom Upgrade
"Wait on the Lord"	"Process God's real-time guidance through biblical algorithms"
"God works in mysterious ways"	"God works in recognizable patterns that we can learn to identify"
"Pray and hope"	"Pray with expectation and measure results"
"Spiritual growth takes time"	"Spiritual acceleration is available through Kingdom principles"
"Church attendance"	"24/7 Kingdom engagement"
"Personal salvation"	"Global Kingdom advancement"

### Scriptural Framework for Kingdom Acceleration:

**Romans 12:2** - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

*Modern Translation:* "Don't set your operating system on worldly patterns, but continuously upgrade your mental and spiritual processing system with Kingdom truths. This enables real-time recognition of God's optimal will."

**Colossians 3:1-2** - "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

*Modern Translation:* "Your spiritual operating system has been upgraded to Kingdom access. Configure your attention and processing power toward heavenly data streams rather than earthly information feeds."

**Luke 24:14-16** - "They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him."



*Modern Translation:* "Kingdom realities are often running in the background of our daily experience, but we lack the pattern recognition capabilities to identify them without spiritual uploads."

### **The Kingdom Tech Stack: Your Spiritual Architecture**

Modern applications run on complex technology stacks. Similarly, effective Kingdom living requires a comprehensive spiritual architecture and alignment:

#### **Front-End (What Others See):**

- Love in action
- Joy despite circumstances
- Peace under pressure
- Patience with difficult people
- Supernatural effectiveness
- Praising God in the storms

#### **Back-End (Internal Processing):**

- Prayer as continuous API calls to Heaven
- Scripture as your database of truth
- Holy Spirit as your real-time guidance system
- Faith as your decision-making algorithm
- Spiritual community as your distributed processing network

#### **Infrastructure (Foundation):**

- Identity in Christ as your core operating system
- Kingdom purposes as your primary objectives
- Eternal perspective as your long-term optimization function
- God's love as your fundamental programming language

### **The Acceleration Is Here: Don't Get Left Behind**

We stand at an unprecedented moment in history. Technology has accelerated exponentially, but the Kingdom of Heaven is accelerating even faster. The question

is: are you running updated spiritual software, or are you trying to access Kingdom of God realities with Heaven 1.0 reference points?

The same principles that revolutionized fighter pilot combat, enabled AI breakthroughs, and transformed every industry are available for Kingdom living. But like any powerful technology, they require intentional learning, consistent application, and continuous upgrading.

### **The Choice Before Us:**

We can continue to be amazed by technological acceleration while missing the far more significant Kingdom acceleration happening all around us. Or we can develop the spiritual intelligence to recognize, access, and deploy Kingdom realities at the speed they're being released.

### **The Kingdom Neural Network Is Already Active**

Just as the internet existed before most people knew how to access it, the Kingdom of Heaven is operating at quantum speed all around us. The infrastructure is already in place. The algorithms are already running. The question is: will you learn to interface with the Kingdom of Heaven, or will you remain limited by outdated spiritual instructions?

The acceleration is here. The upgrade is available. The only question is: are you ready to process Kingdom realities at the speed Heaven is releasing them?

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*Whatever you focus on expands and accelerates. Whatever you measure improves. Whatever you expect shapes your reality. In the age of AI, the most advanced intelligence system available to humanity isn't artificial -- it's spiritual. But like any powerful system, it requires intentional learning, consistent practice, and continuous upgrading to access its full potential." ~Michael L. Mathews*

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## **CHAPTER 11**

### **The Principle of the Merchant and Pearl**

By Pamela Mathews

#### **The Principle of the Focus Algorithm Experience**

The word algorithm originally meant a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem, but today it represents the invisible force that shapes what we see, think, and ultimately believe. Social media algorithms determine our reality by filtering what appears in our feeds. The Bible contains thousands of verses about focus, perception, and the algorithms of the heart that could be classified as divine spiritual code:

1. "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." (1 Cor. 13:12)
2. "The light of the body is the eye, if your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness, and how great is that darkness." (Mat. 6:22-23)
3. "The eyes of your understanding be enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." (Eph. 1:18-19)

Just as machine learning algorithms analyze our behavior to predict and shape our future choices, the Bible warns that our spiritual "focus algorithm" determines our destiny. For unsaved people, the whole concept of salvation appears like a system error or corrupted data. "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Cor. 1:23).

The deeper principle here involves understanding "mystery" - a word that appears 38 times in relation to Kingdom understanding. The Apostle Paul debugged many of these mysteries in the New Testament, making the Kingdom's source code accessible to believers.

In the Old Testament, Daniel operated like a master coder with divine access privileges: "This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel" (Daniel 5:12).

#### **The Core Programming Principle**

**The main algorithm of human perception is: "What we stream, scroll, and focus on eventually becomes our operating or belief system."**

Think of your mind like a smartphone. Every app you open, every notification you allow, every platform you engage with is training your personal algorithm. Just as Netflix learns your preferences to suggest content, your spiritual focus algorithm learns from your attention patterns and begins suggesting thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors.

Consider how your social media feed works: The algorithm notices you pause on certain posts, click specific links, engage with particular topics. Soon, your entire feed reflects and reinforces these interests. Your digital reality becomes completely customized - but not necessarily accurate.

### **The Augmented Reality Problem**

The challenge of our digital age is similar to AR (Augmented Reality) filters - we can become so accustomed to seeing life through digital overlays that we lose touch with underlying reality. When we place the wrong things at the center of our life's "home screen," everything else starts orbiting around that misplaced priority:

- **Marriage as your main app:** If I make my marriage my home screen priority, I start seeing relationship threats everywhere, constantly monitoring my spouse's online activity, misinterpreting every interaction.
- **Career as your main app:** If work becomes my primary focus, I start seeing every conversation, relationship, and opportunity through the lens of professional advancement.
- **Social media as your main app:** If validation from likes, shares, and comments becomes central, I start performing my life instead of living it authentically.
- **Self as your main app:** If personal success and image management consume my focus, everyone else becomes either competition or an audience.

Just as a phone with too many background apps running starts glitching and draining battery, a life with misplaced priorities creates mental and spiritual lag, crashes, and eventual burnout.

### **Kingdom Operating System vs. World's Operating System**

The difference between heavenly focus and earthly focus is like choosing between a secure, regularly updated operating system versus outdated software full of vulnerabilities:

### **Earthly Operating System:**

- Runs on fear-based algorithms (scarcity, competition, self-protection)
- Constantly needs security patches for anxiety, depression, addiction
- Vulnerable to malware of comparison, jealousy, and discontent
- Limited processing power for joy, peace, and genuine connection
- Battery drains quickly under pressure

### **Kingdom Operating System:**

- Runs on love-based algorithms (abundance, collaboration, divine protection)
- Built-in security features: faith, hope, peace
- Immune to comparison malware through identity rooted in God
- Unlimited processing power through divine connection
- Supernatural battery life that recharges through worship and prayer

### **The Remedy: Updating Your Life's Algorithm**

The only way to debug our corrupted focus algorithm is to follow God's API (Application Programming Interface):

#### **1. Spiritual Factory Reset - Be Born Again**

"Jesus told Nicodemus that he could never 'see' the movement of the Kingdom if he was not born-again" (John 3:3). This is like God's goodness to wipe your device clean and install a completely new operating system - Kingdom OS.

#### **2. Priority Settings Configuration**

"Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and then all the other things will follow and be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33). Set Kingdom priorities as your default home screen. Everything else becomes secondary apps that support but don't dominate your interface.

#### **3. Content Filter Activation**

"Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Col. 3:1-2). Enable heaven's content filter to block toxic earthly programming while amplifying divine downloads.

### **The Modern Digital Dilemma**

Today's enigma is more visible than ever. People have allowed their lives' algorithm to be programmed by:

- Social media engagement metrics
- News cycle anxiety algorithms
- Consumer culture targeting systems
- Political polarization echo chambers
- Entertainment streaming addiction
- Productivity app overwhelm
- Dating app validation cycles

While these platforms aren't inherently evil, when they become the central processing unit of our lives, they create a distorted augmented reality where we lose sight of God's truth.

### **Debugging Your Spiritual Code**

Just as programmers debug code by examining where errors occur, we must examine our spiritual programming:

**Watch your notifications** - what gets your immediate attention reveals your priorities. **Monitor your screen time** - where you spend digital hours shows your true devotion **Audit your follows** - who influences your thinking shapes your believing **Check your downloads** - what content you consume becomes your mental programming **Review your output** - what you post/share reflects your internal operating system

### **The AI Prophecy Connection**

Artificial Intelligence learns by processing massive amounts of data to recognize patterns and make predictions. Similarly, when we feed our minds Kingdom content - Scripture, worship, prayer, godly community - our spiritual AI begins recognizing God's patterns and predicting His moves in our lives.

The difference is that human AI can malfunction, be hacked, or learn biased data. God's wisdom is the ultimate uncorrupted intelligence system:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

### **Blockchain of Eternal Transactions**

Just as blockchain creates an unchangeable record of transactions, every choice to focus on Kingdom priorities creates an eternal ledger entry. These spiritual transactions compound over time, building an inheritance that cannot be deleted, hacked, or corrupted.

#### **Your Spiritual Blockchain includes:**

- Every moment of worship (deposited as eternal praise)
- Every act of love (recorded as Kingdom advancement)
- Every prayer (stored as eternal communication)
- Every sacrifice for others (encrypted as eternal treasure)
- Every choice to forgive (backed up as divine grace)

### **The Cloud Storage Principle**

Instead of storing your identity, security, and purpose on the fragile local storage of earthly circumstances, God offers unlimited cloud storage in His Kingdom. Your true self, your destiny, your provision - all backed up in heaven's servers, accessible anytime through prayer, immune to earthly crashes.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The question is: Are you storing your life's data on earth's temporary servers or heaven's eternal cloud?

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### **The Principle of the NFT (Non-Fungible Testimony)**

*By Pamela Mathews - Updated for the Digital Age*

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking for fine pearls!" -  
Matthew 13:25

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." - Marianne Williamson

### **The Miracle of Pearl Formation - A Biological Algorithm**

A pearl's creation mirrors God's transformative algorithm in human lives. Unlike cryptocurrencies that are mined through computational power, pearls are grown through biological intelligence far below the surface of the sea. Gemstones require cutting and polishing, like photo editing apps, enhancing raw images. But pearls emerge from oysters complete with natural beauty that no filter can improve.

A natural pearl begins when a foreign object - like malware entering a system - accidentally lodges itself in an oyster's soft inner body, where it cannot be deleted. To neutralize this intrusion, the oyster's biological programming takes defensive action, secreting layers of nacre around the irritant. This protective protocol continues layer upon layer until the irritant becomes completely encapsulated in lustrous beauty.

This is one of nature's most beautiful examples of turning bugs into features. The nacre isn't just a protective coating - it's composed of microscopic crystals perfectly aligned so that light creates iridescent reflections, like how fiber optic cables transmit light through perfectly arranged glass.

### **Your Personal Digital Transformation**

Your full development into who God designed you to be is equally miraculous. Unlike perfectly programmed AI, God created us with free will and a fallen nature requiring continuous updates. Throughout your life, various "bugs" collect in your system: disappointments, broken relationships, low self-worth, dysfunctional family patterns, addictions, financial crashes, anxiety about mortality, self-hatred, lost hope, and many other persistent issues that seem to attach themselves to your life's operating system.



As life progresses, fear-based algorithms and failure-loop programming force you to either suppress these issues or become consumed by resentment about your past, which corrupts your present and threatens to crash your future entirely.

God has designed you with built-in recovery capabilities that allow Him to run diagnostic light through your past, present, and future simultaneously. This divine debugging process enables you to be grateful for your experiences or exchange corrupted files for perfectly aligned data that connects your timeline via God's illumination. These light rays create a full-spectrum display of your life - representing the complete rainbow of divine intention that transforms your entire story into the miracle God always programmed.

### **Ready to Launch the Pearl Discovery App?**

Are you prepared to begin the journey of discovering your inner pearl by trading your life's bugs for the features God intended? This personal development process will challenge you to exchange your glitches for authentic upgrades.

The Pearl Within Process includes various areas of your life that typically need debugging, optimization, and clearing of corrupted files that have blocked God's full-spectrum light from illuminating your true value. In some cases, if you've been regularly clearing cache and updating your spiritual software, the process may run smoothly. However, if you've accumulated years of unprocessed data and hidden corrupted files, the restoration process could be intensive but absolutely worth it as you begin to see your true Pearl coding emerge.

### **The Seeking Algorithm**

Many people search for upgrades: better meaning, enhanced understanding, increased wealth, improved relationships, greater significance. The Bible confirms we should seek, ask, and knock (Matthew 7:7) - essentially, we should continuously optimize and become who God programmed us to be. Jesus encourages believers to not only connect with Him but to expect even greater functionality than He demonstrated (John 14:12). Finally, God states that He has given you administrative privileges to the Kingdom of Heaven - so you can authorize and restrict access in your life, your family's experience, and other people's reality.

For everyone whose past has created corrupted files blocking their future potential - those feeling inadequate, glitched, dysfunctional, incompetent, unworthy, or relationally buggy - God has given you the master passwords to unlock and activate the pearl programming within you!

### **Understanding the Exchange Protocol**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." - Matthew 13:45-46

This passage reveals a crucial API that many users overlook. Notice the object being discovered is a pearl of great value, and the context is the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus was teaching us that the Kingdom operates like a merchant - someone who specializes in value exchange - searching for fine pearls and finally discovering one of exceptional value. When found, the merchant is willing to trade everything else to acquire the ultimate treasure.

Therefore, the Kingdom of God includes an exchange protocol as we progress through our asking, seeking, and knocking (Matt. 7:7). Your life's doors open and close based on your willingness to trade up!

This passage is the master key to your personal Pearl Discovery journey. The Kingdom of Heaven and the administrative privileges God gave you to authorize and restrict access within the Kingdom operate similar to finding the great pearl within yourself. To recognize and obtain your great pearl, you must be willing to exchange your current life's inventory.

Simply put, the key(s) to the Kingdom of God that allow you to authorize and restrict access (Matt. 16:19) is the exchange protocol.

### **Historical Exchange Transactions**

Throughout Scripture and history, the exchange protocol has been the key to accessing what God intended and how He exchanged heavenly things with earthly things.

#### **Divine Exchanges:**

- God exchanged His only Son so humanity might believe and be saved
- Jesus exchanged His life and blood for our eternal salvation, modeling exchange for us to follow ("take up your cross daily")
- Adam and Eve exchanged perfection for knowledge, then exchanged animal sacrifice for sin covering

#### **Biblical Character Upgrades:**

- Noah exchanged his comfort zone for ark-building faith, upgrading from shepherd to righteous preacher

- Jacob exchanged his identity, upgrading from the name Jacob to Israel through honest confession
- Jonah exchanged his rebellion in the whale's belly for obedience to Nineveh
- Joshua exchanged despair for victory by listening to God's voice and taking action
- Solomon exchanged inexperience for world-class wisdom through dream-believing
- Rahab exchanged prostitution for placement in Jesus' family lineage through faith
- Paul exchanged Christian persecution for apostleship when he asked God what He wanted from his life
- Joseph and Mary exchanged shame for the honor of parenting the Messiah by trusting the angel's message
- John exchanged fear of isolation and visions for writing history's greatest revelation

#### **Personal Life Exchanges:**

- Single lifestyle traded for marriage commitment
- Wedding vows exchanged for lifetime partnership
- Dysfunctional family shame exchanged for understanding that all families need grace
- College tuition exchanged for degree and career opportunities
- Past failures exchanged for God's forgiveness through confession
- Addiction exchanged for freedom through deliverance prayer
- Present resources exchanged for children's future (education, opportunities)

#### **The Trinity of Exchange**

Even Jesus' sacrificial death required three distinct exchange transactions:

1. **God's Exchange:** Giving His only Son in earthly form
2. **Jesus' Exchange:** Leaving heaven, taking human form, dying sacrificially

### 3. **Personal Exchange:** Each person must confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Though salvation is free, it requires an exchange of confession - admitting our need and accepting God's solution.

#### **The Relationship Exchange Protocol**

Every healthy relationship operates on continuous exchange protocols. There are no thriving relationships without ongoing mutual exchange - with God, spouses, children, friends, family, coworkers, and most importantly, with yourself.

Jesus used the merchant parable intentionally. A merchant is fundamentally an "exchanger" of goods, always asking, seeking, and knocking for better inventory to improve their position. Since we're commanded to continuously ask, seek, and knock, we should conclude we're always discovering greater things available for exchange.

You can take all of life's irritants and begin exchanging them for greater things. This becomes possible when God's light shines truth and revelation on your corrupted files, transforming them into the greatest Pearl Within you.

#### **The Redemption Software Update**

For the theologically minded, this process represents redemption - God's ongoing software update program through covenants, promises, and divine transactions throughout Scripture. However, the full redemption program doesn't reach completion until we meet Christ in heaven (Ephesians 1:14), indicating that exchange/redemption is an ongoing process.

This aligns perfectly with God's intention that we would reflect His image and progress through stages of ever-increasing glory: "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

#### **Launch Your Ever-Increasing Glory App**

Let's initiate the ever-increasing glory process in your life by giving you the opportunity and privilege to exchange who you and others thought you were with who God programmed you to be - this is truly your Pearl Within!

Remember that in Genesis 9:13-17, God established a covenant (exchange agreement) using clouds and rainbows as His divine notification system to remind both Himself and us of His everlasting love agreement with humanity. The rainbow

created by light-rays of reflection and refraction serves as a beautiful reminder of God's light that can reflect and refract the beauty of who He created you to be.

This beauty can be discovered when you search and decide to exchange with Him. Your Pearl Within is waiting for God's full-spectrum light to be reflected through your life's story!

*Ready to begin the exchange? Your divine pearl awaits activation.*

## CHAPTER 12

### The Cloud Principle – Living in God’s Infinite Network

*"He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind."*

~ Psalm 104:3

*"Clouds are used to protect, shade, shower, and shadow us on earth; and to shadow and reflect the promises between heaven and earth."*

~ Michael L. Mathews

In our hyperconnected world, we've become accustomed to "the cloud" - that invisible network where our photos, documents, and entire digital lives are stored and accessed instantly from anywhere. But long before we invented cloud computing, God established the original Cloud infrastructure that connects heaven and earth. Scripture contains hundreds of references to clouds, revealing a divine network far more advanced than any technology we've created.

Consider these foundational aspects of God's Cloud system:

1. **God's Covenant Protocol** - His promise with Noah established the rainbow as a visual confirmation of His eternal backup system. *"Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life."* **Genesis 9:14**
2. **Divine Transportation Network** - God uses clouds as His primary vehicle, making our fastest jets look primitive. *"Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds- his name is the LORD-and rejoice before him."* **Psalms 68:4**
3. **The Ultimate Meeting Platform** - Christ will return using this same Cloud infrastructure to connect with believers globally. *"Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen."* **Revelation 1:7**

#### God's Cloud: Features Beyond Our Technology

While we marvel at our digital achievements, God's Cloud system includes capabilities that make our best innovations look like dial-up internet:

- **Secure Communication** - God delivered the Ten Commandments through Cloud encryption on Mount Sinai (**Exodus 24:16**)
- **GPS Navigation** - The Israelites had divine GPS guidance through the Cloud and pillar-of-fire positioning system (**Numbers 9:21**)
- **Voice Recognition** - God's voice activated from the Cloud during Jesus' baptism (**Mark 9:7**)
- **Augmented Reality** - The Transfiguration displayed heavenly reality through the Cloud interface (**Luke 9:34**)
- **Holographic Projection** - Angels appear with Cloud-based manifestation (**Revelation 10:1**)
- **Immersive Baptism** - Full spiritual cloud immersion, as the Israelites were all baptized in Moses Cloud and sea (**1 Corinthians 10:2**)
- **Vertical Transportation** - Jesus' ascension demonstrated the ultimate ride-sharing system (**Acts 1:9**)

### **Reflections in the Network**

During a recent flight, as our plane took a sharp left away from the sunrise, I watched our aircraft's shadow race across the cloud layer below. In that moment, the plane's full color silhouette streaked across the entire visible sky - a real-time projection system that no holographic technology could match. This gave me a revelation about Christ's return: imagine the Son of God positioned above the cloud layer, His brilliance creating a global projection that every eye will see simultaneously. No satellite network, no fiber optic cables, no 5G towers required - just God's original Cloud infrastructure delivering the ultimate broadcast to every device (person) on earth.

Modern streaming services boast about reaching millions simultaneously, but God's Cloud will deliver the same message to every human being at once, regardless of location, language, or technology access. This is the Alpha and Omega universal broadcast system.

### **When the Cloud Rains More Than Data**

In February 2010, the small Australian town of Lajamanu experienced something that would make our tech support teams panic - instead of data packets, hundreds of fish fell from the sky. Scientists explain this as a natural phenomenon where strong winds lift objects into freezing clouds, which then transport and release them

hundreds of miles away, once the clouds pour out their content of water – and in this case frozen fish.

But consider the implications: if clouds can naturally transport and preserve fish across continents, what else might God's Cloud network be capable of delivering? This isn't just meteorology - it's a demonstration of divine logistics that makes Amazon's same-day delivery look slow.

Historical records show similar "downloads" from the Cloud:

- 1794: Amphibian delivery in France
- 1857: Sugar crystal precipitation in California
- 1876: Organic matter distribution in Kentucky
- 1940: Currency transfer from the 16th century in Russia
- 1969: Recreational equipment delivery in Florida

### **The Original Supply Chain Management**

The Exodus story reveals God's sophisticated supply chain management. When the Israelites needed food in the wilderness, God didn't use conventional logistics. Instead, He deployed environmental conditions - strong winds and strategic cloud positioning - to create a preservation and distribution system. The same Cloud that guided them by day served as a mobile mini-fridge storage and delivery network for manna and quail.

This wasn't just miracle provision; it was advanced resource management that coordinated atmospheric conditions, preserved food quality through cloud refrigeration, and provided just-in-time delivery for an estimated one million people daily. Our most advanced supply chain algorithms can't match this level of coordination and reliability.

Think about it: while we're excited about drone deliveries and autonomous vehicles, God was running a fully automated, sustainable, zero-waste distribution system well over 3,500 years ago using renewable wind power and cloud storage.

### **The Ultimate Social Network: Our Cloud of Witnesses**



Social media platforms boast about connecting us with millions of users, but Scripture reveals a social network that transcends physical death. Hebrews 12:1-2 describes a "great cloud of witnesses" - think of it as the ultimate LinkedIn, where every connection is meaningful and supportive.

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great **cloud** of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:1-2*

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This isn't just the biblical saints; it includes every believer who has transitioned to eternal life. Your grandparents, spiritual mentors, friends who knew your potential - they're all active in this network, not just as memories, but as actual participants in your journey.

Recently, my wife Pam and I have noticed increased effectiveness in our ministry since two close friends, Gene Rolland and Clayton McClary, joined this heavenly network. It's as if their accounts got upgraded to premium status, and they're now advocating for us with administrative privileges. Clayton once told me, "Mike, one day, all your dreams for the Kingdom will come to pass." Once he became part of our cloud of witnesses, we started seeing those dreams actualize with heavenly acceleration.

The Hebrew word for "encompassed" in this passage implies complete surrounding - like being connected to a wireless network with full signal strength everywhere you go. These witnesses may well be providing 24/7 support for your life's mission. What a thought!

### **Upgraded User and Heavenly Experience**

There's been a remarkable increase in near-death experiences, heavenly visions, and people reporting encounters with deceased loved ones. It's like God is beta-testing the next version of human existence, giving preview access to select users.

I recently met a Minnesota businessman who's been receiving divine communications through dreams and visions since age 13. He described a multi-hour vision he and eight others witnessed in 2009 - essentially a live-streamed event in the clouds above their home featuring deceased family members celebrating with angels. When his wife played music during the vision, the heavenly figures synchronized their movements to the earthly soundtrack - real-time

interaction across dimensions. This rocked their world and served to remind them that God sees our pains and allows us to have a heavenly glimpse that reassures us all is well. This businessman and his family had lost a child, and in a vision in the cloud, they saw both the boy and his grandmother holding hands and dancing to the synchronized music that night.

This suggests our understanding of death needs upgrading. Rather than seeing it as a system shutdown, it's more like a cloud migration - your essential data (soul) transfers to premium servers (heaven) while maintaining active connections with users still on the old system (earth). This is nothing more than modern-day languages for the promises scripture gives us about our eternal dwelling place – if we have received Him.

### **Winning the Battle Against Digital Critics**

In our age of social media criticism and cancel culture, understanding your cloud of witnesses becomes crucial. Imagine a cosmic tug-of-war: on one side are all your digital detractors - the trolls, critics, and accusers who amplify negativity. On the other side is your growing network of heavenly advocates who know your true heart and potential.

As more of your supporters graduate to the heavenly network, they gain elevated access to petition on your behalf. It's like having increasingly powerful allies in the ultimate social media platform, where their testimonials carry divine weight. They're not just posting supportive comments; they're presenting your case before the Supreme Administrator who sits on the Throne.

This divine network operates on love-based algorithms rather than engagement-driven controversy. Your witnesses focus on your potential rather than your mistakes, your intentions rather than your imperfections.

Many people around the world are sensing that God has begun orchestrating the grand finale, and God is bringing home those who will impact heaven in a reverse manner. We have all heard of terms such as upside-down mortgages, reverse mortgages, reverse engineering, reverse education, etc. What if we could imagine that God is far more advanced than humanity and has created a reverse salvation plan that now allows the great men, women, and children of earth to work side-by-side with the Master of redemption? One of my personal heroes, Reggie White, died at the early age of 43, but the week before he died, he had a dream of two Hebrew words translated into "Jehovah redeems". Prior to that dream, Reggie had prayed that his life would be a living sacrifice, even unto death. I would not be surprised that God pulled Reggie into the greatest reverse salvation plan of all time, directly

from the throne room down toward earth. This would explain what Isaiah saw when he said that Salvation would spring forth from the ground after heaven rains down. *"You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the LORD, have created it."* Isaiah 45:8

It is important to note that on the evening that Reggie White died, Dec 26, 2006, the Indonesian Tsunami shook the earth. As we reflect on the taking of Elijah into heaven via a whirlwind (tornado), and upon Jesus' death, the earth shook, and many dead people got out of their graves and walked into Jerusalem – we can imagine that nature often responds when God creates a shift.

### **Spiritual Eye Augmentation**

Ephesians 1:18 speaks of having "the eyes of your heart enlightened" - essentially, receiving spiritual augmented reality capabilities. When your inner vision gets upgraded, you begin to see the invisible networks operating around you. You recognize that the cloud of witnesses isn't just theological concept but an active support system.

This spiritual AR allows you to perceive:

- Divine guidance systems operating in real-time
- Heavenly backup and support networks
- Eternal perspective on temporary challenges
- The true scope of God's Kingdom advancement

### **Kingdom Acceleration Beyond Moore's Law**

Moore's Law predicted that computer processing power would double every two years. But God's Kingdom operates on divine acceleration principles that make technological progress look sluggish. While we celebrate our digital innovations, God's spiritual network has been running quantum operations since before time began.

The same God who designed atmospheric pressure, wind patterns, and cloud formation is orchestrating a spiritual revolution that dwarfs our technological achievements. His Kingdom isn't just keeping pace with digital transformation - it's pioneering innovations that we can barely comprehend.

As you consider upgrading your spiritual operating system to a greater Heaven realm, remember: you're not just getting better features. You're gaining access to the original and ultimate network that connects earth to eternity, time to timelessness, and your current reality to Kingdom possibilities beyond imagination.

It's time to get your head in the Clouds - not just the digital ones, but God's eternal infrastructure that makes all earthly networks look like toy phones connected by string. Your divine connection is waiting, and the download speed is instantaneous.

In our hyperconnected world, we've become accustomed to "the cloud" - that invisible network where our photos, documents, and entire digital lives are stored and accessed instantly from anywhere. But long before we invented cloud computing, God established the original Cloud infrastructure that connects heaven and earth. Scripture contains hundreds of references to clouds, revealing a divine network far more advanced than any technology we've created.

## CHAPTER 13

### The Principle of Heavenly Thanksgiving

*"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

*"If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing." ~Unknown*

In 2008 God allowed me to take thankfulness to a higher and more complete level. This transition has truly allowed me to see my *Pearl Within*. As you recall, we mentioned that a Pearl begins by being a simple single irritant within an Oyster. The irritant begins the process of many layers of 'cover-up' to try and rid and protect itself from the irritant. In my life, I had built up hundreds of irritants that I decided to forget about, ignore, or in a few cases become bitter over.

Once my view of thankfulness changed, I saw the irritants of my life as things to be thankful for; because they were the very things that made me who I am today. Without these irritants, I would have been a very limited human being with lesser value. However, the great secret for me was to clean out this lack of thankfulness in my mind and my heart. I was not able to see my full value until I understood the complete healing power of thankfulness for 'all' things. My room of thankfulness was swept, cleaned, and given a complete makeover.

Let me try to explain ... like many people, I had always viewed myself as a thankful type of person. I viewed myself this way because I was thankful for the good things that I could embrace in my immediate past, present and future. My view of my past, present and future were generally within a 6–12-month window of time. For instance, I was thankful for my children's grades, my husband's promotion, that we paid our bills last month, that my family was healthy, that we found a good church, that we found a new house, that we were going on a family vacation, that we had a good pastor, that we saw God heal our daughter's sickness, that our mini-van was repaired, that my parents were healthy, etc. You get the idea! I was very thankful for so many things that were current or immediate in 6–12-month cycles of time. So, during most of my life, if people were to ask me if I were thankful, I would say, absolutely! This thankful life-style allowed me to progress through life in 6-12 month time frames in order to feel somewhat happy and content. This same process is possibly why the 'Dreaded Christmas Letter was invented.' It is a great means to reflect on your thankfulness over the last 12 months, while giving everyone an update on your family, and Christmas card all at the same time. (Long live the dreaded Christmas letter!)

What changed my whole view of 'complete' thankfulness this past year was a new understanding of being thankful over a longer view of my life, as well as some of the perceived negative circumstances of my life. This recently found understanding was as if God's light and love shined a huge spotlight over specific negative circumstances of my past, and healed them instantaneously. My life suddenly reflected something of greater value even though nothing changed, except my confession of thanksgiving over those secret, hidden, or forgotten circumstances I never thought possible to thank God for. I am still amazed at what God's light and love illuminated in me. The thought of giving thanks for these things years ago was just un-comprehensible. Listen to the things that started to come out of my mouth, once I understood the completeness of thanksgiving!

- *Thank you that my husband was an alcoholic for the first five years of our marriage! This gave me an idea of what spouse's of alcoholics go through.*
- *Thank you that I was insecure over many things in my life! This allowed me to be dependent on God and thirst after his righteousness.*
- *Thank you that I was stubborn over things that made no sense to be stubborn over, this helped me understand that fear and ignorance is the root of stubbornness.*
- *Thank you I have dealt with such prideful people! It made me look at myself and realize I was a prideful person as well.*
- *Thank you that my children are not perfect! No one has perfect children, but they learn by their mistakes.*
- *Thank you my marriage was a mess for the first five years! I find that I am able to help women who are in similar circumstances. I found how dependent on God I really am for my marriage to work.*
- *Thank you for the disagreements in my relationships! This allowed me to see who people really are and love them unconditionally.*
- *Thank you that I lived in fear during the majority of my life! I now realize that most people live in some type of fear, and that only faith can conquer fear.*
- *Thank you for my minds confusion that created periodic depression! It helped me to expand my mind in proportion to my heart. God was looking for me to serve Him with all my heart and mind. I received a full cleansing of my heart and mind because of this struggle.*
- *Thank you for my financial ups and downs! I was able to look at the true meaning of wealth and not focus on money.*

How did this new process of allowing God's light to reflect on my perceived issues come into being? I was listening to Mike speak to a group of leaders who were just discussing the topic of 'repenting over the past circumstances in a specific area of sin.' A specific person on the leadership team stated that they did not think this group of leaders could progress forward until there was another attempt at repenting over the issue(s) at hand. My husband quickly replied and said ... "I do not believe God's desire is to have us keep repenting over the same issues over and over." Rather he felt that the group needed to release God's revelation into the situation. Within seconds, there was a moving of God's presence that allowed one person after another to start thanking God for the issues of life that we have felt shameful of, and had repented over numerous times already. Suddenly there was the most quick and powerful presence of God's Spirit that I had felt in my life. It was as if people were giving God praise for the irritants of their life, even if they were negative experiences. What I witnessed was a supernatural healing of the things that

people were covering up, hiding, or could not get permanent healing from. For the next year, Mike preached and shared in numerous settings and allowed a new form of worship to take place by giving full thanks to God. I was part of this process in numerous settings. Over and over I witnessed people beginning the process of thanking God for things that they never knew they should or could be thankful for. Time and again, most people stated that they felt a healing or release from the very thing that hindered their life. These hundreds of people along with myself, experienced a supernatural **exchange** with God that set them free from years of hidden and shameful experiences. Metaphorically speaking, I witnessed people spitting into the face of their own shame, satan's accusations, and releasing issues that were irritants in their life for years. The positive confession of thanksgiving was an open exchange with God; whose light, love, and spirit are so powerful that when the areas of hurt were exposed by confession of thanks, they were instantaneously healed. It was like a radiation treatment hitting a spot of cancer, and watching it vanish. **Pearls Within** were being discovered!

The exchange process in this 'thanksgiving type of worship,' is a positive spiritual confession that allows God to heal a persons' past and makes them more complete. This is truly an exercise of healing, and exchange where God shows his pure and complete redemptive nature for the following three scenarios of past shamefulness:

- 1) For people who have been violated by abusers, offenders, and criminal minds, God is able to fulfill His scripture that states that He will turn evil into good. This allows them to wipe away the bitterness, shame, guilt and ugliness that comes from being violated by someone else. Upon open thanksgiving, God exchanges complete healing. It is simply a process of exchange that allows your words of confession and thanksgiving to exchange with His light to allow your **Pearl Within** to be seen and harvested!
- 2) For people who have personally made a mistake in their past by putting themselves in harm's way, or committed a crime or trespass against God or themselves, God's light and love can allow them to be forgiven, redeemed and healed from the mistake that brings guilt and shame. Once again, upon the simple confession of thanksgiving, you exchange your past and make the irritant of shame or guilt becomes your personal **Pearl Within**.
- 3) For people who feel that they were just unfortunate, born into the wrong family, or a bad circumstance just happened to them; God is able to take that irritant and allow you to be a 'healer' to yourself and others with similar circumstances. He can do this by shining His light upon the confession of thanksgiving. Your exchange allows the irritants of unfortunate circumstances to be your personal **Pearl Within**.

I recognize that what I experienced was a glorious exchange that could only be done with my willingness to simply become thankful for the greatest irritants of my life. This exchange produced an understanding that helped me see my personal **Pearl Within**. But, it also gave me a fuller desire to see others experience their Pearl Within themselves. I desired to live out what the Bible states in Psalm 34:1-3. *"I will bless (give thanks) to the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My life (entire life) will boast in the Lord so that the humbled and afflicted will hear (my thanksgiving) and be glad. Come on, and magnify the Lord with me, and let's exalt his name together."*

My sincerest desire is to get every reader to stop any hint that God is cruel and/or planned a cruel life for you. I want you to see God as He really is, and just because someone has violated you, or you have self-destructed, does not define your fate. Rather, your fate rests within your ability and willingness to reason with God and allow Him to use your afflictions and irritants to define and reveal the ***Pearl Within*** you. Will you choose to let His light, love, and Spirit shine on your irritants by exchanging words of thanksgiving to your creator? Listen below to what John Henry Jowett penned as well as King David in the Book of Psalms.

- *Being thankful over my entire past and future spits in Fear's face! Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road."* ~ **John Henry Jowett**
- *You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you **thanks** forever. ~ Psalm 30:11, 12*
- *It was good for me to suffer, so that I might learn your statutes. ~ Psalm 119:71*

You can quickly surmise by these three examples that there is an exchange that takes place when we openly confess that God has a reason, season and purpose for our circumstances. If you cannot embrace this simple kind of faith, please know that His Light can zap your past issues and He can redeem/exchange the issues. Your task is to consider your willingness to let faith move you towards God's greatness, or will you let fear continue to hide your past shame, failings, and/or violations by others.

I was amazed to learn that the great Football Player Reggie White had a dream the week before he died on December 26, 2004. In his dream, he stated to his Wife Sarah that he saw two Hebrew words and understood them to be a great treasure. Upon prayer, meditation, and researching the two Hebrew words he found that the treasure was the combination of the two words meaning; "Jehovah Redeems." Reggie found a treasure within himself before he died, and he shared it with others. This treasure is no different than the ***Pearl within*** you. Jehovah (God) redeems or exchanges with anyone and everyone who will reason out their options with Him. Upon giving God thanks, He is quick to redeem or exchange your issues to make you see your complete image inside of you.

I realized that this concept of being thankful for everything is a stretch for many people. I know that it took me months to grab hold of this concept in its fullest sense. I started stumbling for words, wrestling with whose fault it was, wondering if I could forgive those who wronged me. However, I was amazed that upon opening my mouth, a sense of instant healing and cleansing came. I believe it was an act of faith to move my lips, and upon spilling out the words of confusion God became my judge. The righteous judge working on my behalf did what He does best – redeemed and exchanged the confession. I think this is the very act that God mentions in Ecclesiastes 12:14 *"For God will evaluate every deed, including every secret thing, whether good or evil."* You see God will eventually evaluate or judge everything in secret or in open to determine whether it was good or evil. My confession



gives me credit to let him evaluate or judge this in my present life. I do not want it hidden, as I desire full redemption for my sin and other people who sinned against me. Even if I sinned and caused problems, God encourages me to be willing to discuss this with him and be forgiven of everything. However, if I choose not to openly discuss with God, I may find that the things I hide will devour me like a sword. This is the context of Isaiah 1:17-19. I am so glad God gave options for every scenario of life; whether I am guilty or someone else is guilty. This is the very reason Jesus was able to ask God to forgive those who violated Him in every way. They violated his position, His status, His knowledge, His Name, his body, and drained His blood. I have not known this type of violation in my past. However, it gives me a reference point as to how far I could go and still give God thanks and have enough faith to ask Him to forgive the vilest of offenders and offenses against me.

Now that you have read my story of finding the ***Pearl Within*** me through complete thanksgiving let us do a few exercises in our ***Pearl Within*** Journal. Some of these exercises may need to be revisited, as your ability for being free of your past and truly thanking God for all things may not occur until a few more Journeys in the Journal are complete.

As you have read my story of raising my thanksgiving to a new level, I am sure that you have been processing your own thoughts as to the possibility for you to be thankful for past experiences.

Please do not give up on processing the thanksgiving aspect. If you have a few circumstances that are too overwhelming to deal with right now, we can park those for the time being. I understand the difficulty to embrace being thankful over very stressful, traumatic, and painful experience. In some cases, before you can thank God, you have to forgive yourself or the person who violated you. Because this is so critical, I have created a *parking space* for these types of circumstances. This parking space will allow you to 'Park' any extremely painful or un-forgiven circumstances for the time being. Parking these will also allow you to move forward with thanksgiving in most other areas.

No.	Items too Difficult to Thank God about at the Present Time
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

**Table 13.1** – *Parking Space for Circumstances that are too Difficult*

Table 13.2 is a checklist that may be helpful to identify levels of thanksgiving. The column on the left includes samples of standard items that are easy to be thankful

for. The column on the right are samples of items that are much more difficult to be immediately thankful over.

<b>Standard Easy Circumstances</b>	<b>More Difficult Circumstances</b>
Good health	A bad health experience
An afflicted person who gets healed	An afflicted person who dies
A stable job or career	A recent job or career change that seemed unpleasant.
A mortgage free house	Loss of house through foreclosure, tornado, hurricane, etc.
Children's health and success	Children who are challenging
The perfect and loving family that prays together, stays together, etc (you know the cliché')	Dysfunctional family (alcoholic parent(s), addictive and abusive behavior patterns, financial distress, etc.)
Wealth or financial freedom	Financially dependent on others
Parents who are still married	Divorced parents, parents in prison, adopted, or removed from home by the State.
Good church	Shunned by church or don't fit in
Natural ability or talented in a specific area	Everything comes hard and unnatural – Must work extra hard for everything you get.
Complete family is saved and in perfect health	Son or daughter was murdered, died in a war, died at birth, car accident, drug overdose, child raped or kidnapped, etc.
Periods of time where everything turns to gold	Periods of time where everything turns to rust or bust.
Supportive spouse	Abusive spouse

A great marriage that thrives	A marriage always threatened by divorce
Married	Divorced
Faithful spouse	Affair committed by a spouse
Lot's of friends	Loss of close friends
Sexually unscathed and pure	Sexually immoral or raped
Desirable in church because of knowledge or talent	Undesirable in church
Successful project(s) at work	Failed project(s) at work
Great boss	Demanding and difficult boss
Blank Spaces Are for Your Personal Examples	

**Table 13.2**

If you are able to thank God for all the events or circumstances in the left column, you are like most people who find it easy to thank God when things are going well. However, a truly thankful person is able to look at even unfortunate circumstances and reason with God on why they happened. Through the reasoning process, they learn that God ultimately is pleased when we thank him for going through afflictions, so that we are better people. Notice I did not say thank him for the

afflictions, but thank Him for making it through the afflictions to be a better person. God knows as well as most mature people do, that where there are no shipwrecks there are no lighthouses. Some of my personal shipwrecks have produced great lighthouses in my life. Mike and I have a friend who had three marriages and within these marriages, each wife eventually left on bitter terms. Through the struggles, he became a minister to an area that experiences heavy divorce rates. He became a

### *Challenge Question:*

To error is human, to blame others is even more human. Take a step back and reflect on the last year and estimate how much time you invested either being suspicious that someone hurt you, or how much you have been hurt, versus how much time you gave negative circumstances over to God to heal and wipe the hurt out of your mind.

1. Time estimate on how much time was invested on suspicion and/or hurt: \_\_\_\_\_ hours
2. Time estimate on how much time was invested in giving issue to God: \_\_\_\_\_ hours

lighthouse because of his affliction. Another friend, (Clay McClary) whose son was murdered, spent eight years of his life tracking down the murderer to kill him. After the eighth year, God told Clay that he must forgive his son's murderer. Through the affliction, Clay went on to be a minister of the Gospel, and tell his testimony of exchanging anger for love. Clay was another shipwreck who learned to thank God for the experience. Without thanking God, he could not be who God desired him to be. The full testimony of Clay McClary is available at <http://www.focusonheaven.com/redemptioncenter.html>.

You have been challenged to think about a new level of thankfulness. Now, we are ready to embark on an actual exercise to allow you the opportunity to exchange with God on a personal level. Pick out three positive and three negative experiences you have experienced in your life. Spend 3 minutes thanking God (verbally) for the positive circumstances.

Now spend three minutes thanking God for the three negative circumstances. Table 11.3 is provided for you to write down your three positive and negative circumstances, so you can focus on how you might say a prayer of thanksgiving for negative circumstances. I have added a third column called "Reasons why the negative experience ended up being valuable." This will help you verbalize in your

prayer of thanksgiving how you might be thankful that you made it through the negative circumstance.

Thanking God for Three Positive Circumstances	Thanking God for Three Negative Circumstances	Reasons why the negative circumstance ended up being valuable
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3	3.

Table 13.3

Please record how you felt after spending just three minutes on three of your negative circumstances. Also, record how hard it was to focus three full minutes on negative circumstances.

***Record How you felt before, during and after the prayer:***

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There is no doubt what you are experiencing may feel awkward. However, the awkwardness will have tremendous payback if you follow through. Many of the rooms in our hearts such as bitterness, un-forgiveness, anger, sexuality, and control are directly related to one's ability to thank God for the circumstance from the past. Failure to deal with the past produces the clutter by not exchanging the issues of life with God's redemptive power. Recall that the altar in its simplest form is the place where we met God to exchange our earthly issues for heavenly elements. Giving thanks for all things may be the exercise that allows God's full redeeming nature to be experienced. If all we did was thank God for positive things, there would be no need for exchange or redemption. The greatness of God comes when we have severe issues that need to be exchanged. Perhaps God sees our willingness to thank Him as an extraordinary act of faith that allows a complete healing of the past.

In the Old Testament (Genesis 37-43), Joseph suffered during his life to a great degree. The afflictions and sufferings included:

- He was sold by his brothers
- Left for dead by his brothers

- Accused of rape
- Falsely imprisoned
- Removed from his family for many years.

In spite of all these afflictions, Joseph decided that he would name his first son Manasseh which means *'God says he has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house.'* He then named his second child Ephraim which means *'God has made me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.'* Somehow, Joseph understood that without his many afflictions that he would not have benefited later in his life. He felt so strongly about giving God thanks for his afflictions and sufferings that he named his second child as a memory of this true concept in his life. Joseph learned the process and value of exchanging with God.

Let me close by sharing the very scripture which helps explain. ***"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*** *1 Thessalonians 5:18.* This passage tells us that in all circumstances we are to give thanks for this is God's will for you! God did not say to only give thanks in positive circumstances; anyone can do that. The truly faithful learn to let their past heal their future, as Joseph did. *Genesis 41:52: "The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."* What personal afflictions similar to Joseph's life have you experienced? And have you given God thanks through some type of memorial or confession, like Joseph did?

## Chapter 14

### Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

#### *A Mandate for Faith*

*"Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name."*

~Isaiah 49:1

*"The faster we move through digital realities, quantum possibilities, or AI-enhanced dreams -- the more of the impossible or heavenly potential we are able to see and experience." ~ Michael L. Mathews*

I was driving down the road in a large motor home during some very violent winds on Interstate 44 between Springfield, Missouri, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. The motor home was rocking back and forth, and I heard a loud 'banging' noise on the outside of the motor home. With the wind and semi-trucks racing past me, creating more wind, it was impossible to pull over on the shoulder of the road. I decided to slow down and pull off the road at the next exit to see if the loud noise was something that blew off my motor home. As I slowed down, I could hear this slamming noise like someone was pounding on the side of the motor home. I immediately pulled off the road at the exit and parked at an old, abandoned gas station. I got out and noticed one of the larger lower compartment doors was completely missing. I immediately felt sick to my stomach as I knew that the doors could do a lot of damage if they hit another vehicle back on the highway. The compartment door is about 2 feet high and 3 feet wide and weighs about 40lbs. I looked up toward the highway when I noticed a van coming toward me. Within seconds, the van was right in front of me. The driver slammed on his brakes and jumped out of his vehicle. The next few seconds seemed to last a lifetime. The man getting out was about 6 feet 7 inches and moving aggressively toward the side of his van. He opened the side door and quickly brought out my motor home door and walked directly at me as if he was ready to wrap it around my neck. My worst fears reached my brain within seconds as I started contemplating how I was going to handle this angry man, who I naturally assumed was hit by my missing door. The man stepped up to me, using my door like a shield, and shouted into the wind **'Is this your door!'** Like George Washington, I knew I could not tell a lie, especially since I was the only motor home on the road with a missing door. The man set down the door and said in a gentle voice, I saw your door drop off back on the highway exit, and I thought I would do you a favor and pick it up for you. I was in complete shock, as I had been fearfully imagining that the worst possible scenario was about to happen right there on the side of the road

in an abandoned gas station. I sheepishly said, “Yes, *that happens to be my door. Thanks for picking it up.*” He smiled, got back in his van, and drove off.

As you might imagine, I was breathing a huge sigh of relief and thanking God that my door experience was not nearly as bad as I had imagined it was going to be. I was amazed at the number of thoughts that raced through my mind in just a few short seconds. I had visual images ranging from being beaten to death on the side of the road, to trying to find my tire iron to protect myself from this man coming toward me. I had even wondered for a brief second how my wife Pam would react when she found me lying dead next to the motor home at an abandoned gas station. I even squeezed in a thought about the life insurance policy as I recalled a few recent TV shows where people were killed by road rage. Like I said... those few seconds seemed to last a lifetime.

This experience reminded me why we as humans default to worst-case scenario thinking in almost every situation. Consider these familiar patterns:

- **Traffic Stop Algorithm:** A police car appears in your rearview camera feed, and your heart rate spikes as your brain immediately runs through every possible violation, even though they're probably just heading to their own destination.
- **IRS Notification:** You receive an email from the Internal Revenue Service, and your mind instantly performs a deep scan of your tax history, imagining audits and penalties, only to discover it's a routine tax season reminder.
- **Social Media Intel:** You see a colleague posting photos with someone at lunch, and your brain's pattern recognition immediately suggests an affair, only to learn later it's their visiting sibling.
- **Family Communication Queue:** Your children send a "Can we talk later?" message, and your anxiety algorithm starts processing every possible request or crisis they might share, when they simply need help with a Wi-Fi password.
- **Boss Meeting Request:** Your supervisor schedules an urgent morning meeting, and your brain's threat assessment runs overnight, calculating job security probabilities, when they only want to ask about next quarter's budget planning.

We could generate countless more scenarios where our mental operating system immediately defaults to negative outcomes and worst-case threat modeling. As



humans, we're hardwired to process potential dangers first—a biological legacy code running in the background of our consciousness.

### **The Base Operating System of Our Brain – The Amygdala**

Think of the amygdala as your brain's original security software—a primitive but powerful threat-detection system that's been running since human version 1.0. Located in your brain's temporal lobe, about the size and shape of an almond, this neural processor sits just inches from your ears, constantly scanning for threats and ready to trigger your body's emergency protocols.

Modern neuroscientists and performance coaches often refer to this as our "legacy brain" or "survival mode processor"—like outdated software that still runs critical security functions. Just as your smartphone's battery optimization kicks in when power gets low, your amygdala activates fight-or-flight responses when it perceives any threat to your survival.

During my solar panel incident, my amygdala immediately launched its threat assessment protocol. I could either engage in confrontation mode with someone who was actually trying to help me, or I could attempt to terminate the interaction through deception—claiming the panel wasn't mine when the evidence clearly contradicted that story.

### **The Lizard Brain vs. Cloud Computing**

Leading business strategist and author Seth Godin revolutionized our understanding of this primitive neural network by calling it the "lizard brain"—referencing how reptiles operate purely on survival instincts. This ancient programming creates the resistance we experience when facing new ideas, uncertainty, or change.

The amygdala functions like an overprotective antivirus program that flags everything unknown as potentially malicious. It's the reason why, in meetings, innovative ideas often trigger immediate defensive responses:

- "That's never been tested in our environment!"
- "What if the system crashes?"
- "Shouldn't we run a pilot program first?"
- "Let's form a committee to analyze the risk factors!"
- "We don't have bandwidth for new initiatives this quarter!"

This almond-sized neural processor whispers fear-based notifications directly into our consciousness, like persistent pop-up warnings that something might go wrong.

While Seth Godin has done remarkable work helping people debug their lizard brain limitations, I believe God designed this system intentionally. Our built-in survival protocols create the perfect conditions for spiritual growth—they force us to recognize our limitations and reach beyond our own processing power.

This divine design is what David understood when he wrote, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14). David recognized that being "fearfully made" with threat-detection systems was actually part of being "wonderfully made" with the capacity for faith.

### **A Biblical Framework – The Faith Protocol**

God has given humanity an incredible gift by programming our brains with baseline survival instincts. This isn't a bug in the system—it's a feature that demonstrates our need for divine partnership. Our fear-based processing limitations prove that human operating systems require spiritual upgrades to access higher-level capabilities.

Without faith, we remain trapped in survival mode. But faith acts like a quantum leap in processing power—it allows us to operate beyond our natural limitations and access Kingdom-level resources. This is why Hebrews 11:6 states, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Fear keeps us running legacy survival programs, while faith enables us to execute advanced spiritual applications.

The Apostle Paul described this internal conflict in Romans 7:15-19, recognizing that his natural programming often conflicted with his spiritual objectives:

*"I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out!"*

Paul didn't have access to modern neuroscience, but he clearly understood that human nature resists faith-based decision making. However, he found the solution in spiritual partnership: "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20).

Faith bridges our human limitations and grants us access to heavenly bandwidth, processing power, and resources. We can't execute Kingdom-level applications using only human hardware—we need divine cloud computing.

### **Fear vs. Faith: Competing Operating Systems**

Jesus understood that our survival-focused neural networks would need upgrading through faith protocols. He knew that faith would give us administrator access to override fear-based programming:

*"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4)*

Fear and faith operate like competing applications that can't run simultaneously at full capacity. The more processing power allocated to fear, the less available for faith operations. Conversely, when we run faith-based protocols, fear applications get deprioritized.

Jesus warned that in the final update of human history, information overload would cause many people's systems to crash due to fear-based processing demands (Luke 21:26). He predicted that the exponential increase in data, decisions, and global connectivity would overwhelm our amygdala processors, causing widespread anxiety, depression, and system failures.

In our current digital age, we're experiencing exactly what Jesus predicted. Our threat-detection systems are running 24/7, processing news alerts, social media updates, market volatility, political upheaval, and climate data. The amygdala wasn't designed for this level of continuous threat assessment—it's like running intensive graphics software on a 1990s computer.

Scientific research confirms that chronic amygdala activation contributes to anxiety disorders, depression, anger management issues, and numerous stress-related health problems. Our biological security systems are being overwhelmed by the sheer volume of perceived threats.

### **The Faith Upgrade: Version 7.0**

As we approach what could be called the Kingdom of Heaven 7.0 era, where change accelerates exponentially and our old operating systems struggle to keep up, faith becomes more critical than ever. The solution isn't to eliminate our threat-detection capabilities, but to upgrade them with spiritual processing power.

God's Word provides the ultimate software update: "The just shall live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17). This isn't just a suggestion—it's the required operating system for Kingdom citizens.

When you're part of a team, family, or organization, you can diagnose the collective processing power by measuring the fear-to-faith ratio. If the combined fear algorithms around the table consume more processing power than faith

applications, your probability of accessing divine resources drops significantly. However, when faith processes dominate the system, God can execute remarkable applications through your group.

### **The Mustard Seed Algorithm**

God designed an elegant solution for overcoming our fear-based limitations. While the amygdala (about the size of an almond) controls our threat responses, Jesus taught that faith "as small as a mustard seed" could move mountains (Matthew 17:20). A mustard seed is approximately 1/100th the size of an almond—yet this tiny faith application can override massive fear processes.

This represents the ultimate efficiency upgrade: minimal faith input can produce maximum Kingdom output. It's like discovering that a simple prayer app on your smartphone can access more computing power than all of Google's data centers combined.

### **Exceeding Pharisee-Level Security Protocols**

Many people struggle with Jesus' statement: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). The Pharisees represent the ultimate religious security system—maximum rules, maximum safeguards, maximum threat protection.

However, the Pharisees' elaborate security protocols actually prevented them from recognizing divine opportunities. When Jesus appeared with miraculous applications they'd never seen before, their threat-detection systems classified him as malware rather than a divine upgrade. Their lizard brain went into overdrive, identifying Jesus as a survival threat to their religious operating system.

Instead of running faith protocols to authenticate Jesus' divine credentials, they chose to quarantine and delete the threat. Their security system was so restrictive that it blocked legitimate divine applications. They had maximum religious security but zero faith processing capability.

The Pharisees demonstrate what happens when religious systems become so focused on threat prevention that they can't recognize Kingdom opportunities. Their righteousness was based entirely on rule compliance rather than faith authentication.

### **The Faith-Based Righteousness Protocol**

God's righteousness operates on a completely different algorithm: "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'" (Romans 1:17).

This means even basic faith processing—equivalent to a simple authentication token—can grant you access privileges that exceed the most sophisticated religious security systems. A mustard seed of faith provides higher clearance levels than all the Pharisees' compliance protocols combined.

### **Kingdom 7.0: The Ultimate Upgrade**

As we advance toward Kingdom 7.0 understanding, each iteration brings us closer to appreciating, accessing, and operating within heavenly systems. Faith-based applications will allow lower-level religious survival programs to become obsolete, enabling us to function in the unlimited processing environment of God's Kingdom.

The only bottleneck preventing this upgrade is our attachment to legacy religious survival systems. We don't have to rely on my analysis alone—Jesus himself predicted the obsolescence of traditional religious infrastructures to make way for a unified, seamless spiritual network (Matthew 24:1-3).

### **Conclusion: Perfectly Engineered for Partnership**

We should celebrate the fact that we are both fearfully and wonderfully made! It's completely normal for our threat-detection systems to activate when facing uncertain situations. However, it's equally important to engage faith protocols when God calls us to scale up, stand up, speak up, and look up as His Kingdom continues its rapid advancement.

Remember, human limitations haven't corrupted Heaven's reputation. As we all upgrade toward clearer and more direct access to heavenly systems, we'll discover more Christ-like compatibility across all platforms. With sufficient iterations of Kingdom knowledge, we'll eventually achieve the unified network that Christ has always been developing—a single, integrated body operating seamlessly across all spiritual applications.

In Heaven 7.0, we're not just users—we're co-developers in God's ultimate project.

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