

## Teachers of Revelation and Truth re-visited

Some time ago the Lord showed me that the teachers of 'The Word' would be enriched by the coming forth of the **Teachers of Revelation**.

This doesn't mean that "revelation" will supplant the Word. Never! But it does mean that revelation insight (entirely in accord with the Word of God) will begin to come into play in a very rich way.

Ofcourse there have been "teachers of revelation" all through the ages, but there seems to be a time coming when great insight will erupt bringing forth wonderful understanding of the Word.

Not long after I received this from the Lord a had a very powerful dream.

*In the dream I was looking at a man standing before me. All I could see was his torso, not his feet or face. He was quite a tall, large man dressed in some sort of nondescript robe. He spoke no words.*

*He was holding an open book with its pages before me so I could see them. He flicked through this book until he came to a particular chapter, then held it open for me to see the heading. It simply read:*

### ***"Truth Re-visited"***

*I instinctively knew that the 'man' was a messenger angel. The dream abruptly finished having only lasted about 20 seconds or so.*

From this dream I knew that the Holy Spirit would begin to teach me the truths of Scripture that I had either become complacent about, or mis-understood. Since then I have been alert to study the Word carefully, slowly and with fresh revelation.

The results for me personally, and the Fellowship, have been as dramatic as my conversion and Baptism in the Spirit.

I would like to share some of this insight with you now.

## Taught by Revelation

Revelation-truth is actually a form of light. "Revelation" is the supernatural imparting of truth that sheds light on something that was previously either partially obscured, or totally hidden from view. The concealing of truth may be due to man's inability to understand and receive that Truth at a particular season, or it may be because God had a pre-determined moment for that Truth to come to light, and hence withheld it until the appropriate time frame.

- *"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son..."*

Heb. 1: 1-2

"When the time had fully come" would be a suitable phrase to bear in mind. Note also these other examples,

- Jesus said, *"Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come."*

John 7: 8

- *"And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place".*

Acts 2: 1

Revelation comes to us by God's chosen moment of intervention, not by man's methodology or twisting the arm of God. So it's only by revelation that truths come to us, and this is dependent on God, not us. Understanding this principle will save us much heartache when we don't see people respond to certain teachings the way we think they should. How often have we longed to see someone grasp a truth that's revolutionized our own life, yet they don't seem over excited about it.

Note the texts that highlight a principle here.

- *"...the preaching of Jesus Christ **according to the revelation** of the mystery, having been unvoiced during eternal times..."*

Rom 16:25

- *"For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it **except by a revelation** of Jesus Christ."*

Gal 1:12

- *"...that **by revelation** He made known to me the mystery..."*

Eph 3:3

- *"**A revelation** of Jesus Christ, **which God gave** to Him to declare to His servants things which must shortly come to pass..."*

Rev 1:1

The inspiration that accompanies such revelation enables the recipient to proclaim the truth as something directly received from God and therefore infallibly correct. It's often this factor, along with the dramatic experience of receiving the revelation itself, which drives the recipient on his quest to impart the truth. This takes on a life of its own, so to speak.

However, here lurks a subtle danger. As we receive a revelatory truth we are captured by it, often become entirely taken up by it. It can consume us. That however isn't so much the danger, although caution should apply here. The greater danger lies in discriminating against other believers who haven't (as yet) received this truth. Judgmentalism, and finally elitism, so easily set in to the undiscerning.

The process works like this: We receive a revelatory truth (often after much searching and prayer). It captivates us; we see the light and are thoroughly changed by it. Our thoughts and minds are transformed by this truth. It grips us and we cannot help but share it. Sometimes there's an acceptance by others; more than not there's rejection, or at least suspicion.

Then comes the temptation to separate from those who have not, or will not, receive this truth. This can be a literal, physical separation ending up in a church split. In moderate cases a sectarian group is established; in extreme cases a cult rises up.

Or, the recipient of the truth remains within their congregation (for a time), physically part of the assembly but mentally (if not spiritually) separate. There's a kind of spiritual divorce happening. It's a bit like a married couple who are physically together but emotionally divorced. They stay together, technically "married", but inwardly divorced from one another.

I mention this because this role has been played over and over throughout church history. As we delve into the wonder and excitement of the Mystery in this study, it can so easily grip and move us. We can be fascinated by it, consuming it, even seeing it as the final Truth of all Truth!

A simple reflection of some of the events of church history, let alone our own spiritual journey and that of others, will show this attitude to be dangerous.

We will require a wisdom borne out of maturity to keep balanced here. It's natural to desire to share something new and exciting. But spiritually speaking we need discernment when coming to share revelatory truth. Passing it on before it's done it's deep work in us first can be disastrous. So often Truth has been injured by the recipient declaring it too soon. Our soul will want to rise up, proclaim the message (often with more soulful zeal than spiritual wisdom), and wonder why others don't rush forward to embrace it!

Like Paul, let's humbly pray that spiritual enlightenment for others will come according to God's timing. And be extremely wary of speaking and acting as if you have Truth others don't have. Humility was a key-mark in the life of the Lord Jesus. Only after the work of Truth had done it's work in Him was He called forth by the Father to begin His public ministry. We see the same pattern at work in so many others recorded in Scripture. Let's imitate them!

Remember the principle: Revelatory Truth is granted by God according to *His* timing. *You* didn't work it up. *You* didn't make it happen. It was given, granted, offered and graced upon you by the Lord to you as a beloved one. So be humble and act wisely.

Paul had received many revelations during his sixty or so years of ministry. Yet at the end of his earthly life he received the revelation of a Mystery that totally realigned his purpose as an Apostle. He remained humble in this. He didn't run off and start a new movement. When he met others who couldn't fathom out what he was preaching, he didn't separate himself but prayed for them to have the eyes of their heart enlightened.

As you enter into this study▲, get excited about it by all means, but *please* be discerning and let the Mystery do its work deep in your heart first before indiscriminately force-feeding it to whoever you meet. I may sound strong here but I do desire you to act wisely, and with maturity.

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