

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

The Extraordinary Advantage Of The Targeted Individual

As most of you already well understand, the Target experience is a painful unraveling of the convictions upon which we formerly based our ability to reason & interact with this world. Every collective assumption that gave credence to our vision of the conscious life has been violently, mercilessly & intentionally obliterated. Along with them went our identities & sense of self-worth. Our core existential understandings were converted to dust particles in a wind storm almost overnight. Puff. All gone.... The waking up procedure is by no stretch of the imagination an easy one.

So here we are. Everything we ever believed, loved or hoped for has been ripped apart, dissolved, demolished, exposed as false & yet it's at this very moment in history that God declares, 'Now is the time for you to rebuild the heart & mind, to restore to a new level of understanding in trust, commitment &, yes, in the many aspects of health. Only this time it is I, not the Father of lies, who will guide you through the process. This time what you create will endure as the foundation upon which I can teach Truth to you-the Truth required to extricate yourselves from the delusional bondage into which you were born'.

Left to my own devices I certainly could not have navigated through this dangerous psychological labyrinth. I am thoroughly dependent upon the Christ-sent Holy Spirit & his angelic army to direct all my ways, teaching me to break off the shackles of the unseen enemy. Until very recently, most of us were not even conscious of the fact that we struggled under the iron yoke of an underworld supremacy, but Christ knew & he had a plan to set us free ever since the moment our matriarch, Eve, entered into the contract that ill-fated the course of humanity millennia ago.

In fact the first prophecy of the Messiah was spoken by God to the serpent after the fall of Adam & Eve:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman,
and between *thy seed* and *her seed*;
(from *her seed* came King David & later, Christ)
it (*it=her seed*) shall bruise thy head,
and thou shalt bruise his (Christ's) heel.
Genesis 3:15

Throughout the many Old Testament prophecies that followed this declaration, God consistently promised to do good to us 'in our latter end'. Well the latter day event is right now.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
saith the LORD,

thoughts of peace,
and not of evil,
to give you an expected end.
Jeremiah 29:11

The latter day period is the brief moment in time foretold in every book of the bible in which God has promised to break the adversary's tentacles off the willing few so that he can re-establish them in a healthier environment.

We all understand that Christ was of the seed of David, fierce & mighty warrior. We understand that when he came to earth as the Messiah he had to wage an even more demanding war than those fought on visible battle fields, a war fought with humanly unattainable self-discipline, humility & altruistic sacrifice.

Unfortunately, few people realize the fact that his sacrifice extended far beyond the walk down the Via de La Rosa & the crucifixion. These were the events that changed the hearts & minds of humanity like no other. However, they were mere initiation into an even greater battle.

After Christ's death there was a subsequent descent into hell. You must realize that Christ didn't just *sleep* for three days! In fact, what was counted as a mere 3 days for humanity could well have been many years given the bizarre relationship of space-time & locality. Have you actually ever considered what Christ had to endure during this nightmarish descent?

8 Wherefore he saith,
When he ascended up on high,
he led captivity captive,
and gave gifts unto men.
9 (*Now that he ascended,
what is it but that he also descended first
into the lower parts of the earth?*)
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up
far above all heavens,
that he might fill all things.)
Ephesians 4:8-10

And just why did he have to go through this descent into pure misery? because this was the only way he could learn (get) the *keys* (instructions) for surviving & escaping hell & death & to ultimately pass them along to humanity.

I am he that liveth, and was dead;
and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;
and have the keys of hell and of death.
Revelation 1:18

A descent into hell always involves some type of psychological torment—a place of victimization & self-pity. On the cross it was obvious that Christ was willing to bear any amount of physical pain in order to complete the promised mission of love & loyalty. However, the mission didn't end there. Up to the piercings in his hands & feet Christ was absolutely convinced that the love of the living God for him was as unrelenting as

his own love for his flock. But then there was a devastating collapse in this vision, the abandonment of all abandonments, so powerfully overwhelming that Christ could not camouflage his shock & pain even before his worst enemies:

About the ninth hour
Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,
'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is,
'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'
Matthew 27:45-46

I confess, until I read the word through several times, I was not able to reconcile this passage with the many statements of Christ that described his father as a God of perfect love. When I was a child I heard pastors insist that God loved his son so much that he couldn't bear to see him suffer & so turned away during the crucifixion event. Even as a child I would think, 'What kind of cocaimy love is that?' Now I think I understand the situation somewhat better.

God did not remain silent because he was an ineffective parent, but because it was required that Christ have the most profound brand of soul-pain & disillusionment to initiate his 'descent'. Parental abandonment & betrayal during a moment of unspeakable crisis is a highly effective slice through the heart. Wounded with this deep emotional gash, it was incumbent upon Christ to nevertheless implement all 'keys' he had given to his disciples up to that point. He had to forgive the unforgivable, he had to learn to trust again, he had to rise above his self-pity & loss of self-esteem &, above all, he had to revive a willingness to go on.

WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVANTAGE OF THE TARGETED INDIVIDUAL?

IT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY LOVE, STRENGTH & LOYALTY OF CHRIST FOR HIS PEOPLE.

In spite of all his pain & trauma, upon Christ's resurrected return he spoke nothing of himself. His only concern was to pass along more of the 'keys'. If this doesn't cause you to better understand ***the walk you & I should be walking***, then please take the time to re-read what is written here until it penetrates & edifies your soul on the deepest level.