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What Paul saw in the third heaven.

Our apostle traveled into the future. What he saw and heard there was so glorious that he was not permitted to speak of it. Might we venture a guess?



If boasting must be, though it is not expedient, indeed, yet I shall also be coming to apparitions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I am acquainted with a man in Christ, fourteen years before this, (whether in a body I am not aware, or outside of the body, I am not aware—God is aware) such a one was snatched away to the third heaven. 3 And I am acquainted with such a man (whether in a body or outside of the body I am not aware—God is aware) 4 that he was snatched away into paradise and hears ineffable declarations, which it is not allowed a man to speak. 5 Over such a one I shall be boasting; yet over myself I shall not be boasting, except in my infirmities (2 Corinthians 12:1-5).

I've always been frustrated that one of our own went into the third heaven (and also into paradise; more on this in a moment), returned, but was not allowed to speak of it. And neither could he write about it except to tell us that it had happened. What did he see? What did he hear? God forbade any first-person accounts. Still, God wanted the time-travel itself disclosed. Why? Because "It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a matter, and the glory of kings to investigate a matter" (Proverbs 25:2). There are several clues elsewhere in Scripture that will point us in the right direction. If we assemble the pieces of this puzzle, we may venture an educated guess as to what Paul saw and heard.

THIRD HEAVEN *AND* PARADISE

An astute student of Scripture and a reader of this newsletter wrote this morning to suggest that Paul went to two places: 1) the third heaven and 2) paradise. This is plausible. Why else would Paul write the phrase, "I am acquainted with a man" two times? A closer look shows that Paul repeats this because he mentions two distinct destinations: 1) the third heaven and 2) para-

dise. In verse 2, he relates how he was snatched away to the third heaven; in verse four, that he was snatched away into paradise. In verse one Paul speaks of apparitions and revelations. Could it be that the apparitions apply to the new heaven, yet the revelations to paradise? Yes. I now demonstrate this graphically in the form of what is known, structurally, as a Simple Alternation:

- A I shall be coming to
- B apparitions and
- C revelations.
- A Was snatched away to
- B third heaven
- C paradise

As you can see, the apparitions align with the third heaven, and the revelations with paradise. (For more information on the inspired structure of Scripture, go here: http://www.heavendwellers.com/hd_structures_intro.htm)

What is the third heaven, and what is paradise? Why are they different? And what is the purpose of distinguishing an apparition from a revelation? How does this help us understand Paul's time travel and what it means for our peace and assurance today?

THIRD HEAVEN

The third heaven is the heaven associated with the new earth mentioned by John in Revelation 21:1—

And I perceived a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth pass away, and the sea is no more.

During the eonian times, there are three earths and three heavens. Every earth has a heaven, and vice versa; the two are not sold separately: "In a beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth"—Genesis 1:1. This present earth will be destroyed and replaced by the new earth revealed by John. But this present earth is not the first one. The first earth was destroyed by the disruption of the world mentioned in Genesis 1:1-2—

In a beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. As for the earth, it came to be a chaos and vacant, and darkness was over the surface of the abyss.

God created the first earth to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:18). The Deity's contrivance was perfect, but the earth succumbed to violent overthrow, known as the disruption

of the world. Whatever caused it, the earth became a chaos and vacant because of it. Beginning in Genesis 1:2, God brings our present earth out from the darkness and chaos.

ROCK AND ROLL

Since sin entered the world, this earth reels to and fro like a drunkard (Isaiah 24:20). It's wobbly and evil. Noah's flood didn't help it. Every awe-inspiring "natural wonder" in the United States (Grand Canyon; Zion National Park; the Rockies; the Allegheny Mountains) is the result of evil. Only God can make evil suitable for postcards.

When you look at the Grand Canyon, however, you're not supposed to photograph it. You're supposed to crap your pants. The upheaved, mangled rock would be us—apart from Christ. This is the power of God. Thank God that He is conciliated to you through Christ. The multi-whacked striations in Arizona did not occur over millions of years. They occurred on a Tuesday afternoon. Same with the saline wastes around the Dead Sea; the Sahara desert; the North Pole—and the Hawaiian islands, which coalesced out of volcanic eruptions. And Mt. Everest—the result of radical, geologic re-arrangements. We're living on a time bomb, with God holding the match unnervingly near the fuse.

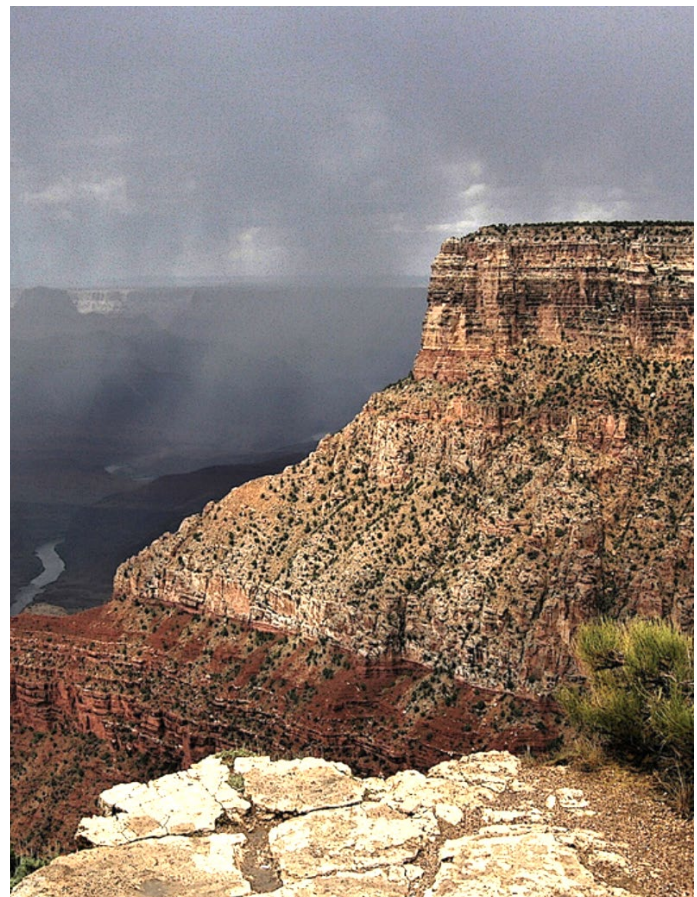


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THE THIRD EARTH

God is building toward the third earth. The third time is the charm. The third earth (of Eon 5) will be the culmination of all of the earths and will endure for at least ten-thousand years. Its hallmark is stability. There is no sea on it (Revelation 21:1), and thus no water to erode it. God sent Paul to the heaven associated with this earth.

If the third earth is the greatest of all the earths, then would not the third heaven be the same? The greatest of all the heavens? Yes. The celestial will be as stable as the terrestrial then. God snatched Paul there for Paul to see the pinnacle; to witness the greatest of divine achievements in which we supply vital roles.

Let's assemble its pieces.

“YOU DIED”

In Colossians 3:3, Paul states, “For you died, and your life is hid together with Christ in God.” How is it that living, breathing people (believers in Paul's gospel) are said to have died? Romans 6:5-7—

For if we have become planted together in the likeness of His death, nevertheless we shall be of the resurrection also, knowing this, that our old humanity was crucified together with Him, that the body of Sin may be nullified, for us by no means to be still slaving for Sin, for one who dies has been justified from Sin.

For us, there is an old humanity and a new. There is an old us and a new us. We are to consider the old humanity (our old “us”) to have perished. As the Last Adam, Christ took the old humanity (our life that is connected with Adam) with Him to the tomb, then rose from the dead without it. Christ is the representative New Man of the new humanity. He is the Last Adam. Thus, we are to consider ourselves to be a new creation in Christ and leave Adam behind.

We don't yet see this reality in our bodies, but we are nevertheless exhorted to believe it. In other words, we are to walk by faith in this matter, and not by perception (2 Corinthians 5:7). “Faith, not perception” is the hallmark of Paul's gospel because Paul's revelations are so god-awful high. Thus, we are no longer to consider ourselves according to flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16), but according to the new humanity. As plainly stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17, we are a new creation in Christ—

So that, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the primitive passed by. Lo! there has come new.

“YOUR LIFE IS HID”

No one can make this up. Along this line, Paul goes on in Colossians 3:3, “For you died, *and your life is hid together with Christ in God.*” Which life is hid together with Christ in God? It is certainly not our old life, for that is considered to have been crucified with Christ. Therefore, it is our new life that is hid together with Christ in God. I like to think of this as our essential self; the real us. We do not yet see it here on earth (especially not when we look in the mirror; far from it; nothing could be farther from the truth of the new creation than our reflections in the mirror), but God has our new life “up there somewhere,” where God and where Christ are. This is to suggest that our new life is real; that it is no mere theory; that it exists. (It can't be hidden if it doesn't exist.)

NUTSHELL VERSE

One verse puts everything said thus far in a nutshell. This verse is Galatians 2:20—

With Christ have I been crucified, yet I am living; no longer I, but living in me is Christ. Now that which I am now living in flesh, I am living in faith that is of the Son of God, Who loves me, and gives Himself up for me.

I am not arguing here that we no longer exist. Neither is Paul. Yet we must deal with the reality of the new humanity. Paul admits here that he was crucified with Christ. Paul's old humanity is considered by God to be dead. The problem is: Paul is still living in the old humanity. But one thing has changed: the spirit of Christ lives in Paul. This spirit makes Paul think higher thoughts. The apostle therefore reaches a decision, and it is this: *The life I'm now living in flesh—the old humanity—I'm living in the faith that it is dead and that it is no longer the essential “me.” The essential me is hid together with Christ in God.*

SCRATCHING AIR

I liken this to phantom limb pain. There is a physical phenomenon in humanity, well-reported, that when a limb is amputated, the amputee will still feel pain in the phantom limb for some time. This is because the brain has not yet caught up with the new reality. There is something that I call “brain memory,” and it is slow to adjust to the missing body part; it still remembers

how the limb felt when it was attached to the body and therefore to the brain. It remembers this so well (old habits die hard) that it still reports feelings concerning it—as though they were real—convincing the amputee that the limb is still attached. (The brain is so powerfully persuasive that, to the amputee, these feelings *are* real.) Amputees have been therefore known to try to scratch an itch (for instance) on a limb that no longer exists. Of course, the amputee ends up scratching air and looks ridiculous.

Thus also with the new humanity. We have lived so long thinking of ourselves as dying and sinning creatures that the brain is slow to adjust to the Christ-stated reality of the new creation hidden with Christ in God. Everything (including mirrors) continues to report that we are old, decrepit, failing, sinning, miserable sots. We hurt, we cry, and we want to fix it. We want to scratch the itch and we can't stand the pain. The pain that we feel, while real to us and real in fact, is no longer considered real in the God/Christ world. (We are invited to this world, in spirit.) Thus, we end up scratching air. We end up trying to reform a corpse and looking ridiculous. We're responding to pain that doesn't really matter anymore.



So now God and Christ are inviting us, through Paul, to think of ourselves in accord with the new humanity that is hid with Christ in God. This is a challenge to faith if ever there was one, but God gives the faith, to

each according to the measure deemed appropriate by God. To the measure that we set our affections above and not to that on the earth (Colossians 3:1), in this measure we will experience greater peace as we drag these corpses across the finish line.

Here is the entire context of Colossians 3:1-3. I consider this to be one of the most challenging yet potentially transforming passages of Scripture—

If, then, you were roused together with Christ, be seeking that which is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Be disposed to that which is above, not to that on the earth, for you died, and your life is hid together with Christ in God.

A parallel passage is 2 Corinthians 5:14-17—

For the love of Christ is constraining us, judging this, that, if One died for the sake of all, consequently all died. And He died for the sake of all that those who are living should by no means still be living to themselves, but to the One dying and being roused for their sakes. So that we, from now on, are acquainted with no one according to flesh. Yet even if we have known Christ according to flesh, nevertheless now we know Him so no longer. So that, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the primitive passed by. Lo! there has come new!

We who are living (“that which I am now living in flesh”) and yet who are aware of this amazing thing called the new humanity and the new creation—we are no longer required by God to be living to ourselves. That is, we are no longer required to be tending to the old humanity. This is one of the most liberating messages of all. If we are to be no longer acquainted with *anyone* according to flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16), would this not necessarily include ourselves?

NEW THINKING/NEW LIFE

I have become so used to thinking of myself in light of the new humanity that it always jars me when I hear Christians talking about their self-help programs and inviting me to join them. They regale me with all the ways in which they are trying to be obedient; accountable; alert; gorgeous; perfect to God. These Christians have never heard of the new humanity and thus they are still living to themselves. They are still acquainted with themselves according to flesh; they are certainly not seeking that which is above. They are super-disposed to the things of the earth; they're always looking down even while claiming to be looking up.

No one has ever convinced them that their old humanity was crucified. When anyone tries to tell them, he or she is mocked. “It’s only an excuse,” they say, “for you to keep sinning and not have to worry about it.”

They, themselves, can’t stop thinking about sin. They worry about everything.

The Christians still think that the old humanity can wreck their Christ-life, which is why they chain watchdogs to it night and day. Oh, they put such stock and confidence in the old humanity. They give it such power. Minding the old humanity is like throwing red meat to a lion. It only strengthens it. This is why Christians become such self-righteous condemners. It is why no one sins like a Christian.

Granted, most Christians are connected to the Circumcision evangel—the gospel of Peter—which *is* a message of flesh. In the gospel given to Abraham, there is no such thing as a new humanity. In the Israel gospel, the old humanity has *not* been crucified; one must reform it. The truth of the new humanity belongs only to Paul,

and it is why Paul people don’t get along too well with those of Peter and usually end up abandoning Scriptural topics and talking about the weather. The Peter people get frustrated with the Paul people because the Paul people are not working on their old humanity. (Misery loves company.) They’re not

kicking the corpse hard enough. The new creation/Paul people have too much peace. The Peter people can’t understand this because their old humanity—in accord with their earthly revelation—keeps them too busy to pursue peace. They simply don’t trust truly peaceful people who chant the mantra of “Let nothing be worrying you” (Philippians 4:6).

When someone tells the Christians that this verse even exists, it worries them.

TRUE VS. FALSE CIRCUMCISION

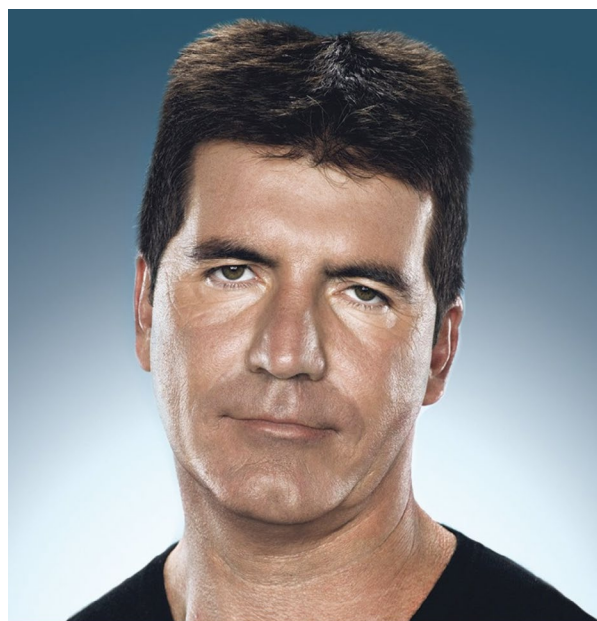
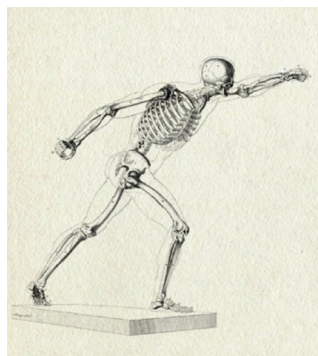
A true Circumcision person will recognize that some “strange thing” is “going on” with the Paul person and will leave the Paul person to his or her own placidity. A true Circumcision person will also realize that only Christ can change Israel flesh and conform it to the dictates of

the law of Moses. But unfortunately, there are not many true Circumcision people around, but only posers in fake beards and pre-fabricated Ten Commandment tablets.

I say they are posers because they act as though they are on “America’s Got Talent” and that God is Simon Cowell and that they are performing for Him and that He is scoring them uber-critically and, based on their performance, deciding whether or not to send them on to Hollywood. (Christianity is one big Hollywood.) These are Circumcision people à la Saul the Pharisee: self-righteous, pontifical, performance-oriented nincompoops. Peter and Paul managed to get along because they were mature in their respective evangels. It’s not that easy today because the gospels are mixed and the den of demonic doctrines known as Christianity (housing the dual deceptions of Human Free Will and Eternal Torment) feeds the already inherent human disposition to religious pomposity.

THE GREAT PARADOX

I find that living and thinking in the new humanity is the only way to truly curb the flesh. Christians never get this, preferring to manhandle the flesh directly. This attention to flesh, of course, makes flesh worse. Jesus said that if your eye is single, then your whole body becomes luminous (Matthew 6:22). When a farmer wants to plant a straight furrow, he doesn’t look at the furrow. Instead, he aims for a stable object on the horizon. By not looking at the ground, his furrow turns out straight. Thus also with us and the new humanity. (It is the equivalent of tending things above and not below.) It’s a



paradox, but the only way to curb flesh is to ignore it and focus on Christ. Lo and behold, we look down at a straight walk. In the meantime, the “Beat-a-Corpse” brigade stare at the furrow until their eyes water and, lo and behold, their furrows resemble the Mississippi River—meandering across the countryside, constantly changing course, flooded one day and dried up the next. The “Beat-a-Corpse” brigade had no anchor point but themselves, which is no anchor at all. Their furrows resemble the farming techniques of drunks. Christians are intoxicated on the delusion of their own ability to please God and Christ (and Simon Cowell). Don’t let them drag you down to their level. Their level doesn’t work. Their tractors are out of gas. The tires are flat.



PAUL GOES TO PARADISE AND HEARS INEFFABLE DECLARATIONS

“And I am acquainted with such a man (whether in a body or outside of the body I am not aware—God is aware) 4 that he was snatched away into paradise and hears ineffable declarations” (2 Corinthians 12:3-4).

The word translated “ineffable” in the Concordant Version is from the Greek word *arreton*, whose elements are “UN-GUSHED.” The dictionary definition of “ineffable” is “too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.” It is something that is worthy to be gushed over but simultaneously so great that no existent words are equal to the required gushing. Thus, who am I to say what the declarations were? I will venture a guess, however.

I believe that Paul heard declarations having to do with our future perfection, our glory, and our standing in Christ. Paul did gush with ready words in many

of his letters concerning the great blessings of justification, God’s conciliation of us due to Christ, and our being seated among the celestials where Christ is. So whatever Paul heard in Paradise eclipsed in glory these other things. Can you imagine? *These* things were *so* great that whatever words Paul used to describe justification, conciliation, and being seated among the celestials in Christ could not but fail him here and so he didn’t even try it.

I base this upon the nature of paradise. I relate “paradise” to the new earth.

I found a good explanation of paradise on the website heavendwellers.com (the site linked to on page 1 that details Dr. Bullinger’s work in the supernatural structure of Scripture). The author is unknown. Here is the piece—

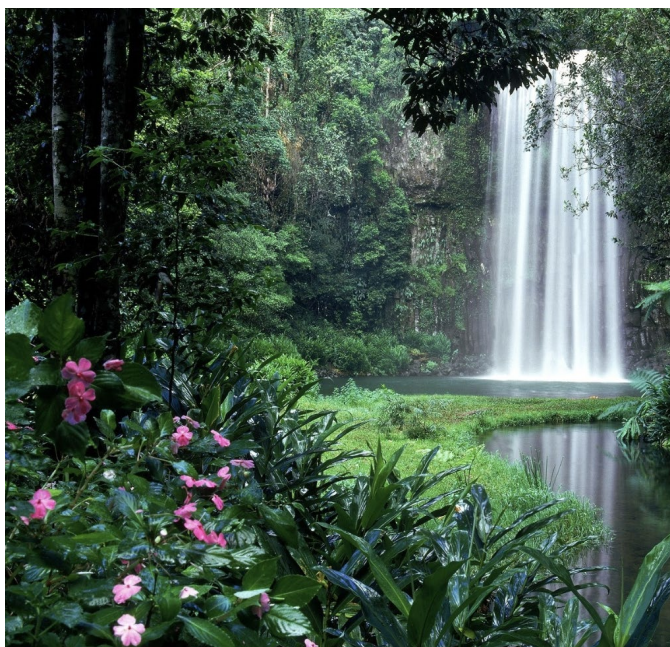
Contrary to popular teaching, Paradise has nothing to do with heaven. It is the name given to “a garden planted with trees.” The word has come through the Greek from the ancient Sanskrit. Socrates says that the king of Persia, wherever he is, takes particular care “to have gardens and enclosures, which are called paradises, full of everything beautiful and good that the earth can produce.” The original Persian word *pardes* occurs in Nehemiah 2:8; Ecclesiastes 2:5 and Song of Solomon 4:13. The LXX (the Septuagint; the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures) almost constantly renders the Hebrew *gan* “garden” when it relates to the garden of Eden, by *paradeisos*. Such is the language and testimony of Holy Writ. Josephus, in the opening of his “Antiquities,” uses the word “paradise” for the Garden of Eden.

In the opening chapters of the Bible we have Paradise lost (Gen. 3), and in the closing chapters we find Paradise restored (Rev. 22). To this, the Lord refers when He said to the overcomers, “I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (Rev. 2:7). As Dr. Bullinger comments: “Hence, the Scriptures relating to Paradise now, are all future, as the abode of risen saints, not of dead ones.”

The Paradise of God (2 Corinthians 12:4), to which the Apostle says that he was “caught up” uses the Greek word *harpazo* which has nothing in its composition to justify the direction “up”; it means to “catch away.” Instead of thinking of the Apostle passing up through the lower heavens to the third heavens “far above” (2 Cor. 12:2), he must be thought of as traversing time. John was taken “in spirit” to the Day of the Lord (Rev. 1:10) but Paul goes further. The first heaven is found in Genesis 1:1. The second is the “firmament” of Genesis 1:6 and is destined to pass away (2 Pet. 3:10), leading to the new, or “third heaven” (2 Pet. 3:13). The Paradise of God is not

above all heavens, it is the Paradise of Revelation 2:7 and chapter 22. The dying Saviour assured the dying thief that he would be with Him in Paradise, Luke 23:43. The interpretation of this passage hinges on the words, “I say unto thee this day.” “I say unto thee this day” is a common phrase in the O.T.

God took the apostle John in spirit to the new earth (to Paradise), but John has nothing on our apostle, who went not only to the new earth—where he heard inef-fable declarations—but was taken into the third heaven (existing contemporaneously with the third earth) where he saw apparitions.



PAUL GOES TO THE THIRD HEAVEN AND SEES APPARITIONS

“I am acquainted with a man in Christ, fourteen years before this, (whether in a body I am not aware, or outside of the body, I am not aware—God is aware) such a one was snatched away to the third heaven” (2 Corinthians 12:2).

No human being (except Christ) has ever been taken into the third heaven. I contend to you that what Paul saw there was so great that he could not even call it “ineffable.” Paul not only had no words to describe it, he had no words to describe his inability to describe it.

What I am about to say to you is conjecture, but it is conjecture based upon the new humanity, upon our

future life now hid with Christ in God, and upon the word “apparitions”—**“I shall also be coming to apparitions and revelations of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 12:1).**

The Greek word translated “apparitions” is *optasia*. Its English element is “VIEW.” The definition of this word in the Greek-English Keyword Concordance of the *Concordant Literal New Testament* is—

A viewing of persons invisible to normal vision.

This word is only used two other times in the Greek Scriptures, in Luke 1:22 and Luke 24:23—

► And the people were hoping for Zechariah, and they marveled at his delaying in the temple. Yet, on coming out, he was not able to speak to them, and they recognize that he has seen an apparition in the temple. And he was motioning to them and continued to be mute (Luke 1:21-22).

► But some also of our women amaze us. Coming to be at the tomb early and not finding His body, they came saying that they have seen an apparition of messengers also, who say that He is living (Luke 24:22-23).

Normally, people cannot see messengers of the Lord. One’s vision must be divinely enabled to pierce the celestial veil. In the temple on that famous day, Zechariah saw a messenger of the Lord, namely Gabriel, who said of himself, “I am Gabriel who stands before God” (Luke 1:19). So literal and real was this apparition that the account even says where Gabriel was standing—“Now there was seen by [Zechariah] a messenger of the Lord, standing at the right of the altar of incense.”

At the tomb of our Lord, the women saw “two men in flashing attire” (Luke 24:4). The context does not reveal the identity of the men, but Luke does say that they were men. But because the men wore “flashing attire,” I’m guessing that they were celestial beings disguised as men.

The important thing to remember here—before coming to Paul’s apparitions—is that apparitions are real and, in Scripture, involve persons. They may not be human persons (as in the case of Gabriel), but this is how they appear to the God-assisted sight.

PAUL SEES HIMSELF

What did Paul see when God took him to the third heaven? I believe that he saw his own new humanity. I believe that he saw his glorified self that had been, up to

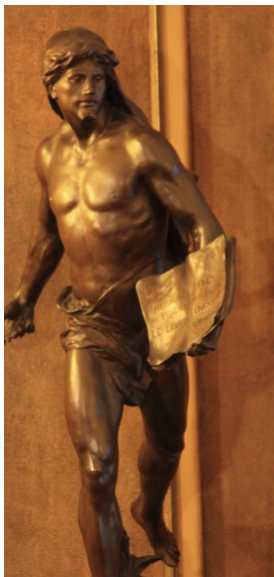
that point, hidden with Christ in God. In other words, Paul saw himself complete. He saw himself glorified. The apostle said in his account that he was unaware whether or not he was in a body. I prefer to think of him embodied. I like to think that, in a miracle of supernaturally enabled vision, the old Paul stood gazing at the new Paul—dumbfounded into wordlessness.

And not only this. But I believe that Paul saw the entire body of Christ completed. Is not Paul but one member of a many-membered organism that includes us? Paul saw us, then. He saw all of us completed and glorified in Christ.

The apparition was so great that when God returned Paul to the evils of Eon 3, the evils of Eon 3—horrific as they were—were insufficient to keep Paul from losing his ever-loving mind in glory. And so it behooved God to load upon Paul an *additional* trial—a messenger of Satan—to keep him humble:

There was given to me a splinter in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he may be buffeting me, lest I may be lifted up (2 Corinthians 12:7).

PERSONAL GLORY



Remember: our glory is *of* Christ, but it is personal. It is given to *us*. *We* are to be glorified. This is such an unmentioned truth, which is why I prefer to constantly mention it—

Now whom He designates beforehand, these He calls also, and whom He calls, these He justifies also; now whom He justifies, these He glorifies also (Romans 8:30).

Thus Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:7—

Wherefore also, lest *I* should be lifted up by the transcendence of the revelations, there was given to *me* a splinter in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he may be buffeting *me*, lest *I* may be lifted up.

I have italicized the pronouns “I” and “me” for a reason. Because Paul’s buffeting was personal (“lest *I* be

lifted up”) the glory witnessed by Paul must also have been personal. *Extremely* personal. Paul probably saw the entire body of Christ glorified, yes, but he also saw *Paul* glorified—the ex-Pharisee from Tarsus turned into something so unimaginably grand that not even the Greek dictionary could approach it, and not even the apostolic burdens of Eon 3 could sufficiently quell the subsequent ego burst. So God further humbled Paul to keep him from thinking that he was God Himself.

“LIFTED UP”

For indeed, the only other time that the phrase “lifted up” is used (it’s the Greek word *huperairo*, whose English elements are “OVER-LIFT”) is in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 to describe the man of lawlessness—

...who is opposing and *lifting himself up* (*huperairo*) over everyone termed a god or an object of veneration, so that he is seated in the temple of God, demonstrating that he himself is God.

God is bringing many sons and daughters to glory, granting to them His very righteousness and sharing with them His very throne. What Paul could not do, I am perhaps foolishly attempting here, that is, to describe our coming glorification. Concerning Christ, it is said in Hebrews 12:2—

...for the joy lying before Him, [He] endures a cross, despising the shame, besides is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

This life, for us, is a protracted crucifixion (Romans 8:36) as we drag our old humanity through the indignities of the final days of our second-earth existence. But how wonderful to know that one of our own—the apostle Paul—saw himself and the rest of us completed in a glory both personal and supernal. What were his earthly trials compared to this? What were they compared to *knowing* what awaited him on the resurrection side of this harrowing vale? How did he know for sure? *He saw it*. He went into the future, where his new humanity stared him in the face. Paul’s old creation eyes peered into the glowing orbs of his new creation body. Then back down he came.

But after that—oh, after that it was only a matter of time. —MZ

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LETTERS

(Just to help you realize that you're not crazy.)

Elohim finally had me come across your teachings, Martin. I've been searching for truth for about 1 1/2 years (I know I'm so blessed, He is revealing me truths at an extremely fast pace). I was an atheist until the day He began unveiling the truth to me then my mind exploded, no joke. It was so fast (and since I had no foundation of Elohim or the Bible) I fell hard and fast. I ended up in the psyche ward, with doctors diagnosing me with mental illness and a ton of medication. But Elohim came in just as hard and fast.

Luckily today I am listening to a teacher who not only understands the Bible, but your overarching understanding of Elohim is so appreciated. YHWH had me trying all the new age stuff, then brought me to the Bible via a psychic (so bizarre but it worked), had His message from the psychic confirmed thru a present day evangelical who also had her church baptize me in the lake where Satan tried to drown me, but also where Elohim showed up and empowered me.

It's been quite a journey. My point is that after all this He sent or had me explore some religions including Christianity, but I always discerned them as not bearing fruit. So then I began to think maybe I was crazy because I could not imagine becoming like these people. They are nice people, but I'm sorry I don't like Christian music, or weird worshiping styles (like evangelicals, so bizarre), or weird bibles like Jehovah Witnesses (He actually removed or snatched the New World Translation they gave me from my house and I can't find it anywhere), or the creepiness of the Catholics, or the sterility of most of the other denominations.

Don't get me wrong. I understand He has been teaching me thru all of this, praise Elohim. Then I found YouTube and that's where my world really opened up to everything that's out there. I am so grateful because otherwise it would have taken me an eon just to understand one theology or belief system and the reasons for each. Anyway I believe He's now into unveiling the truth to me, thank you Elohim, and that's thanks to you! I no longer think I'm the crazy one. I'm finally learning why YHWH and Jesus are so amazing and I'm falling in love finally! Just to learn about A.E. Knoch's translation was such an Elohim-send. I've been driving myself crazy with frustration over these other versions.

I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate your calling. It has been verifying my beliefs and understandings. I align with your message. Heck we even



smoke the same cigarettes, which is bizarre 'cause I don't know anyone who smokes the light green and only one other person who smokes the brand for the same reason. Elohim has calmed me and brought me more to peace by introducing me to you. I'm excited again to continue with studying the word. Seriously, I

couldn't see what the good news was about Jesus. Fortunately, Elohim has planted some serious seeds of desire to seek in me. It's all I want to do, as I'm sure you understand.

Thank you again, and peace.

Amen! Awesome!

Martin, One day I hope I get to tell you the story of how my best friend and I came to the same conclusion as you about the third heaven. It was miraculous!

It came as I was finishing and praying about a book I was writing. I had an article that was in the appendix because I didn't know for sure if it was right; it was just my belief at the time. I did not want to mislead anyone! So, I had inserted it in the appendix as potential food for thought.

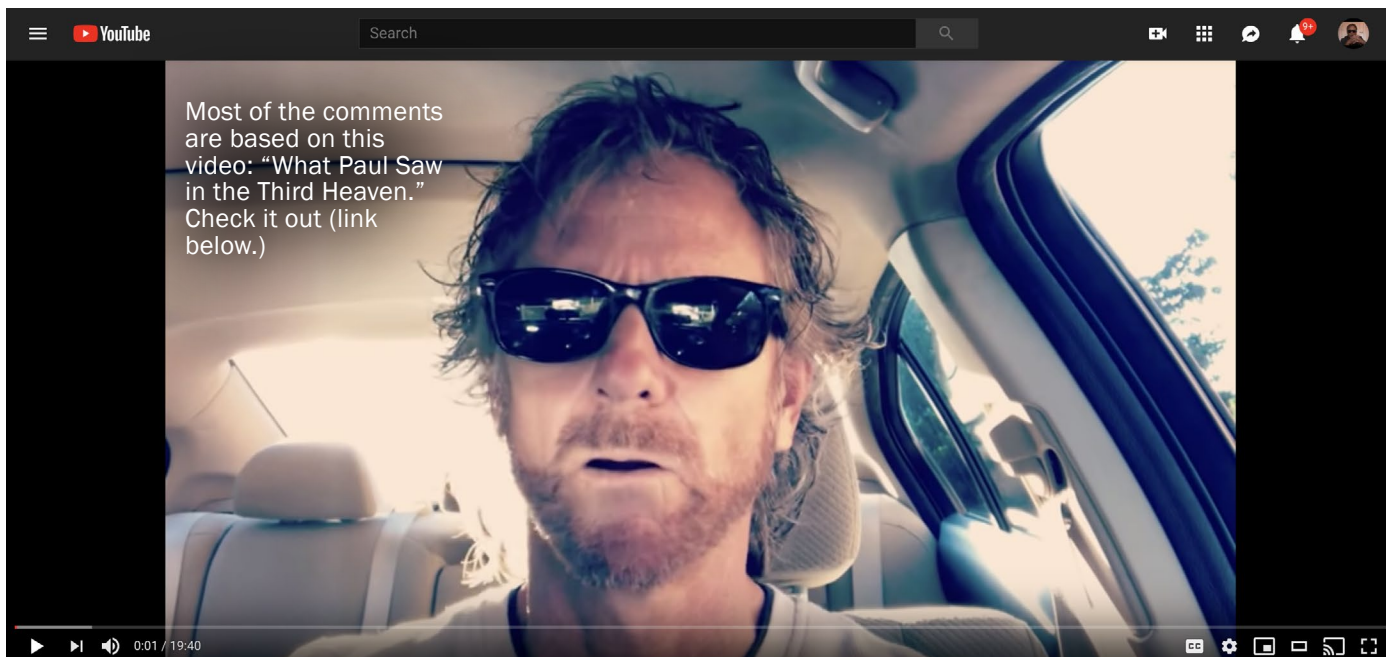
Anyway, the Lord woke us up and provided insight into the three heavens, and I was moved to move that appendix article and make it one of the chapters. For the next three days, it was one of the most exciting times in my life, as the Lord revealed that the 3 heavens had nothing to do with space, but with time. Later, my friend called me and found the proof in the words of Paul, who was caught up "unto or until" the 3rd heaven.

The Lord has definitely given you this revelation, and it has greatly expanded my knowledge of it! All I can say is: Thank you Father, and thank you Martin for being His instrument!

That was spectacular! Call me anytime if you want to hear someone shouting for joy in what God has given you to pass along to us who are sometimes slow to catch on.

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MZTV 59: What Paul Saw in the Third Heaven

Up next

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Oh man Martin...you brought tears to my eyes today, and shivers...some of the purest joy hearing about what Paul saw in Heaven. You are on fire... surely guided by the holy spirit in bringing astounding never-before-understood truths.

You are clearly being strengthened out of your period of weakness...time must be very short indeed brother... your messages cannot be thwarted! The gates of hell cannot prevent the Truth from going forth. Press on in His Grace, which is clearly carrying you.

Love you, my brother and fellow-believer!

I felt everything you felt that moment you covered your face bro, and I bear witness to that fact that's why Paul spoke so much about transcendence. So-called believers today can't see it unless God gives revelation and grace to be able to perceive that fact. Bless you, brother MZ. You are not alone with this one. Shalom.

Good morning Martin. Wow!! "Drag this frickin' flesh buggy and carcass across the finish line." That will stick in my mind for a long time. It is really hard to imagine this stupendous future without being brought to tears of joy. What you tease out from Scripture, re what Paul may have seen, makes so much sense when looking at Paul's whole message from God to us. It's all about His body so why wouldn't Paul have been given a glimpse of the perfection and completion of Christ's body? That was his reason for being. Also makes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49vxd1GqGQ&t=3s>

his splinter in the flesh make more sense considering what this revelation could do to a mortal if not appropriately controlled. I sometimes feel like my head is going to explode just trying to think about and imagine this soon approaching reality. Thank you for making my day.

Great job Martin! I study daily using your videos and the Concordant Literal New Testament. I have been doing this daily since I walked away from organized religion and the Christian death trap. I commend you on your teaching and your way of teaching God's word. I put your videos on Facebook and I also comment daily on Facebook about Paul's writings and the truth of God's Word. My step-daughter told me that what I've been saying and sharing "just makes sense," and I've also had another person message me and tell me to keep writing my posts on Facebook about Paul's writings and the truth of God's Word. Your teaching has helped me to show others. I'm going to support you monthly to help you keep your work going. Maybe we'll be snatched away in the next two minutes!

Martin, there is nothing else in this current world of greater consequence to me than coming to a realization of the truths God is placing before me, delivered through His word, via his servant, your good self. Thank you!

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Martin, you are putting words to my actual experiences, to my current existence!

Incredible: my reality, coming out the mouth of a man in his car, in an alley on the other side of the world! God, I simply marvel!

Your ministry (sorry about the ministry label) is unique, and this word doesn't imply that it's just uncommon or rare but rather that it stands alone in the world. This is why the Body is drawn to your channel, as per God's will. God does wonders with broken vessels.

Out of the darkness shines a light—who thought it would be a cigarette being lit? Thank God for His perfect plan, and when we do get depressed, we have the transcendent GRACE. Love your messages, Martin. Even though life can be tough I have been thankful and happy in Christ.

Martin, first, your analogical illustration of “phantom pain” was off-the-charts brilliant. That really brought it home for me, simply because although we know we are dead to sin, we still anguish over it when it happens. That analogy was spot on.

Second, you really really nailed the work of the Circumcision leading up to and during the 1,000-year reign. I stand corrected. I was among the brothers who said that I didn't care about that. Shame on me. If God cares, then who am I not to care? But I'm learning, brother. I've always cared about the nation of Israel, and I know God loves His Abrahamic people. The explanation truly solidified the purpose and reality of the two-gospel message for me.

Thank you for being so dedicated amid all the constant criticism.



People want perfect, mistake-free messages all the time. Bullcrap. We are all imperfect humans. You have stated many times that you are imperfect. We the believers must allow for corrections or additional emphasis as we learn from the chosen teachers that the Lord provides.

Chin up, my friend. The more you are attacked, the stronger and more enlightening your messages are. You are on the Winning Team. God has your back, brother.

Love among our brethren.

Wow, you need to get depressed more often (kidding)—that was some awesome teaching!

(See video and link here. —MZ)



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this work. I keep going only because of you. I get encouragement through Christ only because He works that through you. Your voice, your input, your support is vital.

I think that this will be the last issue of the ZWTF. This is Issue #296. Not a bad run. I started this particular incarnation (following the “Clanging Gong News”) on February 29, 2012. But don't worry. I have an idea for a one-page newsletter that I will launch soon. I have to change things up every once in a while.

The reason I want to do a one-pager is that I need more time and mental energy to get my books out. These exhaustive studies take much of my time—and that's just the writing of them. It does not including the thinking and studying.

But now that I'm mulling this over, I don't know if I'll be able to stop at #296. 300 is too tempting. I may have to write four more ZWTFs. Yep, I think so. Besides, this is issue 46 of volume seven, and if I write four more I'll be at 50 issues this year. Yep. I'm a victim of symmetry. I love the round numbers.

Forget everything I've said here. Four more issues of the ZWTF are coming by the end of the year.

Forget everything, that is, except my sincerest thanks to all of you. —MZ