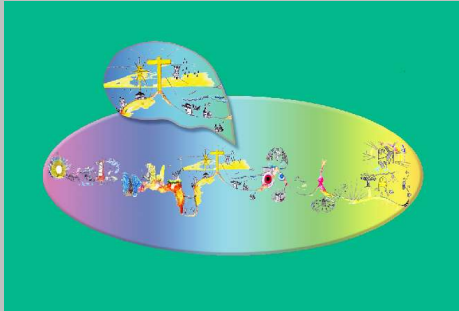


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LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

【CHRIST'S MILLENNIUM KINGDOM ON EARTH】

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock –the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The LORD will send blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity –in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground –in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.
DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14.

You will again obey the LORD and follow all his commands I am giving you today. Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

See I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.
DEUTERONOMY 30:8-16.

Concerning the theme of the Millennium there is much debate and confusion today. Many claim that the Millennium is already taking place and that it is the church that fulfils the promises for the glorious age of the Lord's Kingdom that is illustrated in the Hebrew Bible as the promises made to Israel by God. With this perspective in view, churches teach that the death of believers is immediately followed by the eternal state whether or not the Second Coming of Christ literally takes place on earth, or they teach that at His Coming there will be one general resurrection and one final judgment, both of which immediately usher in the eternal state.

However, if the whole Scripture is taken seriously and interpreted literally, it is apparent that there are three distinct ages; ①the present age (this world), ②the age to come (the Millennium Kingdom of Christ), and ③the eternal state (the Kingdom of the Father). Sincere believers of the Lord should take God at His Word with reverence and expectation.

Confronted with statistics no one would dare to deny the significance of the Millennium Kingdom of Christ, while most Bible scholars and church leaders regard the theme only in allegorical terms. The following figures are indebted to the committed research by Chuck Missler in Koinonia House in the US. It is estimated that there are more than a thousand references to a literal reign of the Lord Jesus on earth throughout the Bible and at least 1,845 references to Christ's rule on earth. Seventeen books in the Hebrew Bible (The Old Testament) refer to the event, and in the New Testament 318 references of 216 chapters are about the Second Coming of Christ. Out of twenty-seven books in the New Testament twenty-three books refer to it. The four exceptions are the Epistle to the Galatians, and the three letters addressed to private individuals: 2John, 3 John and Jude. For every prophecy relating to His First Coming, at least seven deals with the Lord's return, i.e., His Second Coming.

Among many different views concerning the Millennium, '**Pre-Millennialism**' takes Revelation Chapter 20 in its plain, literal sense, and it believes that this present world will only be restored to its original state by Christ's return. He will reign over the nations on this very earth with His saints after His Second Coming, and establish a perfect Kingdom where Israel will finally enjoy the blessings promised through the prophets, while the devil is cast out and completely restricted for a considerable time (a thousand years) until he is released again for the final denouncement. This view was the earliest belief, supported by the early fathers. It was Papias, bishop of Hierapolis in Asia that emphasised Christ's reign on "this very earth" and Justin Martyr made it clear that the restoration was of the Kingdom to "Israel". Many others such as Ignatius, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Tertullian and Hippolytus held this pre-millennial view. Millennium that means 'mille (1,000)' and 'annum (year)' in Latin is also referred to as 'chiliasm' in Greek.

The quotation of Psalm90:4 in 2Peter 3:8 is understood to have been the main proof-text of 'chiliasm' in the second century. The belief that Christ would reign for a thousand years at the

‘Parousia’ (Christ’s appearance in Re.19:11-16), is understood to have become almost dominant as Christian orthodoxy from the time of the writing of Revelation to the time of Irenaeus, leaving no single trace of any alternative view. Sir Isaac Newton was among pre-millennialists in a later age.

This view presents the belief that only Jesus Christ is eligible to establish a perfect Kingdom, and it would only be at that age that numerous promises to Israel and Christ in the Scripture are literally and completely fulfilled. That age would be described in the following: The whole creation will finally be redeemed, the curse will be lifted and the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. It is very significant that the nearest generations to the apostles unanimously held this view about the millennium.

David Pawson, calling this view ‘classical’ Pre-Millennialism, describes some positive effects and perspectives that the view will bring out. Whereas a kind of hermit-like ideology where people lose motivation to work in so-called secular jobs or fail to endeavour to improve the world against such heavy odds, if all things are to come right at Christ’s return anyway tends to affect Christian’s mind, Pawson’s prospect is very important and encouraging to remind them of the significance of the now-factor of life. For Christ’s faithful followers who have earnestly and perseveringly waiting for His return in the present “already-but-not-yet” tension time of His Kingdom on earth his suggestions would be helpful and therefore I will present them here.

1. Evangelism becomes worthwhile because of the glorious future envisaged. The faithful followers of Jesus will share his ‘reign’ in both the old and the new earth. This destiny is available to all who will repent of their sin and believe in the Saviour.
2. Social action becomes worthwhile precisely because it will ultimately be successful. There will come a day when good will overcome evil, justice will replace injustice, peace replace war, plenty replace poverty, and health replace sickness.
3. There is a further personal incentive. If the responsible positions then will be delegated according to integrity and faithfulness now, what a stimulus to be such right now. If the courts are to be in the hands of Christians who can administer justice fairly, lawyers and judges can be qualifying now. The millennium will need honest bankers, caring councillors and a host of loving men and women to provide truly ‘civil’ service.
4. In this perspective a whole host of ‘secular’ jobs become ‘sacred’ vocations. Taxi-driving and washing-up are as important to God as saving souls. Worship and work come together again.
5. Those who really do believe in what the Second Coming will bring will seek to have as much of that as they can beforehand. To take a parallel case, those who **‘know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is’** will seek to purify themselves now, **‘just as he is pure’ (1Jn.3:2-3)**. Those who expect to inherit a fortune are not content to wait if they know they can have a good part of it immediately!
6. This world is not written off. Jesus is coming back to reclaim it. The more we can reclaim now in his name, the better that will be for his glory, the good of others and even our own future. We can give ourselves ‘fully to the work of the Lord’ (which for the believer means daily work just as much as ‘church’ work) because we know that our **‘labour in the Lord is not in vain’ (1 Co.15:58)**.

Pre-Millennialism believes that the present world will get worse to the point of Christ’s return,

and the entire world will indispensably go to war over the issues of Israel till the crucial last moment, but after that, the world will get far better with Christ’s reign on earth. Only then, the restored world will fully experience God’s blessing promised to Abraham: **“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse, and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (Ge.12:2-3)**, **‘I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to**

be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God' (Ge.17:7-8).

However, the Millennium is yet not an eternal state. In it there will still be death, sin, curse, childbearing, growth (existence of adults and infants) and life span (longevity or not), as depicted in Is.65:20. There, people will possess their own land and cultivate it to be fruitful. The subsequent eternal state is distinct from the Millennium. It is the state of forever and ever, and it only starts with the casting out of Satan, along with fallen angels, evil spirits, rebellious men and even '***death and Hades***' into the '***lake of fire,***' i.e., the permanent prison (Re.20:10-15).

Pre-Millennialism produces a good motivation for evangelism. While there is an apparent decline of church attendants in the Western world, the church is fast growing in some parts of the Developing world. It is also said that amongst the youth, a kind of enthusiasm of sharing the gospel is rising worldwide. Encouraged by phenomenal growth and enthusiastic young power of evangelism, such optimism and even triumphalism is said to be reviving today, which believes that the church can dethrone Satan, and enthrone Christ, and she can take over the nations by the power of the Holy Spirit. This view, a type of 'Post-Millennialism,' or, a variation of 'A-Millennialism' developed at the time of Augustine (345-430CE), who believed that the church in Rome would survive political disasters such as attacks by 'barbarians from the north and that fallen empires would be replaced by 'the city of God,' even if Rome might disappear. Like a phoenix from the flames of all threatening power against political states, the church, the Kingdom of Christ would rise and grow because God is on her side. This global ambition has always been popular in Christendom, when optimists assumed that the world was getting better and better. This belief lasted until the twentieth century.

However, the realities of the twentieth century such as the horrible bloodshed by two 'world wars' centred in Christian Europe seemed to make the view redundant. Nevertheless, this optimism has recently been revived, along with the movement of 'Restoration' and 'Reconstruction' and also with 'Dominion' theology that teaches that the redeemed are called to rule the earth making the nations disciples. Accordingly in this view, the church is concluded to be called, even commanded, to establish a political Kingdom of heaven on earth, and to bring the Millennium into being. In other words, it illustrates that without the necessity of Christ's return and therefore, before His return His Kingdom will be ready for Him on earth. What a global ambition and an ideal church it boldly advocates!

Recently I have come across a book written in such post-millennium position and which needless to say, presents a high view of the church as an active, committed body addressed to world mission. I was surprised at such a view still existing and I will deal with his arguments in the next letter. Now, I would like to direct our attention to what the Bible claims. Concerning God's chosen Israel, despite their continual failure of obedience to Him, the nation is still His chosen as His witness. Israel's high calling as God's firstborn and also His faithful servant and even the affectionate '***Jeshurun (upright)***', should be fulfilled somewhere and some time in human history before this world enters in the final eternal state if God is the God that keeps His promises to Israel. I believe that most of the unfulfilled Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel up to the present would completely be fulfilled in Christ's Millennium Kingdom where the Jewish people launch out into worldwide evangelism rather than the church fulfilling it in the present age. Then, having accepted Him as their long-awaited Messiah, they will be Christian witnesses under the Jewish King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The passage from Deuteronomy 28 and 30, quoted at the beginning is part of the unfulfilled prophecies about Israel. If God had revealed a summary of His plan for her after the settlement in the promised Land Canaan in De.4:25-31, and while some of them have already been fulfilled, the others would also rightfully be expected to take place as well.

Accordingly, I believe that the whole world would be Christianised by Yahweh's witnesses, i.e., the entire Jews when '***(they) obey the LORD (their) God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this book of the Law and turn to the LORD (their) God with all (their) heart and with all (their) soul.***' At that time, all Jews will realise that understanding, believing and obeying the covenant is not beyond them because knowing that righteousness is gained by faith in Christ and not by deeds and rituals, they will fully be motivated to reach out to the nations with the Word of God. Thus, God's promises to Abraham that all peoples on earth will be blessed through him will finally be materialised in the Millennium Kingdom.