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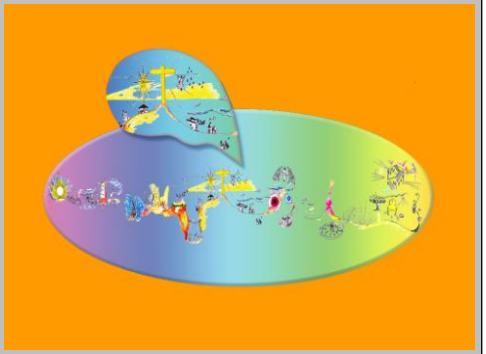

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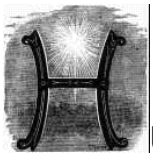

ULDAH MINISTRY

LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

【 DEMONIC ACTIVITY STOPPED BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST 】

Now for some time a man named Simon had practised sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. But when they believed Phillip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Phillip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter answered: "may your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages. **ACTS 8:9-25.**

The people of Samaria followed and heeded a certain man as the Great Power, who had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. His name was Simon and his activities appeared good, and probably he himself claimed to be of God. Fortunately he repented from his occultic practice and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord, when Philip went down to a city in Samaria to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. Simon's conversion might have encouraged many in the city to turn to faith in Christ from the practice of occultism. Many people and Simon as well were baptised. Simon was very earnest to follow Philip and wherever Philip went he was also there. However, soon his real motive for following Philip was revealed. When the Jerusalem church sent Peter and John to assume the responsibility of evangelical approach in that area, Peter exposed Simon's real motive and denounced him as a man 'full of bitterness'. Peter's statement meant that Simon's heart had turned away from the Lord to go and worship the gods of pagans, producing a bitter poison of idolatry (Deu.29:18). Although the author of Acts, Luke does not mention whether or not Simon repented and returned to the Lord, early Christian literature describes him as the arch-heretic of the church and the father of Gnostic teaching.

In Acts 16:16-19 there is another account of a person under demonic power. When Paul and Silas were in Philippi, there was **'*a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling*'** The girl followed Paul, shouting **'*These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.*'** She kept doing so for many days until Paul finally said to the spirit, **'*In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!*'** and at the moment the spirit left her. But when her owners realised their hope of profit through her had gone, they seized Paul and Silas to appeal them to the authorities.

These accounts give us some information about the unclean spirit, its nature and aim. (1) The source of her power of fortune-telling was the familiar spirit but not inherent in her. Accordingly when it left her, supernatural ability left with it. (2) The spirit was accurate to a certain degree, because of which her owners had made money. (3) Deception appears true by almost 99%. Once mingled with the truth, it becomes hard to be separated. That is why Jesus told in His parable that the separation between the good and the evil should not prematurely be done on man's side before the end of time when God sends His angels as harvesters (Matt.13:24-30). Until the end both will live side by side inseparably. (4) The false spirit tries to associate itself with God by acknowledging Him openly. It is very cunning to follow the apostles as if being a fervent supporter and on God's side, even proclaiming the truth. (5) They acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, the promised Messiah, who has long before been prophesied at the Garden of Eden to crush Satan's head. Demons tremble at the utterance of the name of Jesus because God exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above all names. When Christ appeared in the region of the Gerasenes, alerted, the evil spirits dweling in a man revealed themselves, and shouted at the top of his voice: '***What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!***' This means that demons well know their ultimate destination and they believe in the presence of God and also, the accuracy of God's Word.

In the last letter, we examined a part of the Book of Enoch, written by the seventh generation from Adam, 'Enoch', a righteous man who was taken to the heavenly place at the age of 365, whose number providently happened to be a reminder of the solar year days of his time before Noah's global Flood. The Book of Enoch illustrates the fact that the devil and his minions are able to invade the physical realm such as the earth and human affairs. Satan who has powerful devise to cause the whole world to worship Antichrist as God in the end times is predicted to display miracles, signs and wonders to deceive man. As Paul predicted: **'*They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful***

***delusion so that they will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness*' (2Thes.2:10-12),** so today, there are many who believe that more men will be open to contact and receive advice or help from fallen angels and demons who would manifest as UFOs and masquerade as ETIs because of great delusion in the last days.

Lucifer who was the cherub, i.e., the highest order of the heavenly beings known as angels and who was above the other four anointed cherubs, fell from his former glory before the creation of man and approached Eve as the seductive serpent. Lucifer, i.e., Satan succeeded in causing man to fall. Despite man's failure to resist the temptation of the devil God had already planned the redemption of fallen man and the restoration of the entire world system through Jesus Christ, and the ultimate doom of Satan was prophesied immediately after the fall of man: **'*Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!.....And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel!*' (Ge.3:14-15).** Since the very beginning of human history when Satan seemed to be successful in being a ruler of this world, God sternly sentenced the devil, the ancient serpent to destruction. It was a prophecy of Satan's defeat by the offspring of the woman, i.e., Jesus Christ. For Satan and his minions the coming Jewish Messiah became a fearful enemy. At the time of Noah's Flood, unclean spirits that had dwelt in the Nephilim meaning 'earthborn fallen ones' lost their physical body and were reduced to be demons. Different from angels, demons are spirits, and since they have previously experienced dwelling in a physical body, either man or animal, they prefer to dwell in a body. This brief information of the propensity of fallen angels and demons might help us understand the spiritual nature of the recent "alien" and UFO phenomena.

We are living in such a day when more people think only of survival and believe in an extraterrestrial saviour who will come from an outer planet and rescue them from wars, plagues, famines, disasters, global warming and so on. According to the researchers, some have been told by these entities that Jesus was an extraterrestrial, or a heavenly 'angel', and quite few do not doubt that there is a connection between Jesus and UFOs, which they tend to regard as friend. This information does not seem to be a kind that should simply be laughed away as extraordinary or mystical because even the apostle Paul implies the possibility of the deception by heavenly angels: **'*But even if we or <u>an angel from heaven</u> should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!*' (Galatians 1:8, Line added).** Accordingly, if the entire UFO phenomenon comes to alter the gospel and teachings of the Bible, it reveals itself false and should be seriously warned as the end-time deception, misdirection and cover-up by Satan and his cohorts. Actually, acknowledging their fate that their freedom on earth is very limited and their doom accompanied by Satan's seizer into the Abyss is very near, demons' and fallen angels' activities under dictatorship of Satan have been growing today. They know the truth that the only reconciliation to God in the entire universe is through Christ and that He has already accomplished the Father's will to save sinners from the bondage of sin through His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross. There is now no need of any sacrifice repeated on any other planet. In other words, the Bible mentions neither the possibility nor the existence of other planets for physical life other than the earth. We should not be bewitched by the devil who steers people to be inclined to seek delusional and hallucinating fantasy, rather than the truth.

It is very important to take notice of Christ's aim, in that He has come not only to restore the earth but also heavenly things as the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews described: **'*In fact, the law requires of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a manmade sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence*' (Hebrews 9:22-24).** If Christ's sacrifice on the cross purified the entire universe and heaven itself of sin, it clearly reveals the fact that the battle between God and the devil for the universe has been centered only here on earth. This also clears that God created intelligent physical life on no other planet. There is no other planet where intelligent life can be found. The

reason why the battle between God and the devil started on earth solely lies in the fact that here is the only place for Satan to spread his evil plans against God, and to this very earth God sent Christ to deliver sinners out of Satan's rule. The Bible consistently proclaims the uniqueness of the earth as God's footstool. Among many, Isaiah put it: ' ***"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD*' (Isaiah 66:1-2).** Accordingly all ideas about extraterrestrials, i.e., physical ETIs (Extra Terrestrial Intelligences) are dismissed. But if there is, the only intelligent life out there is all in spirit form: God's holy angels and rebellious heavenly beings such as the devil, fallen angels and demons.

There is an interesting scientific article about the uniqueness of the earth just right for life with its perfect size: 'The discovery of extrasolar super-Earths - rocky planets about five to ten times the mass of Earth - has raised hopes that some may harbour life. Perhaps it's a vain hope though, since it now seems that Earth is just the right size to sustain life. Life is comfortable on Earth in part because of its relatively stable climate and its magnetic field, which deflects cosmic radiation capable of damaging organic molecules as well as producing amazing auroras. The long-term stability of Earth's climate depends on the way the planet's crust is broken up into plates, which continually slide over and under one another in a process called plate tectonics. Carbon scrubbed from the atmosphere by natural chemical reactions gets buried and recycled within the Earth because of plate tectonics, part of a cycle that stabilises atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations. Now it seems rocky worlds have to be about the size of Earth to have both plate tectonics and magnetic fields……Heat from Earth's core creates the convection currents needed for plate tectonics. Such currents generate the force to tear the crust, produce multiple plates and move those plates around……The researchers also found that the slow transfer of heat out of the core in super-Earths would prevent a sufficiently rapid circulation of their molten cores, robbing them of a magnetic field. Planets about 0.5 to 2.5 times the mass of Earth are most likely to support plate tectonics. The limits are fuzzier for magnetic field generation, but also favour Earth-sized planets. "Earth is special," ……"There may be super-Earths that have intelligent life that has concluded that no life is possible on puny planets such as ours,"……' ("*New Scientist*", 07 September 2009, p12.).

It is said that the messages claimed to have been received from UFOs by many individuals are generally occultic and directed to undermine the Christian faith. The following is another interesting article, in which the writer argues that leading UFO researchers, mostly agnostic, generally support the Christian position on UFO phenomena. 'After all the UFO sightings have been carefully analyzed…They are real yet the leading researchers say they are not metallic spacecraft from distant stars or planets. Astronomers who have devoted their careers to studying UFOs point to the fact that UFO flight patterns defy the laws of physics such as turning and accelerating so fast that any metal spaceship would disintegrate even if the metal spaceship was a solid iron ball. UFOs are seen in the atmosphere and not observed coming in from outer space. UFO sightings have been reported throughout history. Ancient literature describes 'aerial people' and 'cloud ships' in terms that correspond to modern UFO sightings… 'The Urantia Book,' a tome supposedly communicated to humans by spirit dictation from 'superuniverse rulers,' spends the first-thirds of its 2,097 pages describing a 'universe of universes' that is not subject to space and time…The last third of this UFO bible denies the full deity of Jesus Christ and humanity's need for salvation from its sinful condition…It seems plain from the above quote and from abundant other evidence that the aliens oppose Christian doctrine…many of the best UFO researchers seem to be coming around to a Christian view that demons are involved…demons are using UFOs to deceive millions and prepare them to embrace an occultic, "New Age" type of faith. Some say that UFOs and the teachings that proceed from them are preparing the world to receive the coming antichrist…abductions of people by UFOs, that have actually been stopped when the people involved called out the name of Jesus. In other words the people appealed to the atoning work of Christ who died for our sins' ('*Lights in the Sky and Little Green Men: A Rational Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestials*', by Ross, Samples and Clark, http://www.watchmanbiblestudy.com).