

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.**
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)*

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Today's News: Stimulate!!

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Over the last week or so, all we have heard coming out of the corrupt political machine located in Washington DC is that the US economy needs to be stimulated. If you are curious why I call it corrupt, then read issues #02-08125, September 30, 2008, *The Cords of Falsehood* and #02-08132, October 23, 2008, *The Cord of Corruption is Cut*.

We are being told that stimulation is essential, for if it does not occur, then we are facing catastrophic results the likes of which will be worse than the Great Depression of the 1930's. The plan is to spend over \$800 billion to fix the problem. With interest added onto the bill, it is actually a trillion dollar "stimulant." This is the hope and change that we have been waiting for!

Of course, the debate is raging over whether the Obama plan will actually achieve the intended results. However, the question is: What is the real agenda behind this massive spending bill? This too is being debated. My suspicion is that the American people are not being told the real motive behind this massive distribution of borrowed money, and that there is an attempt to scare us into accepting it. By the way, this is one of the methods employed by totalitarian movements. Recently, the Obama team, along with their fellow Congressional Democrats, refused to seriously embrace other views on the matter of stimulating the economy. Their reason: "We won!" Yes, they won, and they will go down with the ship like the captain of the Titanic!

Actually, this bill should more appropriately be called "**the debt bill**" or, better yet, "**the sinking of the Titanic bill**," for this is what it is going to do. If you are interested in why I liken this to the Titanic, then please read issue #02-08131, October 17, 2008, *The Titanic and Waterloo*, and my most recent Article #18, February 2009, *When The Day Comes*, in which I discuss this issue, along with why I believe the year 2010 might be a critical year for the US and, perhaps, the Lord's conquerors. Just for the record, I do not consider the sinking of our current financial system (the Titanic) as a bad thing; it is an essential thing in light of the coming of the kingdom of our Lord. Someone must be at the helm when it sinks, and it appears that this lot has fallen to Obama. The problem is that there are not enough lifeboats, and the ones that are available are already overloaded with debt. May the Lord have mercy!

Without doubt, all eyes will be on the economy in the months ahead as politicians, economists, and the general public look for signs that things are improving. After all, many say that it will improve; it always has; it is only a matter of time. Unfortunately, I do not believe that this axiom applies during our day. This ship is going down and will not be raised. Instead, it will be replaced with an economy based on the principles of God's kingdom, not the principles of man's kingdom. Praise God!

Let us not forget that Babylon must fall and the kingdom of Christ must come, so be encouraged, not discouraged! If you have just begun to read some of my material, you may not understand why I refer to Babylon, so I refer you to Article #9, May 2008, *A Mystery, The Great City Babylon*.

Now, I am not an economist, but I do try to pay attention to what is going on in the world and what the potential impact might be, and I ponder or muse over these things. So, let me offer some thoughts.

First, what does "stimulate the economy" really mean? I have heard it reported that 70-80% of the economy is driven by the American consumer. In other words, the economy is only healthy when we Americans borrow and spend. So, at the heart of the stimulation is to get us borrowing and spending again. Of course, this becomes a challenge as more people lose their jobs. If more people make less or no money at all, then obviously fewer will be borrowing and spending. Then we have the problem of the banks that won't lend money, even the massive amounts recently given to them by the government, because they need to bolster their bottom line. Or, is it to sustain their opulent lifestyles, their fancy offices and corporate jets, and to pay bonuses to the team that created the problem in the first place?

Second, I am sorry to inform the American consumer, but we have been drugged; we have been given a Babylonian stimulant. The word *stimulant* means “anything that stimulates, that is, rouses or incites to action or increased action, as by goading on; specifically, a) an alcoholic drink; b) in medicine & physiology, any drug, etc. that temporarily increases the activity of some vital process or of some organ.” Easy credit to buy whatever we wanted to buy, often whether we have needed it or not, along with a plethora of goods, most of which are made in China, on the shelves of our stores has inoculated us into a borrowing and spending frenzy since WWII, but more precisely since the 1980’s with its peak in the 90’s. We have been fed a stimulant cocktail for decades and have been staggering from store to store as if on a drinking binge looking for our next jigger.

Why do you think that in past recessions the government gave us a check of \$300 or \$600? It was given with the expectation that we would go out on a drinking binge, so to speak, to buy stuff that we don’t need in hope of stimulating the economy, which is a misnomer. The American consumer is the one that is targeted to be stimulated. I am sure that if someone could come up with an inoculation to make us borrow and spend, then the government would line us up like they did when I was in grade school and jab a needle into our arms. Don’t take me wrong; I have enjoyed living under the blessing of my country, but it is time for us to wake up, for a new kingdom is coming that is based on an entirely new set of principles or, more explicitly, divine laws.

Third, we have been taught that **consumerism** is the vital engine of our economy that is based on **capitalism**. But what has consumerism produced? I submit that it has produced **materialism**, which is defined as “the doctrine that comfort, pleasure, and wealth are the only or highest goals or values, which leads to a tendency to be more concerned with material things than with spiritual goals or values.” As a nation, we have moved away from our foundation, and the church has moved with it. Just consider the perverse prosperity gospel that has permeated large segments of Christendom in the US and has been exported throughout the world. I am amazed that this false gospel continues in our day. I trust that it will be judged along with mystery Babylon. In fact, we are seeing signs of this already as large “ministries” are having financial difficulties. After all, judgment begins with the household of God.

Fourth, I am not trying to put Americans on a guilt trip for all the goods and prosperity that we have had at our disposal, but I do want to challenge us to consider our ways in light of what is happening in our day. We have been so stimulated by the Babylonian system that we have lost our way; even worse, we have been seduced by a harlot that is a counterfeit to God’s kingdom and that is coming under God’s judgment. The US is not exempt from this judgment. In fact, she is more culpable than most nations.

“For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” (Revelation 18:3 NASB)

We could rephrase this as all the nations, all the kings, and all the merchants have been stimulated.

Fifth, the US government is getting ready to super stimulate its economy, only this time the government itself is going to do the borrowing and spending in hope of charging up the economy so that all of us will get back on the treadmill of borrowing and spending. Leaders of the Babylonian system see nothing wrong with massive debt because this is how the system works, and it is how it keeps the people in need of more government and its control. There are some economists that believe the more debt, the better. From all indications to date, it would appear that President Obama is in this camp as well.

Sixth, my last thought may be a hard pill to swallow, but the very foundation of the world’s financial system is built of sand that will not weather the storm; the sand is debt (usury, credit). See issue #03-0966 posted on February 10, 2009 and issue #03-0967 to be posted on February 17, 2009. The reason the Babylonian leaders are in such a panic is because they know that this debt system is collapsing, and they must do all that they can to save it. Oh, we will continue to hear that it is about jobs, our children’s future, and whatever issues they think might pull our heart strings, some of which may have some measure of sincerity and truth, but these are not the heart of the matter. Please hear this; they are not trying to give us a better system; they are trying to save a system that unites the world with the ultimate goal of redistributing wealth and ushering in worldwide socialism.

The only antidote to Babylon’s stimulant is the kingdom of our Lord.