

# 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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## ***The Enemy of the Absolutely Essential***

We are living in very interesting times, and it is needful that we spiritually discern the day in which live. As the day of our Lord approaches, we need spiritual sight. We must not be blinded by what we hear or see coming out of mystery Babylon and its leaders. In our day, the world's leaders are doing all that they can to keep Babylon from collapsing, and much more is going on behind the scenes than most people realize. As I have stated before, I try not to support conspiracy or speculative theories, except to recognize that the greatest conspiracy is going on through the unseen powers of darkness that influence the leaders of the world. Not knowing the hearts of world leaders, we cannot say that all of them are part of some diabolical conspiracy, but we can say that they can be duped into a certain course of action that ultimately builds up and supports Babylon. Then again, we cannot rule out that there are some leaders that truly have ulterior motives that will benefit the few and not the many. At any rate, we need discernment in this day.

Now, there are a few items of interest to report. It seems the smart thinking of the day is to forget.

### ***Forget the details, just sign the check.***

The media is applauding President Obama for his political victory in "winning" passage of a \$787 billion stimulus bill, as if he worked exceptionally hard and astutely in getting the votes he needed. I fail to see this in light of a deck stacked in his favor because his party controls both chambers of Congress. Three votes from liberal Republican senators hardly speak of a great political victory, and it is definitely not a victory for the American people. During his campaign to get the public to support him on this misnamed bill, I heard Obama state something that went like this: "Let us not get caught up in the details, for **details are the enemy of the absolutely essential.**" I was so caught by this that I quickly wrote it down so I wouldn't forget it. Others report that he stated **the perfect is the enemy of the essential.** I will share on the "perfect" later. Either way, it was as if he were saying just sign the check without knowing what it is going to buy, for the amount of the check is absolutely essential, not what we will get in return. His essential message was for all of us to forget the details; don't sweat over them. But notice that the details are an enemy. Since when is understanding the details of important matters or anything of any size, for that matter, an enemy? Of course, this is the president that did not want the public to get caught up in the detail of his birthplace; the essential thing was for him to be elected.

I realize that I must come across as less than a fan of our president, but such brazen and outlandish statements should be of concern to any rational-thinking citizen of the US that loves this country. Believe me, I do pray for him that the Lord would give him wisdom and open his eyes to any deception or dangerous thinking that he might have. Unfortunately, so far, it appears that his much touted eloquence is short on the details (perfect?) and long on the absolutely essential, at least as he defines it.

I was amazed that this absurd statement was not more vociferously challenged than it was. He was telling us that it mattered not what was in the bill; what mattered was how much money the government was going to spend through the creation of greater debt, all in the name of economic recovery. In the days ahead, we will see the detail, and we might be shocked at what this so-called transparent leader has done to this once great nation.

Let me ask: When you are faced with major decisions in your life, including major purchases, do you not look at the details to insure you are getting what you want or, with purchases, you are getting your money's worth? If you buy clothes, don't you try them on to make sure they fit? If you buy a house or a car, don't you make sure it is soundly built? And yet, the leader of the so-called free world is telling us to forget the details and trust him. Is this any way to run a country? Perhaps for a Babylonian leader it is.

### ***Forget economic nationalism; join the global club.***

Another world leader is also speaking of forgetting something. The president of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick, recently told an Italian banker's association that nations must not keep their bailout money at home but essentially must spread it around the globe. He cautioned that "economic nationalism" is not the way to go, for "it is neither economic nor nationalistic." He further stated that being "politically correct," that is, being nationalistic, might be "economically incorrect." His words come at a time when the economic data indicates that the global recession is deepening, especially in Europe. Around this time, the economic leaders of the G7 nations (Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States), along with their central bankers, met to discuss the current crisis and stimulus packages as they cautioned against protectionism. In April, the G20 nations, which include China and India, two economic juggernauts, will meet to discuss the crisis.

What should catch our attention in the words from the World Bank leader is the call for all nations to give up their economic sovereignty to the world economic order. All nations must unite as one under one global system. Perhaps, he too believes that nationalistic details are the enemy of the absolutely essential, which is keeping Babylon alive. By the way, the World Bank, much like Obama, is dedicated to the redistribution of wealth. If this is not a sign of mystery Babylon, then I do not know what is. **"Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come"** (Revelation 18:10).

### ***The day Babylon's financial system almost collapsed.***

Recently, I heard a report from a few sources that Thursday, September 18, 2008 was the day that the world economic system almost totally collapsed. I recall that day, for it was the day the Lord led me to get out of the US stock market. See Article #18, February 2009, *When the Day Comes*. Strangely, as I was doing this, the market was actually rising, not falling. I now know the reason why. On this day, \$550 billion had been withdrawn from money market accounts by financial institutions. It was described as an electronic run on the bank. It was reported that if it had continued at the pace it was on, the entire US economy would have collapsed in hours, and the world economy would have followed within 24 hours. It was estimated that if the trend had not been stopped, then by 2 pm that day \$5.5 trillion would have been removed from the system and collapse would have been inevitable. Whether this is all true I have no way of knowing for sure, but this is what was reported. As I said, the market actually began to increase on this day. It was also reported that the Federal Reserve stepped in and began pumping money into the system to shore it up. After all, Babylonian leaders must do all that they can to keep the credit-debt-usury system afloat. They cannot allow the invincible Titanic to sink.

Perhaps they cannot allow it, but there is One who sits upon a throne who has the last say in the matter. When His hammer comes down and strikes the Babylonian statue, it will be crushed into dust. Stay tuned; I plan to write on the hammer of the Lord.

Interestingly, following the October 19, 1987 crash of the financial markets, which has been dubbed "**Black Monday**," Executive Order 12631 was issued on March 18, 1988 by then president Reagan to form the **Working Group on Financial Markets**, which has come to be known as the **Plunge Protection Team (PPT)**. This group consists of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Fed), the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Its purpose is to recommend legislative and private sector solutions for "enhancing the integrity, efficiency, orderliness, and competitiveness of the US financial markets and maintaining investor confidence." There have been reports that the PPT has been used for more than making recommendations, and when markets begin to seriously falter, it supposedly kicks into high gear, so to speak, by doing whatever is necessary to bolster the particular market. Thus, they could buy stocks to help drive the stock market up as it begins to plunge. This could explain why markets go up when there is no logical reason for them to be so positive. Consequently, it appears that the PPT was activated on September 18, 2008.

The good news is that not even the Plunge Protection Team can protect Babylon. The Lord has His own plunge plan, and it is explained in Revelation 18. This detail is the enemy of the absolutely absurd!