

# 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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***New World Order – Globalization #2***

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As reported in the first issue of this series (#03-09111, April 6, 2009), the G-20 of the richest nations on earth met recently in London. They talked of the emerging of a **new world** and the process of **globalization** to secure **responsibility from all** and **fairness to all** as these leaders seek to build a more sustainable and more open and a **fairer global society**.

As stated previously, the concept of a new world order is not inherently a bad thing, down through history, there have been several new world orders. One new order that I failed to mention, which is by far the most radical change in the world order, was the Son of God coming to this earth over 2,000 years ago as the embodiment of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of God, and, in His life, we see not only the kingdom but the very character and nature of God. When the kingdom of God began to take root among a small band of people and grew, it led to the toppling of the Roman Empire. However, although the kingdom of God took root, it did not overtake all the nations, empires, and kingdoms to follow, but instead it resides within and among a people, the ecclesia, which is the body of Christ.

Today, the ecclesia (individually and collectively) is in the kingdom to the degree it does the will of God; that is, to the degree it lines up with the very life of the kingdom, which is the very life of Jesus, the Son of God and God's King. Unfortunately, the church-at-large has lost its compass when it comes to the true nature and meaning of the kingdom of God. Consequently, the nations know very little of the kingdom of God and are not seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Instead, the nations are seeking to establish a new world order based on man's institutions, laws, regulations, strategies, pride, and concept of fairness, which is often partial justice and not true impartial justice.

The good news is that a truly extraordinary new world order is on the horizon and it is called **the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ** (Revelation 11:15) or, very simply, **the kingdom of the Christ and God** (Ephesians 5:5 REB).

In one respect, there is nothing new about the world order that man seeks for in our day and that is increasing. It is safe to state that the foundation of most new world orders, especially of mystery Babylon, is pride and arrogance, something the Lord hates.

**The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.** (Proverbs 8:13 NASB)

The fact of the matter is that pride became the foundation of the kingdoms of men nearly 6000 years ago in the garden of Eden when Eve saw that **the tree was desirable to make one wise** (Genesis 3:6). To this day, man thinks he is wiser than God, which is a form of pride. Then about 4000 years ago, Nimrod formed Babylon, the first identified kingdom of men. The heart of this kingdom is discovered in the fact that men decided to build for themselves a city and a tower whose top would reach into heaven. They sought to make for themselves a name, which is best explained as **the boastful pride of life**, which is from the world and not from the kingdom of God (1 John 2:16). Again, we see pride raised its ugly head about 1400 years after the tower of Babel, during the days of Daniel in which Nebuchadnezzar ruled Babylon. The king reflected on his kingdom and his accomplishments and said: **"Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"** (Daniel 4:30). As the words came out of the king's mouth, the voice came out of heaven telling him that his sovereignty had been removed from him until he **recognize that the Most High is the ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes** (Daniel 4:25, 32). Now, fast forwarding to the end of our present age, we hear the same heart expressed by the harlot that sits on many waters, mystery Babylon, the great city. She

says in her heart, **“I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning”** (Revelation 18:7).

Men try to build empires upon their pride; that is, they desire to be known for doing something, to leave a legacy in their name, and, when they do great things, at least by the world’s standards, they exalt themselves in their accomplishments and the world-at-large falls for it as they exalt these men. Why? It is because they **take pride in appearance and not in heart** (2 Corinthians 5:12). Again, this goes back to the garden of Eden when Eve looked upon the tree; she saw something she liked and failed to grasp the heart of the matter. The leaders of the nations need to be exhorted that **God is opposed to the proud** (1 Peter 5:5), and they need to consider what happened to Nebuchadnezzar.

It is my opinion that today we could place the words *pride*, *arrogance*, and *a haughty spirit* over the White House in Washington, DC. Pride, arrogance, and haughtiness are driving this current administration, as well as much of Congress. By the way, the word *haughty* means “having or showing great pride in oneself and disdain, contempt, or scorn for others; proud, arrogant; supercilious.” It is amazing to see the scorn and contempt that comes out of this administration and its political party for the previous administration. Solomon gives us a very solemn warning about pride and haughtiness.

**Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.** (Proverbs 16:18 NASB)

As I write this, a glaring example of this haughty spirit is being reported by some of the news media. Vice President Biden just recounted a supposed conversation he had with former president Bush in which Bush said he was a leader, to which Biden responded that Bush was no leader because no one was following him. Interestingly, a former advisor to Bush claims the conversation never took place and that Biden is not in touch with reality. Where the truth lies is anyone’s guess at this time, but the fact of the matter is that Biden is on tape ridiculing Bush’s leadership. You won’t hear this coming from the media because they do not see things through spiritual eyes, but **a haughty spirit is on display in Mr. Biden’s supposed conversation**. Why is it necessary for the Obama administration to keep blaming Bush for every woe in the world today and show such disdain, scorn, and disrespect for a former president? As I have stated in a previous issue, I predict that Obama will never take any blame for the astronomical deficits that he is racking up; some are now projecting a \$2 trillion budget deficit for this year alone. It’s a smoke screen! Deficits will continue to be blamed on Bush as Obama thrusts his real agenda on the American people. But the spiritual answer is that **there is a haughty spirit coming forth from this new administration that epitomizes the spirit of the US political system**; it is a very dangerous spirit. If we are to believe the wisdom of Solomon, which came from God, then this administration is on a collision course with the kingdom of Christ, the stone kingdom (Daniel 2:35). They are about to hit the stone of stumbling and the rock of offense (Isaiah 8:14; 1 Peter 2:8); the same stone that is soon to crush the kingdoms of men so that **the saints of the Most High receive the kingdom and strengthen the kingdom unto the age** (Daniel 7:18 YLT).

Will God ignore such pride and arrogance coming from the leaders of a nation whose motto is “In God we trust”? Will He humble these proud leaders of the present-day Babylonian system as He did Nebuchadnezzar, the ruler of ancient Babylon? Will it go unnoticed by God that **President Obama** has told the world that **“the US is not a Christian nation”** but a nation that follows or, has a common set of, ideals and values? Of course, he also said we are not a Judeo or Muslim nation either. In a sense, based on our freedom of religion clause, there is some truth in what he states; however, it is what he is not stating that is problematic. Is humanism the basis for our ideals and values? Is globalism? Is socialism? Is capitalism? It is as if he has stripped away the possibility that our ideals and values are based in God and come from God. If there is no spiritual basis or foundation for our country, then what is the source of our ideals and values? Why not state that we are a predominantly Christian nation (at least 70% based on some polls) and that many of our ideals and values are based, at least in part, on Christianity and the Bible? After all, predominantly Muslim countries are not ashamed of the Koran. Is Obama ashamed of the US and our heritage? Is he concerned that the humanists of the world won’t like us if they are told that a majority of Americans believe Jesus is Lord?

If they do not repent and turn from their evil way, the leaders of the US are destined to stumble in a way that will humble them before the Lord. May the eyes of their hearts be opened to the truth of God’s kingdom! May their hearts be turned to the Lord! May they be led to proclaim **“Jesus is King!”**