

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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Hermes

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On August 26, 2009, I felt that I should intercede in prayer for the United States. Earlier in the year, on January 7, 2009, the Lord impressed upon my heart that I should **stand in the gap** for my country, for **“she is about to go through something she has never experienced before.”** As a result, I periodically pray accordingly. On this particular occasion, I used the key of the kingdom that the Lord had given to me on February 28, 2008, and bound and loosed all that came to mind. Recently, in reviewing my journal, I have realized that February 28 was the completion of a 220-day cycle that the Lord had revealed to us in 2007; however, we never expected that it meant receiving the key, which is a source of light, the meaning of the number 22.

Since September 2008, I have taken stands for and against certain matters that the Lord has brought to my attention, such as the fall of Mystery Babylon, that is, **the global financial system**. In this regard, during July 2007, we were led to do a **Jericho walk** around a sign with the name **Colony** on it. On September 23, 2008, I was led to cut **the cord of falsehood—a corrupt and hypocritical political system** that has been tied to the American people. And, on another occasion, I was led to repent on behalf of **President Woodrow Wilson** who brought the US into financial bondage to the **Federal Reserve System**. See article #18, February 2009, *When the Day Comes [2010]*.

In spite of these activities, I must confess that, quite often, I have cried out for more light in order to properly stand in the gap. I have often asked the Lord: “What am I to do?”

Well, the intercession of August 26 seemed to hit the mark, so I felt some relief. However, in the early morning hours of the next day, around 4-5 am, I had a recurring dream about using a screwdriver to put two flat plates together; it had to be done correctly, but in the dream, it was not being done so. As I observed this task, I kept hearing the word **name** being repeated. When I awoke, I was very puzzled over the dream’s meaning, but it wasn’t long before I heard the distinct voice of the Lord: **“You have to have the name in order to bind and loose.”** This got my attention. Then, I heard: **“Hermes.”** It seems that the screwdriver represented a name that is necessary to bind and loose effectively.

This was rather strange to me, for the name **Hermes** is not a common word in my vocabulary. God is my witness; I had no clue as to the meaning of Hermes or whether the name even appears in the Bible. I did recall that Hermes was a mythological god, but I knew no more than this. So, as I do whenever I receive a word, I pulled out a concordance and looked for the word in Scripture.

Hermes appears only twice in Scripture (Acts 14:12; Romans 16:14). The first reference immediately caught my attention.

(12) And they called Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the leader in speaking. (13) And the priest of Zeus being before their city, carrying bulls and garlands to the gates, he wished to sacrifice along with the crowds. (Acts 14:12-13 LITV)

Paul had just healed a man lame from birth, and the Greek crowd immediately thought Barnabas and Paul were Greek gods. Since Paul was the main messenger on that occasion, the crowd thought he was Hermes, the messenger of their gods. When the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices, Barnabas and Paul tore their garments and pleaded with the Greeks not to do it.

So, according to Scripture, at least as far as the Greeks of that day were concerned, Hermes represented one who is a lead speaker or communicator or, according to Greek mythology, the chief messenger of gods. Of course, I trust you realize I am not saying that Hermes is actually a true god, but this name could be held by an angel—a prince over a region or a nation on earth. We know that there are powers and principalities that rule among the celestials. Also, the word *angel* means “messenger.”

As Paul wrote: **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places** (Ephesians 6:12 NASB). Undoubtedly, some of these rulers of darkness have names; case in point is Apollyon (Revelation 9:11). We also know that the angel Gabriel appeared to Daniel, that there were opposing angels called the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece, and that Daniel's angel (prince) was named Michael (Daniel 9:20-23; 10:10-21).

Now, Hermes is one of the main gods of Greek mythology and the son of the main deity Zeus. He is often pictured wearing a winged hat and winged shoes because he is **the messenger of gods**. He is also a patron of boundaries and of those who cross them, of thieves and road travelers, of orators and wit, of literature and poets, of athletes, of weights and measures, of invention, of commerce, and of the cunning of thieves and liars. He has been called **the god of shepherds, commerce, science, eloquence, cunning, and shrewdness**. He is also known as the inventor of wrestling and fire, and as the one who escorts the dead to Hades or the underworld. One of his symbols is the **caduceus**, which is a staff with two serpents running up its shaft and a set of wings at the top. It is the symbol often associated with the medical profession. He is also analogous with the Roman deity Mercury.

Interestingly, Nostradamus, known as the doomsday prophet, prophesied about Hermes in his book, *Les Propheties*. The last quatrain for the year 1999 states: "One of the league issued from the great Hermes, and he will grow over all the Kings of the East." Please understand that I am not saying we should believe in Nostradamus' prophecies; I only present this as a matter of curiosity.

For the moment, let us assume that Hermes is the name of a ruler of darkness, one that has influence over the earth, perhaps a region, a nation, or a world-wide system. To be more specific, let us assume that Hermes has some influence or authority over the United States. If you feel uncomfortable with this being the name of a ruler, then think of it as the name of a spiritual influence. If so, we could expect this dark spiritual authority or influence to be manifested in the realms of communication, commerce, science, athletics, and border control. We also could expect that eloquence and cunning might be manifested in some measure in these realms. Does any of this ring a bell to you?

Let's start with President Obama: In August 2008, he accepted his party's nomination as their presidential candidate while standing on a grand stage with **Greek** columns as the backdrop. He is touted as an **eloquent** speaker and a **great communicator, orator**. At times, he has been spoken of in **messianic and godlike terms**. Others have described him and his advisors as **smart, clever, and shrewd**, which is another word for **cunning**. He is pushing for a dramatic overhaul of the American **healthcare** system; the medical profession uses the **caduceus** as its symbol, which is **the wand of Hermes**. He also is seeking dramatic change in **energy and environmental policy**, based on his personal political and world view, with some **science** thrown in to give it some cover. In debate over all these issues, he has said, "**The debate is over,**" as if there is no room for disagreement with his plans. He is trying to **shepherd** us into his idea of green pastures. He, along with many politicians, refuses to adequately control our **borders** to prevent the passage of illegal aliens. Together, all these issues have a great influence on **commerce** within the United States. Commerce is defined as "the buying and selling of goods, especially when done on a large scale between cities, countries, etc.; trade; social intercourse." By the way, some experts in constitutional law claim that the way the Federal government regulates commerce is unconstitutional, for it has taken the definition of commerce and exploded it to include virtually every aspect of American life, including healthcare.

Please understand that I am not calling President Obama *Hermes*. What I am implying is that perhaps there is a spirit of darkness over our government that goes by the name of *Hermes*, and it has great influence over our current leadership. If so, it gives us a more direct way to intercede prayerfully for our country and, perhaps, the world. A leader could be very sociable, likeable, and intelligent, and be caught in deception; to the point of believing that his policies and worldview are the only way to go, even necessary. See issue #02-08136, October 31, 2008, *A Supernatural Working of Deception*.

Finally, as Christians, we first need to ask the spirit of God to search our own hearts. Like Daniel, we need our eyes opened to God's view of our nation, of His church, and of us individually (Daniel 9). Are we living in glass houses? Are we blind and in need? Do we need to repent (Revelation 3:15-19)? We need to have God's view and His word on the matter if we are to intercede effectively.