

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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Closing Thought on 2010

December 31, 2010

To say the least, 2010 has been a year of great tumult on so many fronts — financial, political, and physical [natural] — that summarizing it all would require more than one issue. Over the last two years, I have written much on the financial and political shaking and most of it still stands. We have much more to come on these fronts, so let us not be complacent. However, it seems obvious to me that two words best summarize all that has happened in the last year of the first decade of the 21st century: **Shaking and uncertainty.**

We should not be surprised at the shaking, for God has promised that yet once more He will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.

(26) And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.” (27) This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (28) Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; (29) for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:26-29 NASB)

Let us not lose sight of the fact that **the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ** (Revelation 11:15) is coming very soon as our beloved Lord Jesus comes to reign over the nations of this world, along with His conquerors, raised up in the first resurrection and transfiguration, conformed to His image. The good news is that the Stone Kingdom has begun crushing Mystery Babylon.

In many respects, the shaking of 2010 was simply a continuation of what began at the turn of the new millennium. Truly, the shaking commenced early in the year with two major earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. I wrote about both of them. Russia had a major heat wave, and Pakistan and China had major floods. Let us not forget the volcanic eruption in Iceland that shut down Europe’s airline industry. All told, it is estimated that a quarter of a million people worldwide lost their lives to natural disasters. Economic losses are estimated to be \$222 billion.

Now, at the end of the year, the northern hemisphere of Europe and America is experiencing cold weather and winter storms the likes of which have not been seen for centuries in some places. December is going down as one of the coldest months on record. Berlin, Germany has seen the most snow since the early 1900’s; Columbia, South Carolina, which has records back to 1887, had its first ever recorded snow on December 25th. The US airline industry has been in chaos since Christmas day with thousands of travelers stranded, including some stranded for 8 hours on grounded airplanes.

An AP news headline read: **“2010’s world gone wild: Quakes, floods, blizzards.”** The article quoted Craig Fugate, head of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, as stating: “It just seemed like it was back-to-back and it came in waves. The term ‘100-year event’ really lost its meaning this year.”

I was particularly caught by the phrase “came in waves,” for I was given a word back on January 17, 2010 about disturbances in all corners of the earth that will be like waves that will move across the globe. See issue #04-1022, March 5, 2010, *When the Structures Crumble, Testify of My Kingdom*. Is there any doubt that the natural disasters have been moving like waves?

Well, this leads to the hot topic (pun intended) of the last decade, **manmade global warming**, which is more about political and social ideology than it is about sound science. The global warmists insist that the trend toward colder weather is actually a sign of global warming. Really? Further, the executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Cancun during November 2010 opened the meeting by invoking the ancient jaguar goddess Ixchel, the supposed “goddess of the moon” and “the goddess of the reason, creativity and weaving.” This says a lot about the foundation upon which the global warming movement is built.

Now, I have a point that I want to make, but to do it, I need to cite three articles that appeared in the news this month that pertain to the effects of the sun on earth’s weather and climate.

December 13, 2010, **“Global Eruptions Rocks the Sun.”** “On August 1, 2010, an entire hemisphere of the sun erupted. Filaments of magnesium snapped and exploded, shock waves raced across the stellar surface, billion-ton clouds of hot gas billowed into space. Astronomers knew they had witnessed something big, so big that the Great Eruption, as it has become known, is causing scientists to rethink and reanalyze solar activity. Previously, sunspot and solar activities were viewed as localized events, but the Great Eruption changed this view. Astrophysicists now see that solar electromagnetic storms can be global events that occur on an order of magnitude never imagined before August 1 of this year. Now, they must study the global character of solar activity and its potential effects on earth.

December 28, 2010, **“Forecasters keep an eye on looming ‘Solar Max.’** It is well-known that the sun goes through cycles of activity. I first reported on this in 2008. See issues #02-0873 and #02-0874, April 2008, *Who Can Count the Clouds?*. When it is most active, in what is called a Solar Max, the sun can spew great waves of electromagnetic radiation and charged matter known as coronal mass ejections or CME’s at the earth that can disrupt communications and electrical grids as well as change our weather and climate. The cycle of most interest at the moment is the 11-year cycle, which scientists believe will reach its climax of activity in mid-2013. However, the peak of activity could extend over a period of 2½ years on either side, which means that the window for a Solar Max is opening soon.

December 21, 2010, **“There’s a mini ice age coming, says man who beats weather experts.”** Meteorologist and astrophysicist Piers Corbyn has been 85% accurate in his weather forecasts based on his study of solar magnetic activity. He predicted the cold weather of December 2010 and predicts that earth is headed toward a cooling period or a mini ice age over the next 25 years, leading up to 2035. According to his research, contrary to the global warmists’ fictitious and ideologue-driven science, the earth is now past its peak temperature rise. By the way, data proves that the earth’s temperature rise drives increases in CO2 levels, not the other way around as the warmists fraudulently claim. Given this, the earth’s CO2 levels should begin to decrease without man doing anything to control manmade CO2 emissions.

The effects of the sun on earth’s weather and climate are generally ignored by the global warmists because it does not play well with their insistence that man is the problem and that only man can solve it, as if man can control the physical earth. This is called **humanism**, for it places man at the center of the universe, not God, the Creator of the Universe. As Paul wrote, **they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer**, so **God gave them over to a depraved mind** (Romans 1:28). I believe we see this being manifested through the cult of the global warmists who embrace their own gods and refuse to accept the role of the sun in creating weather and climate on earth.

But here is my point: Without the natural sun, there would be no life on earth. All life depends on the sun, and the sun drives much of what occurs in the natural realm on earth. Simply, we cannot explain the natural realm on earth apart from the sun anymore than we can explain creation itself apart from the Son of God, the Creator of all things. **The sun speaks of the Son.** The Son of God has given us life, and the natural sun sustains our life on earth. It is no mere coincidence that God has ordered our world around the sun, for He has ordered all creation around, in, through, for, and by His Son. **But for you who revere My name, the Sun [i.e., the Son] of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings** (Malachi 4:2). If we want healing of our earth, we need the Son of Righteousness. Oh, Lord, come!