

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent. (Jeremiah 20:9)

The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy. (Revelation 19:10c)

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Cry for Help from Muddy Water

Around 12:15 am, on **January 22, 2012**, I had a rather dramatic dream, so I got out of bed and inquired of the Lord. He explained its meaning by asking me a very direct and personal question. I'll come to it in a moment, but first let's consider the dream and its components.

I saw a grassy area with water gushing from the ground—an underground water line had burst. The water was running like a river, except it was moving in a circle out from the ground and then back underground. **The water was extremely muddy.**

Then, I saw a man caught in the flow of the river of mud. I was given the impression he was trying to fix the leak. However, unable to escape the flow, he came out of the ground, circled in the river and then disappeared underground. This happened twice and then he no longer surfaced. Then, I heard him call for help because he was stuck underground. What was I to do? Part of me reasoned that I would die like he was going to die if I tried to help him.

There are four elements to this dream: 1) broken water line 2) muddy water running in a circle 3) man caught in the muddy water crying out for help 4) an observer of the scene faced with a decision to attempt a rescue or not. The first two serve as the backdrop for the significance (i.e., interpretation) of the last two. Let's look at them in order.

Broken Water Line

Municipal water mains are designed to carry clean (treated) water that meets certain criteria, one of which is low turbidity—a measure of cloudiness. There are two extremes: water full of mud and silt is impossible to see through (high turbidity); whereas, natural spring water is crystal clear (low turbidity). Water is the most important substance for life—70% of the earth is covered in it, and without it, there would be no life as we know it on earth. This is what makes our planet unique in comparison to all known planets. So, it is vital that water not become contaminated in such a way that it cannot sustain life.

Needless to say, water has great spiritual significance, making it a topic unto itself. Given this, I'll only touch upon some pertinent points. In scripture, water is a symbol of life, as well as the holy spirit of God. We see this right from the start in Genesis 1:2 where the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters, and then, in 1:20, Elohim commanded:

Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. Here we see a connection between water, life, and the spirit of God, as life sprang out of water by an act of the spirit.

To the woman at the well, Jesus said: *Everyone who is drinking of this water will be thirsting again, yet whoever may be drinking of the water which I shall be giving him, shall under no circumstances be thirsting for the eon, but the water which I shall be giving him will become in him a spring of water, welling up into life eonian* (John 4:13-14 CLV). Then, on the last, the great day of the feast of tabernacles, Jesus declared: *If anyone should be thirsting, let him come to Me and drink. He who is believing in Me, according as the scripture said, out of his bowels shall gush rivers of living water.* Now this He said concerning the spirit which those believing in Him were about to get. For not as yet was holy spirit given, for Jesus is not as yet glorified (John 7:37-39 CLV).

Finally, in the very last chapter of scripture, we are given John's vision.

And he shows me **a river of water of life, resplendent as crystal, issuing out of the throne of God and the Lambkin.** In the center of its square, and on either side of the river, is **the log [tree] of life**, producing twelve fruits, rendering its fruit in accord with each month. And the leaves of the log [tree] are for **the cure [healing] of the nations.**" (Revelation 22:1-2 CLV [added])

There is no turbidity, no murkiness, no muddiness in this river. It is pure, unadulterated life—life that not only sustains but also leads to healing. I believe we could add that this river is energized by the spirit of God that proceeds from His throne and upon which sits the one who is Life—the **Lambkin [Arnion] of God**—God's Son, along with the many sons of glory. At the heart of John's vision is life—life in abundance!

We see a similar picture in Ezekiel 47 where the river flowed out from the house of the Lord (the sanctuary), starting as a trickle and growing until the river could not be forded. There was abundant life every place where the river went. *So everything will live where the river goes* (47:9).

In both visions, the rivers flow outward, meaning there is no limitation to where they bring forth life and healing. **A river running in a circle indicates limitation and stagnation.** In addition, the river I saw moved from above ground, a place of light, to below ground, a place of darkness—a dangerous river of limitation and mixture.

Muddy Water

The Hebrew word for *mud* or *mire* is *rephesh* (Strong H7516), which comes from a primitive root *raphas*, meaning **to trample, that is, roiled water—foul, trouble**. The English word *roil* means **to make cloudy, muddy, unsettled, etc. by stirring up the sediment, or to make angry or irritable; displease**. Thus, the word *mud* or *mire* has the sense of **roiled water**.

Scripture adds to the meaning of roiled or muddy water.

But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet, and **its waters toss up refuse and mud**. “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.” (Isaiah 57:20-21 NASB)

“Son of man, take up a lamentation over **Pharaoh king of Egypt** and say to him, ‘You compared yourself to a young lion of the nations, yet **you are like the monster in the seas**; and **you burst forth in your rivers and muddied (troubled) the waters with your feet and fouled (trampled) their rivers.**’” (Ezekiel 32:2 NASB)

“I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters; and **the foot of man will not muddy them anymore and the hoofs of beasts will not muddy them.**” (Ezekiel 32:13 NASB)

It is quite apparent these verses give the sense that muddy water signifies something wicked, fouled, and troubled. Simply, it is not a good thing. This should remind us of Jeremiah when he faced trouble from those who hated him for what he was given from the Lord to say to His people.

Then they took **Jeremiah and cast him** into the cistern of Malchijah the king’s son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now **in the cistern there was no water but only mud**, and **Jeremiah sank into the mud**. (Jeremiah 38:6 NASB [bold added])

Earlier, the Lord had spoken through Jeremiah a double indictment of the people.

For **My people have committed a double evil**: They have **abandoned Me, the fountain of living water**, and **dug cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that cannot hold water**. (Jeremiah 2:13 HCSB [bold added])

The broken water line and the muddy water flowing in a circle from below ground to above ground and back under is similar to Jeremiah’s broken cistern that could not hold water and his troubled day as he was stuck in mud in a cistern below ground.

Interpretation

The broken water line signifies that life on planet earth is broken and has become muddied to the point of putting people in grave danger. This is a day of very troubled waters filled with darkness. The world has been in crises mode (a circle of trouble), going from crisis to crisis, whether contrived (fabricated) or genuine.

In the natural world, high levels of mud (i.e., high turbidity due to solids) in water blocks light from passing through the water. Spiritually speaking, muddy water signifies mixture, especially of **relativism and materialism** that attempt to block out the light of truth and reality. Truth is being called *mis-dis-information*. First it involved covid and injections, now it is the Russia-Ukraine war that has become the muddy water. The world has become a broken cistern that is unable to hold the truth and what comes out of this cistern is a mixture of lies (driven by projection, obfuscation, gaslighting, and propaganda), amoral ideologies, and new killer technologies, to name a few dangers. This is a day of murkiness¹. This means that the world system is unable to sustain its inhabitants with the living water of truth. For this reason, the broken structures of the world order (system) built up since WW2 are crumbling before our eyes in a way that we could not have imagined a decade ago when this dream came to me.

I suggest this is the overall backdrop to the dream with its interpretation relating to the representation of the man stuck in the muddy water and the observer deciding what to do about rescuing the man. The Lord made their identities quite clear by His question asked of me shortly after waking from the dream.

Are you willing to risk your life for My people? Then you must be willing to open your mouth and speak My word to them.² Their lives depend on it.

We know that those who do not know Jesus are stuck in the muddy water of the world order today. But the message of the dream is that the Lord's people (only He knows how many) are stuck in it too, especially those who are *in* and *of* the world, thinking they can fix it by being part of it. They are very much like the rest of humanity. This is about a present danger that could literally lead to physical death or a subhuman existence. The Lord has impressed upon me that many are literally going to die. We've already seen this, but there are more to come. Only the Lord knows how many of His people are in this death march.

How could this be? Could it be that the Lord's people have substituted Christ Jesus with many things of the world and put their trust in the world system, especially the politics of

¹ *Murkiness* is the quality of being cloudy, foggy, or muddy.

² In my case, writing is one of the forms of speaking.

it, and not in the Lord, especially not knowing [Jesus is trust](#). It boils down to one question: [Is Christ Enough?](#) I suggest that instead of Jesus being central, supreme, and preeminent in the lives of those claiming to be Christians, **Jesus has been reduced to part of the Christian life rather than the all in all of it. He has become one of many things, rather than being the total summation of all things.** The fact of the matter is that the Lord's people have sought after the many things of the world, just as those in the world outside of Christ have. There is hardly any difference between the two groups. **Materialism has become the god of the day—the reality of the modern life.**

It's time to wake up! **Jesus is our Reality!** Only His [indestructible life](#) will rescue us from these troubled days. He is the only one whose light leads us into all truth and out of relativism. **He is our Way! He is our Truth! He is our Life!**

Dear saints, do you see these simply as words to which you nod your head in agreement? Or, are you struck to the core that you don't know Him in this way, that you are so deficient that, like the man stuck in darkness in the muddy water, you cry out for help to be rescued from your current condition? Have you become a mixture that has both feet stuck in the world system with an occasional dangling of a foot in Christ? Are you increasing and He is decreasing (the opposite of the way it must be [John 3:30])? Perhaps, you don't even comprehend what it means to know Him in the way of increase. Does the world smell something different about you (aroma of Christ), as one [having been with Jesus](#)?

The spirit of the Lord once again says, ***Come out, My People!*** Come out to the one who died outside the gate of the city. *Let us then go to Him outside the camp, bearing His disgrace* (Hebrews 13:13). To the first-century Hebrew believers, the camp was the religious system (i.e., Judaism) that demanded the crucifixion of their Messiah. Today, the camp is not only the anti-Christ world system but also the Christian system (i.e., nominal church; Christendom) that has been infiltrated by worldly ideologies and has replaced or encapsulated Christ with many things. He's there in name and perhaps in some measure in mind (i.e., through doctrine and systematic theology), but is He there in heart? **Is a living, heavenly union with the one who is Life so paramount in your life that nothing else truly matters and that you are willing to give up all that you have held as dear in your life to apprehend Him in the way He has apprehended you, as Paul has testified?** Are you willing to bear His reproach (i.e., disgrace) in a world that rejects Him? Are you willing to allow His spirit to manifest His life in you and out from you in such a way that you stand out in a world that might be yelling: *"Crucify Him! We want no part of your God!"*? For this reason, I have often exhorted that it is time to wake up to the only truth and reality that matters. [Jesus is the Truth and the Reality!](#) He is our primary and essential message—the good news.

This leads to the observer who had to make a decision about answering the cry for help. In

the dream, I was the observer. I do not hide the fact that part of my calling, mostly through writing, is to warn about the dangers of our day and to encourage the Lord's people that Jesus is our only answer and He is coming through [the door](#). I have been doing this for many years now. On a personal level, the Lord was directing the question to me, exhorting that I must be willing to answer the cries for help. Over the years, He has told me that He will lead people to the point of desperation. When people are desperate, they often cry for help. However, **the question that came with the dream can also be taken representatively for those who have come outside the camp and discern the times, as well.**

But notice that I hesitated about jumping in the muddy water. What good comes from haphazardly jumping in if the end result is both the man and the observer die in the process? We must guard ourselves from becoming martyrs or heroes when the Lord is not calling us to be one (e.g., the man in the muddy river). I often wonder how many have unnecessarily died as martyrs. We need **spiritual discernment** or what has been called **spiritual intelligence** to know the correct course to take. The Lord's question is about risking our life by speaking His word to people. This is not about jumping into the world system but about standing outside of it in the light, speaking forth life, not death.

Let's consider four sets of scripture.

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross and follow Me**. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it**. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38 NASB)

These words are preached so often that it is not necessary to explain them. They go to the heart of the Lord's question to the observer: *Are you willing to risk your life for My people?* This demands that we take up our cross to follow the Lord, losing our soul life for the sake of His people, meaning it is the death of our self-centered life and the embracing of *the* Christ-centered life.

"But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for **it will be given you in that hour what you are to say**. "For it is not you who speak, but it is **the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you**. (Matthew 10:19-20 NASB [bold added])

Jesus gave this promise to His disciples as they were sent out as sheep among wolves. To

be sure, their lives were in danger, but they would be given the words of the spirit in that hour to accomplish God's will. If we have been with Jesus, I believe that when we hear the cry for help, we will be given what to say by the spirit if we continue to walk by the spirit. On our part, we must open our mouth.

For no word [declaration] from God shall be void of power. (Luke 1:37 ASV, RV, Numeric, [Rotherham])

When we speak forth a word given to us by the spirit of the Father, we can be sure that it is a word that has power that will not return to Him void. In other words, *rhema* from God will not fail. See: [**No Word from God Shall be Void of Power**](#). But in what manner is this word to proceed from us?

Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, and shall in all respects **grow up into union with Him who is our Head, even Christ**. (Ephesians 4:15)

Our words are to be spoken in love. Here Paul encourages the saints that the body of Christ is to be built up in love, to the full stature of Christ. The question for all who have come outside the camp is this: Are we willing to **speak the truth in love to our brethren that are caught in something very dangerous to their well-being, or do we enable them with compromising words** so we don't offend them or aren't rejected by them? Or, are we so militant in our words to others that we drive them away from the lover of their life, namely, Jesus?³

Frankly, listening to some alt-media Christian-based platforms, I hear a mixture of **enabling and militancy**. On the one hand, it is often said that it is "OK to live a certain life-style or hold a certain ideology or even to go along with dangerous technologies like gene-editing therapies deceptively called *covid vaccines*⁴, as long as you don't push any of it on me or my children". The same could be said about the LGBTQ+ and transgender deception. Open your eyes: **where has this sort of laissez-faire attitude and "me-centeredness" led America? Where has it led the nominal church?** Ungodly and dangerous life-styles and

³ The Lord's question (His concern) deals with His people; however, the same question could be asked in reference to those who do not belong to Him. We need to keep both groups in mind and respond as the spirit of the Lord directs us. Militancy is often directed to the unbeliever, but brethren are not exempt from being militant to one another as they accuse one another of various errors and heresies.

⁴ Are we to enable brethren we know and love who are convinced that the gene-editing injections are a gift from God because some well-known preacher said so? Are we not to speak the truth in love regarding the dangers of these shots? Do we enable them to continue down a path of endless boosters, knowing that real data shows thousands are suffering adverse reactions and deaths due to the injections? **Do we not warn them that these shots are part of the transhumanist agenda to destroy the image of God within them?** This is truly a life and death question.

ideologies and now harmful technologies are being thrust upon us daily and anyone who challenges them is labeled with some phobic or anti-term, censored, and more, if possible. And don't think for a minute that some of these evils are not being supported from the pulpits, for they probably are. **Are we willing to stand up and be counted for God's righteousness and justice?** A reminder...

For the anger of God is unveiled from heaven against all the ungodliness and injustice performed by **people who use injustice to suppress the truth.** (Romans 1:18 Kingdom-NT [bold added])

On the other hand, others just scream that people are going to hell as they speak brashly against the devil that they claim they are going to defeat. Do we honestly believe that such militancy is going to accomplish anything positive?

It is time to repent of being enablers and militants that have tarnished the testimony of Jesus. It is time to speak the truth in love, and this requires that we be led by the spirit of the Lord, bearing the fruit of the spirit that comes from knowing and embracing *God is love* and experientially knowing His Son in *the* faith in daily life.

But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.** Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:22-26 NASB)

As Paul wrote to the saints that were struggling with carnality: ***Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?*** (2 Corinthians 13:5 NASB).

It comes down to this: Now is the time to cry out to the one who is coming to rescue this muddied world of darkness. It is time to be pulled out of this murkiness and into the Light of the world in order to come into our calling as lights of the world. It is time for the anointing of the Anointed One in us to gush forth with His life, energized by His spirit. It is time to know the loving heart of our heavenly Father and receive His word that has power.

Are we willing to lay down our life for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are caught up in the murkiness of this day? Are we willing to stretch out our hand in love—speaking the truth in love? Selah.

By this we know love, seeing that He, for our sakes, lays down His soul. We also ought to lay down our souls for the sake of the brethren. (1 John 3:16 CLV)