

*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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### ***Made Mad With Power***

Charles A. Beard (1874-1948), American historian, summed up all the lessons of history in four sentences: 1) **Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad with power**; 2) The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small; 3) The bee fertilizes the flower it robs; 4) When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

From a believer's perspective, I would rephrase his first lesson: **Whom God would destroy, He first makes mad with power.** In this context, *mad* means "mentally ill, insane, certifiable, deranged, demented". Two of the other three lessons are just as germane; I'll come to these later.

The madness we are witnessing today is a sign that God is bringing destruction upon those who are of an antichrist spirit. It is a mad, mad world! He has made them mad with power that has been growing year by year and is now on full display on many fronts. This madness has deceived those drunk with power to the point that they believe they are winning and will prevail. The good news is that they will not because God is behind their madness. What we are witnessing is an extended version of Romans 1:18-32 when God gave up the fools to depraved minds. I say an extended version, for we are witnessing both the manifestation of [depraved minds](#) and of those **mad with power** (examples not needed for the discerning). Sort of reminds me of when Elijah drove the 450 prophets of Baal mad.

Scripture generally refers to living creatures that roam the earth (other than humans) as beasts, along with the kingdoms of men (see Daniel). Continuing with Seraphim's thoughts about body, soul, and spirit ([last insight](#)), looking at the landscape of the present day, it is a safe assumption that all nations (countries) of the world have a beast nature, for, in a sense, they possess their own unique body (people, land, boundaries, etc.), soul (culture), and spirit (attitude, character). Also, many of the leaders of these beast nations and their followers lack the holy spirit, meaning that, in a sense, they are in the same category of all living creatures with their own unique body, soul, and spirit. Again, what they all lack is the holy spirit of God.

Brethren, we need to realize that the madness and darkness that is trying to conquer the world today is, on one level, the beast nature manifesting from within those that do not know God and His Son and have not received His [Zoe-Life](#). They have body, soul, and spirit but lack the spirit of God. We have been witnessing them manifesting more and more like

true beasts, the living creatures (animals) of the field. Some have reached so far down into this nature, prodded on by dark spirits, that they no longer discern truth from lies, light from dark, law from lawless, love from hate, humility from pride. They have become like Nebuchadnezzar who worshipped his own power and glory, denying that all things come from the Most-High God, the ruler over the realms of mankind who bestows all things on whomever He wishes. Consequently, Nebuchadnezzar lost all sense of humanity and was banished to dwell with the beasts of the field. This is what we are witnessing in our day. Some (only the Lord knows how many) are not only living as if dwelling with the common beasts of the field but are also taking on the nature of these beasts—wild, without care for life itself (again, examples not needed for the discerning). They have lost their humanity and a love for even the biological life bestowed upon all of us by our Creator.

However, the good news is that one day soon, they, like Nebuchadnezzar, will be made to acknowledge that heaven rules and their eyes will be opened to see the living one who was dead and is now alive forevermore—**King Jesus**. God's judgment will see to it. In the end, only the spirit of the Lord can restore them and, God willing, transform them into His image.

For those of us who have been waiting for the Lord to set things right on earth, the wait seems interminable. As Charles Beard saw it: *The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small*. Scripture supports this. The Lord encouraged ancient Israel that He would drive their enemies from the land: *Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land* (Exodus 23:30). Peter reminds us: *The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance* (2 Peter 3:9). So, we need to remain patient and repentant, as needed. Although the days seem dark at the moment, as Beard's last maxim states: *When it is dark enough, you can see the stars*. Who are the stars? *Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars to the age and beyond* (Daniel 12:3). The day is approaching when the Lord's conquerors will lead the many to the Righteous One, the King of kings, in the ages to come.

The only thing I can say about *the bee fertilizes the flower it robs* is that it could refer to the holy spirit as a pollinator, bringing life to us while robbing us, in a good way, of our carnal nature. I'll leave this one to the reader to discern.

Again, there is good news in all we see transpiring today. For all who have the indwelling of the holy spirit, don't give up hope. The mad and the fools lose; the wise and the insightful win; good conquers evil! We have the power of the anointing of the risen life within us—the same power that raised Jesus from among the dead. It's time to arise and shine!