

UPWARD CALL

*I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is
the upward call of God IN KING JESUS.* (Philippians 3:14)

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Open Heaven—The Anointing

Since this is the seventeenth, and last, *Upward Call* for 2020, when the following daily posting from the T. Austin-Sparks web site came in today, it seemed appropriate to pass it on in light of several insights I have posted over the last two years, namely these:

- [Pray for the Anointing](#)
- [Pegasus](#)
- [Upwelling-The Gushing Fountain](#)
- [Diabolically Evil; Anointing](#)
- [Key of the Kingdom: Truth & Life](#)
- [In the Name of Jesus, the Doors Shall Be Opened](#)

Apologies to those who might have grown tired of these repetitive reminders, but I feel they are so essential to the hour in which we live and our destiny (as well as the destiny of the entire human race) that I am compelled to keep them in the forefront rather than relegating them to the archives, especially for those who are not familiar with them.

Brother Sparks first published the following in *A Witness and Testimony* magazine from 1942-43. His insights into God's heart are just as germane today, if not more so, as they were seventy-seven years ago. (Key points are highlighted. Additional excerpts are included from the same writing.)

I saw a door standing open in heaven, and... the voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you..."
(Revelation 4:1 NLT)

My aim, in cooperation with the Lord, is to make everything preeminently practical; and so we apply the challenge immediately, and I ask you, is the Holy Spirit within you presenting God's fullness in His Son in an ever-growing way? Is that the nature of your spiritual life? If not, then you must have some definite exercise before the Lord about it; there is something wrong. **The anointing means that, and if that is not the nature of your spiritual life, there is something wrong in your case in relation to the anointing.** To Nathanael the Lord Jesus said, "Henceforth" (our old English word is "hereafter," but I think many people have mistakenly thought that means the "after life") "ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." Hereafter, of course, was the immediate hereafter, the days of the Holy Spirit which were coming so soon. With an open heaven you see, and you see God's meaning concerning His Son.

That open heaven for the Lord Jesus was the anointing. The Spirit descended and lighted upon Him. It was the anointing, and it is the same for us. The open heaven is the anointing of the Spirit from the day of Pentecost onward upon Christ within us. That open heaven means a continually growing revelation of Christ.

Oh, let me urge this. I am brought back to urge this.... **The open heaven at once brings God's revelation in Christ to your very door, makes it available to you, so that you are not dependent in**

the first place upon libraries, books, addresses or anything else. It is there for you. However much the Lord may see good to use these other things for your help and enrichment, you have your own open heaven, your own clear way through, and no closed dome over your head. **The Lord Jesus is becoming more and ever more wonderful in your own heart,** because “God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness” hath “shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6). [The School of Christ - Chapter 1](#)

Do you ask for the anointing of the Holy Spirit? Why do you ask for the anointing of the Holy Spirit? Is the anointing something that you crave? To what end? That you may be used, may have power, may have influence, may be able to do a lot of wonderful things? **The first and pre-eminent thing the anointing means is that we can do nothing but what the anointing teaches and leads to do. The anointing takes everything out of our hands. The anointing takes charge of the reputation. The anointing takes charge of the very purpose of God. The anointing takes complete control of everything and all is from that moment in the hands of the Holy Spirit, and we must remember that if we are going to learn Christ, that learning Christ is by the Holy Spirit’s dealing with us, and that means that we have to go exactly the same way as Christ went in principle and in law. ...** “The Son can do nothing out from himself.” You see, there is the negative side of the anointing; while **the positive side can be summed up in one word—the Father only.** Perhaps that is a little different idea of the anointing from what we have had. Oh, to be anointed of the Holy Spirit! What wonders will follow; how wonderful that life will be! The first and the abiding thing about the anointing is that we are imprisoned into the lordship of the Spirit of God, so that there can be nothing if He does not do it. Nothing! [The School of Christ - Chapter 7](#)

The last sentence goes to the heart of what the Lord revealed to me in 2019: [Pray for the Anointing! The future of the human race is in the balance!](#) Why? Because instead of being imprisoned in the lordship of the spirit, we have imprisoned the anointing within us rather than releasing it. Stated another way: we have encrusted our Lord Jesus with so many things that He is no longer recognized in our daily testimony. He has become a thing—a teaching, a doctrine, a part of history, something to organize, a cause, and the list goes on—rather than life itself, life organically rising up from within. This is what the anointing does. The anointing leads to progressive revelation, the unveiling of the Christ that lives in us. We don’t have to rely on teaching or pulpit ministries for this to occur. [What do you do?](#) You live!

As we enter a new year, let’s join together in prayer for the anointing. It’s not about asking God to do it, as if He won’t move unless we ask. No! It’s about joining hearts with our heavenly Father. What a privilege! He has set it in motion; it will be done. Let us agree with God who loves His creation. The destiny of the human race lies in this anointing, which is *Christ in you, the hope of glory.* Glory, not just for the Lord’s own people, but for the whole world. Only Jesus saves, but He has chosen His complement to be part of rescuing the rest of the human race and this world that God so loves. The Father says that His creation is very good and He fully intends to recreate it into a new creation through His Son and the many sons brought unto glory.

It is time for the body of Christ to rise up and declare [the soon arrival of God’s Son.](#) This declaration cannot be just words spilling from our mouths. It must be declared in life and the power of the spirit of God; it must be the [word from God that is not void of power](#)—the [ingenerate word](#) that is King Jesus Himself. It is the spirit of life and truth and love!

It is time to truly come alive to the open heaven where heaven and earth are in union. This is the anointing. This is the Christ in you, and you seated with Christ Jesus in His Father’s realm! Embrace God’s [Reality!](#)