

CHAPTER XI

THE GREAT PEACE

The next morning, greatly refreshed, we headed down the flowered, boulder strewn slopes of Castle Mountain to the cabin, sometimes shortening the time of our descent by glissading down the snow packed couloir, using our staffs as brakes and rudders. Otherwise, we took a leisurely pace, stopping often, as I continued to narrate the last part of my story.

Just before the culmination of WWII the events occurred as described by the fifth trumpet of the Apocalypse (Chapter 9, vs. 1-11):

"And the fifth angel sounded the trumpet, and I saw a star fall from heaven upon the earth, and there was given to him the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit: and the smoke of the pit arose, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke of the pit. And from the smoke of the pit there came out locusts upon the earth. And power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power: And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree: but only the men who have not the sign of God on their foreheads. And it was given unto them that they should not kill them; but that they should torment them five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion when he striketh a man. And in those days men shall seek death, and shall not find it: and they shall desire to die, and death shall fly from them. And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle: and on their heads *were*, as it were, crowns like gold: and their faces *were* as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women; and their teeth were as lions: And they had breastplates as breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was as the noise of chariots and many horses running to battle."

During this time the world was literally invaded by demons in transports that had been called for years flying saucers. God allowed them to torment men, inasmuch as they did not serve Him, in order that they might be given the good necessary for their conversion. They were given a taste of Hell, both of the hideous deformed beings who would torment them and the unendurable pains they would suffer, without ever being able to die, no matter how much they wished to.

The first part of the Chastisement, which lasted three days, was manmade, Phillip. The Great Nuclear War took place principally in the southern hemisphere, centering around the Middle East. Of this we read in Apocalypse 9:13-21. It is the sixth trumpet:

"And the sixth angel sounded the trumpet: and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before the eyes of God, Saying to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet: Loose the four angels, who are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year: for to kill the third part of men. And the number of the army of horsemen was twenty thousand times ten thousand. And I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: and they that sat on them, had breastplates of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone, and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions: and from their mouths proceeded fire, and smoke, and brimstone. And by these three plagues was a slain the third part of men, by the fire and by the smoke and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths, and in their tails. For, their tails are like

to serpents, and have heads: and with them they hurt. And the rest of the men, who were not slain by these plagues, did not do penance from the works of their hands, that they should not adore devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and wood, which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither did they penance from their murders, nor from their sorceries, nor from their fornication, nor from their thefts."

The second part of the Chastisement was from God, and affected primarily the Northern Hemisphere. It consisted of the giant Comet passing close to the earth and partially disintegrating due to the collision with earth's gravitational field and its atmosphere. A huge piece broke off and hit the Atlantic Ocean causing huge tidal waves that flooded the coastlands 200 miles inland. The dust, rock fragments and boulders caused a storm of fire in the atmosphere, some reaching the earth as fiery balls which exploded like bombs upon hitting the earth. This is described in Apocalypse Ch. 8: 1-12 as the first through the fourth trumpets.

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven, as it were for half an hour. And I saw seven angels standing in the presence of God; and there were given to them seven trumpets. And another angel came, and stood before the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to him much incense, that he should offer of the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar, which is before the throne of God. And the smoke of the incense of the prayers of the saints ascended up before God from the hand of the angel. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it on the earth, and there were thunders and voices and lightnings, and a great earthquake. And the seven angels, who had the seven trumpets, prepared themselves to sound the trumpet. And the first angel sounded the trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and it was cast on the earth, and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded the trumpet: and as it were a great mountain, burning with fire, was cast into the sea, and the third part of the sea became blood: And the third part of those creatures died, which had life in the sea, and the third part of the ships was destroyed. And the third angel sounded the trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, burning as it were a torch, and it fell on the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters: And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded the trumpet, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars, so that a third part of them was darkened, and the day did not shine for a third part of it, and the night in like manner.

Thus far the world had passed through the sixth trumpet of the seventh (and last) seal to be opened in the time of this world. What remained after the Great Chastisement is described in the rest of the Apocalypse, including the seven thunders, the seven signs, the seven bowls

and the seven plagues of the seventh trumpet of the seventh seal.

"In your story you left out the events of the fifth trumpet, Father?"

That is because I did not personally experience them. The locusts that came out of hell to torment those who did not have the sign of God on their foreheads were the demons themselves that appeared 5 months before the Great Chastisement all over the earth. But there is something that can be added to the fifth trumpet. As we know Scripture has often more than one level of interpretation. The demons of the fifth trumpet can also be seen as the heretics of the last 500 years and especially of the last 50 years. They were able to sting and torment with error those who did not have the Faith of God in their souls. These tormenting locusts

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were the symbolic terms in which God describes the Great Apostasy which preceded the Great Chastisement, lasting for five hundred years in general but for fifty years intensely, thus symbolically represented as the "five months."

The age we are now in, Phillip, is described in an intermediate vision by St. John, between the sixth and the seventh trumpets. This is the time of the Great Peace following the Chastisement which the Mother of God promised at Fatima.

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow *was* on his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth. And he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roareth. And when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Seal up the things which the seven thunders have spoken; and write them not. And the angel, whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven, And he swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things which are therein; and the earth, and the things which are in it; and the sea, and the things which are therein: That time shall be no longer. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared by his servants the prophets. And I heard a voice from heaven again speaking to me, and saying: Go, and take the book that is open, from the hand of the angel who standeth upon the sea, and upon the earth. And I went to the angel, saying unto him, that he should give me the book. And he said to me: Take the book, and eat it up: and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey. And I took the book from the hand of the angel, and ate it up: and it was in my mouth, sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said to me: thou must prophesy again to many nations, and peoples, and tongues, and kings." (The Apocalypse Chap. 10)

As you know, the present pope, Peter II, has issued the proclamations and doctrines, condemning anew all heresies, in order to purify and renew the vitality of the Church. He

rules with an iron fist, and these authoritative pronouncements Scripture refers to as the "Seven Thunders," for seven symbolizes the perfect number.

During the Peace we have the "measuring of the temple," which is the conversion of mankind and the purification of the Church. This determination of the elect will continue until the Antichrist emerges in the person of a man. Against him and those who follow him are pitted the two witnesses and all the elect who witness with them. And so we read in The Apocalypse Chapter 11, verses 1-13:

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and it was said to me: Arise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar and them that adore therein. But the court, which is without the temple, cast out, and measure it not: because it is given unto the Gentiles, and the holy city they shall tread under foot two and forty months: And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothes in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks, that stand before the Lord of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire shall come out of their mouths, and shall devour their enemies. And if any man will hurt them, in this manner must he be slain. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and they have power over waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast, that ascendeth out of

the abyss, shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their bodies shall lie in the streets of the great city, which is called spiritually, Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord also was crucified. And they of the tribes, and peoples, and tongues, and nations, shall see their bodies for three days and a half: and they shall not suffer their bodies to be laid in sepulchres. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry: and shall send: and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt upon the earth. And after three days and a half, the spirit of life from God entered into them. And they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them that saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven, saying to them: Come up hither. And they went up to heaven in a cloud: and their enemies saw them. And at that hour there was made a great earthquake, and there were slain in the earthquake names of men seven thousand: and the rest were cast into a fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven."

The "measuring of the temple the altar and those who worship therein" accounts for the conversion of nearly the whole world by the Church in this last age. The "ruler" by which this measurement is made is the Two Witnesses of God, Enoch and Elias and all those who will witness to Christ along with them in that age. For example, included in the Great Conversion, I believe, will be all the Catholic preachers, like our Paul, who comprise the "two witnesses" necessary before the "court" of Heaven to "convince" all men of the truth and "convict" all those in error or culpable ignorance of their sin. Many of these lesser witnesses for Christ may

also have the power in a lesser degree than the "two witnesses" to discipline men with "plagues and scourges" and prophetic utterances, in order to help correct them by revealing the power of God's Word. So that when the seventh trumpet is finally blown the voices of the Saints in Heaven can say, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, ..." The elect will have been gathered, the battle lines drawn when the final age of persecutions begin.

"Father, can you read any other description of the times I will endure, the time after the Peace of twenty-five years when the two witnesses will walk the earth?"

Yes, Son. We read this in the second half of the Message of Our Lady at La Salette who fully described in 1846 to the saintly seer, Melanie, all the events preceding the end of the world. This message was approved by the Church, over the fierce opposition of many wicked clergy in France.

AFTER THE PEACE

"A forerunner of the Antichrist, with his troops gathered from several nations, will fight against the true Christ, the only Saviour of the world. He will shed much blood and will want to annihilate the worship of God to make himself be looked upon as a God.

The earth will be struck by calamities of all kinds (in addition to plague and famine which will be wide-spread). There will be a series of wars until the last war, which will then be fought by the ten Kings of the Antichrist, all of whom will have one and the same plan and will be the only rulers of the world. Before this comes to pass, there will be a kind of false peace in the world. People will think of nothing but amusement. The wicked will give themselves over to all kinds of sin. But the children of the holy Church, the children of my faith, my true followers, they will grow in their love for God and in all the virtues most precious to me. Blessed are the souls humbly guided by the Holy Spirit! I shall fight at their side until they reach a fullness of years.

Nature is asking for vengeance because of man, and she trembles

with dread at what must happen to the earth stained with crime. Tremble, earth, and you who proclaim yourselves as serving Jesus Christ and who, on the inside, only adore yourselves, tremble for God will hand you over to His enemy, because the holy places are in a state of corruption. Many convents are no longer houses of God, but the grazing-grounds of Asmodeas and his like. It will be during this time that the Antichrist will be born of a Hebrew nun, a false virgin who will communicate with the old serpent, the master of impurity, his father will be B. At birth, he will spew out blasphemy; he will have teeth, in a word, he will be the devil incarnate. He will scream horribly, he will perform wonders, he will feed on nothing but impurity. He will have brothers who, although not devils incarnate like him, will be children of evil. At the age of twelve, they will draw attention upon themselves by the gallant victories they will have won; soon they will each lead armies, aided by the legions of hell.

The seasons will be altered, the earth will produce nothing but bad fruit, the stars will lose their regular motion, the moon will only reflect a faint

reddish glow. Water and fire will give the earth's globe convulsions and terrible earthquakes which will swallow up mountains, cities, etc.

Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of the Antichrist.

The demons of the air together with the Antichrist will perform great wonders on earth and in the atmosphere, and men will become more and more perverted. God will take care of his faithful servants and men of good will. The Gospel will be preached everywhere, and all peoples of all nations will get to know the truth.

I make an urgent appeal to the earth. I call on the true disciples of the living God who reigns in Heaven; I call on the true followers of Christ made man, the only true Saviour of men; I call on my children, the true faithful, those who have given themselves to me so that I may lead them to my divine Son, those whom I carry in my arms, so to speak, those who have lived on my spirit. Finally, I call on the Apostles of the Last Days, the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who have lived in scorn for the world and for themselves, in poverty and in humility, in scorn and silence, in prayer and in mortification, in chastity and in union with God, in suffering and unknown to the world. It is time they came out and filled the world with light. Go and reveal yourselves to be my cherished children. I am at your side and within you, provided that your faith is the light which shines upon you in these unhappy days. May your zeal make you famished for the glory and the honour of Jesus Christ. Fight, children of light, you, the few who can see. For now is the time of all times, the end of all ends.

The Church will be in eclipse, the world will be in dismay. But now Enoch and Eli will come, filled with the Spirit of God. They will preach with the might of God, and men of good will will believe in God, and many souls will be comforted. They will make great steps forward through the virtue of the Holy Spirit and will condemn the devilish lapses of the Antichrist. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth! There will be bloody wars and famines, plagues and infectious diseases. It will rain with a fearful hail of animals. There will be thunderstorms which will shake cities, earthquakes which will swallow up countries. Voices will be heard in the air. Men will beat their heads against walls, call for their death, and on another side death will be their torment. Blood will flow on all sides. Who will be the victor if God does not shorten the length of the test? All the blood, the tears and the prayers of the righteous, God will relent. Enoch and Eli will be put to death. Pagan Rome will disappear. The fire of Heaven will fall and consume three cities. All the universe will be struck with terror and many will let themselves be led astray because they have not worshipped the true Christ who lives among them. It is time; the sun is darkening; only faith will survive.

Now is the time; the abyss is opening. Here is the King of Kings of

Darkness, here is the Beast with his subjects, calling himself the Saviour of the World. He will rise proudly into the air to go to Heaven. He will be smothered by the breath of the Archangel Saint Michael. He will fall, and the earth, which will have been in a continuous series of evolutions for three days, will open up its fiery bowels; and he will have plunged for eternity with all his followers into the everlasting chasms of hell. And then water and fire will purge the earth and consume all the works of men's pride and all will be renewed. God will be

served and glorified."

So, after the final destruction of AntiChrist there seems to be a time upon men will glorify God before he comes in the Final Judgement.

"What chapters of the book of The Apocalypse are parallel to what we have just read, Father? For example, it says that Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist?"
Let us read Chapter 12:

"And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars: And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered. And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his heads seven diadems: And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod: and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, that there they should feed her a thousand two hundred sixty days. And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels: And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: because the accuser of our brethren is cast forth, who accused them before our God day and anight. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you that dwell therein. Woe to the earth, and to the sea, because the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman, who brought forth the man child: And there were given to the woman two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the desert unto her place, where she is nourished for a time and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman, water as it were a river; that he might cause her to be carried away by the river. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river, which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was angry against the woman: and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. And he stood upon the sand of the sea."

The child who is taken up to Heaven is the Angelic Pastor, our present Pope Peter II. He now rules with an iron rod, using the seven thunders, the edicts of excommunication against those who err. By this the "temple" of the Church is measured. And after this Angelic Pastor is taken up into Heaven I believe the Great Peace will end. The Beast, Antichrist, and his false Prophet will arise then and pretend to rule the Church from Rome. But God will

send His two witnesses to oppose them. Antichrist will rule for "3 ½ years", the symbolic number for a time known only to God. Then will come the east pope, according to St. Malachi before the end of the world. Let us read of these awful times of the Antichrist's reign in the Apocalypse:

"And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. And the beast, which I saw, was like to a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his own strength, and great power. And I saw one of his heads as it were slain to death: and his death's wound was healed. And all the earth was in admiration after the beast. And they adored the dragon, which gave power to the beast: and they adored the beast, saying: Who is like to the beast? And who shall be able to fight with him? And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things, and blasphemies: and power was given to him to do two and forty months. And he opened his mouth unto blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. And power was given him over every tribe, and people, and tongue, and nation. And all that dwell upon the earth adored him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb, which was slain from the beginning of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that shall lead into captivity, shall go into captivity: he that shall kill by the sword, must be killed by the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns, like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he executed all the power of the former beast in his sight; and he caused the earth, and them that dwell therein, to adore the first beast, whose wound to death was healed. And he did great signs, so that he made also fire to come down from heaven unto the earth in the sight of men. And he seduced them that dwell on the earth, for the signs, which were given him to do in the sight of the beast, saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make the image of the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and lived. And it was given him to give life to the image of the beast, and that the image of the beast should speak; and should cause, that whosoever will not adore the image of the beast, should be slain. And he shall make all, both little and great, rich and poor, freemen and bondmen, to have a character in their right hand, or on their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, but he that hath the character, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man: and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six." (The Apolcalypse Chapter 13)

"So chapters 13-18 describe the last age of Antichrist, Father?"

Yes. And Chapter 19 describes the final victory. But in Chapter 20 the last age of the world, the time of Christ's reign, is *summarized*. After Christ's death, the dragon was bound for "1000 years." Then he is let loose for a little time in the latter days. Finally, Chapter 20 describes the Last Judgement and the passing away of time.

Chapter 20

"And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should no more seduce the nations, till the thousand years be finished. And after that, he must be loosed a little time. And I saw seats; and they sat upon them; and judgment was given unto them; and the souls of them that were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and who had not adored the beast nor his image, nor received his character on their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not, till the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. In these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ; and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years shall be finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go forth, and seduce the nations, which are over the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, and shall gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they came upon the breadth of the earth, and encompassed the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. And there came down fire from God out of heaven, and devoured them; and the devil, who seduced them, was cast into the pool of fire and brimstone, where both the beast and the false prophet shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and one sitting upon it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away, and there was no place found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing in the presence of the throne, and the books were opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged by those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and hell gave up their dead that were in them; and they were judged every one according to their works. And hell and death were cast into the pool of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of Life, was cast into the pool of fire."

"In the last two chapters, Father, twenty-one and twenty-two, it describes the vision of the new earth and new heavens, of the heavenly Jerusalem coming down. Is this a vision of Heaven or of Earth?"

Perhaps in those final years Earth will be dissolved into Heaven and what we see described by John as this final vision represents, in earthly terms, what Heaven will be like and also, how it will symbolically appear as it approaches those left on earth before the Final Judgment.

"In other words, perhaps God will lift the veil of time and place, slowly, in the very last of times, Father?"

Yes, Son. Perhaps the fullness of God's union with man will occur in real but also mystical terms in the fading "moments" of time before the Final Judgement. Let us read Chapters 21 and 22:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth was gone, and the sea is now no more. And I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying: Behold the tabernacle of God with men, and he will

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dwell with them. And they shall be his people; and God himself with them shall be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away. And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new. And he said to me: Write, for these words are most faithful and true. And he said to me: It is done. I am Alpha and Omega; the beginning and the end. To him that thirsteth, I will give of the fountain of the water of life, freely. He that shall overcome shall possess these things, and I will be his God; and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, they shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. And there came one of the seven angels, who had the vials full of the seven last plagues, and spoke with me, saying: Come, and I will shew thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. And he took me up in spirit to a great and high mountain: and he shewed me the holy city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God, and the light thereof was like to a precious stone, as to the jasper stone, even as crystal. And it had a wall great and high, having twelve gates, and in the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. On the east, three gates: and on the north, three gates: and on the south, three gates: and on the west, three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them, the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that spoke with me, had a measure of a reed of gold, to measure the city and the gates thereof, and the wall. And the city lieth in a foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the golden reed for twelve thousand furlongs, and the length and the height and the breadth thereof are equal. And he measured the wall thereof an hundred forty-four cubits, the measure of a man, which is of an angel. And the building of the wall thereof was of jasper stone: but the city itself pure gold, like to clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper: the second, sapphire: the third, a chalcedony: the fourth, an emerald: The fifth, sardonyx: the sixth, sardius: the seventh, chrysolite: the eighth, beryl: the ninth, a topaz: the tenth, a chrysoprasus: the eleventh, a jacinth: the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, one to each: and every several gate was of one several pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein. For the Lord God Almighty is the temple thereof, and the Lamb. And the city hath no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it. For the glory of God hath enlightened it, and the Lamb is the lamp thereof. And the nations shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates thereof shall not be shut by day: for there shall be no night there. And

they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. There shall not enter into it any thing defiled, or that worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they that are written in the book of life of the Lamb." (end of Chapter 21)

"And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof, and on both sides of the river, *was* the tree of life, bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruits every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him. And they shall see his face: and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more: and they shall not need the light of the lamp, nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall enlighten them, and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said to me: These words are most faithful and true. And the Lord God of the spirits of

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the prophets sent his angel to shew his servants the things which must be done shortly. And, Behold I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. And I, John, have heard and seen these things. And after I had heard and seen, I fell down to adore before the feet of the angel, who shewed me these things. And he said to me: See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them that keep the words of the prophecy of this book. Adore God. And he saith to me: Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that hurteth, let him be filthy still: and he that is just, let him be justified still: and he that is holy, let him be sanctified still. Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to every man according to his works. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are they that wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb: that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. Without are dogs, and sorcerers, and unchaste, and murderers, and servers of idols, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent my angel, to testify to you these things in the churches. I am The root and stock of David, the bright and morning star. And the spirit and the bride say: Come. And he that heareth, let him say: Come. And he that thirsteth, let him come: and he that will, let him take the water of life, freely. For I testify to every one that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book: If any man shall add to these things, God shall add unto him the plagues written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from these things that are written in this book. He that giveth testimony of these things, saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (end of Chapter 22)

"To think of these as the times in which I will live, Father, is almost too much to conceive or bear."

Nor could I have ever conceived of the times I lived through, Phillip. But this attitude

may not have been that uncommon for men of any age. For to live in time is to be on the cutting edge of an unknown future time. And time is like a temporal illusion or anomaly within the eternal and single Act of Creation.

Let us now continue our story, as we returned to earth after the Chastisement. There were those whom God chose to preserve on earth throughout the Chastisement. These were in great poverty, misery and spiritual destitution afterwards. Some of us who had ascended to meet Jesus when He came upon "the clouds of Heaven," were allowed to return to earth still partially in this blessed supernatural state of ecstasy in order to better assist and guide these destitute souls, to comfort and help them. The angels sent out the members of my family and others all over the world on such gathering missions. They could see at any distance and move from place to place with the swiftness and ease of thought. These souls appeared to wandering souls and guided them to a refuge, usually a home and a place that had been preserved and that before those days had been blessed and set aside by the angels of God. Those to whom God directed our family we took to the land around our original home below Jasper Mountain. Around us we helped settle the many families that God gave to our little Christian community. As this gathering phase of our mission tapered off, we also gradually descended from the supernaturalized state of ecstasy. But what a great difference there was now from our former life on earth. Mary had told us: "It will be the end of time as you know it." It was true. Time, the mechanical, materially oriented aspect of time, seemed to have faded or rather, was

superceded by and infused with eternal essences and qualities which were independent of time, just as the spirit is of the body. Our capacity to understand God and His will was far above what it had been. This was accompanied by a much deeper, more sincere and humble concern for the spiritual and physical well being of others. Our self-image seemed to fade out of consciousness while the other person, his beauty, his being God's own child, was magnified in place of self. God, His angels and Saints, seemed to be always more *present*, and they often appeared to us in visible form, especially in those first years.

And yet too we regarded our own self our own body with much more respect. The self-opinion of our former "ego" was replaced with an awareness of our dignity, the greatness of our soul as a creature of God. I have always felt, Phillip, that we were moving towards eternity and the state of consciousness that our first parents enjoyed.

Our health was perfect, our minds and souls fresh and clean and clear -- and above all, at great peace. Though all shared in this greater peace, all did not seem to possess it in the same degree. The difference seemed to depend on how they had behaved and prepared themselves before the Chastisement. Our family was especially graced to introduce this holy spirit to all we met, and doing so was a great delight, especially in being the first to give them this gift of joy from God's own Hand.

As you may well remember, Phillip, our first task, and we did it with such fervent hope, was to plant seeds in the earth, which now had a very rich mineral ash deposited over it. With great labor -- using primitive tools at first -- we tilled this ash into the old soil and then drawing from our long stored grain and vegetable seeds, we planted many things. New springs had appeared everywhere on the earth. They had been caused by the tremendous earthquakes. So we abandoned our water wells in those first years, their electric pumps being inoperable. Often we were guided in various ways by the angels to find food in those early days. Though they sometimes appeared and spoke, more often we knew of their presence by certain intuitions, or signs, or even voices. Very quickly the wonderful sunlight and abundant water brought all the crops to fruition, and an abundant harvest was made in only two months. Many people heard of our little community and came to us, so that seventy families were clustered around us at the end of three months, though we had begun with only twenty-five. Our house was an infirmary, a kitchen and a meeting place.

Father Keogh visited us regularly. He had found a bishop to ordain Paul. When Paul came home one Sunday and announced that he was a priest, we all rejoiced, exceedingly. A campfire was lit in the dale in back of the house. Neighbors were called, and we sang together of our joy far into the night. Our dear friend, Susan, led the singing, and I was so inspired by it that I set my heart that evening on building a chapel. It would be adorned with her choir.

I imagined the chapel sitting upon the foothills a mile to the SW, its granite boulder walls framed against the green pines of the mountain, or glowing pink and gold under the colors of a western sunset.

That night Paul and I talked to Fr. Keogh about the chapel. He also was enthusiastic. The next morning I took some men who would be able to help direct the project. The majestic evenings and Saturdays were set aside for its construction. It was a joyful project of devotion to God that lifted everyone's heart; for in those days the praise of God was the pinnacle of our lives as a people. Many times I caught glimpses of the

angels and Saints around us during Holy Mass. I then imagined these days to be like and even surpassing those earliest days of the infant Church after Jesus' Resurrection.

Our communities had no money or any medium of exchange. Charity for self and neighbor ruled out covetous acts. Everyone did what they could for the benefit of all. Tradesman of one kind seemed to naturally form closer relationships, so that, like in the guilds of old, they trained others and helped each other in projects where more cooperation or manpower was needed. There were plumbers, like Timothy, carpenters like our son-in-law, Jeremy, farmers like our son Joseph and husbandmen, the keepers of animals, such as you have become, Phillip.

Eventually our Joseph became like a Johnny Appleseed, spreading the love of working the land and cultivating living things throughout the countryside. Wonderful farms and

brotherly love seemed to spring up behind him as he traveled the land. He soon married a beautiful maiden and was often referred to as a model for young husbands and fathers, like his namesake, St. Joseph. Danielle's husband, Jeremy, was a fine builder and mechanic, and he accepted leadership of the chapel's construction.

After Paul was ordained, he became our chaplain. During this time he also covered a wide area on horseback. Always a happy soul, he was welcomed and loved by all. Young men and widowers used to crowd around him especially, just to converse with him about the things of God and the religious vocation they were considering themselves.

One day, six months after our chapel was built, Paul approached as I sat upon a rock gazing at the fields of corn and wheat and the vegetable gardens clustered around the stone huts that dotted the jade green hills and valleys.

"Father?"

"Yes, Paul?"

"I came to ask you if you would build us a seminary, Father. I have already seventy young men in various places who desire to live celibate lives in the service of God, as priests or brothers. The good Bishop Chaput will surely approve it. Father Keogh is a Carmelite. I want to join that order and establish a Carmelite convent someday, too.

I jumped up. "You shall have it, my son! You knew," I smiled, "that I have wanted that for many years. Get the Bishop's permission, and we shall begin."

"Only eight months later Jeremy and his men had built a seminary and had drafted plans and laid out foundation stones for a convent. When Paul had prepared two priests a year later, he approached the bishop for permission to leave them in his place, so he could go about the land evangelizing and building other religious communities; for he was filled with zeal for souls and the glory of God. In the twelve years that followed, he and his growing number of priests converted many souls, setting up dozens of churches, seminaries and convents from the Mississippi River to the Sierra Nevadas. We saw him once a year as he stopped to rest at Christmas time for two or three weeks. Everywhere he gathered novitiates to the religious life and set up the means for them to acquire an education and serve their people in the future. His doctrine was orthodox, his preaching simple but powerful. He sought out those places most neglected or those in danger of imbibing ignorance, error or indifference for special attention. Like his namesake he suffered and labored untiringly for Christ.

One by one the rest of my children were married to wonderful Catholic spouses, except for Michael who became a priest under Paul's direction, and Mary, who was the first nun to graduate from Paul's Carmelite convent, thus fulfilling the vision her mother had of her when a babe in her arms.

Our schoolmaster was John. Within five years he established schools able to offer each child, regardless of age, a solid Catholic education. Like Paul, he seemed to be a magnet for

those with a vocation for teaching by way of his own pious and lively instructions. He also traveled throughout the neighboring states setting up schools and training teachers.

Mary and her Carmelite sisters entered communities as angels of light, love and learning, teaching the people, especially mothers, how to live the life of God while leading their children in the same spirit. By her beautiful letters she spread her ideas about her work throughout the states. As first prioress of the convent at twenty-six, she trained over the years hundreds of Carmelite nuns to go abroad as missionaries all over the states west of the Mississippi River.

Timothy became a kind of lawyer and community builder, eventually becoming the first governor of Wyoming in the renewed world. His family grew in size over the years, and his ranch was the model for many others. Until Michael left to study for the priesthood under Paul at age 17, he and you, Phillip, ran the ranch for Timothy while he gave himself to public service, leading the people in building a just and pious civic sense of responsibility.

Timothy and I worked together with others to establish an honest currency, which became necessary as communities grew larger and more complex. Law and order issues were handled very gently and privately, as much as possible between neighbors, and those parties directly concerned. Christian charity, humility and forgiveness were vibrant, while moral standards and moral conduct were high. Timothy became a man of outstanding ability in helping neighbors live in harmony and charity. Because of his ability as a mediator, he was seen as someone to trust and follow when differences of opinion arose.

While remaining for some years the instigator, surveyor and guide of all things that came to my attention, I finally retired to writing and study, sometimes helping John at his various little universities as a visiting instructor. My major concern lay in contributing some wisdom to the task of establishing a truly strong Christian Nation, with strong safeguards against the corrosion of values and of law that had once led to the tyranny that necessitated a Second Revolutionary War. Realizing that this dream would be built upon the work my children were doing with the people, I also realized that a nation without safeguards against moral chaos on the one hand and tyranny in its central government on the other, would be vulnerable to unscrupulous, evil men in future times. To this end I saw that the Church and the civil authority or state must have a proper and vital relationship, recognized by law, each with its own functions and duties, but with the Church *informing* the State with the values necessary for the *good* government of a Christian people. George Washington had cautioned in his Farewell Address that without the foundation of morality and religion our government must surely fail. It was now publicly documented knowledge that George Washington had been baptized a Catholic before his death, due largely to his close relationship with LaFayette during the Revolutionary War. This helped my efforts to set in law the states' necessary dependence

on the timeless teachings of the Catholic Church for moral guidance in all its statues and operations. For it is one thing to give a mere nod to morality and values and religious principle, but another thing to define them authoritatively and cement that in law. This latter is *gold* in the hand, the former, a story about gold.

As communication systems were slowly rebuilt, it became more possible to talk with distant governors and Church leaders about my concerns and ideas. Above all, I preached and taught why human respect, unprincipled democracy or populism, and other unworthy motivations of *good* government had no place in Constitutional law; for these held the central place in any evil "government of the people" run by sophists and various kinds of power brokers and manipulators. I became a traveling lecturer. I tried to show how we must build our future on a true understanding of history and its lessons, and I argued that representatives of the people were not to assume a kind of all wise deification as arbitrary creators of laws to positively rule or oppress the people, as cattle are ruled by the herdsman; but they were to become students of God's Law under the guiding hand of His Church, in order to represent the good will of good people, while giving freedom to the natural pace of a society internally governed by the Christian Church, which expresses and is itself the Kingdom of God within us upon earth.

Good government, Phillip, must not be based on man's fallen nature, much less on the lowest common behavior of the people, but upon man's redeemed nature, which requires the input of revealed religion, Divine Revelation. Of these and other principles I sought to influence Congress as it budded forth again near the end of the first decade.

Public office I did not desire or deem myself worthy of, or particularly fit for. I felt more comfortable being the philosopher, witnessing to the truth, the ordinary prophet providing food for thought to those who assume the awesome responsibility of governing. I settled for being a kind of Socrates, probing, teaching and challenging if necessary; for, I reasoned that the piety and wisdom of men, or the lack thereof is the root and foundation of their own internal and external government in the end. Therefore, to influence the internal orderliness of men's minds is to govern, indirectly, in a true but analogous sense.

"It seems that God has a wonderful mission for each person, Father, if they will just believe this and work and ..."

And trust in God, Phillip.

"It's beautiful, Father, how God rules this world through us all."

He uses both the good and the evil to do this, too. For it takes the heat of fire to make the metal malleable enough to be shaped by the blows of the craftsman's hammer.

"What will happen in the future, Father?"

"Am I a prophet that you ask me such a question, Phillip? The clearest vision is to be gained by studying the wisdom of the ages as taught by our spiritual Mother, the Bride of Christ, the Holy Catholic Church. The Rock of Ages. Abandon her, and you will surely lose your way. Study her Wisdom, and you will virtually see into the future. Know also that as long as we live in this world, we will struggle against the world, our concupiscent and the devil.

"Already I can see the laxities and vanities creeping into the lives of some people. These, like rotten apples, will infect their neighbors. *Fight! Christian Soldier!*" Phillip jumped a foot in the air as I shouted this.

"You startled me, Father. I thought for a moment there was some danger out there."

"There *is* Danger! Complacency!!" I stood erect, quickly, and brought a stern countenance to bear close upon him. There *is* danger in laxity and comfort and assumptions and presuming anything as granted. Wake Up! Strap on your helmet of Faith; take up the sword of Truth and the shield of Hope. Over all put on Charity. For *you* will have to fight the good fight. *You* will have to lead others to victory, along with yourself, over the Evil One. *NO MAN IS EXEMPT FROM THIS DUTY WHO WILLS TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!* The Final Victory is not given to sluggards, but to *Warriors*, only!

As Phillip's eyes focused and slowly steeled over, I said, gently, "Let us go now, Phillip. There is work to be done in the fields of the valley. Timothy will be needing you by now. In fact, he's probably got himself a wee bit out of sorts. Mother will be worrying because I'm not on schedule. And then," I glanced sideways at him, "there is a lovely young girl that likes to drop in on Phillip at times." He smiled shyly. "Like almost every day!"

"Father!"

I could see him squirming a little as I continued. "Well, just let me know when to call brother Paul home for the wedding."

"Father! You said you weren't a prophet!"

I felt a great weight lift from my soul as we walked down the mountain that day. My story finally finished, the cabin a warm brown speck now on the edge of the meadow only one hundred feet below us.

And, right, now, a year later, I once again feel that same relief as I write these final words.

But who is this knocking at my door do you suppose? "Come in! ... Phillip, my boy ... I mean our young man. Are you ready?"

"Yes, Father. Paul is vested and is waiting at the chapel."

"Nervous?"

"Na, na ... nah."

"No?!" Well, it's after five o'clock. Quitting time. So, I won't be contradicting you by making any more prophecies today."

"Father!!!"

Yes, Phillip.

"I love you, Father. Before we go, will you give me your blessing?"

Kneel down, my Son. I ask God to bless you and all like you -- children of trust and confidence who willingly drink from the cup of their spiritual Mother the Word of Her beloved Son.

"Amen. And may God bless my father and all good fathers, wherever they may be, in whatever time they may live."

Amen.

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