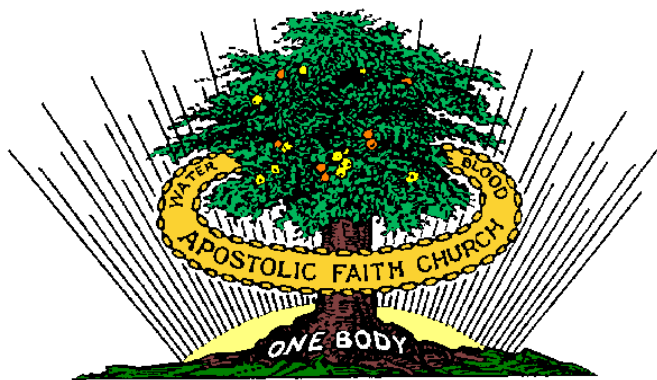


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Bring Forth The New

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It is in connection with the incoming Second Presence having begun, that this Apostolic work differs from the former. The anointings manifested in the Settings of apostles, prophets, teachers, etc., are the same. As this foundation structure develops, Jesus Christ Himself - the Word - will be recognized as the Chief Corner Stone, and established thus the world over.

Being at the end of one age and the opening up of the dispensation of the reign of the Spoken Word, there has been a further revelation referred to and known as "this Faith", once delivered to the Founder of the Society called The Apostolic Faith Church.

As the Father once sent the Son into the world, so the Lord is ready to send the Christ - the Anointed Word - not for the purpose of its redemption, which has been accomplished, but to set in motion the processes for its deliverance from the thralldom of sin and corruption.

Much has yet to be revealed and understood about these processes. The Lord having given His Spoken Word authority into the Faith, is however limited to our ability to draw it forth!

It was the supplications in the Upper Room which released the power then, for it came not forth of itself. Though the Father was ready to send the Baptism of His Spirit in Jesus' name, it had first to be asked for, with the seekers preparing themselves to receive it.

Similarly, the Word of this Faith, though available, needs to be sought for, and we prepared to receive it and bring it forth into being, to work the works of God in the world.

The working of the Word is unlimited, but we do know the end to which it is working: "that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him." Towards this Word of the invisible God, all things are, and will, quietly and inexorably flow.

When the evangelist preaches the Word for individual salvation, the Lord is lifted up, the victory of the Cross is made manifest, and people are gathered into His fold. In this Faith, as we lift up the Word to speak into operation the many processes required to bring about more social righteousness, then the forces for the reformation of the fabric of societies worldwide are released, transforming nations.

In the process of time, these heavenly powers will gain increasing momentum. Spoken Words to this end have been released, and have gone forth on the wings of this faith of God. They will not return void, but are in the process of accomplishing the works to which they are directed. In this respect, God's Israel is in particular being troubled by the Word, and will increasingly be confronted with circumstances which will compel her to turn towards the ways commanded by the Word.

Difficulties and distress are always brought on by the opposition to the growing pains of righteous changes. Of course, people do not know who they are opposing, because they do not know that God has set His Son to begin His reign upon the Holy Hill of Zion.

As the light of these current truths shine forth brighter, more people will come to appreciate the reality of what is really happening to the nations. The power of this word, becoming more widely believed, and grasped in the understanding of the people, increases its range of effectual working.

With the rising authority of the Spoken Word of Christ the King, the nations will be less inclined to think, and do things in a wilful manner, and therefore save themselves much frustration in the future.

To be gathered gradually into this one place of understanding, means not only to come unto Mount Zion - the place from which the King's Word is reigning - but enables those who do come, to begin the climb up it, as their faith increases, enabling them to participate in its governing operations and processes.

Some are there who do not realise it, because they have never had the light of it to shine in explanation to them. Visible evidence of the workings of the invisible Lord has not been recognised by them.

We see the Commonwealth of Nations arising in the natural order of things. It is not fully realised how extraordinary was the transformation from colonial empire status to that of independent Commonwealth autonomy. This elevation and advance must be seen as the further coming down into operation of the New Jerusalem order.

How blind are those commentators who have regarded the "dissolving" of an Empire as a defeat, failing to acclaim the "evolving" of Commonwealth as a resounding victory for the incoming Kingdom of God on earth. This event is all part of the gathering together into one of all things, both internationally and spiritually. First that which is natural; then that which is spiritual, is the way of God's order. His Word released and believed into being in its new and quickening power, shall break all the kingdom of darkness and bring in the kingdom of light. This invisible movement is what will bind all the nations in one.

This is the vision which we preach as part of the Apostolic way. Unto this Commonwealth of Israel all nations in due time will become joined. In that day there will only be one Kingdom - that of our Lord and His Christ - and only one King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In this New Year of our Lord, let us be about our Heavenly Father's business, and work to bring forth more of the new order. So come, let us worship Jehovah, and watch His voice shaking the earth, and further revealing the Christ the Anointed, which is bringing the manchild to birth.

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