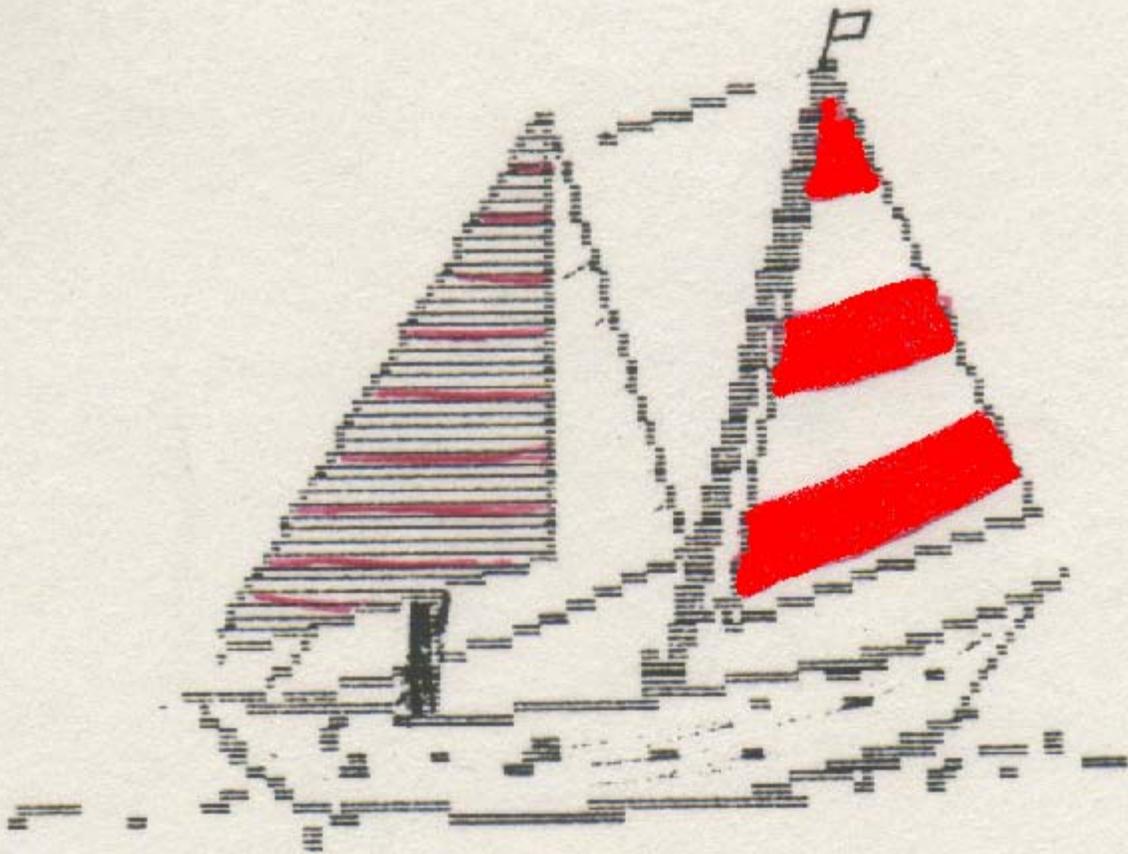


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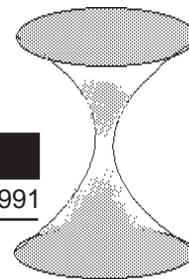
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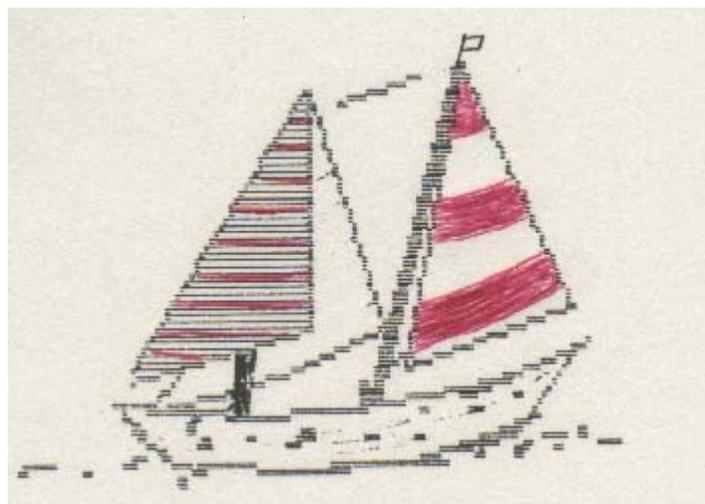
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The Straits of Love

One of the booklets that we have offered upon request is called **The Straits of Love**. We have described this as a "booklet that outlines the submerged rocks and reefs that would shipwreck those who would sail through the Straits of Love". It discusses the practical, realistic side of son-daughter relationships." Since this booklet has about one hundred pages, we are not offering it as part of a regular mailing but will send it out as a free mailing to those who request it.

What you are reading now is a review of some of the topics in the Straits of Love booklet. If you are faced with the searchings described in The Straits of Love, then, by all means, you should return the enclosed envelope to request your copy. Otherwise, we will assume that you are not interested in the writing.

This booklet deals with a very touchy and sensitive subject - spiritual and earthrealm (or physical) relationships between a son and daughter of God. These sons and daughters who were once spiritual beings only must now overcome the limitations of this world. Some of the booklet is written in very direct, down to earth terms because those who abuse what God has given them sometimes do not want to hear the still small voice of their conscience.

Why - one wonders, have so many powerful and respected ministries fallen into disgrace because of sexual indiscretions? Does it automatically follow that along with power comes the probability of abuse? Are these ministries drawn like a moth into the flame?

In I Corinthians 10, we are told that the accounts written concerning the Israelites who perished in the wilderness were written for "examples to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted." Is it possible that we can learn from the mistakes of those who have gone before us, or, are we doomed to make the same mistakes ourselves?

Several years ago in Waller County, Texas, a school superintendent arose before dawn one morning and started driving toward his destination. In the darkness, he came to a bridge that was washed out by the night's very heavy rains. His car crashed into a river bed and he was badly injured. Yet, he knew that before long a school bus of precious sons and daughters would soon be taking the same road. So, in spite of his injuries, he managed to drag himself a half mile to a house and get help and warn those who would soon be traveling the same road.

In the same way, we must also be responsible to the sons and daughters that would travel the road toward the tremendous agape love that can be manifested. To open up the potential of this agape love without pointing out the pitfalls of the journey is to be derelict of our duties.

Paul spoke of the dangers of the journey to his spiritual son Timothy when he said:

"This command I entrust to you, Timothy my son in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good fight, keeping faith and good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith." I Tim 1:18,19 RSV

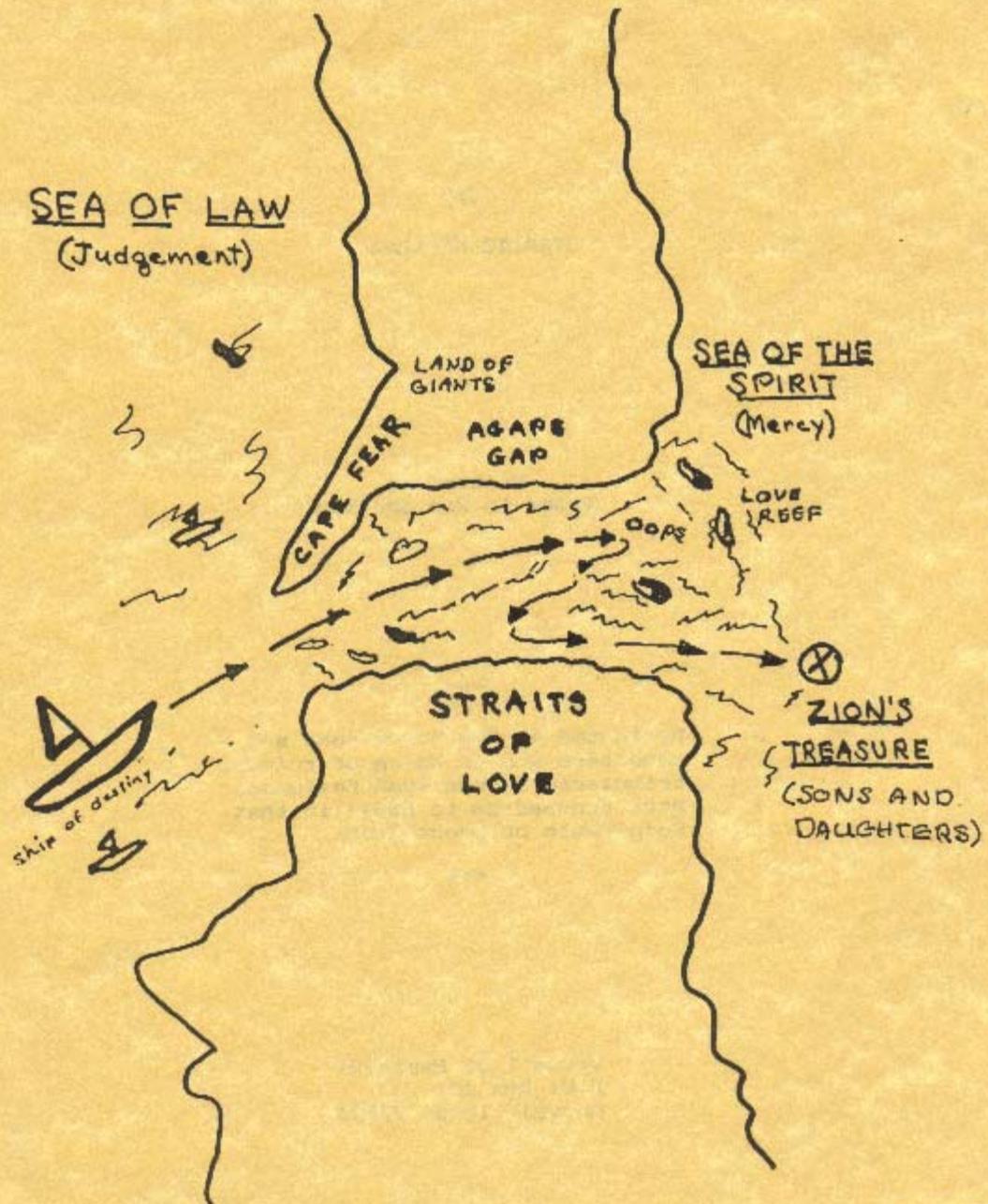
Thus, Paul used the metaphor of Timothy's ship making a perilous journey through dangerous waters in order that he might fulfill the prophecies given concerning him. Then, Paul makes it clear that without faith and a good conscience that the journey could well end in shipwreck.

And so it is for us. Just because many wonderful prophecies have been spoken over us, we may not automatically assume that we will avoid shipwreck - unless we keep the faith and have a clear conscience.

Thus, the booklet entitled **The Straits of Love** describes a spiritual journey from the Sea of Law to the Sea of Agape Love. The journey takes one across a channel of swift currents and dangerous rocks and reefs - a path so dangerous that one wonders why anyone would be so foolish to even think of sailing. It is a path strewn with the shipwrecks of many ministries. Much as the Israelites were afraid of the giants of Caanan, one wonders why anyone would be so stupid to even attempt to make such a journey.

Along the pathway of the journey, we find such markers as Cape Fear which discourages the fainthearted. Then, we come to Silly Calves Rock which shipwrecks those who are spiritually naive. Then comes Repecter of Persons reef where a persons true motives are exposed. And then comes the horrors of Liberty Rock, Peer Pressure Current, and Legal Loop-hole Whirlpool where when we say we are led by the spirit, we have an opportunity to find out what spirit it is. And then comes the dreaded Oops marker where a relationship "accidentally" crosses from the spiritual to the physical. The general outline of the Straits of Love journey is given on the map on the adjoining page. Many hazards lie in the path of those who sail the straits.

TREASURE MAP



The following pages contain excerpts from **The Straits of Love** booklet. You should view this simply as a table of appetizers which are given to provide you with an idea of what subject matter is covered in the booklet.

However, if you find that the Lord is dealing with you concerning these subjects, then by all means, you should write and request **The Straits of Love** in order to have a more detailed treatment of this subject.

EXCERPTS FROM

The Straits of Love

Now while it is clear that natural sons and daughters marry each other, what kind of relationship are we talking about for spiritual sons and daughters? It seems clear from the scriptures that this relationship is not in the same realm. You remember the story in Matthew 22 about the woman who had seven consecutive husbands all of whom died. then the Pharisees asked Jesus (or Yehoshua if you prefer the Hebrew name) whose wife she would be in the resurrection.

"Jesus answered and said unto them. Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures or the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

Matt 22: 29,30

As God's sons and daughters have begun to "discover" each other it has opened up a tremendous flow of agape love. But the problem has been that many are still operating in the natural, carnal realm - but see the vision of coming "into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

While the spiritual realm of sons and daughters is glorious many have been so taken by this "love" that they have tried to apply it to the natural realm with disastrous results. In a number of cases, there has been a tragic trail of broken marriages, immoral conduct, and broken-hearted friends, families and relatives - sadly enough carried on under the banner of "serving God".

"Behold I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isa. 43:19

It takes pioneers to do a new thing. A pioneer is one who blazes the trail, sets up way markers, and draws charts and maps for those who would follow. How much easier Magellan's passage of the straits would have been with a map.

In the same way God's sons and daughters must sail from the Sea of the Law through the perilous Straits of Love into the Sea of the Spirit. Maps are beginning to be made of the rocks and reefs. Accounts are now available of where ships have been wrecked and the reasons why.

So God's sons and daughters have almost mind boggling prophecies concerning them. But like Sarai and Abram - Sarai's womb of the spirit remained closed until Abram was circumcised of his flesh nature and had a pure seed. So, try as hard as they might - nothing much but Ishmaels will come forth from the sons and daughters until they willingly submit themselves to the necessary purification.

Like Abram and Sarai - the sons and daughters have had to go through a circumcision to cut away the flesh. Then the pure seed of the word comes forth and the womb of the Spirit is opened.

"Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; for the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman", says the Lord." Isa. 54:1 NASB

Within the last forty years, there has been an awakening concerning the promises revealed to the sons of God as give in Romans chapter 8. And yet there has been a missing ingredient. Sons by themselves can not create. We need only to look at the natural to know that it takes a son and daughter to create. Much of the message of "sonship" has spoken about a "corporate man" or a pattern son which the sons of God will bring forth. However, if there is a reversal of the changes in Adam (which resulted in the fall), the corporate man or pattern son will have a daughter within in order to come back into the image of Elohim. There must be a marriage between the bridegrooms (sons) and the brides (daughters). Until then, in spite of the best efforts of the sons to work on their own, nothing much will happen.

"You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. It will no longer be said to you 'Forsaken', nor to your land will it any longer be said 'Desolate',; But you will be called 'My delight is in her', and your land 'Married', for the Lord delights in you. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you." Isa. 62:3-5

Some thought that there would be a manifestation of sonship as scriptures concerning the sons of God began to be revealed in the late forties. But, perhaps it was in the mercy of God that this did not happen to a significant degree.

The sons were strong on judgement and truth - but perhaps somewhat lacking in love and mercy. In the nature of Jesus is not only the Lion of Revelation 5:5, but the Lamb of Revelation 5:6. The revelation of the daughters will more fully reveal the Lamb-like nature. Thus the nature of the Lion (judgement) will be balanced with the nature of the Lamb(mercy).

Judgement without mercy can be harsh and cruel - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Mercy without judgement is like a spineless jellyfish - because true love involves discipline and truth. But, together, judgement (truth) and mercy (love) are in perfect balance.

"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Psalms 85:10

Truly, the sons need the daughters and the daughters need the sons to be in that perfect balance in the image of Elohim.

So there comes a time when the sons of Zion discover the daughters of Zion - and vice versa. If this has happened to you - and you feel like a sixteen year-old in love - wonderful - what a glorious future you have ahead of you! Would you like to know what is really ahead? At this point you don't care - you're in love - so what? Well, perhaps, we should draw back the curtain just a bit and take a peek at the tests that lie ahead. Remember when the Spirit of God descended on Jesus in the form of a dove? What a blessing - and then what happened?

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matt. 4:1 NASB

There also came a time when God spoke to the Israelites, "You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north." The day came when all the old generation (those afraid of the giants) died and God told them it was time to move on.

THE GIDDY SIXTEEN YEAROLD

So, you feel like a sixteen year-old in love - perhaps you've found some one who shares your spiritual interests even more than your spouse. You have an instant rapport in the Spirit. But as you began to walk down the Holy highway through the midst of Moab - will you stay on it - or will you turn to the right or left?

As the Israelites came through the wilderness - were they not led by the cloud (or the Spirit): Then, why would God lead them through a land with many temptations? Simply, because they were to learn to overcome these temptations instead of being seduced by them. Jesus is the pattern and if we desire to follow in that pattern we will be tested.

"For we have not such a high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Heb. 4:15

Sometimes our reasoning becomes faulty. Just because God has led us to someone, it does not mean that He will bless all the carnal desires that may spring forth as a result of the encounter.

"So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom." Gen. 13:11-12

So we see that Lot chose the green grass of the valley while Abram took the high ground. Later on Lot was taken captive and Abram had to defeat the kings which held Lot captive (Gen.14). It is interesting to note that after Abram defeated the kings that held Lot captive, he was blessed by Melchisedek.

It is not difficult to see a parallel between Lot and Abram and those in the Christian Church today. This is why the doctrines of Moab and Ammon are so subtle - they come from inside the church.

Now that we have established old testament concepts in a modern day context, let's look at sailing the Straits of Love.

Referring to the Straits of Love diagram, you will note that the ship of destiny is sailing from the Sea of Law to the Sea of the Spirit. A sea is a group of people. We often speak of the sea of humanity. So those in the Sea of Law are the people of the Law.

The ship of destiny must first go past Cape Fear into the Straits of Love. These straits are filled with many jagged rocks and hidden reefs. As you follow the arrows, you come to a place where reefs and rocks abound on all sides. How can one ever get through the Straits of Love to sail the seas of the Spirit? And yet, it can and must be done.

So let's go back to the beginning of the journey and work our way through it step by step.

The first leg of the journey is to sail past Cape Fear. This is a place of numerous shipwrecks and conventional wisdom is to not even think of sailing near Cape Fear. Stay in the safe waters where we know the currents and the

rocks are few. Don't even go near the place for we have heard that should you become shipwrecked on the rocks and swim to land on Cape Fear - a terrible destiny awaits you. Giants live there - men so tall that they make us look like grasshoppers - they will kill you!

Please stay in the safe seas of the rules of social conduct that we have developed - then you will not be shipwrecked on the rocks of sexual impurity. We have developed laws of conduct that are proven. The first law is not to go near Cape Fear!

"Then they told him, and said "We went in to the land where you sent us, and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there." Num. 13:27-28

It is clear that the Lord did not want the fearful going into the land of Moab. Remember, Gideon, when he was gathering his army said, "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return early from mount Gilead." and about two-thirds of the people left.

So, there are some who do not believe that the sons and daughters of Zion could enter into that relationship of love without dragging it into the carnal realm. Therefore, they say - is it not better to stay with our safe rules and laws of conduct? Why sail near Cape Fear? You will surely be shipwrecked and if not destroyed on the rocks - the giants will finish you off. God told the Israelites that he had given the giants into their hands. They did not believe him and perished in the wilderness anyway.

It is better to say in the Sea of Law and perish or is it better to risk sailing the Straits of Love? The rules and laws of safe social conduct are much safer than the scary possibility of sailing the Seas of the Spirit - being led by the Spirit.

Moses, who was symbolic of the Law, did not make it into the promised land.

Then comes the point when you suck in your breath and resolve to sail past Cape Fear into the Straits of Love. You take a sighting on Liberty Rock and leave the Sea of Law behind. Sure, you see rocks and shipwrecks, but the way is marked well enough and you sail on into the Straits of Love - trusting in God's love to guide you.

You have sailed past Cape Fear and find that you are in a place where there are rocks and reefs close in on both sides of the boat. Now is the time to look at the map - to find out where the rocks, reefs and dangerous currents are.

SILLY CALVES ROCKS

These rocks have shipwrecked an amazing number of ships. They consist of two rocks just far enough apart that it appears that you can sail in between - not so! The underwater ridge between the two protruding rocks is hidden just below the surface. No boat has made it through yet.

Perhaps, the most common occurrence of the Silly Calf Syndrome is to assume that because God by His Spirit led you to a certain person that he will bless all the outcome of that encounter - even carnal sexual activity. It must be God because He led you there! A person that thinks that way is a silly calf. God led you in that direction to test you - not to approve of carnal actions.

"And thou shall remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not." Deut. 8:2

Yes, the Lord sent the Children of Israel directly into the land of Moab to let them see what was really in their heart. But he sent them in to overcome the lusts of the flesh - not to succumb to them. Yes, God sent you directly to that person, not for carnal purposes - but to let you see what was in your heart - and then to overcome it.

RESPECTER OF PERSONS REEF

This reef is hidden in what appears to be a clear passage into the Straits of Love. If you check your map and find that you are sailing down this channel, it is a clear indication of trouble ahead! The channel appears to be clear, but the reef is just under the waterline and there is no way to get a boat across.

In order to find out more about this reef, let's examine some scriptures about the sons and daughters.

First, the Lord tells Zion that her sons will marry her daughters. "For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you." Isaiah 62:5 NASB

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth! Tell me if you have understanding, Who set its measurements, since you know? or stretched the line upon it. On what were its bases sunk? or who laid its cornerstone? When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Job 39:4-7 NASB

In these scriptures we see a company of sons and a company of daughters. As they come together, they enter into that creativity that God intended. In other words, all of the sons have married all of the daughters. However, for a given situation a certain son and daughter may work together. But all of God's sons belong to all of God's daughters and vice versa. It isn't a natural sexual relationship but a relationship of creativity in the Spirit - a higher realm.

Now in the physical - God's sons and daughters come in all shapes, sizes, ages, physical characteristics, etc. God looks on the heart while man looks on the outside.

So, when a son is smitten by love - which is supposed to be focused in the spiritual realm, some very fishy things sometimes begin to happen around the respecter of persons reef. Why is that son so much more interested in those daughters who just happen to have the most shapely bodies, the flashing smiles, and movie star personalities. Why is that daughter so much more interested in those sons with the handsome features, the broad shoulders, the witty intellect or the macho personality?

If the motives were of a spiritual nature, that young son of God would find just as much enjoyment in sharing with an eighty-five year old lady as he would with the sweet young thing. That daughter would enjoy the company of the shy, reticent bookworm as much as that of the rugged football player.

LIBERTY ROCK

Rock number three is a large, well marked rock called Liberty rock. It is easily seen and surely no one should have any trouble steering around it. But strangely enough, this rock has just about as many shipwrecks on it as any of the other rocks or reefs in the Straits of Love. How can this be for a rock so large that it should serve more as a beneficial marker rather than as a hazard to navigation?

Why Liberty rock is the rock used as a navigation marker by those sailing from the Sea of Law past Cape Fear into the Straits of Love! If it weren't for liberty Rock we would still be back under rules and regulations in the Sea of Law - rather than being led by the Spirit through the Straits of Love. How could it be that a navigation marker so beneficial could be the source of so many shipwrecks?

Leaving behind the world of church rules and regulations was wonderful. It was like a fresh wind blowing to be led of the Spirit into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. But what's this? How can there be so many shipwrecks around Liberty rock?

They said the very rock that we were sailing toward would shipwreck us. But we know that it is there to help guide us and presents no danger. But still, how could there be so many shipwrecks around Liberty rock?

The explanation for the many shipwrecks around liberty Rock is the unseen but very real peer pressure current. Unless, from some distance away, you change course to the Law of Love channel, you will come too close to liberty Rock. Even from one hundred and fifty yards distance, peer pressure current will sweep you right into Liberty Rock!

What happens when a group leaves the safe church rules and laws behind and begins to be led by the Spirit? It is wonderful and God truly guides them. But because they have left the sea of Law behind and are being led by the Spirit, they may assume that the carnal mind has at that point been conquered. Not so - little by little, unless they seek the Lord, they will begin to depart from that holy highway God would lead them on across Moab and begin to indulge in the Moabite practices. The transition is so gradual and subtle - no one notices that much difference.

Then one day, someone raises the question about the looseness of conduct. The questioner is bombarded by "you're still under the law! Be led of the Spirit!" And the person thinks "Well, maybe I am under the Law. I'll just keep my mouth shut." From that point, a game of "I dare you to have as much liberty in the Lord as I have" develops. Any many began to do things that they would have regarded as unthinkable simple because they do not want to be regarded as still being under the law.

Yes, it is true that we are to come out from under the law of rules and regulations, but it doesn't mean that we are to be lawless! Many have failed to realize that they are under a higher, more difficult law. Instead of being under the higher law, they turned their new found liberty into license to do anything they wanted - under the excuse of being led of the Spirit.

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lustest against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so ye can not do the things ye would.

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like: of the which I tell you before as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Gal. 5:13-21

Note that adultery and fornication are right at the top of the list of things which would keep a person out of the kingdom of God.

There are some who, even though being caught in peer pressure current, still manage to avoid hitting Liberty rock. As they sweep past Liberty rock, they notice a marker on the back side with the words "License Rock". They have gone too far - from liberty to license! Another fate awaits them - for they are swept into Legal Loophole Whirlpool. As they go around and around looking for scriptural loopholes to justify their actions, the ship is drawn into the vortex and destroyed. They claim to be led by the Spirit but go back to a very legalistic interpretation of scripture to justify actions.

There are other legalisms that are brought forth to justify actions - such as regarding sex during a certain phase of the moon or with a woman past child bearing age being okay.

If a son or daughter falls in love, they may begin to daydream about some sudden tragedy befalling their own spouse, leaving them free to marry another. This should be a clear indication of the source of the thought. God forbid that they should put feet to their thoughts as King David did in order to remove Uriah.

Additional Comment: There are some that say that they would never think about sudden removal of their spouse as outlined above. However, this is a matter of degree. What about the person who is enamoured by some wonderful, new "spiritual" relationship who then begins to treat their spouse like dirt because they are perceived to be spiritually insignificant? Or, what about the person who uses their wonderful, new "spiritual" relationship as an excuse for divorce or to quit investing love and caring into their present marriage. They may think that they keep these attitudes well hidden but the attitudes indicate a lack of maturity in understanding that the true spiritual relationships do not involve marrying or giving in marriage. In fact when the flesh and soul relationships are removed, many of these potentially very "spiritual" couples find that they have very little to talk about. What they thought was light turns out to be a deep darkness.

LOVE REEF AND 'OOPS' MARKER

The most dangerous rock system is called Love Reef. This reef system is very extensive and not hidden at all. It seems to entirely block all passages into the Sea of the Spirit. But it does appear that by very careful zig-zagging, a slim possibility exists that a ship could get through.

As this rock system looms up ahead many ships slow down and begin to consider if a passage exists at all. However, some of the ships may boldly sail on toward Love Reef. There is a special buoy called Oops marker placed in front of Love Reef as a warning. If the son and daughter sail past Oops marker, the previously spiritual relationship crosses over into a physical, sexual relationship.

It is called Oops marker because they really had no intention of entering into a physical relationship. However, in the closeness of sharing common interests, it just happened - unintentionally. That's why it is called Oops marker.

Around Oops marker the son and daughter have become very emotionally attached to each other and the relationship is either already physical or close to becoming so. Reasoning with them on a scriptural basis does not seem particularly productive. It is continually met with the reply. "I'm in Love - I don't care! Don't ask me to give up the most precious thing in my life - I can't bear the thought of going on without him/her!"

No doubt, it is a love relationship of sorts for the son and daughter involved - but the true agape love of the scriptures does not hurt, harm, or destroy in any way. The statement that "It's love" must be examined in the light of love as defined in scripture.

Now this particular son and daughter may say that they are in love. And they probably are. But true love, being led by the Spirit, says that first, we love God and second that we love our neighbor as ourselves. True love doesn't hurt, harm or destroy.

Let's look at the whole picture and see if this particular relationship fits the pattern of being led of Love.

- 1) The respective spouses of this particular son and daughter are extremely upset. One has a fit of jealousy and the other is so hurt and rejected that they leave to stay with relatives for three months.
- 2) As the daughter and her spouse tell their little twelve year old boy that mommy and daddy are going to be divorced, tears cloud over his eyes. He says, "But you're my Mommy and Daddy - I don't want anyone else."
- 3) Parents and Grandparents are shocked and upset at the news. More than one pillow is wet with tears.
- 4) The church is upset about a son - daughter relationship gone amok - and many are disillusioned. They say it's time to go back under strict rules and regulations - or law.

And we could go on with a whole list of other happenings. But along with the "love" expressed by the son or daughter there is a trail of destruction and debris. Is this really being led of the Spirit to bring hurt and destruction to all these people?

Let's take a look at a definition given of love in the Bible and see how this measures up.

"Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not behave unbecomingly, it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." I Cor. 13:4-8 RV

In this particular case we have unbecoming conduct - this is not a characteristic of love.

We have a seeking of its own - with a disregard for the feelings and welfare of spouses, children, relatives - definitely not a characteristic of love.

The ship has drawn near Love Reef and decision time has come. Will they back off or try to go through the rocks not caring what happens to those around them - intent only on maintaining their own "love" relationship. At this point some may arrogantly claim that the Lord told them to do this and is leading - in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

On October 14th, 1947, Charles Yeager entered his Bell X-1 rocket plane. On that day an attempt was to be made to break the sound barrier. No one knew for sure whether it could be done. A number of pilots had already died trying. Perhaps, it was a pipe dream to even think of trying. A way of going to a certain death.

And yet from history we know that he did succeed. And today supersonic flight has become routine for the military and even transoceanic passengers.

On this day, thirty-nine years later we stand on the threshold of breaking another barrier - a sort of sexual sound barrier. Is the possibility of God's sons and daughters entering into a love relationship with it not being drug down in the carnal realm only a pipe dream? Perhaps, we should have stayed under the law where it's safe. Look at all the shipwrecked marriages and scarred lives. Is it better to have tried and failed rather than never to have tried at all? These burning questions must be answered as we stand on the threshold of a new day.

By the grace of God we have avoided Silly Calves Rocks and Respector of Persons Reef. We changed courses into Law of Love Channel just in time to avoid Liberty Rock, Peer Pressure Current, and Legal Loophole Whirlpool. We were warned about Oops Marker so the ship has been brought to a stop dead in

the water. Love Reef lies ahead and there appears to be no safe passage to continue through the Straits of Love into the Sea of the Spirit. And yet, as we gaze across the rocks of Love Reef it's tempting to try it anyway.

We knew that this voyage was arranged by the Holy Spirit - that it would be a time of testing and trial to see what was in our heart. Would we be willing to overcome or would we succumb to the temptation?

What to do as the ship lies still in the water and we try to make a decision. We seek the Lord and that still small voice speaks the words we did not want to hear - "Back off". But to back off means that we back away from - Love Reef - the very place that we desire to go! And while we can't say that the Lord spoke in an audible voice to us - the impressions of the heart begin to flow and we record them here. Yes, speaks the Spirit - that is the carnal realm - there is no passage through those rocks and reefs - any attempt will result in certain shipwreck.

So, we are stunned - have we come all this way for nothing? The Love Reef realm looks so inviting that we are tempted to go forward anyway. Decision time has come.

But Lord, we say - if we back up - the sexual sound barrier will never be broken! Then, the Spirit speaks ever so softly, If you are willing to do it my way, I'll show you how to break the barrier.

Yes, Lord - we say - we'll do it your way - Not my will, but thine be done. And the Spirit speaks ever so softly - back away from Love Reef. And so we begin to back up - very slowly.

A fresh breeze springs out of the North and we are alarmed that our ship is not going straight back in the channel that we had come. The back of the ship is drifting toward the south! In alarm, we looked for rocks there, but there were none.

If you will refer to the Straits of Love Map, you will see the course that we took. As we drifted backwards and toward the south we realized the ship had drifted thru an unnoticed gap in the rocks.

Then the Spirit spoke again and said, "Look forward". And when we did we saw a small, but clear passage ahead of us leading to the Sea of the Spirit. The wind had shifted again and we caught it and sailed with joy through the Law of Love Channel into the Sea of the Spirit! The sexual sound barrier had been broken without us being shipwrecked on Love Reef.

The sons and daughters of Zion embraced in that pure love of the Spirit.

"Look on Zion, the city of our solemnities: Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; where in shall go no gallery with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby." Isaiah 33:20,21

We looked upon the wind in the sails and knew that the days of rowing with oars by the sweat of our brow was over. We had come home to Zion.

And again the Spirit of the Lord whispered the words to us - Do you know what broke the sexual sound barrier?

And we said - No, Lord. The Spirit said the sexual sound barrier was broken by the sound of the words - Not my will, but -thine be done.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO STAYED BEHIND IN THE SEA OF LAW?

Now, it mentions that this beast shall arise out of the bottomless pit. The bottomless pit is also mentioned in Revelation Chapter 9.

"The fifth angel sounded and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit

And there came out of the smoke locusts on the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."Rev. 9:1-5

Note that only those men who had not the seal of God on the foreheads were not hurt when the bottomless pit was opened. What is the significance of this? Those who truly have the seal of God on their foreheads are those truly led by the Spirit! If the Spirit says sail into the Straits of Love - there they sail!

This also means that our fearful friends who stayed behind in the Sea of Law have some king-sized problems on their hands. These are the one who made fun of the problems of those who would sail the Straits of Love. "See", they would say. "We told you that you would get shipwrecked!"

The problem was that they stayed behind in the Sea of Law - very careful about external acts - but inside the carnal man still reigned. And when these strong fallen spirits from the bottomless pit came forth - their mind was not sealed and they found themselves tormented - as they began doing things previously unthinkable. In most cases, the very thing that they were most judgmental about was the very instrument of the downfall.

"For he shall have judgement without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgement." James 2:13

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:1,2•

THE FUTURE OF THE EARTHLY AND THE HEAVENLY

Many years later a company of sons and daughters, while in spirit form, volunteered to descend into the earth realm, even as their elder brother Jesus did.

They would be born in the midst of the carnal - with the mission of overcoming the carnal and ascending back into the heavenly realm. They would partake of the earth realm - and yet be given the opportunity to overcome. An exact reversal of the actions of the fallen sons of God.

These sons and daughters will love each other with that agape love of the heavenlies. They will overcome the temptation to mix it with the carnal love of the earth realm.

Now this doesn't mean that a son or daughter who overcomes into the heavenly realm relationship will not have a spouse in the natural. They would likely continue to have a physical sexual relationship with their spouse.

Those of you who may be about to panic at the thought of giving up the natural sexual relationship should relax. Look at it this way. The flow of love in the spiritual relationship will bring about much greater fulfillment than in the natural relationship. So, there may be a point where that son or daughter may desire the transition to the higher realm - leaving the lower behind. God is a God

who doeth all things well. He is perfectly capable working out the son and daughter spiritual relationships and the spouse related natural relationships in the perfect love of God - a love that doesn't hurt, harm, or destroy. Read Hebrews 13:4 and I Cor. 7:5 and remember that true love also considers the needs of the spouse. Trust in God to work things out!

Also, when that son or daughter settles it in their mind (or heaven) that they will do it God's way and not try to drag the carnal realm into Zion, there will be a wonderful peace and security. They will look upon their spouse with new eyes of love and appreciation. God will begin to bless their natural marriage relationship and their home in a way they never thought possible. And strangely enough their spouse will begin to understand the son-daughter relationship in a new and positive light.

The daughters of God are a key part of the process of reversing what happened with Adam. Originally Eve offered the forbidden fruit to Adam. This process will be reversed when the daughters refused the luscious, delectable hidden fruit offered to them by carnal sons. Instead, they will invite the sons to step up into a higher realm and eat of the tree of Wisdom. Who is Wisdom? These scriptures speak of Wisdom.

"She is a tree of life to them that lay hold of her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her." Proverbs 3:18

WHAT IF SHIPWRECK HAPPENS TO YOU?

If you have managed to avoid the rocks and shipwreck Praise God - may many more find safe passage! However, if you are in a state of shipwreck or imminent problems - this is especially for you.

First, realize that all of us go through the same purification process. The details may vary - but in the final analysis - whether the carnal thoughts have transgressed only in the thought realm, or manifested in the actual act - the works of the flesh still must be dealt with. So there is no point in anyone pointing the finger at another with a self-righteous, smug attitude. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

So you think you have problems like no one has ever had - and there is no way out. If so, read II Samuel chapters 11 and 12 again about King David. This is the same king that God chose to bless throughout all generations and what a mess he found himself in. David confessed his sins before God and went through the purification process outlined in Psalm 51. It really doesn't matter that much what has happened, the important thing is to set your face to follow God

no matter what and things will work out. If there has been divorce, remember that even divorce which was obtained for improper reasons is not the unforgivable sin. God forgives and forgets; so should you! The Most High God, El Elyon is a God of mercy. He can take the broken debris of your life and turn it into a blessing.

EPILOGUE TO THE STRAITS OF LOVE

THE UNHINGING TECHNIQUE

When a person is driven by a tremendous desire toward some action and yet knows from scripture that it is wrong - a decision must be made. Do they ignore scripture and just go ahead and do what they want or do they conform their actions to scripture.

Placed in this situation, most people do not want to contradict scripture and yet the desire to do what they want is almost overwhelming. They then resort to a technique to seem to conform their actions to scripture and yet get what they want. In effect, they want to have their cake and eat it too. We will now look at the anatomy of what we will call the unHINGING technique.

Let's suppose that someone is driven by an almost overwhelming desire to commit adultery. When they make a survey of the Bible they find that these scriptures stand in the way of doing what they want - in fact - an overwhelming array of scriptures.

REFERENCES TO ADULTERY

EX 20:14	LA 20:10	DE 5:18	PR 6:32
JER 3:8,9	JER 5:7	JER 7:9	JER 23:14
JER 29:23	EZE 16:32	EZE 23:37	HO 4:2
HO 4:13,14	MT 5:27,28,32	MT 19:9	MT 19:18
MR 10:11,12,19	LU 16:18	LU 18:20	JOHN 8:3,4
RO 2:22	RO 13:9	GA 5:19	JAS 2:11
2PE 2:14	RE 2:22		

As you can see from the above references, the scriptures have a lot to say about adultery! Much of it is in the New Testament so one can not hide behind the the statement that the New Testament permits one to commit adultery. And, if one reads these scriptures, they leave no doubt that committing adultery is wrong and is one of the works of the flesh that can keep one out of the kingdom (Galations 5:19-21).

Faced with such a formidable array of scriptures, a person desiring to commit adultery quickly sees that the scriptures forbid it. The scriptures become a bother to them and they

begin to devise ways to free themselves from the scriptures and yet they must do it in such a way that it sounds scriptural - because they don't have the guts to face their Christian friends and tell them that they don't believe the Bible anymore. If only they could unhinge themselves from these bothersome scriptures and do what they want to and still make it seem Christian. Thus the fleshly mind begins to work and devises the subject of this chapter - THE UNHINGING TECHNIQUE.

A legitimate question is why the con man tries to prove his point with scriptures out of the Bible when he has chosen to ignore most of them anyway. Why doesn't he just throw away the Bible but then he wouldn't likely be able to con any Christians.

Perhaps a better tack would be for the con man to take the list of scriptures about adultery given at the first of this chapter and cut them out of the Bible. Obviously, there are so many that cutting them out might make it easier to read the Bible without a twinge of conscience.

But there is one slight problem with this. Teaching others to ignore or cutting scriptures out of the book of Revelation brings a small penalty with it.

"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 and from the things which are written in this book."

Revelation 22:19

But since the book of Revelation talks about the millenium and the ages to come - it surely is not so spiritually backward to be talking about adultery or illicit sex - should be no problem. But, to be sure, we will check in out in the next chapter.

THE MORNING STAR

Now we will begin to examine the book of Revelation - that very spiritually advanced book that contains the principles of the millennium - to see if it says anything about adultery or illicit sex. Surely, the con man would say, it doesn't - so I have nothing to fear from the scripture that says I would have my part taken out of the book of life if I take away scriptures from the book of Revelation.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake

which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" Rev 21:7,8

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whomsoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:15,16

Ok, says the con man, the scriptures that you point out do say that if I chase after a whore, I've lost my part in the book of life. But what I'm experiencing is true Love with a capital L. There is no exchange of sex for money as would be done with a whore. Find me one scripture that forbids adultery.

"And unto the angel of the church of Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass.

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to at things sacrificed unto idols.

And I gave her space to repent because of her fornication; and she repented not.

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according unto your works.

Revelation 2:18-23

No doubt the Jezebel being spoken of at Thyatira is a different Jezebel than the wife of Ahab. However, the symbolism of it being the same spirit that was on the old testament Jezebel is quite clear. This Jezebel spirit could rest on either a man or a woman.

Notice that Jesus commends the church at Thyatira for works and for charity or agape love. Also, the Thyatiran church is commended for patience - but apparently their patience became out of balance in that they had patience in putting up with the teachings of Jezebel longer than God intended for them to.

Perhaps this is characteristic of those who attempt to walk under the love, mercy, and forgiveness of the Most High God. They desperately want to be like Jesus in not condemning the woman caught in adultery - only to condemn the act of adultery itself. They are fed up with the condemnation and man's law and code of conduct that is used in much of the church world - so they go to great extremes to avoid it - by giving space to those involved in sin to repent.

Notice in verse 23 that Jesus gave Jezebel "space" to repent and she repented not. Those that would learn to walk under the leadership of the Most High God must be willing to give a person space to repent, but they must listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit to know if the person has repented. Also, they must learn to know when the time of patiently waiting for repentance has expired and it is time for action. The Spirit of the Lord will guide them concerning whether someone is trying to overcome and simply has a weakness problem - or whether the person has hardened their heart against God. A person who is trying but has a chronic weakness desperately needs the encouragement of the Church to help to overcome it.

Lydia, the seller of purple, came from the city of Thyatira. Purple is a symbol of royalty (see Acts 16:14-18 about Lydia and about how Paul finally got fed up with a spirit of divination that even acknowledged the Most High God).

We shall shortly see that Jesus gives tremendous promises to those in the church at Thyatira who are willing to learn the specific lessons that God has deliberately given to that church. These promises concern government. However, he who would learn to govern must learn to deal with the tough situations as well as the easy ones.

Revelation 2:20 makes it clear that those in the Church who have the leadership responsibility are held responsible for what is taught in the church. Either they act as guided by the Holy Spirit or they have it held against them by the Lord.

In the characteristics of God is the loving, merciful, forgiving, tender nature. We should also have this in our nature. However, after much long suffering, there is a nature of God that finally deals with stubborn, unrepentant behavior. If we are to be conformed to the image of God, we must learn to deal with situations in the appropriate nature that

God would have us use. Otherwise, we will never be able to overcome difficult situations that we must overcome in order to rule and reign with God.

Jesus, Himself, gives a procedure for dealing with this type of situation.

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee,
go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone:
if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one
or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses
every word may be established.

And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the
church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him
be unto you as an heathen man and a publican."

Matthew 18:15-17

It is interesting that some of the translations translate publican as taxgather. If you have had the privilege of a tax audit, perhaps you can more easily grasp the implications of the aboveverses.

Now some of you say that you haven't been involved in an adulterous relationship, and you can not be responsible for butting your nose into other people's business or being your brother's keeper. However, this is a lame excuse if you are in a position of Christian leadership in the church. If you truly overcome, then you can no longer sit on the fence - you will have to learn to deal with the difficult situations rather than run from them only to face them over and over again.

Sometimes God may call us to be a Nathan to confront the King Davids. Don't you know that Nathan probably tried every way possible to talk the Lord out of having to present the parable about the sheep to King David when he committed adultery with Bathsheba. However, either one is obedient to what God wants done or he is not - even if the task is a painful one.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Sometimes those who find themselves in adulterous situations quickly repent, as King David did - because his heart was turned toward the Lord. However, the outcome is sometimes quite different when those in Nathan's role run up against a very hard, clever, cunning, arrogant, unrepentant spirit. From various experiences, we have learned to discern and identify this hard spirit as a "fox" spirit. The fox spirit doesn't really start out that way - it starts out as a playful and cute little thing.

Songs 2:14 O my dove, that art in clefts of the rock, in the secret places of
the stairs, let me see hy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is
thyvoice, and thy countenance is comely.

Songs 2:15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines:
for our vines have tender grapes.
2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lillies.

The little foxes start out in the places of tender and sweet relationships. Little foxes are cute, cuddly, and playful - unfortunately they do not remain that way. They grow up to be clever and cunning and they will take what they want even if they have no right to it. Let's look at how the little fox spirit grows up to the point of his (or her, if it's a vixen) first conquest.

Matt 14:3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias sake, his brother Philip's sake, his brother Philip's wife.
14:4 For John said unto him, it is not lawful for thee to have her.
14:5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

How do we know that it was the fox spirit that was upon Herod? We know this because Jesus identified it as being characteristic of Herod.

Luke 13:31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence; for Herod will kill thee.
13:32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

When the fox spirit grows up and mates, it brings more death and destruction. Herod was overcome by lust for the beauty of Herodias' daughter and made a rash promise which resulted in the beheading of John the Baptist. The fox is usually after several "chicks" at one time. If this weren't enough, the day came when the fox spirit revealed his true aim - to mock the things of God..

Luke 23:11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

Neh 4:1 But it came to pass when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.
4:3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down the wall.

You know the story of how Nehemiah did build the wall, and although Sanballat and Tobiah tried many ruses and schemes to infiltrate, they ultimately found their "fox" spirit unable to go into Jerusalem because of the walls that they once mocked. What a surprise is in store - the scriptures really do mean what they say.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Consider this question - when a fox carries off one of the chicken farmer's chickens - what will the farmer do? Does he leave the chicken coop unlocked or allow the fox to go back into the chicken coop?

One major characteristic of the fox spirit is unrepentance. You may fill the "fox trough" with the water of forgiveness, and lead the fox there - but you can not force him to drink. The fox spirit is too proud to come to the point of asking for repentance because he must always be in control. Curiously enough, the fox spirit's pride is his ultimate weakness. He or she will give up a chick rather than his pride because he loves himself more than having a concern for others. Jesus gave this advice:

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourself: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Therefore, one can offer the water of forgiveness, but it is to no avail, if the vessel carrying the fox spirit does not accept that forgiveness by coming to repentance. One can pray for that vessel that he or she receive the strong conviction of the Holy Spirit and repent from their sins. Ultimately, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord - even the knee and the tongue of the fox spirit.

May each of us have the wisdom to deal with the little foxes in our lives and get rid of them before they grow up. Let us not let the little foxes spoil the vine and ruin the tender grapes of the secret places of the stairs in the cleft of the rock. It is a Holy place of pure love and is not to be defiled.

Those in the church at Thyatira must overcome the problems of the little foxes and the big foxes that have been allowed to grow up.

Now that we have dealt with the problems of the Church at Thyatira, let's look at the promises and blessings given to those who overcome those problems.

"But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put on you no other burden.

But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

And I will give him the morning star.

Revelation 22:24-28

Now from Revelation 22:16 we could infer that Jesus is the morning star and that he is giving Himself to the overcomers. And, no doubt this does happen. However, as one Bible teacher has so ably pointed out, the morning star that Jesus gives in Revelation 2:28 may be different than that of Revelation 22:16.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding.

Who laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who stretched the line upon it?

Whereupon are the foundations fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof;

When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38:4-7

Here the morning stars are described as a company in the plural as are also the sons of God. Could it be that God will give to those that overcome at Thyiatira the right to be part of this same company of sons and daughters? They are part of that many membered body of sons and daughters that God is bringing forth - a company that is not defiled by the enemy. Could this be the morning star that will be given to the church at Thyiatira?

END OF EXCERPTS FROM STRAITS OF LOVE

We can follow the trail through the scriptures of the sons of God and their companions of youth - the morning stars.

There came a time when some of these sons of God were sorely tempted by the carnal love realm of earth and succumbed to it.

Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came into unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

It then follows that these sons of God left the heavenly realm for the earth. It also follows that left behind in the heavenly realms were the morning stars - the daughters of heaven. The daughters were rejected by the sons who lusted for the carnal love of earth.

We then go to the book of Malachi to pick up the thread of description about the rejection of the heavenly daughters.

Mal 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet she is thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.

2:15 And did he not make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

In the beginning, man and woman were not two, but one. When the errant sons of God left the heavenly realm, the oneness was shattered and the companion company of the heavenly daughters was rejected - as a polished cornerstone is thrown aside.

And yet, today, these sons and daughters of God know that there is something greater than the "love" of man's earth realm.

My Lovz, My Douz ... My Sister, My Spouse

The Psalmist referred to "the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning". What were our beginnings in the womb of the morning "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy"?



As we consider the model provided to us by the pigeon and dove family, the scriptures in the Song of Solomon begin to open up to our understanding. A dove can truly be a sister and spouse at the very same time for her mate.

We will begin to consider this question by looking at the pigeon family, of which the dove is a member. From a farm childhood come memories of the pigeons. Their nests were always the same - made out of twigs and in the nest were two eggs - never more. From the two eggs came the two young squab pigeons. These pigeons were always male and female - never male and male or female and female. They were mates for life - even from their womb-nest of incubation. Death of one of the pigeons meant that in the truest sense that the surviving pigeon had lost its childhood sweetheart and lifetime mate.

Songs 2:14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear my voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Songs 3:12 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Songs 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying Open to me ;, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Songs 5:10 My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

In the beginning, the sons and daughters were created together, like doves in a nest, in the image of Elohim. Are we not shown in Genesis 1:27 that "in His own image" an image of God came forth as "male and female created He them."?

Psalm 68:13 Though ye have lien among the pots, ye shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

Psalm 68:17 The chariots of God, are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: The LORD is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men: Yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

In the words of Psalm 68:13, we "have lien among the pots" of the earthen vessels in this earth realm. But that is not the end of it. We will be restored to that likeness of the dove which we had in the beginning. We will ascend back into the heavens from whence we came - and receive gifts to bring back to a rebellious earth. The 10,000 sons and 10,000 daughters of "the chariots of Amminadib" will be reunited as the doves in "the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning."

ONLY MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN GO OUT IN THE NOON DAY SUN



When we speak of the doves born from before the foundation of the world, every thing seems so wonderful and full of love -- and it was, and will yet be. However, we find ourselves in what man calls a "real" world and we see just how much man has messed up this wonderful, spiritual love.

By now, many of you have either heard the stories or observed first hand some of the experiences. And it seems that many of these tragedies befall those who have grown spiritually in the Lord and and have made great spiritual names for themselves. But perhaps that is exactly the problem - in that their own ministry begins to feed their ego and they consider themselves to be exempt from the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." (Rom 8:2) which is even more demanding than the law of Moses.

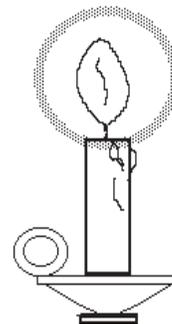
The details in the marital area may vary, but there is usually a common thread in each of the stories. The "spiritual giant" turns their back on their own spouse and begins to accumulate a number of "spiritual" mates. These spiritual mates become a replacement for their spouse in marital, physical relations. Somewhere along the line, the lid blows off the situation and there is a real mess.

After observing number of these situations, one might say that it is all madness. It seems that the quest for the true spiritual love that existed before the foundation of the world is doomed to failure - tis much better to devote one's energies to less risky spiritual goals. The people of the tropics have said that only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noon-day sun. Is it madness to seek that spiritual love that existed before the world was by venturing out into the noonday sun which unrelentingly exposes our darkness?

Isa 30:26 Moreover the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Isa 30:27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire.

It seems that those who are seeking that love that once was are destined to go through the flame, much as a moth is drawn to the flame of a candle and is destroyed. Is this the only path that the Lord has for binding up "the breach of his people" and healing the stroke of their wound"?



The net effect of all this seems to be a lot of partially singed moths and even a few that have been fried until they no longer exist.

What a tragedy for the moth - or is it a tragedy?
Let us examine the scriptures.

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your misereries that shall come upon you.

5:2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are **motheaten**.

5:3 Your gold and silver is cankered ...

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve that thou mayest see.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Perhaps we have looked at the singeing of the moth and flame of the sevenfold noonday sun in the wrong way. The moth has eaten up the garments of our raiment and will continue to do so as long as we let it live. The sooner the moth is singed, the better off we will be because our white raiment can no longer be motheaten. Painful as it may be, we should look forward to subjecting ourselves to a baptism of fire so that we may be purified. And this includes taking all the carnal thoughts out of our sexual closet and letting them be subjected to the piercing light of the Lord's sevenfold noonday sun.

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

3:23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

If we want to go into the garden to eat of the tree of life, we will have to go back through the fire of the flaming sword. So, what are we waiting for - lets get on with it.

It appears that there are seven garments to be purified, and one of them is the garment of the earth realm (our skins). But, even as there were seven steps in the fall to the earth realm, there are seven steps or jubilees that we must go through to get back to Father's house - from whence we came.

One lady was fretting about her earthly marriage and wondering if she had married the right person - and wondering if she had "missed it." What we are on earth is really only one of the sevenfold realms or garments of light that make up our being. Even if we are shipwrecked with the debris of divorce(s) and strife - is the problem so big that God can not correct it? God is not limited by the past as our finite minds would imagine. As Solomon would say, He can be working in the past, the present and the future all at the same time. "Spilt milk" and "water under the bridge" are no challenge at all for God.

Eccl 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

The earth realm is merely one seventh of what we are and as John said, "it doth not yet appear what we shall be". But we came down through a fall of seven stages in Genesis and will ascend back through the seven seals and trumpets of Revelation. We are truly a mysterious, complex sevenfold being (Lev 25:3-9, Isa chap 4, Rev 1:20 and Mat 22:24--32). If we were to look at a folded up, ladies' fan, all we would see is the compressed outline of the fan. Only the Spirit of Revelation can unfold its beautiful, sevenfold pattern.

So the flaming sword at the east of the garden of Eden purifies us, but what is it that awaits us in the garden? Why all the big rush to get there?

To deal with this question, let us turn the situation around and look at what our reactions probably were when we left the "garden" and came into the earth realm. Can you begin to remember some of your childhood reactions as you began to find out how the earth realm really functions. How thrilled we were when we found ourselves in diapers and had to graduate to being "potty trained." We were cold, hot, tired, hungry and experienced all the other good attributes of earth. We learned to weed, to chop down thistles, and to wipe the sweat off of our brow.

And perhaps even the "stork" story seemed more reasonable to our pre-teen minds than the real story of how babies are brought into the world. And if we had the good fortune of being a woman, we learned about morning sickness, internally "housing" the young, to-be-born baby for nine months and then that wonderful experience of childbirth. Is it any wonder that we would have great reluctance to leave this earthly paradise and enter back through the flaming sword in order to return to the garden of Eden and the tree of life? After all, what's the big rush?

If we set our purpose on returning to within the garden from which we came, then we also must soberly consider how we are to overcome the giants that lie in our path. When we examine the destruction that these giants have wrought with other Christian ministries, we know that except for our reliance upon the Most High, we face an impossible task. But then, did not the beloved Son of the the Most High say, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."?

Let us take some of the thoughts out of the dark closets of our mind and expose them to the sevenfold light of the noonday sun.



PUPPY LOVE

Remember back to your teenage years and your first love. Your parents probably had a term for it and regarded it as being "puppy love." We look back on those years and shudder at our immaturity and how little we really knew about man-woman relationships. However, we were at the stage where we knew everything and were unwilling to listen to the advice of our more experienced parents. We were truly giddy sixteen yearolds and we were "inlove!"



THE GIDDY SIXTEEN YEAROLD

One of the characteristics of "puppy love" is that the love stricken son or daughter assumes that the first one that comes along is their Mr. (or Miss) Wonderful - their one and only! And often as not, spiritual son - daughter relationships develop this way.

Perhaps those who are more experienced would like to say to those bit by the love bug - wait a minute, you don't really understand this - you haven't got the big picture yet. But, often as not, the Spirit will say that - I was patient with you, so you be patient with them until they can come to greater maturity.

Gradually, the love stricken son or daughter will come to realize that there is a company of sons and a company of daughters.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding.
38:7 When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy.

Then, if there is a company of sons and a company of morning stars, the Lord can use any one son or daughter from these companies to create a special creation task. Further, He might use son A and daughter B for one special task - and then daughter B and son K for another special task. However, if daughter B has just been smitten with puppy love, she will probably have difficulty understanding that. She may have difficulty seeing that the "sons" (plural company) marry the daughter company.

Isa 62:4 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.
62:11 Behold the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

In a previous writing entitled, "The First of the Firstfruits", we developed this theme in detail. There were three witnesses of scripture showing that the firstfruit company consists of 10,000 sons and 10,000 daughters which make up the 20,000 chariots of Psalm 68:17. These are the fiery thrones of the "chariot of the cherubim" (1 Chron 28:18) and are the thrones that are described as being set in Daniel 7:9,10&27.

The main danger in the "puppy love" is that a son and daughter may try to use their relationship as a substitute for their relationship with their natural spouse. Those that are unwilling to kill the moths of carnal desire by flying into the flame of purification will find that their "spiritual" relationship simply degenerates into the carnal and their beautiful white garments become motheaten and spotted.

Therefore a test to see if the "spiritual" relationship is truly spiritual is simply this. If it becomes a carnal or soulish substitute for an existing earthly marriage, then it isn't truly spiritual. The earthly is for the earthly and the heavenly is for the heavenly. Therefore, if our "spiritual" experience is merely substituting one earthly marriage for another and one soul relationship for another, we have badly deceived ourselves. The so called spiritual relationship was merely an excuse to carry fleshly desires and brings on darkness.

However, we must be careful that we that we not leave the wrong impression about legitimate, earthly marriage because the scriptures do say this:

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

How might a spiritual relationship work between a son and daughter and how might the Lord use it for His purposes? Let's look at some specific examples.

The Spirit of the Lord moves very heavily upon a daughter concerning prisoners that are being taken and tortured in Iraq - at a time previous to the press reports of the events. The daughter is very disturbed about this and calls a son to share what the Lord has shown her. The son and daughter together go into the inner court before the Father to present petition and speak words of protection and deliverance for the captives. Together they wield the power of the almond rod, the spoken word, and they together create the decree of deliverance desired by the Father. This decree is spoken in the heavenlies and is sent forth by the angels to be carried out on the earth.

Why is the prayer of a son and daughter together more powerful than the prayer of either one of them separately? Together, they represent the image of God - both the male and female attributes in perfect balance. The masculine power of the sons is tempered with the feminine love and mercy of the daughters so that the Lord's perfect balance comes forth. The son and daughter together create in the image of God - therefore God can send the decree forth stamped with the seal of the courts of heaven and the angels carry it out in the earth.

Not too long afterward, another daughter calls the same son with a puzzled question about a word that the Spirit of the Lord had spoken to her about Daniel chapter 7. Since neither one could figure out what it meant, they decided to take it to El Elyon, their Father in heaven. The son and daughter together entered the inner court and present their wor-

ship and praise to the Father. The son presented the key of David to the daughter that she might unlock a door of revelation in the spirit concerning Daniel chapter 7. (The key of David is a very powerful tool being used by the sons and daughters. It will open doors of the spirit that no man can close. It will close doors of the flesh that no man can open).

As the daughter inserted the key of David into the lock of the door of revelation, she was shown a sealed scroll and was instructed to break the seal and to begin to read from the scroll. Over the next several days and weeks, her understanding of Daniel chapter 7 was greatly expanded because the seal had been broken and it was time for the revelation to come forth. In bringing the revelation forth, and son and daughter had acted together in concert as a creating team.

Now, examine what has happened here. The son and daughter acting together on behalf of the prisoners in Iraq were a creating team. Did they do anything at all that their natural spouses would find offensive? Not at all, in fact their respective natural spouses would approve very much of the intercession on behalf of the prisoners.

Now consider that the son, after interceding with daughter A for the prisoners, turns right around and opens a door of revelation with daughter B. Is there any reason for daughter A to be jealous of daughter B or vice versa? Not at all, because this is a marriage between a company of sons and a company of daughters. Did they create together - yes, they did. But that which is in the heavens is different than that which is in the earth. They conduct themselves in the pure nature of the heavens and not in the physical realm of son-daughter relationships with its attendant problems..

The sons and daughters have taken the carnal moth of earthly lust and thrust it into the flame of God's purifying fire.

Dan 7:9 Perceiving am I till thrones were placed, and the Transferrer of Days sits: His clothing is as pale as snow, and the hair of His head as immaculate wool: His throne is as flaring flame, its rollers a flashing flame.

7:10 Streaming is a flame in front and issuing from before Him; a thousand thousands are irradiating Him, and ten thousand ten thousands are rising before Him. Adjudication sits and the scrolls are opened.

7:11 Perceiving am I then -- because of the sound of the monstrous matters that the horn is declaring--perceiving am I till the animal is despatched, destroyed is her frame and granted to the glowing fire. . .

7:17 These monstrous animals, the four of them are four kingdoms which will perish from the earth.

7:18 Yet the saints of the supremacies shall receive the kingdom and they will safeguard the kingdom unto the eon, even unto the eon of the eons. (CL Version)

As stated by Daniel 7:9, the thrones are being placed and these thrones are the authority of the son - daughter relationships. These sons and daughters have given the beast nature to the "glowing fire" and have allowed it to be destroyed. These thrones are being established for inner court rule in the model of Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus and will cause the kingdom to be fully established and the beastly Haman nature to be destroyed from the land.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the tree of life.

These sons and daughters are determined to reverse the path of the fall and return through the flaming fire at the gate of the garden of Eden. And as they come to the tree of life in the middle of the gardens, they will be in the proper relationship, one with the other.

Songs 4:12 I have come into my garden, my sister, my spouse . . .

Songs 4:12 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

Yes, those that return through the flaming fire of the Cherubim will find in the garden the companions of their youth - the company of sons that shouted while the company of morning stars (daughters) sung.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

Dan 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

And so the process of returning back through the flame and the sword into the garden continues. Those that submit themselves to the purification of the flame will become instructors for others. These instructors are likened to the stars of the firmament.

And yet, as it is true for the things of the Lord, this is but the beginning. The star realm is the realm of the son - daughter relationships. Wonderful as this is, there is even more. A key to interpreting this is given in the following scriptures.

Gen 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and moon and the eleven stars make obeisance to me.

37:10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

We begin to understand from Jacob's interpretation of symbols that the stars are the offspring of Jacob - the twelve sons (Jacob also had a daughter named Dinah who ultimately became the wife of Dan). The sun refers to the father realm (Jacob) while the moon refers to the mother realm.

Genesis Chapter one refers to the waters which were above the firmament. Lets consider these scriptures from the Psalms and apply what we have learned about the symbols.

Psalm 148:3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars of light.
148:4 Praise him, ye heaven of heavens, and
ye waters that be above the heavens.
148:5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded, and they were created.

We have said before that waters represent peoples and the waters above the heavens represent those beings that were created in that realm. As these beings descended from the heavens, so once again they will ascend back to that from which they came.

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to
heaven, but he that came down from heaven,
even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Therefore, not only the son - daughter relationships exist in the heavens, but also the father - mother relationships which are represented by the sun and moon. These father - mother relationships are part of the deep mysteries of God. They are not readily understood by the father - mother relationships of earth. They involve creating by the spoken word and not by physical union in the earth sense. These are the secrets that are only clearly understood within the walls of the garden. The moth of carnal desire would only

try to corrupt these concepts. Therefore, as Daniel says, "yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame". Yet, this is for a purpose, "to try them, and to purge, and to make them white".

So, rather than delve deeply into the mysteries of the sun and moon, we will simply offer some general observations. We can find examples in the scriptures of the father company. Paul was like a father to Timothy and Elijah was like a father to Elisha. The King acknowledged Elisha as a father. In a similar manner, Deborah was called "a mother in Israel". Rebecca was given a blessing to be "the mother of thousands of millions".

Rather than think of this in the classic earth realm sense - consider this. We often speak of someone as being a "father figure" or as a "mother figure". In ministry, when the Lord wants to minister to someone the blessings and counsel of a father, an anointing of a father is given to the minister. The minister may not at all be a father to the person in the natural, but that makes no difference at all. The minister dons the garment of the "father figure" anointing and proceeds to bless and counsel the son or daughter. When the ministry is complete, the garment is set aside until it is to be used again (Ezek 44:17-19). In the same way, a mother in Israel may minister to a son or a daughter the words that they need to hear from a mother.

One should understand that the "motherhood" and the "fatherhood" comes from the anointing and not from any earthly relationship between the vessels being used in the ministry. This is difficult, if not impossible, for those who dwell in earth realm thoughts to understand. However, as they give the "beast nature" of the carnal (flesh) mind to the flame of purification, it will become more clear.

Jesus first walked in the realm of the son company and then progressed to the father company.

John 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto my Father, for my Father is greater than I.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory I had with thee before the world was.

17:21 That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one even as we are one.

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethen, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and to your God.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

We see the progression of Jesus unfolding in the above scriptures as He progressed from being a son into the Fatherhood company of being one with the Father. And it was all in the plan of God from the beginning - note in Isaiah 9 that it was not only written that He would be a son but also that one of His titles would be the everlasting Father.

Further, John 17:22 makes it clear that even as Jesus walked the path to the Fatherhood company, we also are to follow in His footsteps. He went to the Father on our behalf.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father.

How did Jesus walk the path that we also are to walk? He did it by establishing the highest principle to guide one's steps - the principle of love. As we walk that path, we also will see the fruit of love.

Phil 4:7 And the peace Of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Our actions and our behavior should conform to the characteristics given above - otherwise, we simply have more purification to be accomplished in the fire of His love. How often, we think that we can find a loophole to satisfy our fleshly desires under the guise of spiritual activities. The law of love is much more demanding than the law of Moses and every jot and tittle of the law of love must be fulfilled - the Lord will have His perfect way.

1 Cor 13:4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth.

13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

We dedicate this writing to the brave sons and daughters who in spite of trials, tribulations, and even failures, have pressed on to dwell in that Holy realm of Mount Zion. And we pray for mercy for those who have been shipwrecked. Father, El Elyon, may all your sons and daughters be gathered back into that oneness with you. May the spirit of wisdom and revelation show them the return path.