THE AWFUL REAPING

There was a regnum of a prevalent and widespread nature that began and survived for a while after America's beginnings. She was founded by God-fearing men who espoused Godly principles, which they incorporated into her constitution, thus becoming a covenant nation. This regnum, characterized by hard work, character, fear, love and obedience to their Creator, survived through bloodshed, wars, good times and bad, for over 200 years. America was blessed beyond any nation that had ever existed, and her people and technology were respected by the world. There was a congruity of purpose and ideals throughout the vast country. This was the first regnum of America.

That regnum began to phase out and change; as it did, there emerged the principle of self-emulation and self-promotion, as opposed to the Golden Rule, seeking the best for everyone concerned. Commensurate with this movement of egotism was the gradual dismissing of the things of God, the relegation of Holy things to the background.

As a result, congruity and order morphed into incongruity and chaos. Lines of moral behavior became blurred and indistinct. Relativism began to emerge as the way to fly, the moral position to embrace. Rationalized erasure of the unborn began to supplant the sanctity of life (now we hide the bloodshed and sell the parts). Convenience overrode principle. The love of money, or rather what money could buy, replaced honor and integrity; manipulation replaced a proper reflection of God.

At 72, I find myself in a state of Clockwork Orange, an environment of disturbance, a feeling that something is more than just dreadfully, dreadfully wrong. Things are topsy-turvy, in turmoil, horribly incongruent, out of balance, making no sense. I <u>know</u> I am in an interregnum, between reigns, in the midst of a sentencing.

To repeat for emphasis, *things are dreadfully, dreadfully wrong*.

There are several seemingly disparate things that have forced themselves into my mind. Not in any particular order, these are:

- 1. A close friend was diagnosed with liver cancer.
- 2. Do not be deceived; for whatsoever a man sows, that also shall he reap.¹
- 3. If you walk contrary to me, I will walk contrary to you.²
- 4. In the reign of Josiah, Helkiah found the Book laying in the dirt.
- 5. Geri McGhee's comment, "If we do not deal with severe spiritual issues, sooner or later the body will suffer an illness." (paraphrased)
- 6. Leviticus 26:21, 23-24: "If you walk contrary to me, then I will bring more plagues (pestilence, disease) upon you, sevenfold as many as your sins."

¹ Gal. 6:7-8.

² Lev. 26:21.

- 7. Deut. 28:15; "but if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God....then all these curses will come upon you." "The LORD will smite you with consumption, fever, inflammation (cancer), heat and drought...until you perish."
- 8. Ben Issachar's comment, "The sacrifice of Jesus has become the ultimate feculent act."³

I struggle with expressing what is inside me; about the best I can do, and this may be revised, is to blurt out in no particular order what I hear. Please try to understand.

There are superior principles that dominate our world, whether we believe them or not. The first is that we will reap what we sow, literally, every time.

The second principle is that as we diss God (disdain, dismiss, disregard, disobey, be disgusted), what He is or what He said, He will diss us. That principle is stated unequivocally in the Old Testament as well as the New. If we forget Him, He will forget not only us, but our children. If we walk contrary to Him and His ways, He will walk contrary to us. These "contrary" expressions are diseases, pestilence, plagues, curses of all kinds, the sword, famine and overall ruin. He says this in both the Old and N.T. many times. Hebrews 10:26-ff and corresponding passages reinforce this principle.

I Cor. 11:27-30 deals with believers' attitudes and behavior toward taking communion. It says specifically, "Whoever...eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy (irreverent, common) manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment (sentencing) upon himself. That is why many of you are sick, and some have died." How much plainer does it have to be to get inside our skulls?

I have written much on this, *The Due Order of Recompense* being only one. But this time my innards are acting differently. In former days my focus was on warning, informing, as if my words were for those times. Now it is a focus of fact, of things past tense, done deals; Too Late, Mate. We have a close friend with liver cancer, and a female friend dead of breast cancer; say what you will, if we cannot see we are in the throes of plagues, pestilence and ruin, we are blind as a bat. We do not want to see (a common mind-set).

The woman dead with breast cancer dissed another woman who was nursing her baby, calling it "disgusting". Very soon after that, she was dead. I can give you numerous examples of the same thing, the same result. Tony Palmer died very shortly after hooking the Pope up with Copeland's blasphemous "pastors' conference in 2014.

³ Issachar, Ben, 2014, *The Gods of the Outer Court*, pg. 6, pp 4.

The close friend with liver cancer? –by his own admission, he had shot himself in the foot by not eating properly. His diet had consisted of meat and carbs, breakfast with sausage and gravy. He only ate one meal a day, with no vegetables or roughage such as apples or fruit. Result? –as is the case with thousands of others, his colon could not take the stacking of meat only, with nothing to push things through. All this after he had developed diabetes from too much sugar. One wonders about deductive reasoning.

The former is a disease out of a bad spirit and mocking, the latter out of ignorance and hard-headedness. Both are from reaping what is sown.

As seen in *The Due Order of Recompense,* there are four kinds, or sources, or sickness. A few today indeed may be for the "Glory of God", but I doubt it; a few also may be for chastisement. By 'reading' the nature of the diseases, the vast majority will be due either to family curses, or forgetting God by walking contrary to Him. We are reaping exactly what we have sown. As it says in Galatians, as we sow to the flesh, we will from the flesh reap (the same type of) corruption. In other words, whatever type of "sowing to our flesh" we commit (affections, illegal desires, self-promotion), it will come back to us in the same manner, but in a destructive form.

To put it plainly, it is the same principle as eating too much sugar, you destroy the pancreas. By doing so, your pancreas destroys you. By drinking too much whiskey, you destroy your liver. In turn, your liver develops cirrhosis and destroys you. By smoking into your lungs, you are destroying them; in return, your lungs will destroy you, but in a more horrible way. The same principle applies to mental sins.

We may extract from cancerous liver cells their bents. The liver is the organ that cleanses our blood, *cleansing* being the operative word here. It, (and the lymph nodes) are the preferred stopping places for colon cancer cells;- why not the pinky? –why not the ear lobe? –why not the eyeball? –why not anywhere else *BUT* the liver?

The other question begged is the preferred place of origin for the cancerous cells, that being the colon. Why the colon? –why not the big toe? –why not the kneecap? –why not the appendix? –why not a molar tooth? What occurs in the colon? –for those of you in Rio Lindo, it is where the deep doo-doo stops and gathers before exiting the body.

Let's look at this for a moment; we have cancer cells forming and breaking off from the walls of the colon and travelling the human equivalent of hundreds of miles through labyrinths, curves, restrictions, detours and all sorts of forks in the road to arrive at the liver or lymph nodes. Does that not strike you as a bit odd? Does that not strike you as being off the charts as far as probabilities are concerned?

Looking a bit further, let us apply the Law of Reciprocity in the case of the righteous behavior of the cells. Righteous begets righteousness, evil begets evil, corruption begets corruption, like it or lump it. A fast answer will get you in trouble, a sour spirit reaps likewise. *Every* act, *every* action, results in a equal and commensurate *reaction*, each time, every time.

So we have evil coming out of a place that houses deep doo-doo. Now that expression 'deep doo-doo' inherently conveys a sense of lightness, an aura of flippancy. Do you think by now my intent is light-hearted, flippant? If so, you need to go back several paragraphs, for we are talking about liver cancer here; we are discussing one of the most ignominious types of death!!

Sometimes crude vernacular clearly expresses things left unclear by sanitized or politically correct language. In rural KY back in the 50s, we used a phrase quite often when someone was treating someone else very badly, off the chart, as it were. The expression was "He treats his wife like shit." In other words, this meant a man was treating his wife in as low a way as imaginable. We did not say, "He treats his wife like deep doo-doo", for that would not have conveyed the guttural level of our statement. When we said, "He treats his wife like shit", we were dead serious; we were saying in effect, that man is hideous, bad to the core, despicable. As my very proper wife said this A.M., "There is no other word that fits; use it."

As further confirmation, she also read from *Mornings with Tozer* for this date, April 10, 2015, "When large numbers of adherents in the Christian (faith) come to believe that God is different from what He actually is, that concept becomes heresy of the most insidious and deadly kind! When (Christians) surrender their once lofty concept of God and substitute for it ideas so low, so ignoble as to be utterly unworthy, the situation is tragic indeed."

Not intending to achieve shock value, I believe I heard the other morning that we, the so-called American "church" of all denominations, effectively "treat Jesus like shit". *Relative* to His unimaginable Holiness, authority and purity, we put Him, His Word and His sacrifice into our mental and spiritual colons. No? –then where *do* we <u>in practice</u> put these things of His? –on our entry table? -on the highest, or the least convenient place of our hearts? –Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.? –for twenty minutes?

Many may say, "Why is he writing so offensively?"; -to which I quote, "If you see the sword coming and you do not blow the trumpet, their blood will be on your hands." I see it, and make no bones about it. I hope this paper offends the lot of America, and leaves them fuming and foaming at the mouth with rage. For if that be the case, at least some truth has been delivered. One of the most *profound* quotes comes from an obscure KY postal carrier, "If any be offended at this, I say, 'You the man!" Indeed, you the man...

Or, by reverse thinking, why do we have debilitating diseases, ruptured relationships and so many other things that, by definition, belong to the cursed?

Looking again at the Law of Reciprocity from scripture,

- 1. reaping what we have sown,
- 2. pestilence for disobedience,
- 3. plagues for walking contrary to Him,
- 4. woe coming to the rebellious children who devise their own plans,
- 5. the principle of God returning evil to man for evil committed by man,

-treating Jesus this way results in our colons treating our bodies the same way in reverse. Colons develop cancers that spread by the blood to other parts of our bodies. Once again as cancer reaches the liver there is a reciprocal action.

The liver, created for the cleansing of the blood to perpetuate life as well as Life, thus becomes the depository for evil, evil predominantly initiated or perpetuated by us! The blood, the carrier of life, has now become the carrier for the transport of evil and rebellious cancer cells. So; who was rebellious? Ah, come on, not me! –surely not! The hubris with which we elevate ourselves relative to Him is incalculable, and will be met with an equal force. No? –then read the Word where it deals with what He will do to the arrogant and proud.

What happens to the indwelling Holy Spirit within us when we ignorantly, willfully, or deliberately continue to rebel outside our Holy boundaries? Does or does not Hebrews 10 apply to us, or have we bought into the tripe "once saved, always saved"? Is that not presumptuous? Is there no fearful prospect of judgment? –or of being sentenced? Why then say, "Hold fast (the tackle of) the confessions of your faith"?

For those born again, the Spirit of God dwells in our blood, circulating around our bodies 1500 times a day. What happens when He finds Himself co-habiting with evil cancer cells? About the best answer is found in Is.10:20-23, where, after judgment has come upon the rebellious Israelites, He says, "..only a remnant will return. *Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness,"* Here again we find that word 'righteousness', and here it is intimately associated with destruction. I cannot imagine a more horrible form of destruction than cancer.

Another passage is also found in Is., specifically 45:7, "I form light and darkness, I make weal and create woe. I am the **LORD**, I do all these things." The word "woe" here means evil.

From both of these and from the words of A.W. Tozer re: all the attributes within God being in harmony with one another; judgment and righteousness are just as compatible as grace and mercy. Discipline and chastisement ('exposing') are just as compatible with righteousness as holiness is. Reaping what one has sown is no less a principle of God's order than is being saved. It's just on a different level of rebellion.

Would anyone care to check out the stats on which women are most prone to get breast cancer? –try those who aborted their babies. Would anyone care to check out the fates of women who tout their teats and voluptuous figures in front of men, putting a stumbling block in front of them? Would anyone care to check out the fates and behavior of men who do the reverse, arousing women by their stares? –is Matt. 18:6-7 meaningless?

There are a hundred examples to be penned, but why? –if one will not heed two, what difference would five, or ten, or a hundred make? What difference would first-hand knowledge of failed adrenal glands, or failed minds, or cancer, or strokes, or perversions of seed make? If there are no ears to hear, then there are no ears to hear.

Either all of Deut. 28 is true, or it is a farce !!

Either Leviticus 26 is true or it is a farce !!

Either I Cor. 11:27 is true or it is a farce !!

Either what God said is true, or it is a farce !!

Our sicknesses and pestilences are not by chance, as recent 'science' would have us believe. To pigeonhole our plagues into being gene-sourced is more than disingenuous, it is foolish and stupid. Genes/tumor cells may be intermediaries for diseases, but what caused the genes and cells to be aberrant in the first place? Come on, *think!*!

Too many of our eminent scientists are always trying to place the blame for calamity at the feet of some untraceable, inanimate chemical imbalance, some neutral form as "genetic" (or by chance!), as well as attribute life in any form from the same source. Our *unnecessary* diseases, calamities and evils have commensurately evil sources and evil root causes, which according to the Word⁴, are rooted in disobedience and rebellion.

The Most High not only causes them, He *commands* them *all* to happen, directly or indirectly. Again as it is written, "I make weal and create evil⁵." These two extremes are a function of our informed (or ignorant) choice.

⁴ Psalms 38:3-11. About as clear as you can get; continuous, rebellious sin results in diseases and other forms of woe, evil and calamities.

⁵ Is. 45:7. "woe", Hebrew 'rah', evil.

I believe a child of the King can be in a continual state of being blessed by Him, saturated with thoughts of Him in all that he/she does physically or mentally. That does not mean He would not chasten him, nor forestall the tough times in which God hardens us to difficulties. Nor does it mean the child does not share in the suffering of Christ; not at all. What it does mean is that the child is able, *via repentance and obedience*, to experience the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit around the clock, by which he/she remains in a blessed state, *irrespective* of what occurs around him.

As it is written, "You do keep him in perfect peace (shalom-shalom) whose mind (creative imagination) is fixed on you." That is the same thing as Deut. 28:1-13. In that passage there is *NO* mention of sickness, plagues, diseases, pestilence or any other thing that is fraught with ignominy, disgrace or that which is despicable.⁶

Something is wrong; dreadfully, dreadfully wrong.

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⁶ Short term rebukes are for the discipline of His children, a long-term curse is for those children who have already refused to listen or respond to the rebuke.