

As a deep sleep ended and consciousness began early this morning, the words Fourth Watch arose. Fourth Watch, Fourth Watch, Fourth Watch, was repeated in a mentally dense fashion. In a few moments emerged the thought of the Word not being there at all. In essence, I pictured the Word being totally absent, non-existent. How then, I asked, “How would we reach you? What concept, what image, what picture would we have of you?” The answer came as suddenly as the question; “There would be no contact, no image, no connection, for there would be no Light.”

The chain of thought then began to avalanche; our vain, empty imaginations would run amuck. Mankind would come up with all sorts of perverted and skewed portrayals of the Most High. Everything would be mental and as twisted as the complete spectrum of mankind’s flesh could imagine. Substitute and surrogate efforts, pictures and idols would be endless. Chaos, confusion (as a result of darkness) and tumult would ensue. Sound familiar?

Then it struck me; it was in the Fourth Watch that the One yielded up his being to provide us a bridge, a connection, and a lighted way for us to reach Him. In that Fourth Watch in Gethsemane He mentally accepted the Cross; approximately 6 hours later it came to pass. From that moment in all of time, there erupted a movement full of men and women who had been connected and transformed. The Spirit of the Most High had come upon them as a result of that Moment of the Cross.

Words full of the Spirit of the Most High spread from place to place. Letters upon letters were written illustrating how anyone might connect with Him, and reasons were given to throw out all previous imaginations. The entire fabric of mankind was altered to the good, transforming Roman darkness into the whole panoply of **Light**. Hope, love, forgiveness, and incentive were re-born; order, rule and justice began to emerge. Then they were hated...

As we now *should* understand, it is this Bridge that enables us to chew, gnaw and ingest Him. He is both the Logos as a Person and the Written Logos. They are one and the same. As we read, chew and gnaw the Word (Logos), it becomes us and we become it, no less than a piece of sirloin *becomes* us. As that happens in a progressive way, the *old person* that we were disappears and we become transformed into Him. (See another essay, *Meat to Blood*.)

But if this is true, then the obverse is also true; if the Written Logos is not chewed, eaten and ingested, then we do not become the Logos Person. It follows that our image and connection then will be as skewed as if the Logos did not exist at all!

As certain as the Written Logos reveals the Person Logos, it follows that peace, connection, life and assurance will ensue. Conversely, confusion, tumult, chaos and division are not of Him, and must assuredly reveal the opposite, which has to be evil, and thus is of the imaginations of man.

Approximately 30 years after both of the Logos had become a part of mankind that which He had predicted came to pass, e.g., the Roman army surrounded Jerusalem and put it under siege. In 70 A.D. it fell and the massacre began, wiping out much of what was left of the Jews. By that time the living Logos, now disseminated into many parts, dispersed unto the “uttermost” parts of the earth. The Logos began to change chaos into peace. Near the end of the first century (90 A.D., John on Patmos), those who hated the Logos had already begun to erode the Written Logos as well as cloud the Person Logos.

In *The Revelation*, as the Logos addressed the seven lampstands, twice He mentioned the Nicolaitans, whom He hated. They were already naming, organizing and forming vertical positions in the gatherings. The written Logos was being perverted and the Person Logos displaced as the Head. Thus the intimate connection and image of the Person Logos were negated. Only once does the Logos say He hates anything, but He sure said as much in two of the letters to the lampstands. What the evil spirit of the Nicolaitans produced was confusion, tumult, and disorder. Envy, fear, insecurity and deference to other men began to rule.

By the second century, certainly by the third, this intimate Connection and Image was being dissipated via the machinations of man. As centuries have passed, numerous cycles of the renewing of this connection and its counterpart have occurred. Each time when the Logos reasserted Himself, people within the “church” have tried to choreograph it. Again and again the result has been disorder, tumult and confusion.

But to return to this Fourth Watch thing; it seems to me I am being reminded that a critical “watch” is nigh upon us. Has anyone seen such confusion, tumult and chaos as in our day? Has anyone “felt” such disruption of all that is “good?” Has anyone “sensed” such erasure of those good things historically attributed to the Logos? These things include justice, fairness, forgiveness, politeness, charity, order, peace, hard work, prosperity, and all things good. Where have they gone? What is replacing them?

More importantly, what is replacing the Written Logos? Remember, can we have any connection, any light, or a proper image of the Person Logos, without the ingestion of the written Logos? Do we not have a plethora of substitutions? It goes without saying these varied substitutions have a vast history of tradition, and evoke a warm and fuzzy feeling as one practices them. Without the understanding, much less the ingestion/transformation of the written Logos, how would anyone detect even the slightest forgery in most religious practices?

Thus the forgeries have produced their fruit, which is always negative, theft being foremost. Theft (of connection and proper image of the Person Logos) always produces hard feelings, confusion (who owes whom?), tumult and disorder. All this, I repeat, because the Written Logos has been disregarded and displaced, relegated to the ash-heap of our society. As time has passed, more and more of any given generation know less and less about the Written Logos, let alone the Person Logos. Result? Again, we are being overcome with confusion, chaos and disorder.

Though this may be a dialectic leap of logic, spiritual activity, both good and evil, waxes strongest during the 4th Watch. On the evil side, the sentiments of confusion and chaos of thought occur most often in the natural in the Fourth Watch, occurring between 3:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.

There are several characteristics to the Fourth Watch;

- it is the hour(s) during which seasoned truckers pull off the road to sleep or eat.
- it is the hour during which highway hypnosis (read mega-confusion) occurs. (truckers know this)
- it is the time during which SWAT teams and the FBI make their raids upon houses, because drowsiness is at its peak.
- it is the time when thieves do their dirty work.
- it is the time during which the enemy would come upon campfires.
- it is the time during which Evil came for Jesus.
- it is the time during which the disciples could not stay awake.
- it is the time when they came after Jesus...
- strangely enough, it is quiet enough to hear Him.
- it is dark....
- is not the Fourth Watch in the same realm as Winter?
- are we not in the fourth watch (generation) since WWII?

So! –drowsiness, danger and evil can dominate the Fourth Watch..., or, one can reverse its normal role and make it a time of listening for the Most High.

Any questions?

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Reply from A Breaker of the Camp, on the East Side...

Several items of discussion. First is the gift of the scribe. Written items can live for centuries, be copied exactly, passed on, translated, distributed, and preserved. I have encouraged the priceless documents of 24 years past to be gathered, organized and bound together in "A Directory of Life Lessons" so that they may change other's lives as they have changed yours and others. What loss would we have without the word? What loss would we have without its interpretation? It's 2000 years old or greater; the ultimate difficulty is translating it to today. With the aid of the patriarchs (read "Godly scribes") from the beginning, we are able to discern better the written Logos. Your 4th watch thoughts, along with all the others, have all translated to inscription. Rarely have you been commanded to speak out with that same anointing. They are different commands. They are commands. Question: When did God say He was finished writing through the pens of His holy scribes? There are two types, those who translate and illustrate the Bible

as we know it, those who create (write) more (divinely inspired) as a result of reading the translation and illustration of the Bible by others or themselves. Even the later Old Testament and all of the New Testament scribes had the written word of Moses to learn from and rely upon. Did they think they were writing a book to the Bible when they were addressing a letter to a church? Was their realization that they would become the written Logos to become chewed and transformed to the person Logos? Who retained their letters? The authors?

EVERY piece of written text was of historic importance? How many have been lost as a result of disposal, not realizing historical importance until after the fact? Who was it that bound up "The Bible" and said it is complete? Others have realized the value of Churchill's journals, Lincoln's public addresses, C.S. Lewis works, etc. The 4th watch is real. For someone that worked the 4 night watches for more than a year, that was always most difficult. I always had to save my "to do" list for this time of night so that my mind would be occupied.

The other analogy pertaining to this is seasonal. Winter is the time of year when it is cold, dark, and traditionally food and supplies are in short supply. We (read the masses) are in fall, as it were, of this country. Spiritually, politically, and economically, our crops have grown bountifully and were harvested but were not stored. We got drunk, fat, and lazy on our bounty but have not stored it. Now we are paying for our "food" and will continue to pay dearly...as we enter an early, bitter, cold winter where disease and famine will surely cause disaster.

How long was the Roman Empire in existence? Better than 1000 years? How many guardians of the gates of Rome passed without raising the alarm in their entire lifetime? Once the conquerors conquered everyone, who was there to attack? The nation was at peace. Totally. Rome had no threat. How then would one keep vigilance against the enemy for his entire lifetime? How would that vigilance be passed on? How do you tell someone that the enemy is coming to kill them, when they themselves have never been fired at? The old generals are gone; no one is there to speak of the battle and the enemy first hand. Alas, we have been duped; we do not believe there is a war at all. And the 4th watch is upon us, when we convince ourselves the enemy will not come today or he would have come by now, and we have fallen asleep. The alarm will never sound, only the sounds of the dying will awaken us to the realization that we are at war after all.

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