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Hi

I've been subscribing to Sojourners for six months or so, and have found it invaluable for providing comfort that I am not alone nor unique.

In the last few weeks I've been trying to find more liberal Christians within Sydney Australia but to no avail. I have come to the conclusion that there are quite a few debates that should have happened within the Christian communities that have not happened because the establishment seeks to preserve itself and fails to consider the merits of that which it seeks to protect. (Thus leading to the shaming examples such as cases of sexual abuse by church leaders being okay provided no one finds out about it or it is not seen as an abuse of power).

This long email is for two purposes. Firstly, to give you one individual's testimony that demonstrates that even if God himself was to raise a messenger, the establishment would suppress the information to preserve the existing structures and belief systems. Thus even God himself can not gently reform the churches. Secondly, it provides examples of what is being suppressed.

One issue that has people in an uproar about the idea of prophetic, revelatory or apostolic ministry. Like the Jews, the gentiles are saying that the time of prophets is passed. Thus both bodies are saying that God will never take us back to Eden, where His presence will be with us and we can seek advice or receive instruction when we are in error. If they cling to this belief, then they themselves have become the major roadblock to God's reconciliation plan for humanity and we will never see Revelation 22. The gentiles' hearts had to be hardened so that the Jews could let go of their pride, for it was no longer just the Jews who had failed to recognise God's new covenant.

God's new covenant is to confirm Jesus' unique and absolute authority and role. God's new covenant is that humanity is moving beyond Revelation into a metaphysical Exodus. We have the opportunity to move beyond the accuser's hampering and denying of hope, to again moving with hope and faith into restoring this planet and all God's peoples into the glory that would be pleasing to both Jesus and the Father. We stand at a cross roads where we can choose to cling to our Babylonian self interests, or transcend to move Spirit's comforting and counsel, trusting in Jesus' absolute power and authority, towards the ultimate manifestation of the Father's full glory .

I have had numerous people challenge the validity of my positions, and none of them seem capable of accepting that they came from a revelation experience in late 2001, where I was exhorted by God to share my understandings with humanity. At the time, I said to God that people would not listen to me as a ordinary woman who was far from perfect. I said to God that if He wanted me to succeed, he was going to have to back me up.

That presence gave me a sign to bolster my own faith and to act as a Gideon's fleece for others that I was not acting from my imagination. That sign was that my best man would die from cancer in two years, slightly a year after diagnosis. This came to pass on 16 October 2003.

Next in early 2004 I was told by God to go to my local minister and tell them of my experience and that something big was coming. I didn't want to go and vacillated. I asked God if I could go afterwards

and tell everyone that it was an act of God, to which God replied "Afterwards every man and his dog will be able to see it came from God. You need to start preparing the churches now so they are ready to respond when it happens, because it will be too big for one nation or denomination to handle on their own". This turned out to be the 2004 SE Asian tsunami.

There has been a dance since where everyone thought it was a flash in the pan, then it wasn't. Then they attempted to suppress the information, then they attempted to "break me" by threatening excommunication and/or fellowship within the parish. There are now some people choosing to offer fellowship, and others attempting to install a shunning blockade.

Through out all this, I have done my best to work according to God's missives. I have made a vow to God that I am not going to enter into a slander campaign, nor rely in calling on divine powers or authority. Everything must be done using human abilities and technology, with only complete and absolute faith that eventually God will raise sufficient saints to overturn the corruption and misuse of power in all the religions' infrastructures. It must be done using human powers to avoid the thrall of power addiction. It must be done using human powers because the bible biblically demands that we do not seek honour and glory for ourselves, but that all honour and glory must go to the father. Thus if there are any divine confirmations, they come because God is choosing to confirm His messenger.

The suppression of information began because God kept batting confirmation after confirmation, and the establishment could no longer deny things were happening (how many coincidences before it is no longer a coincidence?). For example, on Monday 8 June I had a dream about a group of people sitting around reading papers and noticing first a matrix style eye on one paper, then an eye and eyebrow on the next paper, then the outline of the hair, eye and eyebrow on the next. The group of people realised that we were slowly being shown the face of God. We were in an office and heard the printer starting up. We looked over to see what was going to be printed and the printer went berserk with sheet after sheet of paper spewing forth (apparently God had verbal diarrhoea).

I shared this dream in God faith the next day on the local community forum, and over the next couple of days shared the story of my best man's Gideon Fleece cancer and, attempted preparation of the churches for the tsunami, and the Nias confirmation quake (which confirmed a very acerbic paper where the local church was rebuked for denying Spirit).

Then on the Thursday, we heard that rain was heading for inland Australia. I stopped writing because I really wanted the rain to happen (we'd been in a major drought for several years now) and did not want to piss God off so that the rain did not manifest. The rain did manifest.

The church denied this related to God confirming my messengers and instructed me to stop my prophetic claims (please note: not oracle and predicting, but apologetic explanation of how message and then confirmation inter-related).

(I'm sorry, but I can't plan when I have my dreams, nor can I claim that I knew rain was coming when there were no atmospheric indicators. My only "sin" was believing that God would prepare the way as per his 2001 covenant, and all I had to do was act in faith and trust in Him. My "sin" was acting in faith and promptly sharing my dreams. I did not know it was going to rain when I began the writing (and if I had known would have possibly have not written lest I be seen to be manipulating natural phenomenon for my own personal gains)).

So I stopped for forty days on the forum and then started up again. However this was short lived and I am now physically barred from the online forum after I pasted a direct quote from a passage before the Scottish Gleneagle G8 meeting asking which America George W. Bush was talking about when he said he couldn't justify making his country go through the inconvenience of reducing green house

gases. In early July 2005, I asked the question was that the US of the Florida Keys, or New Orleans when the levy banks broke?

This was the message that confirmed my lock out:

Unfortunately I've had to temporarily suspend your account again as I felt your posting in the New Orleans thread was a step beyond the boundaries we have discussed. While I am prepared to reinstate your account if you can tell me honestly you will stay within the boundaries we have discussed and not post about the connection between God/the bible and world events, anything that may be considered prophetic, the battle between God & Satan etc, I don't really want to go through this process again, and given this is not the first time we've discussed this I'm not sure if its realistic to think we can find a balance here. That said, if you feel it is possible to find a balance where you can post and stay within the boundaries then please let me know. If not, perhaps we will have to call it a day.

So what is upsetting them? This is the example of one paper's position that they don't want shared:

Not one group has got absolutely all the answers. Not one group is completely above reproach. Not one group is capable of creating "the perfect society" and running the "perfect society" indefinitely. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The accuser will sit there night and day, year in year out, whispering into peoples' ears, appealing to their pride and fantasies, corraling using fear and intimidation.

The only way forward is to accept that we need diversity to create resiliency and to protect each other; we need humility to accept our inadequacies and to accept and reach out for help and counsel; we need faith and hope that God really does love humanity (as flawed as we all are) and wants as many as possible to be in proper relationship with Him.

We need to forgive ourselves and each other for our past failings, accept that we have done the best that we could, and find the strength and courage to confront our deepest fears and find ways forward. There is a problem of corruption (corruption often arises out of a fear that if you are not the top dog, then you are a meaningless commodity to be destroyed by the next power hungry dictator Psalm 28:3-5); criminality (those who lack empathy, enjoy the suffering of others and love the thrill of controlling and destroying things of creation – defiant sin e.g. Psalm 11:4-6); fear (that if we open our hearts and listen to our "enemies" that we might be betraying God/Jesus and thus up for "judgment" and being cast out of heaven); pride (that if we confess to our sins then we will lose our social status [this also loops back into fear when we live in an excessively litigious world] and also that people will not trust any of our advice or instructions if we are found to have made the slightest mistake); sense of self-worth (if I have been wrong for so many years or have followed ancestors who were wrong – then how many people have been hurt [for those who have empathy this can lead to overwhelming sense of remorse and guilt])

At the early stages of recognition, many will go into the change/death "grief" cycle of anger, denial, acceptance negotiation, and healing. Particularly for religious leaders this is very hard to do, because the deceiver is on the brink of screaming into their ears "you'll lose your souls!" This is why so many people are now in fight or flight mode. Examples of fight responses include challenge the most basic biblical precepts (one doosy the day I was banned from the forum effectively said that prayer didn't count only judgment day did). Examples of flight responses include censorship (if I don't hear/see what this woman is saying, then the problem will go away). To be honest one of the problems with humanity right now is that they are so overwhelmed with the challenges ahead of them that they have as a whole gone into flight mode and the cultural norm has become "Don't worry. God knows and understands all. Jesus will fix it." This is basically to the SEP field of Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (Somebody Else's Problem). What it overlooks is that God works through people and seeks to elicit a response from people to work with Him to fulfil His Will.

So what is the purpose of the book of Revelation?

Let's take a step back and look at the meanings of the word revelation and how it is applied. Here are some definition links: <http://www.google.com.au/search?hl=en&lr=&oi=defmore&q=define:revelation> ; <http://cf.blueletterbible.org/search/lexiconc.cfm?ss=revelation&searchtype=any>

An interesting parallel example is how the economists use the word:

<http://economics.about.com/od/economicsglossary/g/revelation.htm>. So to quote from this definition "Generally a direct revelation mechanism (that is, one in which the strategies are just the types a player can reveal about himself) in which telling the truth is a Nash equilibrium outcome can be proven to exist and be equivalent to any other mechanism available to the government That is the revelation principle. It is used most often to prove something about the whole class of mechanism equilibria, by selecting the simple direct revelation mechanism, proving a result

about that, and applying the revelation principle to assert that the result is true for all mechanisms in that context.”

Notice the parallel to the body of my writings today, and the attempt to demonstrate the bible is still relevant today. By selecting a simple revelation mechanism (e.g. rains and harvest), proving a result about that, and then applying the revelation principle to assert that the result is true for all God's covenants as per his agreement with Jacob on the road (Genesis 28:20-22) mechanisms in that context. Jacob's vow is almost exactly the same vow I made to God in late 2001 when I had the first prophetic experience. My vow was similar “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to so that I return safely to my father's house, I will be the Lord's servant and walk this journey in faith that God will fulfil His Revelation covenant to humanity”.

One of my core premises has been that the bible is as relevant to day as when it was written. The bible tells us that God would send Jesus to confine the deceiver, and that there would be a period in the wastelands with nothing but faith and love of Jesus to sustain His people, but that eventually Jesus would return and again be in ascendancy. It could be said that most of Revelation has been fulfilled. The deceiver's judgment has been passed and the matter to hand is acceptance and getting on with restoring the Garden of Eden.

Apart from the deceiver's minions, the only other innocents needing to be are those don't seem to appreciate that God is not confined to our corporeal space-time continuum. Jesus can be in full ascendancy and reigning over this realm without having to be incarnated into this world. Thus Jesus can rule for a millennium and we can get on with rebuilding this world in accordance with Jesus' missives for the greater glory of both Jesus and the Father, relying on the bible and spirit to prompt and guide when we are unsure or need to find creative solutions.

We move from trying to find the one person/church to have all the answers, and accept that solutions will come from a wide variety of sources, and that the main challenge will be recognizing and incorporating that which is pleasing to God, even from the most unexpected of sources (innovation often occurs on the edges).

As you can see, this is not about creating submissive Christians who only think within scripts. It is about creating Christians who know the bible really, really well and are open to offering fellowship all those who can accept Jesus' unique divine missive.

One of the last planks that have been pulled out (since I've been gagged and can't publish a response) is that if Revelation has been fulfilled, how come the world is still a mess. There are two comments to be made.

- Firstly, what I have observed is that the conservative Christian leaders have become complacent in how well they know the bible and can't cope with someone who learns it well enough to become creative and unpredictable. (They rely on scripts to feel like they know everything and if it doesn't fit a script it is from the devil and can thus safely be ignored). This method relies on their arguments never being proved superficial or fallible, and since I was making so many inroads into their arguments they have suppressed my input and gone so far as to create a "officials only" forum so that I don't know their arguments and can't examine their veracity. This is subtle censorship and if extrapolated further will lead to a "dark ages" repressive and fearful culture. If someone can counter their superficial totalitarian claims, then you hide the counter claims, and act as if you still have all the answers pegged out.
- Secondly, I think God is taking us to a new period of enlightenment, using a similar process to that of Exodus. Namely, that the first generation that started Exodus with Moses were too evil to live in the Holy Land. However, they could commence the journey not for their own sake but for the sake of their descendents. If that is valid, then the parallel for us is that the first generation will not live to see a world without poverty or the environment restored. However, we will begin the work of restoring the environment, eliminating poverty, working to heal emotional and spiritual wounds (which will take generations for much of humanity) in the faith that God will comfort and guide us.

The following is an extract from a recent paper

I have held back sharing this information earlier because one of the big problems is that the deceiver dumps servants when they are exposed, and then tries to find new places of refuge and hidden whispering to set up

his next power base (like a frog jumping from lily pad to lily pad). This is what happened in the 1980s; we managed to slow down nuclear excesses, and foster working on poverty and human rights, foster self determination and interdependence; but all that work was quietly being white anted behind the scenes in other ways. Thus if we turn and focus on this one particular person or manifestation, we are forgetting the deceiver's ability to camouflage and screen. We need to recognize how he wheedles his way in and then work on putting in place tools that expose his early machinations, whilst not suppressing the saints.

Again the question of faith comes up. It is my belief that God is aware of every single saint of every single faith over every single year that has been abused, vilified or killed because the deceiver was unable to pervert their works and thus had to kill/reduce/eliminate them so that their more vulnerable students could be prematurely manipulated. Thus many reform attempts by God have been distorted or suppressed, and the curse of Babel added to the problems. Now, I am a foolish and naïve woman, but I trust God and believe eventually He will raise up sufficient numbers of saints that the deceiver's typical strategies to suppress, distort or destroy the truth will become irrelevant. Whether I am one of the vanguard, or merely a silly woman working at the wrong time is still to be seen. However, I trust my God and place my full faith in my God and announce my love for my God and conviction that God especially created Jesus to enable all humanity from all times to be reconciled back to the Father.

Now for the protestant traditions, much of what has been said or done is a real problem. When you look at which books of the bible have been excluded by the Protestant strands, some of what I am saying does not seem so far fetched: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books\\_of\\_the\\_Bible](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books_of_the_Bible) It has been amusing to watch the reactions from non-protestant and/or non-Christian leaders. Some of them are far more comfortable with what is happening.

The other thing that has annoyed people, is why bring up that America (US) would be brought to its knees by a series of natural disasters? This is counter-intuitive, but it is God's only way to stop the squabbling. It does not take a rocket scientist to appreciate that the US' overseas image has become severely tarnished in recent decades. Rightly or wrongly, there are nations and/or peoples that perceive the US to be the enemy and will support anyone who moves against what they perceive as the vicious antichrist. The only way to break the deadlock of those who would raise arms against the US is for God to directly intervene and basically say, "Don't worry. Love thy neighbour. It's my place to judge and sort out the bullies". By seeing that God Himself will reprimand the US and that God is calling for people to drop their arms, it places those that continue to use militant terrorism outside the grace of God. Similarly, it is my belief that God will make a public lesson of those who refuse to drop their arms (I would not be surprised to see certain leaders dying ignominiously of disease or earthquake in some rat hole in the ground).

One of my continuing biggest fears is that the global leaders (particularly the religious and philosophical leaders) will not recognize the lily pad risk and thus we will fix one set of problems only to find ourselves dealing with another a decade or later (e.g. return of Cold War culture and/or militarism from mega economic nation).

On the question of the Jews. An annoying and vexatious people, who will milk God's grace for all it is worth and presume on God's goodwill that He will forgive them for their selfish excesses. However, irregardless of any human opinion, God loves the Jews and made many covenants with their ancestors. Plus if God does not fulfil His covenants with the Jews why would any of us be naïve enough to believe he would fulfil any other covenants with any other peoples? Thus there needs to be some space that the Jews can call their own (the article at the end of this paper demonstrates that God's covenant with the Jews continues into the New Testament). The difficulty is because the planet is "full" they can not have a home without impacting on their neighbours. Thus we need to find a way that both the neighbours and the Jews are given dignity. Obliteration of the Jews is not possible, so what are the alternatives? Similarly, a displaced nation without independence nor dignity is a festering sore that will not heal. How do we resolve the displaced peoples and give them dignity?

The other issue is how come I am not advocating that one religion or one denomination be given absolute dominance. Firstly, there is the adage “power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely”. There is also the old saying, “you watch my back and I’ll watch yours”. Our God is the God of diversity. He encourages us to shelter under of our own fig trees, grape vines and offer hospitality to our neighbours. God makes it clear it is His choice as to which branches of which trees may flourish and where. It is God’s choice as to whether he nurtures the largest tree, or simply removes a small sprig and takes it off to plant a whole new forest. As humans, we can simply trust in God’s will, love thy father with all our heart and soul and love our neighbour as our self. It is not our place to decide that the garden should not include figs, grapes, cypress, fir or maples. Whenever anyone moves to eliminate or stifle one form of God’s creation without God’s consent, then we are in defiance of God’s will and demonstrating our lack of faith in God to know what is for the greater good and to provide for His peoples as and when He sees fit.

As a small aside, there’s been a lot of talk in the press of recent times about “mother nature”. God works in fractals (the same pattern repeats itself). Mother nature/Gaia is also bound to honour God. The parables about being the beautiful betrothed or the defiant adulterous apply as much to the earth as to her peoples. At this time, Mother Nature is not moving in defiance to God’s will but is accord with the Father. So if people prefer to refer to Mother Nature than to God, the creator of the heavens and the earth, then that is humanity’s adultery (and refusal to acknowledge God), not Mother Nature’s.

A lot of what is in this paper simply does not apply at the local parish level (especially at this time). The following article demonstrates why I am not surprised by the hardening or anger of certain people. It is part of God’s reconciliation plan. My belief is that we are at time similar to the physics teachers when quantum physics was being developed. There were those school teachers who taught that atoms were hard balls; the idea that atoms were particles of energy bound together but could move through each other was abhorrent. Many of the early school teachers could not understand nor teach the new paradigm, or could not publicly accept the new paradigm until it had been given endorsement by their school board and the new curriculum developed. However, there would have been a transition period where they had to teach both or there was a dissonance as to which model was correct.

The other question is to do with nomenclature. What are the labels? How does one distinguish between pre- and post-Revelation? I am vehemently against setting up new religions or new sects that is the path for fools and false prophets. However, if we continue to use the word “Christian”, then how do we distinguish the two periods? I am open to suggestions. In my own mind, I am sifting this way. Pre-Revelation Christianity is being thought of as Literalist Gentile Christianity, post-Revelation is being thought of as Modern Christianity or just Christianity. The attached article is an example of how some Christians leaders are trying to tease the issue out <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,13509-1811332,00.html> The significance of this article and the paper it refers to is the recognition that much of humanity has lost hope in the last few decades because we’ve been living in the shadow of a guillotine threat of the great holocaust, and that the bible has been misinterpreted by some parties to justify inappropriate practices. This paper is early fruits, but it is a signal that humanity stands at the threshold of choosing a renewed period of optimism and faith, with God back in His rightful place as the absolute ruler with Jesus as the metaphysical King of all the peoples of all the nations of all this planet.

## **God's Covenant to Paul the Apostle**

Saul of Tarsus was a vicious man who was entrusted by his Jewish leaders to fulfil the mission of obliterating Jesus' early followers.

Yet, the unexpected happened. On the road to Damascus something happened to Saul that changed him and the course of history forever. On the road to Damascus, Paul was blinded by a divine light and so weakened that he could not eat for three days or nights. **(Acts 9:3-9)**

Shortly after arriving at Damascus, the Lord sent Ananias to Saul to place his hands to return Saul's sight. **(Acts 9:10-19)** In this healing, Saul's strength was returned and the Lord gave a vision as promised to Ananias:

*"Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."* **(Acts 9:15-16)**

Almost immediately Paul (who was previously Saul) began preaching and proving that Jesus was the Christ as promised in the Old Testament, to the astonishment and wrath of the local Jews. Here one of their most trusted had become an advocate for their perceived adversaries, and so they plotted to murder him. Thus Paul was sent packing back to his home town of Tarsus. **(Acts: 9:20-30)**

If we look at the change in Paul and his ministry from only an earthly political interpretation, then this is the end of the matter. You either are of the faction of Jesus, or you are not of the faction of Jesus. For those who did not see in Spirit, Paul's shift to becoming an apostle for Jesus was seen from the Old Testament Jews' perspective as abandoning God's people.

However, what this limited interpretation overlooks is Paul's own perspective in the matter. Now in the early days of Paul's apostolic ministry, his own internal motives might only have been articulate orally to a few close confidantes. However, if we look at Paul's later writings, we see clear evidence of God's divine revelation, and God's ultimate plan for reconciling not just the gentiles but also the Jews. In fact, we see evidence that God entered into a covenant with Paul that included both the gentiles and the Jews. For example

*"I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." **(Romans 1:14-17)** )*

Paul explores this more fully in **Romans 11** , where he explains that:

- God deliberately hardened the hearts of the Jews
- God then granted the grace of salvation to the Gentiles to make the Jews envious (or Israel: God's chosen peoples)
- Paul refers to an Old Testament concept of God breaking branches and removing or grafting in branches into God's tree of life (e.g. **Zechariah 11** ; **Ezekiel 17:22-24** ).
- Paul cautions the Gentiles not be complacent because if the natural branches can be broken off, so can the newly grafted branches
- For all those who do not persist in unbelief (read lack of faith), God is able to graft them back in again (**Romans 11:23** )

Paul then goes on to reveal God's plan for reconciling both Jew and Gentile, and thus the covenant by which Paul moved to redeem not just the Gentile but also the Jew:

*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in . And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins." As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. **(Romans 11:25-29)** )*

Paul then continues that God's covenant covers more than the Jews and gentiles churches, but all the peoples of all the nations:

*Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their*

*disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound **all men** over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. ( **Romans 11:30-32** )*

That is God's vision covers all of all humanity: male and female, young and old, wealthy or poor, sick or healthy, black or white. God is not limited to the arbitrary human divisions of race, colour, nationality, denomination, gender, political alliances, and cultural history. God does not see reconciliation through our works or our history, but rather through our faith and willingness to abide with His covenants.