

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #31-A

There Was No Medalion Net 5G Wi-Fi Required for Noah’s Ark

Noah was informed by a declaration from God **“God said unto Noah”** –(Genesis 6:13)) about God's intentions for the future of the world in which Noah lived, and what Noah was to do about it. This declaration actually takes in more text than the text I have taken for this Diamond & Nugget. But the text for this chapter speaks of the part of the declaration that informed Noah of God's intentions for the future of the world. Other parts of the declaration included more particulars about God's detailing of Noah's duty as well as the form of judgment God was going to bring upon the world for its evil. In this Blessed Hope, we will look into these additional details of the declaration of God for Noah.

I am jesting here in my tongue-in-cheek statement **“There was no Medalion Net 5G Wi-Fi Required for Noah’s Ark.”** If you have read my three article’s on **“The Best Wi-Fi at Sea”** you will know what I am referring to; I did three articles on the Princess Line cruise ships that were equipped with 5G Wi-Fi technology, and heavily promoted to the public through television advertising. 28 passengers died on the Ruby Princess, and 14 passengers died on the Diamond Princess. The Princess Line had equipped twelve of their cruise ships with the 5G Wi-Fi EMF wireless communications. **“Medalion Net”** is the name the Princess Line calls their total global Wi-Fi 5G EMF. The combined 42 passengers were alleged to have died of the Corona virus, which never really existed in the first place, they died of comorbidity.issues. They were all elderly, having other health issues which put them at serious risk to the wireless 5G EMF radiation on the two cruise ships noted above. The cruise industry is in a panic over this, and they even suggested that passengers over 70 might require a physician’s examination certificate before booking a cruise!

Cruise ships are “modulating” their brand new 5G wireless energy at levels well below what they are designed or intended to be operated at; but rather to avoid additional deaths that raise question to their bogus claims. 5G EMF wireless energy is causing the sickness and deaths, and the so-called virus symptoms are the consequences of the 5G EMF wireless and being labeled Covid-19 or the Corona virus! This is fraudulent science based upon Dr. Andrew Kaufman.

Those behind Corona virus or Covid-19, have not proved its existence, nor have they followed the protocols to prove it. There is ZERO evidence that Covid follows Koch's 4 Germ Theory Postulates, according to Dr. Andrew Kaufman. More in BH#31-B

Where am I going with this you are wondering for sure? If you want to know the answer to Matthew 24:36-44, continue to read on. Let me insert another passage here that you may not be as familiar with. Ephesians 2:2: ***“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”*** If you would be so kind, keep this verse in your memory as we continue to reveal the next “Exodus” event.



Above: The brand new **Norwegian Encore** is suppose to begin cruises in November of 2020. The two aft 5G Wi-Fi antenna are enclosed in these huge “golf ball” like plastic domes. Cruise ships have anywhere from a single 5G antenna to as many as eight of these 5G antenna. Since 5G operates on a millimeter spectrum beam, which requires protection from the elements, such as rain, fog, dust, sea mist, snow, This is the weak link of 5G wireless. This is the real mystery behind the so-called Covid-19 virus. The Covid-19 virus is nothing more than toxic EMF radiation sickness. The 5G EMF beams a signal 1,000X more energy than 4G or 3G Wi-Fi. Contrary to industry spokesmen, the 5G EMF radiation does penetrate beyond the skin surface and since the human body is 80% liquid, the EMF signal causes the liquid molecules to rotate and dance like in a Microwave oven, Most of the fatalities to date were from hypoxia, or oxygen deprivation.

5G EMF modulated to 60 Gigahertz consumes 98% of the oxygen in a person's lungs, hence death! Wireless EMF toxic non-ionizing energy is just as dangerous as ionizing energy because of the higher EMF exposure.

Related to this EMF radiation, there are numerous health issues for those with comorbidity issues. The pathogen known as Mycoplasma [attacks a person's compromised health issues]. Mycoplasma is part of the natural biome, which attacks dying cell tissue. It is activated when one or more of three issues are out of balance: pH level, oxygen level, and immune system. Mycoplasma is that part of the human biome that causes decomposition or composting of life form. The reason you do not know this truth is that the telecommunications industry has **\$2.7 trillion dollars** invested in the 5G Wi-Fi that provides their passengers complete global cell phone and internet access. That is **\$2,700,000,000,000**. The cruise industry also has a vested interest in that it operates 340 cruise ships, but the problem is that in most cases half of its passengers are over 60 years of age, and have at least one health issue that places them in potential harm to the affects of 5G Wi-Fi EMF radiation.

During the lock down of 2020, the telecoms got approval to have their employees classified as necessary workers, when many were laid off due to the so-called virus. Several Wi-Fi installation technicians have made videos to warn people about the harm of what they do. The average age of an electrical worker is 57 years of age from the demographics provided by the insurance industry. They keep such statistics to price insurance policies of workers in all lines of work. Relative to the issue of life insurance, the two global re-insurance agencies of Lloyds of London and AIG will not provide re-insurance to the insurance industry for health claims related to EMF of any kind, 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, and the coming 6G. This speaks volumes about what the real facts are in the field of wireless communications. We will come back to this subject a bit later. It is part of the larger topic of the Rapture! Getting to that answer requires that we visit Genesis and the narrative of Noah and the proverbial Ark!

You may recall that I wrote about the original "Exodus" event, and that it is a "Type" for our deliverance in the "**Harpazo**" or Rapture. It was Blessed Hope #7. I am confident that our Rapture will be a similar "Exodus" event! God will be right on time in the instant of time when all looks hopeless for us! The Rapture will be as spectacular an event as imaged by Charlton Heston holding his staff in the roaring of the mighty wind, probably even greater!

On Saturday morning, September 19th, I texted or emailed everyone in my circle of contacts that there would be no Rapture on Rosh Hashanah 2020. Also I did say that it is so close that you will not need to make plans for Thanksgiving dinner this year. It's that close and the date will be a repeat of the "Exodus" event. What I am about to share in this "Diamond & Nugget" is not my imagination. I don't deny it will be a movie thriller which folks could take their family to see! Over the past ten days, I have had some rather profound Aha moments. An Aha moment is when one has a sudden insight or discovery. In the case of what I am about to share in this "Diamond & Nugget", three of

my Aha moments were “intuitive” moments and one was in a dream. To discuss the specifics of each is best left for another article.

The dream, however came just this morning 9/19/2020, and in the dream it was about Ephesians 2:1-3, reminding me not to overlook Ephesians 2:2. It was repeated three times in my dream, and each time it was louder than the previous. It occurred at 5:40am close to my regular waking time. In my years in ministry, I have only had a half dozen such dreams, that specifically mentioned to preach or teach on a specific text. The Ephesians 2:2 passage though came to me in an intuitive moment five days ago.

Watchman Nee, a Chinese church leader during the 1920s wrote a book entitled, *‘The Spiritual Man’*. In that book, he devoted an entire chapter to “intuition” and how it is that God the Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit through what we call “intuition.” Watchman Nee explains this in such a way that we discipline our listening to God with greater clarity. We know that a woman’s intuition is sharper than is the case with a man’s ability to discern, as well as the reason this is true. When I was a seminary student, I had a seminar on “Introspection & Reflection” which dealt with listening to God, through His Word, Prayer, Worship, Dreams, Audible, etc.... Intuition is one of the many ways God communicates to each of us. This seminar was required in my first year and again in my senior year.

This “Diamond & Nugget” brings a convergence of many important key points to the Biblical narrative and prophecy of Noah; his Ark typology of the Rapture; the dating of events relative to the Ark’s symbolism; and 5G wireless EMF which I began to touch upon in the opening page. Finally, we will be looking at the interpretation and manifestation of the Ephesians 2:2 passage that I asked the reader to keep fresh in his/her mind.

In U.S. Criminal law, means, motive, and opportunity is a popular cultural summation of the three aspects of a crime needed to convince a jury of guilt in a criminal proceeding. Respectively, they refer to: the ability of the defendant to commit the crime (means), the reason the defendant had to commit the crime (motive), and whether or not the defendant had the chance to commit the crime (opportunity). Opportunity is most often disproved by use of an alibi, which can prove the accused was not able to commit the crime as he or she did not have the correct set of circumstances to commit the crime. Ironically, motive is not an element of many crimes, but proving motive can often make it easier to convince a jury of the elements that must be proved for a conviction.

Furthermore, a showing of the presence of these three elements is not, in and of itself, sufficient to convict beyond a reasonable doubt; the evidence must prove that an opportunity presented was indeed taken by the accused and for the crime with which he or she is charged. For an example, consider this ruling in the case of a suspect accused of robbery and assault:

Evidence of motive, means, opportunity, and consciousness of guilt are not enough to establish guilt. Compare Commonwealth v. Mandile, 403 Mass. 93, 98 (1988) (evidence

of motive, means, unexplained possession of property, and consciousness of guilt is not enough to establish robbery). On this record the evidence is insufficient to permit a rational jury to find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was the victim' assailant... Nothing in the record sufficiently links the defendant to the crime to permit the conclusion beyond a reasonable doubt that he was the perpetrator.

Contrary to popular depictions in the fictional media, the court cannot convict merely on these three famous elements, but must provide convincing proof of means used, and opportunity actually acted upon by the defendant charged.

For example, if a criminal shot someone with a handgun and took his/her money when the victim was in an isolated, secluded area at night, the means would be the handgun, the motive financial (i.e., the money they stole), and the opportunity the fact that it would be unlikely someone else would witness or stop them. For the majority of crimes, means and opportunity are the easiest to prove; however, for some offenses (such as rape or serial killing), the motive can be hard to define.

Stop and think about how **\$2.7-trillion** fits into the larger picture of what I just shared about the telecommunications industry being guilty of a huge crime against humanity. Until only recently it had been reported that the role out of 5G EMF wireless communications investment of **\$59-billion** and with a potential profit of over **\$12-trillion**. In researching industry and FCC documents I was surprised to learn of an almost fivefold investment, and yielding potential profits of even greater \$\$\$\$\$\$.



Noah came on the scene during a time of great defilement on the earth. Since our day is also one of great defilement, this fact about Noah gives us reason to believe that the

coming of Christ is not far off; for Christ said, **"As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"** -(Matthew 24:37). Of the **54X** times Noah is found in the KJV Bible, 34 of those are found in Genesis (in chapters 5 through 9).

In chapter 6, we begin with the situation in which Noah lived. It was not a world marked by high moral character, but it was a world dominated by wickedness. Noah lived a righteous life in spite of the defilement all around him. Noah's godly life tells us we cannot excuse our failures on the sinfulness of society around us, for it is possible to live a godly life even though all around you are ungodly people.

To study our text in more detail regarding the defilement of the world in which Noah lived, we would have to consider the period of the defilement -(Genesis 6:1), the particulars of the defilement -(Genesis 6:2, 4, 5), the perceiving of the defilement -(Genesis 6:5), the patience about the defilement -(Genesis 6:3), the pain over the defilement -(Genesis 6:6), and the punishment for the defilement -(Genesis 6:7). Unfortunately, we can't take the space and time to cover every finite detail.

One of the characteristics of the period was a population explosion. The reason for the great multiplication of the people at this time was that the population had grown to the extent that rapid multiplication of the earth's population would indeed occur. If you start out with pay at one cent a day and double your pay every day, by the end of the month your pay will be increasing greatly each day. So it is with population. Without ways of holding growth in check, it does not take long for exponential explosion in the growth of a population, or a nation's debt, or other problematic issues for a society.

The population increase corresponded to the increase in wickedness, not surprisingly. One reason is that where mankind comes to be of great numbers, somehow the places where they congregate together thickly become the scenes of development of evil on a greater scale.

The defilement upon the Earth during Noah's day manifested itself in many different ways. Our Scripture text speaks of three general ways in which this defilement manifested itself. They are the evil in the marriages, might of power, and mind of the people.

"Every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually" - (Genesis 6:5). A third evil which plagued Noah's age was a corrupt mind. Noah's day was characterized by evil thoughts. With the inordinate emphasis on girls, it is not surprising that the people's minds were in the gutter. This was one of the major problems of defilement in Noah's day, which resulted in great judgment coming upon the earth. Thus our country is ripe for judgment because its thought life is also very vile. The minds of people today are "gutter minds" morally. To examine this evil mind of Noah's day, we note the effect and the extent of the evil mind.

The effect of the evil mind. "Thoughts of his heart was only evil." People have a tendency to play down the effect of one's thoughts. It is what you do that counts these

folks will say. Yet, what we do is a product of what we think. We are what we think even if we are not what we think we are. **"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he"** -(Proverbs 23:7). Our thought life is the foundation of our conduct. You are a product of what you think. Someone has said, sow a thought and reap an act; sow an act and reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a character; sow a character and reap a destiny - it all begins with the thought life. Guard your thought life; fight for clean, correct thinking for your character depends on it. The devil has had a field day in corrupting our minds. TV, movies, videos, and the Internet access to pornography generates more evil thoughts among mankind than any other medium. When Jesus Christ gave a list of the vile evils that come out of man (such as adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, lasciviousness, pride, etc.), He started with **"evil thoughts"** -(Mark 7:21). If the thought life is corrupted, the devil can corrupt that person anywhere else very easily.

The extent of the evil mind. **"Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."** The evil of the mind of the people of Noah's day was completely evil. It was **"every"** thought and imagination. It was evil **"continually."** This is not a description of people who have a bad thought once in a while, but it is a description of people whose mind is in the gutter 24 hours of the day. This is not a temporary situation, but a perpetual situation. The political realm exploits it with charges and counter-charges ad nauseam.

If you have any contact at all with society today, you will quickly observe that people's minds are utterly filthy. In fact, the dirty mind dominates. It is a rare thing to meet up with someone whose mind is not in the gutter. When one opens his mouth, he betrays his thoughts. So when filth comes out of the mouth of a person, you know what their mind is like.

One of the greatest examples God uses in the Bible is that of "Themes" or in "Types" of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture is centered around Noah and Great Flood. I have stated many times there are over 300 examples of the theme of "Deliverance before Judgment" for the believer. The life of Noah screams of Rapture. In the chapters dealing with Noah's story, we have something close to a hundred examples of "types". Because the Christian Church abandoned this study of "Typology" and "Themes" more than a century ago, ignorance in the church has metastasized like cancer. Here are a small fraction of examples of what I am referring to below:

1. As Noah's name signifies comforter and restorer, which shows Lamech's faith to tag that name upon him -(Genesis 5:29; Genesis 8:21). Herein he typified Christ, our grand Comforter and Restorer of the new world, as Noah was of the old. This typology is found in the genealogy of Genesis 5, illustrated just above. This genealogy of Genesis 5 is one of those areas God tucks away "Diamonds & Nuggets" as a means of revealing Himself looking down upon as we feast on His "manna"!
2. Noah was a preacher of righteousness -(2nd Peter 2:5). So also is Christ both preaching and purchasing, yea, procuring everlasting righteousness -(Daniel 9:24).

3. As Noah found grace in the sight of God, both for himself and for all his family - (Genesis 6:8; Genesis 7:1; Hebrews 11:7), so did Jesus Christ for Himself -(Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5), and for all his household of faith, for so many as God hath given him -(John 17:2), they are all accepted in the beloved One -(Ephesians 1:6). Yea, He is the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe and trust Him -(1st Timothy 4:10; Luke 2:52).



4. As Noah was the builder of the Ark, so is Jesus Christ of the Church, which is called His workmanship -(Ephesians 2:10, etc.). Is not Jesus Christ the carpenter -(Mark 6:3), to cut, shape, plane, cement, and hold us close together? etc.

5. As Noah was long in building the ark, even a hundred and twenty years, so was Jesus Christ long in building His Church, even some two thousands of years.

6. As Noah used many carpenters that were instrumental to save others, but not themselves, so likewise doth Jesus Christ -(Matthew 7:22, 23).

7. As when Noah had finished the ark, the destruction of the old world by water followed immediately; so when Jesus Christ hath gathered in all His elect, and completed His Church, then will the destruction of this present world by fire presently pass upon it. Add unto all these.

8. As Noah's presence in the ark did secure his household all the time of its tossing, and landed them safely (after the destruction of the old world) in another; so Jesus Christ's presence with His Church, while she is tossed with tempests and not comforted -(Isaiah

54:11), doth secure her from all evil, for He keeps the ensuring office. As there is congruity 'twixt this type and antitype, to wit, Jesus Christ and Noah, so there is some disparity.

1. As Noah preached to the old world and converted none, but Jesus Christ converted many in this new world.
2. Noah saved his household, but only temporarily, but Jesus Christ saves the household of faith, spiritually and eternally.
3. Noah had no better to send out than a raven and a dove, but Jesus Christ sent out better things, such as the law and the gospel, the former to work fear and the latter to work love.
4. Noah was insufficient to complete salvation for his family, as he was unable of himself to shut the great door of the ark after him; but Jesus Christ sayeth to the utmost, by His own power -(Hebrews 7:25), rebuking storms and procuring calms, all in His own name.
5. As Noah's self was a type of Christ, so was his Ark, wherein alone salvation was found from that deluge of waters, accordingly in Jesus Christ alone can be found salvation (of all sorts, temporal, spiritual, and eternal) from the deluge of Divine wrath. and justice of God for the sin of man. Beside Him, there is no Saviour -(Isaiah 43:11). As there was but one Ark, so there must be but one mediator; no boats were to attend this Ark (Acts 27:30).

In His instructions for building the Ark, God told Noah to **“set the door of the Ark in its side”** -(Genesis 6:16). The Ark had only one door to pass through to escape God's terrible judgment. By faith, Noah and his family entered the Ark. Once they were all inside, the Lord shut them in -(Genesis 7:16).

What is significant about God shutting the door of the Ark? It provides a wonderful demonstration of the twin truths of man's responsibility and God's sovereignty that we see throughout all of Scripture.

After God shut the door, the time of judgment arrived. Only those who had gone through the doorway would be saved; no one else could enter. Noah and his family had to obey God's command to build and then enter the Ark for salvation - but it was God who had commanded the Ark to be built as the means of Noah's family being saved in this time of judgment.

The Ark pictures salvation in Jesus Christ, our “Ark” of salvation. Jesus said **“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved”** -(John 10:9).

The Bible makes it clear that we are **“dead in trespasses and sins”** -(Ephesians 2:1). Nothing we can do can save us from our sin and its consequence of eternal separation

from God. But the Bible also tells us that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, we will be saved - (Romans 10:9). It is **“by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God”** -(Ephesians 2:8). Nothing we can do will save us from our sin—salvation is all of God. Yet our responsibility is to go through the doorway (Jesus), and God will save us.

How do we put all this together? Can we, as finite humans, ever understand the ways of an infinite God? Only God can bring man’s responsibility and His sovereignty perfectly together. We need to live with this tension and accept it—it is what God’s Word teaches.

Remember how Peter started to sink in the water when he took his eyes off of Jesus, well a date is like a wave of the sea ... it may be fun to ride it to the top but it will also bring you crashing down! And it is not just a matter of enduring a bumpy ride home as you are cast about by the waves of dates but Jesus wants you to walk above the waves by keeping your eyes on Him. So many were looking to Rosh Hashanah this year as our Rapture. I did not want to be the cause of anyone’s disappointment and over the past two months, I was prayerfully seeking clarity of God’s Word and His guidance. I do believe God revealed to me the key in this past week with the dream and intuitive thoughts.

Actually, the timing of the rapture is easy to figure out ... **“it’s when you think not”** - (Matthew 24:44). Watching simply means to “be ready at all time to be with Jesus” which results in a pure heart of real hope but it doesn’t mean to become so preoccupied with watching a date that it results in a self-centered heart that stops doing God’s will in this world so you are unwilling and unable to share the love of Jesus with others. Remember in the story of the 10 virgins ... all the virgins slept, but the 5 wise virgins were taken by the Groom because they had the “oil” of the Holy Spirit, they were born again in Jesus, abiding and resting in Him! Watching has to do more with watching over your heart to make sure it is always abiding (resting) in the Grace of Jesus Christ and you are doing what God has entrusted you do by His Grace.



With this in mind, I want to bring our focus to Ephesians 2:2 in its context of Ephesians 2:11-3. As often as I have read Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, I cannot recall ever seeing in the light as I have this past week. Perhaps that is related to the fact that the very next segment deals with a "theme" that overpowers it. None the less, it is speaking to our day in ways none of us probably ever considered.

HOW IS SATAN'S CONTROL OVER THE WORLD MANIFESTED?

1. **Revelation 12:9** *And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and **Satan, who deceives the whole world.***
2. **2nd Corinthians 4:4**, *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."*
3. **Ephesians 2:2** *"**prince of the power of the air**"*

2:1. The first 10 verses in this chapter are among the most evangelistic in the Scriptures, explaining beautifully the actual steps which occur in salvation. Paul began by reminding believers of their wretched condition before God performed the miracle of redemption. "**Were dead**" comes from a combination of a participle and an adjective (*ontas nekrous*), so it literally means "**being dead**" and refers to spiritual death which is the state of separation from God. While some Bible scholars say it is impossible to make a distinction between the words "trespasses" and "sins," others claim "trespasses" refers to outward manifestations of sin and "sins" relates to the sinful nature of a fallen human being. "**You**" stands in the accusative case, but there is no expressed verb to which it forms the object. The verb implied is either "**raised**" as in Ephesians 1:20 (God not only raised Christ from the dead; he raised "**you also**") or (more probably) "**brought to life**" in vs. 5 below. In the latter case the construction begun in vs. 1 is broken off after the succession of adjective clauses, and the sense is resumed with the new sentence "**But God ...**" in vv. 4 and 5.

It was necessary that the readers should be raised to life, because they were spiritually dead, severed and alienated from God, the source of true life. Their spiritual death was the result of their "trespasses and sins" - two words which, are used as synonyms in the Pauline writings. Etymologically they may mean respectively "**falling aside**" and "**missing the mark,**" but in practice they are interchangeable (in the plural, at least). New Testament parallels to the use of "**dead**" in a spiritual sense here and in vs. 5 are found in Romans 11:15; Ephesians 5:14; Colossians 2:13.

2:2. This verse further depicts the lost condition of mankind by specifying the forces working against them. First, unbelievers walk "**according to the course of this world.**" This is a way of saying that fallen creatures manifest their state of spiritual death by living lives of enslavement to the world's standard of values, values that are human-centered, not God-centered.

Secondly, the rest of the verse informs us of the power that works behind this "**spirit**" of the age, or the ways of this world. Satan takes advantage of man's lost condition. He is at work "**in the children of disobedience**" or he is "**operating in the sons of disobedience.**"

Here Paul epistle depicts the forces which war against believers as they seek to live godly lives: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world is an external foe, its evil influences surrounding the believer. The flesh (the self-life) is an internal enemy, its weaknesses making it susceptible to temptation. Satan is an infernal foe, going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He uses the influences of the world to seduce believers, and he takes advantage of believers by attacking them at their weakest points. This is precisely what the pathogen Mycoplasma does to weakened and to destroy cells of the human body when activated by 5G EMF radiation. But God has not left believers at the mercy of these enemies of the soul. He is the eternal Friend and Deliverer who will bring victory. Mycoplasma like sin begins the dying and decomposition of all life form.

The two following phrases, "**according to the aion of this world**" and "**according to the archon of the domain of the air,**" are naturally taken as parallel to each other. Since, then, archon unquestionably means "**ruler,**" it is natural to conclude that **aion**, which normally means "age," is personified here. It is certainly difficult to take it in its usual sense: what would "**the age of this world**" mean? The traditional rendering, "**the course of this world,**" makes good sense, but it assigns an unnatural meaning to **aion**. Paul sometimes uses "**this world (kosmos)**" as a synonym for "**this age (aion),**" the present age dominated by the force of evil (cf. "**the present evil age**" in Galatians 1:4). This force is personified in 2nd Corinthians 4:4, where the minds of unbelievers are said to be blinded by "**the god of this age.**" (Compare 1st Corinthians 2:6-8, where the "**rulers [archontes] of this age**" are said, through their ignorance of the divine wisdom, to have "**crucified the Lord of glory.**") The suggestion that "**the aion of this world**" in our present text is identical with "**the god of this age**" is attractive, but if so, this is by far the earliest certain Christian instance of **aion** in a personal sense. The plural use of the noun in Ephesians 3:9 and Colossians 1:26, where mention is made of

"the mystery hidden from the aiones," should not be adduced as a parallel, for there the ordinary meaning "ages" makes perfectly good sense (and indeed in Colossians 1:26 this sense is demanded by the following words, **"and from the generations"**). The suggestion may be made that the term is here borrowed from the pagan vocabulary formerly familiar to those addressed: there was indeed a mystery cult in honor of a god **Aion** (of Iranian origin) at Alexandria around 200 B.C. (attested at Eleusis in the 1st century B.C.). But it is quite improbable that anything so specific as this lies behind the use of **aion** here. The phrase "this world-age," suggests the possibility that "Paul thinks of a personified world-age, ... a personal antagonist of God's good creation and of God himself," and considers that it might be capitalized and written **"World-Age,"** as one of the titles of the devil.

2:3. Here Paul uses the pronoun **"we" (hēmeis)** to show that the sinful condition he had just described applied to Jews as well as to Gentiles. In verse 1 he refers to **"you,"** the Gentile believers to whom he was writing. Next, Paul specified the third force that works against unbelievers - their fallen sinful nature. The word for **"lusts" (epithumiais)** may be used in a good sense -(Luke 22:15) or in an evil sense, depending on its use in the specific context. Paul's use here obviously refers to evil desires. Unbelievers habitually yield to the cravings of the sinful nature with which they were born -(Romans 5:12). As a result, they **"were by nature the children of wrath."** The word **"wrath"** speaks of God's abiding opposition to evil -(Matthew 3:7; Romans 1:18), and it is a reminder that those individuals who continue to practice sin are facing the wrath of God.

There is little doubt that Satan is the being described as **"the ruler of the domain of the air."** The question that arises here relates to the word **"air."** The Greek word (**aer**) is used of the air which mortals breathe in contrast to the aither, the sky. But it is unlikely that such a contrast is intended here; for one thing, the noun aither does not appear in the New Testament. The domain or dominion (**exousia**, "authority") of the air differs little in meaning from **"the dominion of darkness"** in Colossians 1:13, but it would be hazardous to suppose that we are dealing with a revival of the Homeric and Hesiodic use of **aer** in the sense of "mist" or "haze." Nor can we think of our own figurative use of the word "air" as when we speak of an idea in the air or of the atmosphere of opinion.

The word is used here as it is by Philo, who explains Jacob's ladder as a "figure of speech" for the air (**aer**), which extends upward from the earth's surface to the sphere of the moon (the lowest of the heavenly zones). The air, he says, *"is the home of incorporeal souls ..., called 'demons' by the other philosophers but customarily 'angels' by the sacred record."* The **"domain of the air,"** in fact, is another way of indicating the **"heavenly realm"** which, according to Ephesians 6:12, is the abode of those principalities and powers, **"world-rulers of this darkness"** and **"spiritual forces of wickedness"** against which the people of Christ wage war.

As for **"the spirit which now operates in the disobedient,"** the noun "spirit" (**pneuma**) is in the genitive case, and is therefore naturally taken as governed by one of the two preceding nouns - **"ruler"** or **"domain."** To speak of **"the ruler of the spirit"**

which now operates" would be strange; if we translate the clause as ***"the domain of the spirit which now operates,"*** then either this spirit is identical with the ***"ruler of the domain of the air,"*** the malign power that blinds the minds of unbelievers, or else ***"spirit"*** is in apposition with ***"air"*** and could denote (as ***"air"*** would not) the atmosphere or climate of thought which influences people's minds against God. The ***"disobedient"*** (lit., "sons of disobedience," as in Ephesians 5:6) are rebels against the authority of God, responsive to the prompting of the arch-rebel. The verb rendered "operate" (***energeo***) is the same as is used in Ephesians 3:20 of ***"the power which operates in us"*** (i.e., in believers); the distinction between the two opposed indwelling powers is pointed in 1st Corinthians 2:12, ***"we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that comes from God."*** In exegeting the Greek of Ephesians 2:2,3 can well refer to the world of wireless communications and the ether, a very rarefied and highly elastic substance formerly believed to permeate all space, including the interstices between the particles of matter, and to be the medium whose vibrations constituted light and other electromagnetic radiation. Satan is the force de jure which energizes the Bill Gates QuantumDot/Hydrogel ID2020 Microchip [i.e., the "Mark" of the Beast]. Those two following phrases, ***"according to the aion of this world"*** and ***"according to the archon of the domain of the air,"*** are naturally taken as parallel to each other. Since, then, archon unquestionably means ***"ruler,"*** it is natural to conclude that ***aion,*** which normally means "age," is personified here.

Unless you have read many of my recent articles on the "Mark" of the Beast, all of this sounds like the realm of pys-fi; however, it has crept up behind us in the advances of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and it is everywhere around us as AI and 5G are married to the concept of being transformed into a "trans-human" entity. This is frightening stuff for most people, not the least for a retired pastor in his mid-80s.

In our understanding of Ephesians 2:1-3, I would just add that Paul is as relevant today as he was to his students at Ephesus, we have been reminded of their former pagan existence, before they received new life in Christ, but it is freely conceded that Jews were in no better case: ***"we also"*** were included among the disobedient. So, after the detailed exposure of the moral bankruptcy of the pagan world in Romans 1:18-32, it is shown that Jews are no better off in this respect: ***"all, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin"*** (Romans 3:9) and equally in need of the justifying grace of God if there is to be any hope for them.

"Among them" - that is, most probably, among the disobedient - we Jews also followed our course of life, in conformity with ***"the desires of our flesh."*** While the term "flesh" has a variety of meanings in the Pauline writings, its distinctive Pauline usage denotes that self-regarding element in human nature which has been corrupted at the source, characterized by appetites and propensities which, if unchecked, produce ***"the works of the flesh"*** listed in Galatians 5:19-20. These include not only various forms of bodily impurity and excess but also such things as quarrelsomeness, envy, enmity, uncontrolled rage, and selfish ambition. The ***"desire of the flesh"*** which, according to Galatians 5:16, can be countered only by leading one's life in the power of the Spirit embraces everything that is in opposition to the will of God. The ***"mind of the flesh"*** —

the regenerate outlook—is in a state of war with God and is incapable of submitting to his law -(Romans 8:7). So, says Paul, our conduct was once in keeping with the desires of this unregenerate outlook; we carried out the dictates of our flesh, of our minds. He adds **"of our minds"** probably in order to emphasize that the dictates of the flesh are not merely physical urges but include such qualities as pride and self-seeking, qualities which presented a greater temptation to Paul in his younger days, when he strove to outstrip his contemporaries in zeal for the ancestral traditions -(Galatians 1:14), than the vices of the pagan world could ever have done.

Paul speaks elsewhere of Peter and himself as Jews **"by nature,"** which can only mean **"by birth"** -(Galatians 2:15); here he says that he and his fellow-Jews were **"by nature children of wrath"** (i.e., worthy to receive divine judgment) as much as the Gentiles were. This common plight of humanity, Jews and Gentiles alike, has been inherited, according to Paul, from that one man through whom **"sin came into the world ..., and so death spread to all human beings inasmuch as all sinned"** -(Romans 5:12). If that **"one man's trespass led to condemnation for all human beings,"** as Paul puts it in Romans 5:18 (because all humanity was encapsulated in that one man), this is tantamount to saying that all human beings are inherently ("by nature") subject to condemnation. With this use of the Hebrew idiom **"children of wrath"** may be compared King David's denunciation of the rich man who seized his poor neighbor's ewe-lamb: **"the man who has done this is a son of death,"** that is, he **"deserves to die"** -(2nd Samuel 12:5).

In the next Blessed Hope #31-B, I will show how Ephesians 2:2 comes alive in the greatest advances of human creation that will also become humanity's death knell. In this incredible scenario we have the evidence that points us precisely to the next "Exodus" event that will result in our deliverance before God judges the world!

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