FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



INTRODUCTION

A spiritual war is raging between Good and Evil. The origin was before the Creation of Man. When we accepted Jesus we enlisted as a soldier in his army. We can make a great contribution in this war.

Jesus died and rose again. Our champion won the victory and is seated at God's right hand. While He intercedes in Heaven on our behalf the task of fighting in the spiritual war falls to us.

Who is the enemy? What is a spiritual battle? What is at stake? How do we fight the Good Fight?

IN ADAM ALL DIE

Adam is the founder of an all-encompassing clan of humanity. All children, with the exception of baby Jesus, are born into Adam's clan. Most will grow up identifying with a nationality but their spiritual identity will simply be Adam' clan. Unfortunately, they inherit the sin nature too.

God told Adam 'You will surely die'. Everyone in Adam's clan shares that curse. All will die.

IN CHRIST ALL ARE MADE ALIVE

By virtue of Jesus' death on the Cross, a sinner who repents can change identity from Adam to Christ.

Believers in Jesus are counter revolutionaries. We are a resistance movement: partisans who fight behind enemy lines. We aren't insurrectionists. Our intent is never to do evil to Adam. Our participation in the Good Fight is a blessing to those in Adam. Our breath on this earth restrains God's judgment of it.

WE ARE THE FRONT LINE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

<u>Spiritual battle is a contest of allegiance</u> between those in Adam and those in Christ. There is opportunity for those in Adam to switch to Christ. There is opportunity for those in Christ to give up the fight.

If anyone in Christ honors Jesus it is a spiritual victory. If anyone in Christ stops following Jesus it is a spiritual defeat. If anyone in Adam accepts Jesus it is a spiritual victory. The rest of Adam is defeated.



"Have you seen my servant Job?"

JOB IS TESTED

Job was the servant of Jehovah. Job feared God and shunned evil. But was Job fighting the Good Fight?

Job was a believer but he had given up the Good Fight for the Good Life. Job had a wife, an extended family, homes, servants, livestock, and enjoyed a good reputation. Job was so entangled in worldly pursuits he was known as the greatest man (Adam) in the East.

Religion counts for nothing in the Good Fight. Job was religious. He frequently offered sacrifice to God. He meditated on God. He debated with his friends about God work in the affairs of men. However, the lengthy sermons of Job did not budge the allegiance of Job's friends towards Heaven one bit.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

Job was asleep in Christ. Job had given up the Good Fight. As a deserter from the LORD'S army Job was headed to an eternity with no reward for service.

Desertion is a crime for a soldier. All deserters receive dishonorable discharge.

At the resurrection Christ meets the saints in the air. They receive their honors for service at this time. When they enter Heaven they will have a status based on honors. Those who fought the Good Fight will enter into the joy of their Master. Those who were saved but quit the Good Fight will lose privileges in eternity. Once this status is set it is fixed for all time. This is a heavy matter.

Christ is going to come again to earth to set up the Kingdom of God. He will be followed by His army. Deserters quit the Good Fight. They will not return with Christ to earth. They will not enter the Millennium with Christ: they will not rule and reign with Christ. Such privileges are for the faithful only.

Christ desires the best for us, his beloved sheep. To awake Job from sleep it was necessary for the Lord to remove the things that drained his loyalty to Heaven. His allegiance was sorely tested. Job emerged victorious in the spiritual battle. His eternal honor is well deserved.

The life of Jesus had an impact on the eternal destiny of millions of souls. The exciting part of fighting the Good Fight is not that we personally gain privileges in Heaven, but that our days on earth change eternity. Jesus said 'Greater things than these you will do'. A saved person walking with Jesus has more power and influence than they could imagine.



THE UNSEEN WAR

The Bible says: "We wrestle not with flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places." (Eph. 6 v 12)

There are at least three levels of heaven. The Lord sits at the right hand of God in the highest heaven. In the lower heavens the war between forces of Good and Evil rages on. All this is unseen to us.

We are not flying blind into this battle. We are given prophetic markers to tell us the status of the war in the heavens. If we know where Evil is pushing its weight in heaven, we know how best to respond on earth. Reading the signs of the times is a key to our success: more on that to come.

The Good Fight

At a basic level we might infer what is happening in the spiritual realm by what we see on earth.

Jesus said: 'Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also' (Matt 5 v 39).

Suppose an evil person slaps our face. We discern the cry of Evil in the heavens is for violence. Perfect! We will not validate the cry of Evil by slapping in retaliation. Thereby we win the Good Fight: Our Christ like actions on earth bind the forces of Evil in the heavens. God is honored. Satan is shamed.

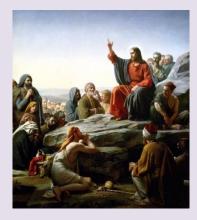
Only the saints of the Lord have the power to bind Evil. If unsaved men turn the other cheek Evil proclaims a triumph: 'Adam's clan behold! Sin goes unpunished. Vent your anger at will.'

If the besetting sin of the Age is aggression, the saint is pacifist. If the world is chasing after money, the saint is giving possessions away. If the schools are teaching lies, the saint is a fountain of God's wisdom. Turning the other cheek is always our response to the cry of Evil.

Signs of the Times

In World War II the battles stretched across continents and seas. But the final outcome depended on one critical thing. The Allies cracked the secret Enigma code of Germany early in the war. They knew their enemy's intentions and could foil their plans. They won the war.

It behooves us to know the signs of the times. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. God sent a forerunner to prepare the way for Jesus. The Jews ignored John the Baptist and the Messianic miracles. Jesus was rejected. Jerusalem fell and the Temple was destroyed. Spiritual war has real casualties.



"Blessed are you"

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Sermon on the Mount is our marching orders: direct from the lips of the Commander. Each of these commands tells us behaviors that win or lose spiritual battles. They merit careful study.

We need a way to link the commands in the Sermon to the unseen spiritual war so we will be prepared and pass the test of our faith when it comes. We do this using the signs of the times.

The signs of the times are the heavenly constellations. This is indisputable:

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:" (Gen. 1 v 14)

Pharisees and Sadducees, learned scholars, asked Jesus for a sign from heaven. He rebuked them:

"He answered and said to them: When it is evening, you say, [It will be] fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, [It will be] foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O [you] hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky; but can you not [discern] the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16 v 2-3)

Jesus says reading the stars is a basic skill in the training of men learned in the things of God. We have provided many resources to help you get up to speed in this regard. For the purposes of this paper, to read the signs of the times we need to know five things for a certainty:

- 1. Star signs are prophetic markers: describing the war of Good versus Evil in the heavens.
- 2. In each Hour of the prophetic cycle only a handful of star signs mark prophecy (rest are silent).
- 3. We know the Hour we are in so we know which star signs mark prophecy for today.
- 4. Every verse in the Sermon on the Mount ties to one of the star signs (multiple verses per sign).
- 5. Therefore we can identify the verses in the Sermon on the Mount that are timely for us today.

We will start with the Beatitudes as a proof of concept. Amazingly these most sublime words of Jesus tie to the twelve star signs on the path of the sun: the most famous star signs of all.

Readers should be aware each star sign also ties to a book in the Bible and each star sign ties to a number from one to fifty. If not, see our papers: The Lord Stretches Out the Heavens and I Am Weary O God.



'We look through a glass darkly'

STAR SIGNS TIED TO VERSES

"And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan." (Matthew 4 v 25)

This verse ties to the 1st star sign Virgo (woman lying on her back looking up).

Virgo is a prophetic type of the Blessed Virgin. She was presented with a test of faith when the angel announced she was chosen to bear the Christ child. Her response: 'Behold the handmaiden of the Lord'. She won a spiritual victory and also suffered for God in her journey of faith.

The scene in the verse is many diverse people who obeyed the call to follow Jesus. Everyone who hears the call of God and obeys will be blessed, just like Mary. We have come to sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his commands. Our goal is to glorify God by knowing His will and obeying it.

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he sat down, his disciples came to him:" (Matt. 5 v 1)

This verse ties to the 2nd star sign: Libra (the cross).

Jesus 'went up the mountain' when He completed his own spiritual battle on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus 'sat down' after He ascended to the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

Jesus calls us to 'take up your Cross and follow me'. Libra signifies a great trial of faith. Successful completion of this test promises an honorable rank in the Kingdom of God.

'His disciples came to him': Jesus was not seeking an honorable rank. His desire was to please the Father. His reward would be eternal fellowship with others who share this passion.

#3 "And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying," (Matt. 5 v 2)

This verse ties to the 3rd star sign: Scorpio (a scorpion)

Scorpio has two painful pincers and a sting of death. This sign signifies worldliness in Adam's clan: people under the control of Evil who have lost brotherly love and disdain their fellow man.

The North Claw of Scorpio are outwardly religious men that inwardly are full of jealousy and murder. The South Claw are military men who have lost sensitivity to killing and oppression.

What is appropriate behavior in spiritual battle with the world? Jesus 'opened his mouth and taught them'. A witness of Christ is not welcome in the hard hearted world. Nevertheless pray for opportunities to share your faith and be a light in the darkness. A soldier must be brave.

#4 "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5 v 3)

This verse ties to the 4th star sign: <u>Sagittarius</u> (a riding archer)

Sagittarius has drawn his bow but restrains himself from letting loose the arrow of judgment.

The arrow of Sagittarius is pointed at the nemesis Scorpio. In the world a Christian suffers rejection, is constantly 'riding': finding no place to call home. This wearies the spirit.

Jesus says 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'. You have done well not to quit the army of the Lord. You chose not to let loose the arrow of judgment. You carried your cross instead.

'Theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Scorpio says if you want to rise in the world you must step on others. Sagittarius says the lowly wait for the Lord to lift them up.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5 v 4)

This verse ties to the 5th star sign: Capricorn (dying goat sinks into sea becomes a fish)

Goats are creatures of strong self-will. Sheep come when the shepherd calls. Goats will jump the fence. Goats find themselves in the household of God but aren't blessed because they won't obey God. They resist the Holy Spirit. 'Sinking into the sea' means they lose the privilege of life in the Holy Land. A rules based religion can't save them. After a time they jump the fence: religious fervor declines, parishioners melt away, and no one is left who cares about God.

Saints who find themselves here will mourn the sorry state of the faith. They share the grief of the Holy Spirit. 'They shall be comforted.' Jesus knows who is His. He will never forsake us.

#6 "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5 v 5)

This verse ties to the 6th star sign: Aquarius (man with jug on shoulder pours out contents)

The jar holds the water of cleansing. The man is a servant washing the feet of guests.

To be meek means to respond to the direction of your Master. First we are saved out of the world then we enter the process of discipleship. The new Christian becomes like a child and relearns how to live his life to please God. Such as these stand on the solid rock: their faith will not be moved. At the renewal of all things they will receive an inheritance in the Millennium.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (v6)

This verse ties to the 7th star sign: Pisces (two small fish)

A result of tutorship of the Holy Spirit will be a yearning in the heart of the disciple to make the ways in the world right; to make the crooked path straight; to prepare the way of the Lord.

What began as a minnow has become a small fish. The stage of personal discipleship is followed by strengthened faith in a small fellowship of believers, perhaps a home Bible study. They pray to make a difference in the world. They might feed the hungry, clothe the poor, or proclaim Christ in their community. 'They shall be filled.' It is a time of joy in the service of God.

#8 "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Matt. 5 v 7)

This verse ties to the 8th star sign: Aries (ram lamb resting [healing])

A star of Aries is Sheraton: 'the wounded'. What begins as enthusiastic ministry is buffeted by adversity. Perhaps new believers call for freedom in the Holy Spirit and are quashed by religious authorities. Perhaps new believers call for justice in society and are met with stiff resistance.

The saint has been wronged. Now it is time to be 'merciful': to practice forgiveness and longsuffering. This world is passing away. Wounds for Christ's sake are badges of honor. The work of the Spirit in our heart will form a character that will last for eternity. 'For they shall obtain mercy': Jesus will welcome us into eternal habitations.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5 v 8)

This verse ties to the 8th star sign: <u>Taurus</u> (headstrong aggressive Bull)

Taurus is one of the eight constellations that form the <u>Statue of Nebuchadnezzar</u> in the night sky:

Head of Gold: AurigaChest of Silver: Taurus

• Loins of Bronze: Orion

• Legs of Iron: Canis Major and Canis Minor

Feet of Iron mixed with Clay: Argo (which divides into 3 signs)

The heart is located in the chest of man. 'Blessed are the pure in heart': within Taurus are the seven stars that form the glorious Pleiades. These take the shape of a cross. See: <u>Taurus</u>.

The seven stars in Pleiades are the seven churches of Revelations. The church at the center of the Pleiades is the church of Philadelphia: the church of brotherly love. Jesus said 'whatsoever you do for the least of these you have done to me'. In that sense 'they shall see God'.

(This is perhaps why there are bull sacrifices in the Old Testament. It foreshadows the witness to the love of the Lord Jesus that will come in the Time of the Gentiles [Taurus]. The saints who fight the Good Fight will deny the bull-headed aggressive way of man and follow the Way of the Lord.)

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God". (Matt. 5 v 9)

This verse ties to the 9th star sign: <u>Gemini</u> (two men locked arm in arm falling backwards)

The meaning of Gemini is 'the death of love'. This sign was active as a prophetic marker during times in the past when historic foes made a peace but the peace didn't last: the agreements failed and enmity returned. See Prophecy in the Stars and Gemini.

Gemini pictures friendships dissolving into distrust: social contracts unraveling. 'Blessed are the peacemakers': the saints don't love their neighbor because they trust their neighbor or like their neighbor; they keep the peace to honor the Father. 'They shall be called children of God': to go counter to Adam's nature is proof a person has been spiritually reborn and is alive in Christ.

President Carter quoted this verse at the Camp David peace accord between the PLO and the modern state of Israel. Appropriately, the peace didn't last. As of late there has been unrest on the West Bank: Israeli settlements infiltrate the territory and Israeli soldiers kill civilians.

As we will see in the following pages, Gemini is one of the prophetic markers, indeed the chief prophetic marker of the spiritual Hour we are in today. As we would expect everywhere in the world institutional arrangements based on long standing agreements are cracking under strain.

#11 "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5 v 10)

This verse ties to the 11th star sign: <u>Cancer</u> (cull pen of the sheep)

Adam was a rebel. Adam's clan is in rebellion to God to this day. The spiritual war between Good and Evil is on-going. The children of the Devil hate the children of God. The worldly ones have ill-will and the means to dominate their enemies. It is inevitable saints will suffer persecution.

All wars are culture wars. Saints have suffered persecution from the beginning because our customs clash with those of unbelievers. In Roman times saints were persecuted because the

communion service was interpreted as a practice of cannibalism. In Medieval times saints were persecuted because they did not respect the authority of the Pope.

In Modern times the spirit of Jezebel is exerting a toxic doctrine of feminism that undercuts male authority and dispossesses righteous Naboth from his vineyard via 'cancel culture'. 'For theirs is the kingdom of heaven': Jesus expressly promises if we are forced to leave our earthly homes and fields we will receive a hundred times more in the kingdom to come (Matt. 29 v 19).

"Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." (Matt. 5 v 11)

This verse ties to the 12th star sign: <u>Leo</u> (defender of poor roars)

In Adam's clan power always corrupts. Once united and strong, great nations eventually disintegrate as rottenness at the top of the apple spreads throughout the fruit. Among nations with a Judeo-Christian heritage the Lord executes judgment on them for their mistreatment of the poor. Often this scourge comes in the form of a foreign invasion.

With lawlessness in the land it is difficult for the saint to carry out any ministry. During these days our duty is to make the good confession and accept rejection and suffering.

'Blessed are you': the darkest hour is before the dawn. Those who persevere become the forefathers of the faith for the following generation. The path of the sun completes its circuit in the heavens and returns to Virgo. The cycle of birth, maturation, decline, and rebirth of the family of faith is complete.

The Beatitudes are instructive on many levels. We hope the reader is convinced the order of the commands in the Sermon on the Mount align perfectly with the order of the star signs in the heavens.

Jesus said 'it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given'. The Sermon on the Mount contains plain truth that can be read for its face value. It is also a map that unveils the unseen war in the heavens that the saint might fight the Good Fight more wisely.

We will not explain the spiritual significance of all the rest of the fifty star signs here. We invite the reader to use the papers we have published on the site and to compare them with the rest of the verses in the Sermon on the Mount. Example: Matt. 5 v 10 ties to the 13^{th} star sign Aquila, and so on. Matt. 6 v 1 ties to the 50^{th} star sign Argo Pupis. When you get to Matt. 6 v 2 you begin anew at the 1^{st} star sign Virgo.

Congratulations. You are on your way to cracking the Enigma code in the spiritual war.



The fifth brightest star in the heavens is Vega in the constellation Lyra. Lyra is the 17th star sign and ties to Matt. 5 v 16: "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven". This is the Sermon on the Mount in a nutshell. Glorious!

SIGNS OF OUR TIME

From our paper <u>Star Map with Prophetic Dates</u> we know exactly where we stand in terms of the markers for the Hour of prophetic history we are in.

In astronomy (and in prophecy) the night sky is divided into 24 hours. Prophetic history started at the 1st Passover in 1494 BC and continued through two complete cycles of the night sky until it reached the Last Supper in 30 AD. Therefore we calibrate one astronomical 'Hour' as 31.729 years of history.

A star sign is a prophetic marker if the constellation overlaps a vertical line corresponding to our year in history on the Star Map with Prophetic Dates. History does not immediately forget star signs it has passed through. Star signs that were prophetic markers in recent history still influence events in the current day, although the influence is waning and less than currently active star signs.

Although the Sun passes through the stars in the night sky from left to right, prophetic history moves from right to left in the Star Map. Hebrew is a language where the letters are read from right to left. It seems the prophetic witnesses of God share this directional orientation.

History has just passed through a major prophetic inflection point. In 1997 #35 Auriga, #45 Orion, and #23 Lepus were active prophetic markers. These all ended their activity a few years afterwards. Their influence is still felt but is diminishing with time. As of 2023 a new set of star signs are active prophetic markers: #10 Gemini, #36 Canis Major, #50 Argo Pupis, #39 Argo Carina.

We will examine the prophetic markers active in our time with the goal of fighting the Good Fight.

Star signs higher in the sky are more potent than star signs lower in the sky¹ so we will examine them in order from highest to lowest: from most influential to least influential.

¹ Traditional thinking was the twelve signs on the path of the sun were 'influence leaders' and each had a number of nearby signs off the path of the sun that they dominated. The Author believes dominance in the unseen heavens is based on relative height sign in the sky. The Pole Star represents power: all stars rotate around it. Proximity to power gives more influence.

#10 GEMINI <highest>

#10 Gemini (the death of love) is the senior prophetic marker in 2023. There are three commands in the Sermon on the Mount which tie to this star sign:

- Matt 5 v 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God" [10th command]
- Matt 6 v 11 "Give us this day our daily bread" [60th command [<u>10</u>+50]]
- Matt 7 v 27 "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." [110th command [10+50+50]]

'Blessed are the peacemakers'. Be at peace with all men and make your peace with God. We don't have much time left. Men will soon be fighting over a spot in the lifeboats. Have the strength to stand aside from the fray and know God's peace. This will mark you as a disciple of Jesus.

'Daily bread'. We will see more empty grocery shelves, higher food prices, and deadly famines. Global warming is destroying the harvests. Many won't survive the famines.

'...the rain descended, the floods came, the winds blew:' Right before our eyes prophecy is being fulfilled: environmental calamities on every continent in an endless parade of fury. 'And great was the fall of it': we are going to see nations fall to pieces. The social order will unravel. People will be desperate. It's already happening.

How should the saint fight the Good Fight?

Bad Behaviors: radicalizing, taking up arms, attacking strangers, hoarding food, building walls, avoiding human interactions, escaping into addictions, retreating into enclaves, and so on.

Good Behaviors: sharing food, building bridges, caring for widows and orphans. Embrace humanity and minister practical helps. When angry mobs make life impossible then like Lot head for the hills.

There is no cure

Adam's clan is doomed. The end will come. We can't fix it. Resist the temptation to only look out for yourself, family and friends. Look out for every human being.

Caring for others will give purpose and meaning in life. This is an antidote to falling into despair.

#36 CANIS MAJOR

#36 Canis Major (warrior king) is the second highest prophetic marker in 2023. There are two commands in the Sermon on the Mount which tie to this star sign:

- Matt 5 v 35 "Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King." [36th command]
- Matt 7 v 3 "And why do you behold the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in thine own eye?" [96th command [36+50]]

Feuding factions of #10 Gemini lead to governments in turmoil. The crisis is so serious it can only be resolved by civil war or by coup. When the dust settles one faction comes out on top. Opposition is muzzled. (When prophetic times advances to #11 Cancer opposition is eliminated.)

Rome was a republic for a long time. The day came parties within it could not reconcile their differences. There was a coup and the once powerful Senate was neutered. Rome became a tyranny under an Emperor. The world was 'going to the dogs' and Canis Major is the 'big dog', the alpha wolf in the pack.

Today we see rulers changing laws to concentrate power in their office: Xi, Putin, Erdogan, Netanyahu, Mohammed bin Salman etc. The signs of the times tell us we should expect strong men to take power.

How should the saint fight the Good Fight?

Bad Behaviors: Engage in ideological debates. Join a political party or interest group.

Good Behavior: Do not judge others. Love your enemy. Do good to those who persecute you.

It is natural for Christians to see problems in society and want to fix them. Some choose politics to do it. Citizens ought to vote and participate in politics. It is not the highest calling for born again Christians.

Spiritual battle is our priority. Obeying Jesus makes a difference in the highest unseen realms. If we take our eyes off Jesus and put them on this world, we desert the army of the Lord.

Why do you behold the mote that is in your brother's eye

When these rulers reach the pinnacle of power they walk in an echo chamber of their own propaganda. They are blind to their own shortcomings and judgmental to everyone else. Unfortunately, the rest of society is like them. Everyone is hardening their views and entrenching their opinions.

Meanwhile the spiritual reality of the unseen heavens is this earth is passing away. Man's opinions and ambitions are less than dust on the scales of history. Adam's clan is going to die. Like the days of Noah men will be so caught up in conflict with they won't see God's judgment is close at hand.

#50 ARGO PUPIS

#50 Argo Pupis (preacher's pulpit) is the second lowest prophetic marker in 2023. There are two commands in the Sermon on the Mount which tie to this star sign:

- Matt 6 v 1 "Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise you have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." [50th command]
- Matt 7 v 17 "Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit." [100th command [50+50]]

It would come as a surprise to millions of believers the Lord disapproves of organized religion. Yet He literally died on the Cross to free us from religious duty and allegiance. For us to flock into temples and churches and put ourselves back under the authority of clerics and paid pastors is wrong headed.

Jesus died so we could have direct access to Him. So we could enjoy Him. So we could listen to Him. He is our High Priest. He is our Good Shepherd. He is also a jealous God. He wants our full attention.

Saints who are free from religion literally have nothing else to do than good works. Instead of giving money to the Church we can give to the poor. Instead of spending hours in pews listening to one man preach we go into the world and share Jesus: hundreds speaking the truth to the unconverted versus one man speaking the truth to the converted.

How Should We Fight the Good Fight?

Bad Behavior: Engage in organized religion. Join a denomination. Partake in public religious services.

Good Behavior: Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of God is within you.

You Shall Know Them By Their Fruits

How many televangelists selling Christ to line their pockets will it take for us to see the hypocrisy? How many priests and cardinals exposed as serial child molesters will it take for us to wake up to the charade?

How many factions will it take for us to see religion divides the body of Christ? Has a Church spire ever saved anyone? Has a Cathedral ever washed anyone's feet? Why erect buildings when we have houses and parks to meet in? (It is because prisoners must be kept incarcerated or they will escape.)

Argo is Breaking Up

Argo is divided into three star signs: the world system is fragmenting. The pillars of modern civilization are shaken and becoming dust like the falling twin towers of 911. As part of the world's order, religious denominations are also doomed. They will perish and all their lies and half-truths with them. The service saints provide to support man's religion will count for nothing in eternity.

#39 ARGO CARINA

#39 Argo Carina (sand of the sea) is the lowest prophetic marker in 2023. There are two commands in the Sermon on the Mount which tie to this star sign:

- Matt 5 v 38 "You have heard that it has been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:" [39th command]
- "Give not that which is holy to the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." [89th command [39+50]]

Sand is solid stone: a hard heart. Sand doesn't stick together: a loss of human connection. Nations fall apart when citizens are like sand. This is on display today. Social breakdown around the world: marriages on the rocks, sectarian violence, suicide, mass protests, labor strikes, populist leaders, persecution of minorities, heated disputes, wars, militarization of police, etc.

The climax metaphor of the Sermon on the Mount is the house built on sand will not stand. Jesus said this in Matthew 7 v 26. The next verse is Matthew 7 v 27 (see #10 Gemini) which is active today. Three verses after this Jesus comes down the mountain (Matthew 8 v 1). Thereby we are informed when we see the prophecy markers lining up as we see them in this Hour the second coming of Christ is near.

How Should We Fight the Good Fight?

Bad Behavior: Speak truth to power. (The time for the Bible to influence society's leadership has past.)

Good Behavior: Keep your spiritual life private. Keep your ministry practical.

Outside are the Dogs

No kidding. #36 Canis Major is the second senior star sign of this Hour!

In the West the dog is considered man's best friend. Many who own them as pets delight in them. But in the East among Jews and Moslems the dog is detestable. A feral dog is considered highly dangerous.

Dogs will eat anything: dead carcasses, blood, even each other. Dogs have no spiritual discernment.

Dogs are intensely territorial: every neighbor dog is an enemy dog.

Dogs have no diplomatic skill: they only fight to resolve disputes.

Vigilante Justice

When official institutions of justice, police and courts, are set aside as a mechanism for dispute resolution what will people do when they feel they are wronged? They will take justice into their own hands. Their justice will be simplistic and merciless: 'Eye for eye, tooth for tooth'.

This will be only fuel to the fire of endless chaos and conflict. The Bible created cities of refuge from the manslayer as a dam to restrain the flood of such violent urges. In the Last Days restraint is gone.

Perfect example is mass casualty events in the U.S. A former employee is resentful so he gets a gun, returns to the establishment and shoots everyone he can. He is the judge, jury, and executioner.

<u>Disease</u>

Bible number 39, the number which ties to the star sign Argo Carina, means DISEASE. It should not surprise us that in this prophetic Hour we are beset by pandemics.

Institutions of health care are dis-functional or only serve the rich who can afford them. Central health authorities inform the public of disease but people ignore their advice.

In a post-Christian world there is no way for people to heal their souls. There is no forgiveness of sin. There is no prayer for healing. As the weight of perceived injustices piles up people become ticking time bombs. Mental health crisis also spreads like a disease. There is no balm in Gilead.

Spread of disease and depopulation was a leading cause of the collapse of the Roman Empire. Without people there was no economy. Without economy there was no police or army. Vast swathes of Europe returned to wilderness and aggressive tribes of barbarians roamed the land.

Apocalypse is Yet to Come

What we are experiencing now is only the birth pangs. The Rapture will complete the Last Days. Millions of people will still be alive on planet earth. The world will have to go through the seven year tribulation before Christ returns. If you need a comforting thought understand that the saints will be taken out of the world, like the rescue of Lot, before the most devastating final judgments are unleashed by God.

Blessings to you and to all who love His appearing.

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