

CHAPTER 6

The Shocking Impact of the Paranormal & Prophecy

HOW THE REALIZATION WE ARE THE FINAL GENERATION IMPACTED US

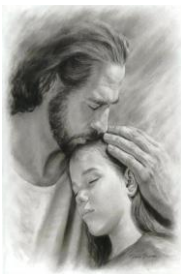
After Deb and I studied these incredible prophetic fulfillments coming to pass before our very eyes as the Bible prophesied 1,000's of years ago, we were in shock. Deb wept and I trembled inside because we knew they were true. We realized that the Bible really is the supernaturally inspired Word of Almighty God. We also realized that we were sinful human beings totally unprepared for Jesus' soon return. At this point we knew beyond a shadow of a doubt we were headed for hell and when Jesus returned, He had every right to send us there. However, God did not leave us in this desperate and hopeless condition. He began to reveal to us His great love and the mercy He wanted to extend to us through His precious Son. One final drunken binge in Toronto during the College Bowl showed us the emptiness of all that we were valuing above our relationship with Him. I call it *the devil's last stand in my life*, because it was one of the worst drunken performances of my life. I woke up that Sunday morning and anything I couldn't remember Debra reminded me. My head was throbbing and I felt ashamed of myself. I thought, "My God; is this all I'm holding onto in this life to risk losing my eternal life over!" In that moment I decided I was going to turn my life over to Him, but I didn't really know what to do. Anyway, the first thing that came to mind was to phone one of the guys I had been physically abusive toward during the *binge*. I called him and asked him to forgive me, I don't even remember what he said, but it felt right and I felt good for doing it. It was no coincidence that on the very Wednesday of that week, on November 24th, 1982 I had arranged a business appointment with Al my "born again" Christian friend in Chatham. The Lord had orchestrated the whole thing. When we got together, we didn't talk about business, we just talked about Jesus. After a while, Al realized how serious I was in my desire for God and he asked me, "if I wanted to surrender my life to Jesus?" And I said "Yes!" Al then had me pray a prayer of commitment. I don't remember the details of the prayer, but in my heart, I sincerely asked the LORD to forgive me and to please come into my life and take control of my life from that day forward. As we were praying the power of God swept over us and I left Al's house a changed man. I was "born again" by the power of God's Spirit (John 3:1-8). *Al, if you are reading this, Deb and I want to thank you with all our hearts for loving us enough to share these incredible truths with us. Dear brother your labours for Him have not been in vain. Never give up on our precious Saviour and never stop sharing*

these vital truths that He has given us in His love, to help others. God bless you my brother, we love you forever. At the time of my visit with Al, Deb and I were living in a common law relationship. When I got home, I shared with Deb what had happened to me and that she needed to move home to her parents and we needed to get married ASAP. She said "No!" to moving back to her parents and "Yes!" to getting married ASAP. So, we committed to abstain from any further relations until we were married. The only problem was we didn't know what church we should begin attending where we could get married and grow in our relationship with God. Al didn't know what church to recommend as he was living in Chatham and we were in Woodstock. So, we prayed for God to lead us to a good church. To make a long story short, God used the Woodstock Christmas parade to connect us with Calvary Pentecostal Church and Pastor Abraham Kudra (a former Moslem). Pastor Kudra invited us to their Sunday Service on December 5th, 1982. Deb and I gladly attended. At the end of the service Pastor Kudra asked those to come forward who wanted to make a public confession of their decision to follow Jesus, so we went forward. After praying with us, Pastor Kudra sat down with us in his office and we told him we needed to get married *ASAP*. We were married in a beautiful candlelight service at Calvary on December 29th and went on a three-day honeymoon at Deb's parent's cottage. When we returned on Sunday January 2nd, 1983 we were baptized as Believers just as Jesus and His apostolic leaders had taught in the early Church (Mathew 28:18-20; Acts 2:36-41).

ONLY REPENTANT BELIEVERS NEED TO BE BAPTIZED NOT BABIES

(Our precious baby John is a treasure waiting for us in Heaven)

At this point we would like to take this opportunity as we share about our Believer's



Baptism to reiterate and refute the false teaching regarding infant *sprinkling* or what they refer to as infant baptism. Deb and I had both been *sprinkled* as babies in an unbiblical and false *baptism*. Now we wanted to do it properly in obedience to Jesus' command (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19). Please understand that only Believers who have truly repented and put their trust in Jesus' sacrificial death for their sins need to be baptized, not infants.

³⁸*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"* (Acts 2:38 KJV). Jesus taught that little children were worthy of entering God's Kingdom because of their innocence before God, not fully understanding right from wrong. ¹⁴*"Jesus said; "Suffer (allow) **the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God"*** (Mark

10:14b). Every little child or baby that dies, their spirit immediately goes to Heaven to be with Jesus because they are innocent and not old enough to be accountable for sin. Deb and I have two very precious treasures waiting in Heaven for us. One is our little baby John who went to be with Jesus at six months into Deb's pregnancy in 1986. The other is the tiny sweetheart we lost in Deb's tubal pregnancy in 1984. Therefore, we want to encourage every parent who has lost a baby or little child that you have precious treasure waiting for you in Heaven. King David understood this reality when he lost his first newborn son to his wife Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:1-23 KJV). When the child died David declared; ²³“*Can I bring him back again?*” ***I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me***” (2 Samuel 12:23b). Like Deb and I your little one is in Heaven asking Jesus to help Daddy and Mommy to be ready for Heaven, so that one day you may be together forever. This is why Jesus and early church leaders didn't have little children baptized until they were older because they are innocent until they're old enough to be personally accountable for their sinful behaviour. Most evangelical “*born again*” churches follow Jesus' example in Mark chapter 10. ¹⁶“*And He (Jesus) took them (children) up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them*” (Mark 10:13-16 KJV). In a similar manner Evangelical Christian churches today dedicate children to the Lord and bless and pray for them and their parents to bring them up in the ways of the Lord, until they are old enough to choose for themselves. As discussed earlier false traditions invented by men influenced by deceiving spiritual powers have undermined the simplicity of Jesus' teaching in this area and in many other areas. Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day for allowing their man-made traditions to make His Word of no effect (Mathew 15:1-9). He would do the very same thing today with many Catholic and Protestant leaders who teach traditions that distort or nullify His Word and commands. Unfortunately, many of our Catholic and Protestant Churches as well as *Christian* cults are leading multitudes in the wrong direction spiritually as Jesus warned us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 4 and 5. If you are in a church that is teaching doctrine different than that which the early church apostles taught, then go to one that is (Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 18:4). We can help you in this regard if you would like to contact us (*contact info on last page*).

Please, don't get angry at us for sharing these things. It is out of love we're warning you of the tremendous spiritual peril you may be in right now. All we ask is that you prayerfully examine what is being shared in this book and check the scriptures for yourself. If you earnestly and sincerely ask the Lord to show you the truth in regards to these matters, He will. In His own special way, He will confirm His truth to your heart, because He loves you and desires for you to be His child forever. Your eternal soul is at stake if you choose the wrong path. We urge you to reject the broad, easy path that Jesus warned most people would choose that leads to destruction and

embrace the narrow path that is difficult at times, but leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14). *Beloved, many times the broad path we're on is very deceptive because it can also be very religious; please take heed to Jesus' warning in Matthew 7:21; ²¹ "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."* Jesus declared that religiously calling Him Lord means nothing, it is only those who do the Father's will by obeying His Word (not the religious traditions of men) who will enter Heaven.

THE AWESOME TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE "NEW BIRTH"

Anyway, back to our story. What a dramatic change of lifestyle Deb and I experienced in a little over a one-month period. It was an amazing and beautiful transformation we will never forget and we will never

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regret. What tremendous love, joy and peace flowed into our lives out of this new and very real relationship with our Heavenly Father, our Precious Lord and the Beloved Holy Spirit? We know that God is real because of the miracle of transformation we experienced. Deb and my life like multitudes of others worldwide were instantly changed when we surrendered to Jesus. That day at Al's when I asked Jesus to come in and take control of my life ... He did, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It happened to us exactly like the scripture in 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 17 reveals: ¹⁷*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV). For years I had been bound by alcohol, but after that night I never drank again. I didn't need it and I didn't even want it. The Holy Spirit filled my life with real joy and real peace and I didn't need the liquid counterfeit or the chemical substitutes (drugs) either for that matter. It was wonderful ... no more hangovers or stupid escapades to regret and apologize for. I was also bound by porn and a spirit of lust ever since I was 11 years old (it started with the Sears catalogue). This led into a very sexually exploitive and promiscuous lifestyle where women became primarily objects of selfish, sexual gratification. After that night at Al's, I never sought to view pornographic material either in magazines or online ever again. I was totally liberated by the supernatural power of God, because porn is more addictive than crack cocaine and only God's power can instantly break such addictions and He does! The Lord also liberated me to truly love and cherish my forever sweetheart as never before. Deb and my love for one another became an inseparable bond that by God's grace will last forever. Jesus gave us a very precious promise in John chapter 14 verse 1 to 3 that got me thinking about a special request regarding my forever sweetheart, Jesus said; ¹⁴*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would*

have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:1-3 KJV).

Jesus promised that He would return to Heaven and go and prepare a place for those who love and follow Him. In the King James Version, they are translated as being “**Mansions.**” I believe that is the best translation, because any dwelling in Heaven will be a super mansion compared to the most luxurious mansions here on earth. This wonderful promise prompted me to ask the Lord if I would be able to share a mansion with my forever sweetheart, so that Deb and I may live together forever. I don’t know for sure if this can be arranged, but little Michael who lives with us and is a special son to us had a dream recently about Heaven. In it God showed him our mansion where Deb and I were living together in Heaven. So, I guess that may be a confirmation(?) My dearest Debra is very precious to me and nothing outside God’s love would make me happier than to be able to spend eternity together with her ... forever. I’m tempted to ask that Baby cat and maybe Felix (our two favourite cats) could be there as well ... but that might be pushing it a bit. ☺

SNEAK PEEK AT “THE RAPTURE” ... THE GREAT RESCUE

One thing to also take note of as we’re looking at this scripture is the magnificent promise that Jesus makes to all true Believers. That is, that He will return one day soon from Heaven to take those who love Him to be with Him in Heaven during very troublesome times. This awesome event Jesus alludes to in this passage is referred to by theologians as *the Rapture*. It is an incredibly miraculous event that will translate Believers into Heaven without having to experience physical death. Yes, it seems unbelievable but this is exactly what Jesus promised, so stay tuned, we’ll be covering this a bit later. Anyway, another sinful habit that the Lord instantly delivered me from was a foul mouth. I used to curse at times like a sailor, especially when I was drinking, but when Jesus came into my life it completely stopped. My friends who knew me well were a bit shocked by the transformation and wondered out loud at the change. Deb and I would still go out with them to the Hotels like the Wheels Motor Inn in Chatham, where we used to drink and party, but now we drank pop rather than booze. No drinking, no cursing, and no lusting ... – *“How can you change so much, so quickly?”* Only by the power of God can the miracle of a transformed life happen instantly. Many who have been “*born again*” by the power of God’s Spirit have instantly been set free from life controlling addictions like porn, alcohol, cocaine and even heroine (like Rick mentioned earlier). Others may take a little more time to overcome, but victory is always assured and total through Jesus. You will experience supernatural power just as the Holy Spirit inspired Paul the

apostle to declare in his letter to the Philippians; ¹³“*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Philippians 4:13 KJV). One thing we would like to share at this point to help confirm the reality of God’s existence is our personal intimate encounters with His incredibly awesome Presence.

GOD’S PRESENCE: A GLIMPSE OF HIS GLORY AND A TASTE OF HEAVEN

⁹“*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him*” (I Corinthians 2:9 KJV). Personally, Deb and I know God and Heaven are real, not just because of things shared above, but because of the awesomeness of His Supernatural Presence we’ve experienced. We have experienced the unspeakable joy of His presence in prayer and worship and at other times when His glory has surrounded us. At these intimate moments tears of unspeakable joy will flow because it is an incredible encounter with the unlimited love of our eternal Father and Lord. Personally, for me it is also because the Lord took me to Heaven in my dreams into His very literal presence. It is because of this encounter that I more fully understand why the Psalmist David declared; ¹¹“*In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore*” (Psalm 16:11b KJVER) and why God said to Abraham in a vision ¹⁵“*I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward*” (Genesis 15:1b KJV). In my dream the sights, sounds and the smells of Heaven were beautiful, but they paled in significance to the moment when there was a summons to come around God’s throne for a time of intimate communion and worship. As we gathered around the throne of God the air was electrified with joyous expectation of what was about to occur. Suddenly, as I came nearer to the throne to worship, I was swept up into a cascade of lights and glory. Infinite joy saturated my whole being as I was swirling about in a cloud of exquisite radiance and glory. Words cannot adequately describe the feeling of pure ecstasy that coursed through every fibre of my being. I literally felt like I was going to explode from the exponential joy and ecstasy that flooded my entire body. Then to my very great disappointment ... I awoke. I cannot thank the Lord enough for this magnificent glimpse and foretaste of His unimaginable glory in Heaven. Now I can whole heartedly agree that He truly is our exceedingly great reward and that in His presence is the fullness of all joy and even more. Truly the greatest reward, the greatest high in the universe is simply to be in His presence. Don’t miss out on Heaven; it is worth exceedingly above and beyond any sinful pleasure or family religion you may need to forsake in order to make it. That is why we felt compelled by God’s love to share these wonderful truths and confirming experiences with you. In order to help you to catch a glimpse of the genuine, that you might be encouraged to forsake the mundane and counterfeit to pursue the ideal and real. Dear one, God loves you and has a

tremendous hope and future for your life if you will only seek for it with all your heart. Please hear His heart for you from this passage; ¹¹“*For I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* ¹²*Then you shall call upon Me, and you shall come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.* ¹³*You shall seek Me and find Me, when you shall search for Me with all your heart.* ¹⁴*I will be found by you, says the LORD...*” (Jeremiah 29:11-14a MEV). You need to realize how much God loves you and how His plans for you are always for your good here on earth and that Heaven in His presence will be a reward beyond your wildest imagination. Beloved, there will also be trials and great challenges including violent hatred, rejection and persecution of true Believers just ahead (Matthew 24:9), but it will be far more than worth the sacrifice and you will escape the horrifying alternative.

THE REALITY OF HELL CONFIRMED BY NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES (NDE’S) (PURGATORY IS UNBIBLICAL AND DOES NOT EXIST)

Our good works and religious acts of devotion cannot save us from the consequences of our sin and the penalty of eternal separation from God in the “*Lake of Fire.*” Our only hope for Heaven is Jesus. ⁷“*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.*” ⁸“*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, (corrupt, perverse) and murderers, and whoremongers, (sexually immoral) and sorcerers, (those involved in occult activity) and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death*” (Revelation 21:7-8 KJV). ⁹“*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, (false religions) nor adulterers, nor effeminate, (men who act like women) nor homosexuals, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, (verbally abusive) nor extortioners (greedy exploiters of others) will inherit the kingdom of God.*” ¹¹“*Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, and you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Spirit of our God*” (I Corinthians 6:9-11 MEV/KJV). Only through being “*born again*” of the Holy Spirit and being cleansed by Jesus’ shed blood will you be saved and receive God’s grace and power to overcome all sinful behaviour and temptation. As mentioned earlier we need to understand that the Lake of Fire which is often referred to as “*Hell*” was not created for humans (Matthew 25:41). It is an eternal prison prepared for the Devil (Satan) and his army of rebellious angels or demons. However, all those who choose to follow Satan’s sinful ways or be a part of one of his false religions or ideologies including false Christianity will share his demise.

Please note that the false teaching of *Purgatory* (a spiritual limbo between Heaven and Hell) as taught in Roman Catholicism does not exist and was not taught by Jesus or the apostles of Christ to the New Testament Church. Consequently, as Paul the apostle stated in Galatians 1:6-12 any person or organization that teaches a gospel different than that which the original apostles taught shall be accursed. This perverse doctrine regarding purgatory was used extensively by the Roman Catholic Church to exploit revenue from the people to supposedly get their loved ones out of purgatory and it is accursed. This deceptive teaching denies the all sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins which is heretical. It undermines a Roman Catholic's ability to fully trust in Jesus' full payment and atonement for their sin. This satanic doctrine has prevented many Catholics from receiving the saving faith needed for salvation and forgiveness of sin through Jesus. Instead of leading them to trust in Jesus' sacrifice alone which is needed for salvation, it causes them to have a false hope in a process and place that doesn't exist. Many Catholics who have put their trust in a false purgatory would have ended up in hell. Salvation is only by grace through faith in Jesus' atoning blood sacrifice as Jesus Himself and His apostles taught (Ephesians 2:8-9). Please take heed, anyone who continues to teach such error will also be accursed as the apostle Paul warned.

Purgatory is false, but the realms of Heaven and Hell have proven to be very real eternal destinations. Multiplied thousands who have had near death experiences (NDE's) have related to researchers the vivid details of their experiences in the spirit realm outside their bodies. Some shared about the unspeakable beauty of their heavenly visit and their encounters with loved ones, angels or Jesus, while very many more shared the terribly horrifying experience of eternal torment in the realm of the damned in "*Hell*." You can see these amazing testimonies for yourself at spiritlessons.com. The supernatural Being encountered in these NDE's is always JESUS. No offense, but the reality is that no one ever saw Mohammed, or Allah or Buddha or Shiva or Krishna or even Mary; they always see JESUS, godly angelic beings or demonic angelic beings. One account I found very engaging was that of Dr. Maurice Rawlings an atheistic – cardiologist. Dr. Rawlings gave up his medical practice to go around the world and share the reality of the heaven and hell experiences that his patients who had NDE's shared with him and that ultimately inspired him to become a Believer. Later on in this book we'll fully examine why Jesus is the only *true God* encountered in these near-death experiences. Right now, we want to address a major stumbling block that hinders many from embracing the reality of God's existence. That is secular, atheistic indoctrination into evolutionary belief.