

Questions I Have Been Asked about my Experiences

Q. Are your experiences similar to dreams or visions?

A. No, I dream quite often but never of spiritual things or about Heaven. I have always been of the opinion that my dreams were the same as those of other people. My visits to Heaven are actual visits of my spirit. They are as real to me as physical experiences.

Q. Are these visits involuntary or under your control?

A. They are under my control, excepting that I am able to make them only when all conditions are right and proper.

Q. What do you mean by proper conditions? Could you visit right now if you wanted to?

A. No, I could not go right now, no matter how much I might desire to. In order to go I must be able to shut out earthly activity and concentrate my mind on spiritual things until I hear the still small voice; Then my mind and my spirit act in union and I may go and come at will.

Q. When you make these visits, do you still know and control your earthly activities?

A. No, I do not know what is going on, what my body is doing, until I return. I only know then through the memory of my earthly mind, faintly.

Q. How can you control your earthly actions while your spirit is away?

A. I cannot. I have no control over my body while my spirit is away.

Q. I should think your body would be injured or get into trouble at these times?

A. It does, many times. Things happen which never would if I had not been away. I have never been seriously injured, but I have several times been exposed to trying conditions which have been injurious to me in some ways. Most of my visits I make at night while my body can be in bed asleep and my danger at a minimum.

Q. Do you read the written language in Heaven?

A. No, it is written in strange characters and I have never made any attempt to interpret it or fit it to the spoken language.

Q. How did you learn about the heavenly calendar that you have given it so much detail?

A. If they have a designating name over there, I have never heard of it. I have given these the names I choose. The days of the week I have named after those we are used to, except I have called Sunday, the rest day, Sabbath. The months I have named after the central thought or theme of their worship during that month, and the Jubilee days from the activities which regularly occur on those days. My years of observation and comparison with the actual conditions have proven to me that they are well named. Other names might be found that would also fit the conditions, but these that I have used are correct.

Q. Is not a year composed of irregular periods of time as you have stated? Is it very inconvenient for figuring interest on debts, bonds, the paying of rent, profits and such matters.

A. Interest, rents, profits and all similar matters are unlawful and against God's commandments and natural laws and therefore would naturally not work very well with God's heavenly calendar.

Q. But isn't it all right for a person that has money, to loan it on interest to someone who needs it and is perfectly willing to assume the obligation?

A. No, Interest is wrong under all circumstances. If you have money and do not want or need it, don't loan it. Give it away. No natural or God made laws ever provided for interest or loaning for returns.

Q. Can't I rent my home to someone if I wish to? I bought and paid for it and doesn't it belong to me now?

A. No. The man you got it from did not own it, neither do you. All land and other natural resources belong to God and no individual has a right to hold part of it and make someone else pay for it. If you don't need it yourself, give it away and let someone else use it that does need it.

Q. But wouldn't it be unjust to give up property that you have worked so hard for and paid out so much money to get?

A. No. It is never unjust to take stolen property away from a person whether they stole it or someone else stole it and return it to its rightful owner.

Q. You surely don't mean to tell me that a person is not entitled to a little profit on things he makes or goods he handles himself?

A. No one is entitled to a profit on anything. A profit means that he is getting more for an article than it cost him. Everyone is entitled to equal bargains in an exchange. If you place a profit on your product, the man who gives you something for it that he has produced is also entitled to the same amount of profit and that means that there would be no profit in it for either of you. You are not entitled to any more consideration than other people and what you think about it doesn't make it right either.

Q. Then according to your plan there would be no incentive for a person to engage in any business or make anything?

A. If he wished to make or do what he could for his fellow man, it would be all right; but if he wanted to use it to take advantage of others and gather to himself more than his own efforts had produced, or in just plain words, rob his neighbor, then it would be better for him to just earn his own needs. God repeatedly tells us not to lay up riches or treasures here on earth.

Q. In heaven, do you see people in their physical bodies?

A. No, but in a spiritual body of which the physical is a duplicate.

Q. How do you know there are seven heavens?

- A.** They are not so named or called in Heaven, but are names which I have given to the seven divisions of Heaven according to their principle activities, life and nature.
- Q.** Do you go in response to a desire, or involuntarily?
- A.** It is always in response to a desire, never involuntarily.
- Q.** Where are the sinners?
- A.** I have never found out a thing about it.
- Q.** What age are people in Heaven?
- A.** Children continue to grow naturally until fully matured and old people are made young again, so all are permanently about thirty or thirty-five years of age in appearance, and they act their age.
- Q.** When married people die, are they reunited in Heaven?
- A.** Yes, if they were really married here on earth spiritually and the two had become one flesh, or one being, according to the unchangeable natural Official Law of God.
- Q.** What do you mean by married spiritually according to God's laws?
- A.** No marriage is spiritual or according to God's laws unless the man and woman are both children of God and heirs of eternal life.
- Q.** Then a man could not remarry if his wife died?
- A.** Yes, he may remarry, but the second wife cannot rob the first wife of her true spiritual mate. Those two were made one by God for all eternity.
- Q.** That makes it pretty hard for a second wife or husband?
- A.** They marry by choice, and if they do, it is just too bad for them. If people want to have a spiritual partner throughout eternity in Heaven, marry correctly here. God is not going to rob someone of their partner to please them.
- Q.** But suppose the person you marry does not live according to God's laws?
- A.** Then don't marry them. Find someone who is an heir to eternal life.
- Q.** Then ungodly people have no right to get married?
- A.** Let them marry the ungodly. Why should they rob the righteous person of their rights to have an eternal mate in Heaven?
- Q.** But do you think it is right when your mate dies a few months after marriage to deny you another?
- A.** Certainly it is. Otherwise the sins of earth would be carried over into Heaven. It is not God's fault that your mate died so soon. It was caused by not adhering to his natural laws. It is unreasonable to expect God to set aside his perfect natural laws to grant you a purely personal wish. Some people soon would ask for a second or third or fourth mate, and nowadays they don't even wait for them to die, they divorce them and want another mate.
- Q.** Then it would never be right for a person to get married a second time?

- A.** God has given us permission to remarry if we wish, but not for eternity. That is impossible. No one can have more than one mate in Heaven. If a person wants to remarry, and it would work no hardship on anyone, marry someone who also has lost their mate. There are an equal number of men and women created and the situation would be perfect if people obeyed God's laws. All could have a mate for eternity. But we cannot expect God to change Heaven to fit us. He will forgive us, but He cannot change natural laws to suit us.
- Q.** Why do you raise objections to the work of a life insurance agent?
- A.** Because the work is contrary to God's laws, which are not to lay up treasure for future use. He says to take no thought for the morrow about what to eat or drink or wear. Your needs should be taken care of from God's bounty.
- Q.** But would it not be foolish for a person to not lay aside for his old age while he was young and could earn more than he needed to live on?
- A.** There is no law which prohibits saving, if it is saving of one's own things for your own use. It is a law of nature to provide for times of need in times of plenty. The trouble is that people do not stop there. They spend all they earn and still wish to lay by for a rainy day. That makes it necessary for the person to receive more than he really produces, thus robbing others of their just share. Then they wish to make that wealth they have accumulated work for them and support them in idleness, or else, if they work they would be getting double pay, once for their labor and again for their interest, rent or profit. All this unlawful increase they are receiving is being taken away from the rightful earnings of others.
- Q.** But life insurance companies and agents do not compel people to give up their money, they do it voluntarily and give them a just return for their money?
- A.** There is no such thing as a just return for their money or any money. Any transaction which contemplates giving back to an individual more than it received from them is unlawful. Someone else must supply that extra money and it must be taken away from those who are really entitled to it. The insurance company is not in business to help you, but to rob you, and they have the Artificial man made laws of the country to back them in their thievery.
- Q.** According to what you say, no wealth could be saved, no big business transacted, no large factories or industries of any kind could exist. They must have large amounts of capital and make a profit or they would quit business?
- A.** They should stop. All robbery should stop. If a factory is necessary, let the government run it and thus no private profit would be made. God very distinctly gives us to understand that governments of this world are but agents in the handling of his earthly wealth. His laws contemplate industry and wealth controlled by the government, his agent for the benefit of his children, all sharing alike in its benefits, and no private individual working for profits, increase or interest of any kind. Jesus Christ will not come again until the church has obeyed his command to carry the gospel, the true gospel, as He gave it to them personally, to every nation, tribe and people on the face of the earth.

Q. But your ideas are all visionary. Utopian, and it is impossible to get people to do what you have been saying?

A. It is not utopian and not impossible. It is merely following God's laws and commandments. When Christ first started the Church, and God's full interpretation of his own natural laws were made known to man, they flocked to his standard by the thousands and then by millions. They held all things in common, and no one said that any property belonged to them personally. The widow and the needy were cared for from the common fund. The Church grew because they loved each other, they loved their enemies, they lived righteously, and obeyed God's laws.

Q. If that early church was so ideal, then why did they change their way of doing things and return to regular business methods like those outside the church?

A. They did not change, but were so successful that capital and capitalistic governments could no longer endure, and to save themselves, they took over the church bodily. By Artificial Laws they prescribed the faith and practice to be followed by the members and forced the change upon them, crippling the church, but saving capital from being utterly destroyed. The church has never recovered from that shock.

Christianity and the Church have failed almost completely up to the present moment. Christ's second coming which early disciples thought was close, has been delayed nearly two thousand years and it looks now as if it would be delayed a long time yet, for even the elect, the devout and the ministers who should lead, are blinded by the golden god of greed, money, and no longer teach a true gospel. The people are right when they say that the church has been the tool of capital. It has been and is now, almost universally.

Q. But you can't change things now. It is useless for a few people to try to live like you have pointed out?

A. It worked at first and it will work again and should work better for we are much advanced in the arts and sciences and general knowledge and education. Movements must always start with a few. If no one ever starts it, it will never be done.

Questions concerning the Calendar

By Larry Fowler (Editor)

- Q.** Why does the book “Seven Heavens” say Christ was born on February 20th and the calendar say February 19th?
- A.** Although I have never quite resolved this in my own mind I have come up with several possible answers. First, there might be a mistake in the book, but I doubt it. Second, He was born on the 20th but Heaven celebrated it on the 19th as this is a Jubilee day. A third possibility is very confusing, so bear with me as I may be incorrect. At the time of Christ’s birth, the calendar dates were different. Many changes have occurred since then. Some were associated with incorrect compensations for leap year. The result is that research did not correctly pinpoint the day of Christ’s birth to start the year associated with AD 1. Also, new years Day was originally on April 1st. When the New Year was changed to January 1st, people who refused to change were called April Fools. Using dates associated with our modern calendar would put Christ’s birth on February 19, AD 5. This is if you live in the Pacific time zone where Charles Whipple lived. February 20th in Bethlehem if Jesus was born in the morning as many babies are. Luckily there are no time zones in Heaven.
- Q.** Is the heavenly leap year the same year as our leap year? This calendar is very confusing.
- A.** I agree the calendar is confusing and I do not know the answer. Originally I assumed they both occurred in the same year but now I am not sure, and we do not have any resources available to answer this definitively.
- Q.** If leap year on earth occurred in a different year than leap year in Heaven, would that not throw off the calendar for some years.
- A.** It appears so, but again we have no one available to give a definitive answer.