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"Godliness with contentment." (1 Tim. 6:6)
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YEAR 2007AD – THE RAPTURE? NAY!
RATHER "THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS"!
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If you ask the average Christian, "What time is it?" they'll likely respond, "No comprende!" He doesn't know what you're even talking about. Time is only relevant to this earth; it only tells us BC and AD of when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, walked on our precious earth.

In Revelation 10:6, with the blowing of the seventh trumpet by a mighty angel, time as we know it will cease to exist. But until the angel blows the seventh trumpet, God allows even Himself to be regulated by the same time clock in determining *"the times or the seasons."* (Acts 1:7)

God's time clock, Israel

Did you know that God created a time clock that more people acknowledge than the one in Times Square in New York? God's only timepiece left on earth for the benefit of mankind is the nation of Israel. *"And he spake to them a parable; Behold (be aware) the fig tree (Israel), and all the trees (industrialized nations dependent upon oil); when they now shoot forth, ye SEE and KNOW of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."* (Lk. 21:29-31)

Many, through their tradition, have believed these scriptures (Lk. 21:29-31) to mean the rapture. It's an "I'll fly away!" mentality. When it comes to prophecy, there are three books that we must consider before establishing a doctrine. Your doctrine cannot contradict any of the other two.

#1 – Revelation

#2 – Daniel

#3 – Olivet discourse recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke's gospels. (Matt. 24:3-14, Mk. 13:4-13, Lk. 21: 7-19) All three accounts answer the disciple's question, *"Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"* (Matt. 24:3)

In answering the disciple's question, Jesus said, *"Take heed that no man deceive you!"* (Matt. 24:4) Hence, the number one sign that we are now living in the final generation is deception. *"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."* (Matt. 24:24)

Jesus then added that this is not the first time He had warned them about these false Christs and false prophets. How many times do you warn your children about the same thing? "Don't take drugs. Don't gamble. Don't, don't, don't."

"Behold, I have told you before." (Matt. 24:25) When did Christ warn them before? When the disciples first popped the question, *"Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be THE SIGN of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"* (Matt. 24:3)

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:4-5)

E.W. Kenyon theology

Do you think that God was caught by surprise by the teachings of E.W. Kenyon, the very root of Hagin-Copeland theology? "You can become a god!" One learns the art of "working the Word" until you *"believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* (Mk. 11:23)

It was Solomon who said, *"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be...there is no new thing under the sun."* (Ecc. 1:9) It was Norman Vincent Peale who first opened the Pandora's Box of Christian Science so "positive thinking" would penetrate mainline Christianity with the publishing of his book, The Power of Positive Thinking. Robert Schuller, a convert of Peale's is the father of "possibility thinking." They both are ordained into the same organization.

Jerry Savelle says that God is a god of increase. This is the evangelist that has totally captured the mindset of my youngest daughter. But, on the contrary, the Bible teaches that the god of increase is Satan. *"Again, the devil taketh him (Jesus) up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them."* (Matt. 4:8) *"And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for THAT IS DELIVERED UNTO ME; and to whomsoever I will I GIVE IT."* (Lk. 4:6)

When you go to worshipping the "god of increase," it borders on idolatry. All Christ has promised us as believers is "our needs." T.D. Jakes was asked if he believed in the prosperity gospel. He answered, "No." He went on to explain, "The prosperity gospel creates a bunch of lusts!" *"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."* Then Apostle James adds this warning, *"Do not err, my beloved brethren."* (Jas. 1:14-16)

The Bible teaches, *"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare (trap)...they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things."* (1 Tim. 6:8-11)

Harold Camping of Oakland, Calif.

I thought Harold Camping of Family Radio, Inc. out of Oakland, Calif., held the #1 spot as the worst preacher I ever heard regarding the subject of “All marriage is a covenant.” However, TBN Christian television can even top Camping by the teachings of Creflo Dollar. In Dollar’s sermon of either July 23 or 24, 2007, he had blood coming from everywhere, except the hymen, to establish his parenthetical argument that every marriage is a covenant. The male was being taught to open up all his assets to his dearly beloved because we are in a covenant. The women were being taught to absolutely refuse any proposal of marriage if it were contractual.

In today’s society Christian divorce is now at 63%. Christian divorce exceeds that of the world. One has better odds betting on the ponies than betting on a successful Christian marriage. Creflo Dollar is like a prosecuting attorney. Creflo teaches his women to come away from a marriage “with more than enough.” Women have Oprah Winfrey, the courts and the church to support their cause. They don’t need Creflo also. An ex-wife continues to receive alimony after being registered in a lesbian relationship. Women do not lose going into a marriage contract, especially having one child. Marriage should have a contingency clause stating, “binding only if blood comes from the hymen.” Then it is a covenant. If no blood, it is contractual.

Our society, including government, the church, education, the mass news media, are dedicated to humbling the man who was made in the image of God. Even your own children resent any male authority over them. *“And the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.”* (Matt. 10:21) God fearing parents believe homosexuality, fornication, abortion, pre-marital sex is absolutely wrong. Your children do not believe this. They are being taught in our public schools that nothing is absolute; it is only relative to the situation.

Man must continue to pay alimony

Ex-wife in registered domestic partnership

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LOS ANGELES - A judge has ordered a man to continue paying alimony to his ex-wife — even though she's in a registered domestic partnership with another woman and even uses the other woman's last name.

California marriage laws say alimony ends when a former spouse remarries, and Ron Garber thought that meant he was off the hook when he learned his ex-wife had registered her new relationship under the state's domestic partnership law.

An Orange County judge didn't see it that way.

The judge ruled that a registered partnership is cohabitation, not marriage, and that Garber must keep writing the checks, \$1,250 a month, to his ex-wife, Melinda Kirkwood...

...Garber knew his former wife was living with another woman when he agreed to the alimony, but he said he didn't know the two women had registered with the state as domestic partners under a law that was intended to mirror marriage.

"This is not about gay or lesbian," Garber said. "This is about the law being fair."...

Church is a woman’s playground: buyer beware!

When the disciples asked Jesus, *“Tell us, when shall these things be?”* Jesus warned them, that “deception” would be the number one sign. A woman can go into a church like Creflo Dollar’s and

marry. Creflo merely brings out blood to establish each new marriage as a covenant. The women in the church love Creflo Dollar. They are happy to pay a tithe on the loot confiscated from a divorce they initiated. You wonder why men refuse to attend church! "It's a woman's and children's institution," in the minds of men today. The men would rather go play golf! "After nine holes of golf, I'll pick you up, darling. We'll all go to Applebee's for lunch," the husband replies when dropping off his wife and children at the church door. It breaks my heart to admit that their analysis of church is the correct one. *"Take heed that no man (or woman) deceive you!"* Going to church to seek a mate can be as dangerous as going to a bar.

Is America following in the footsteps of the decline of Rome?

The games must go on while Rome is burning. Everyone should read The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, by Edward Gibbon. No external force on earth could defeat Rome, but her own decadence within brought about her downfall. America is following in the footprints of Rome. The sad part is that when the light goes out in America, the light for the rest of the world goes out as well. We return to the Dark Ages once again, making a full circle from whence we came out under the leadership of Martin Luther. *"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."* (Rev. 18:4)

America was spared by just a handful of votes in the last two elections. In 2004, it was mostly Catholics in Iowa that helped Bush win. It was only a Supreme Court decision that decided Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush in 2000. Can you even begin to imagine John Kerry, who married the Heinz ketchup heiress, or Al Gore, the environmentalist, being President? It is sad to say this, but the church did not stop these shysters, but rather they were stopped by talk radio. In 2008 we'll need more than Rush Limbaugh to save us. The liberals are toying with your jugular vein, and you can't wake up to even make it to the polls! You're required by scripture to pray *"for kings, and for all that are in authority"* over you. (1 Tim. 2:2) You are commanded to pray, but shouldn't vote? Please read Romans 13:1-7, *"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power (the President, those in authority), resisteth the ordinance of God."* It is a rebellious generation!

Bill & Hillary Clinton



"The hippie generation, the flower children, and the free love children have grown up and taken over Washington DC." (Michael Savage, talk show host out of San Francisco) I wonder if we could get a picture of Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter during the rebellious 1960s while in college? Are you proud of your ex-President and Hillary as rebels?

It was under Bill Clinton's watch that Congress signed into law both NAFTA and GATT, which laid the foundation for our demise. The news media will never report this truth. The hippies are no longer at Berkeley and San Francisco!

“Know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand”

The church, per se, interprets this scripture, *“know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand”* (Lk. 21:31), to mean the rapture of the church. Rather, it is a prophecy for the end of the age of the birth of *“the manifestation of the sons of God”* (Rom. 8:19) in the earth. The true manifestation cannot spring forth until the sons of God are made to vomit over the false manifestation now being presented over Christian television.

In Daniel we read, *“And in the days of these kings (the revived Roman Empire) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed.”* (Dan. 2:44) Ever since Roe v. Wade, humanism became the state religion. Humanism, by its very nature, is dedicated to destroy every vestige of Christianity in America. The ACLU is the prosecuting attorney for the kingdom of darkness. One can literally proclaim the seven books of Harry Potter through every hill and dale of America. But, let a Christian voice his opinion in a public school on just one book, the Bible, and he can have the ACLU breathing down his neck. This is a dark hour as we face the 2008 elections in America.

Christians who refuse to vote have fallen prey to the enemy within our camp. How did the enemy get in? Through the Earl Warren led Supreme Court. Roe v. Wade is an illegal law. Neither Congress nor the people voted on such a law. It was a decision of a 5 to 4 mandate from nine old men on a bench. Our Congress and the people would outlaw this law if it were put to a vote.

Earl Warren is the father of liberalism. Barry Goldwater, late former Senator from Arizona, was the father of conservatism. Rev. Carl MacIntire, a Presbyterian, is the father of talk radio. Barry Goldwater, a Jew if you please, preached and stood up face to face to this false ideology of liberalism. Liberalism v. Conservatism. We are all spectators at ringside watching the fight.

The only ones on earth who are completely incognito are the born again believers in Jesus Christ. Why is that? Frankly, they believe they are all flying out of here this year of 2007. Why concern themselves with November 2008? We are more concerned about Barry Bonds smacking #754. The fellow who retrieved ball #753 received \$25,000. How much money will Barry pay for #754? One more to tie Hank Aaron, the present king of swat!

God promises a *“supper of the Great God”* of heaven for the birds

It is summer time when all fruit trees come into fruition, and the birds gather in the trees. These birds are even now gathering themselves together *“into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”* (Rev. 16:16) These birds are vultures that thrive on blood and flesh, gathering for the great supper God has promised them. The first feast for these birds is after the fall of Babylon (Rev. 18:2). The second feast is Armageddon. *“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.”* (Rev. 19:17-18)

“Could ye not watch with me one hour?”

In Jesus’ darkest hour at Gethsemane, He instructed His disciples, *“My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.”* (Matt. 26:38) Those were the orders from the Captain of their ship. Three different times. Each time Jesus went away to pray, He requested, *“saying the same words...tarry ye here, and wait with me.”* (Matt. 26:44,38) *“What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”* (Matt. 26:40) Just stay awake! Finally, Christ told His disciples, *“Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”* (Matt. 26:45) Please note, Jesus didn’t even ask them to pray, just to stay awake and keep their eyes open.

True believers are not in darkness

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.” (1 Thes. 5:1) We don’t know the day and the hour, but are not ignorant of the *“times and the seasons.”* *“For yourselves know perfectly that the DAY OF THE LORD (pouring out of God’s wrath) so cometh as a thief in the night (to those in darkness). For when they (those in darkness) shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they (those in darkness) shall not escape.”* (1 Thes. 5:2-3)

However, Apostle Paul explains further, *“BUT YE, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, that that day (the day of the Lord’s wrath) should overtake you as a thief.”* (1 Thes. 5:4) Apostle Paul says nothing about the rapture in these passages. It is strictly referring to the DAY OF THE LORD’S WRATH.

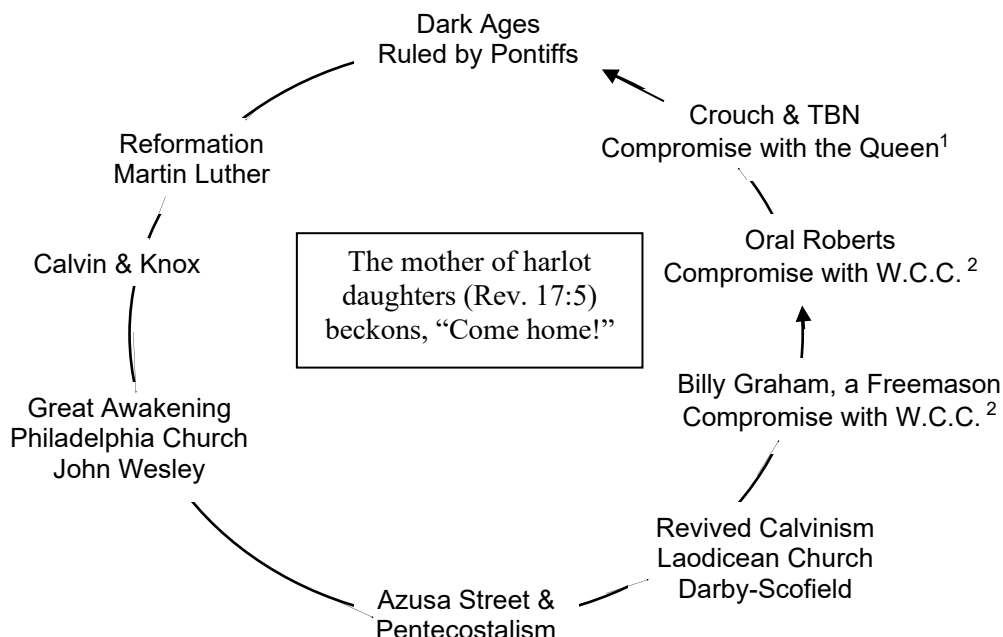
If one follows the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” we see coming out of the box the White Horse Rider of Revelation 6:2. *“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow (TBN Christian television); and a crown was given unto him (by the Protestants. “The only hope of the church is the Pope of Rome.” [Billy Graham]).”* By means of the Pope’s bow, he can shoot his “fiery darts” of Catholicism over TBN into the hearts of true believers. *“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (one).”* (Eph. 6:16) Without this shield while watching Christian television, the darts penetrate.

The Catholic Church aids and abets all Catholic illegal immigrants coming across our border, using the church as a “city of refuge” in which to flee. Seven of the nine Supreme Court justices are Roman Catholic. The only non-Catholics are Clinton appointees, Ruth Ginsberg and David Souter, who are rank atheists. Catholicism is winning because this is her finest hour, going *“forth conquering, and to conquer”* any and all Protestant resistance.

Protestants have lost their ability to protest

After Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, true believers became identified as “Protesters,” from which we inherited the name Protestant. Christians protested the infallibility claim of the Papacy. *“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.”* (Rom. 3:4)

The church has come full circle!
"It is time to come home." (The Vatican)
"The night cometh, when no man can work." (Jn. 9:4)



The early demise of Pope Benedict XVI?

Pope John XXIII, according to the Council of Vatican II, decreed that Protestants were no longer heathens, but merely "separated brethren." It is self-evident that Pope John XXIII was a liberal Catholic by contrast with Pope Benedict XVI.

The German Rottweiler, a staunch conservative Catholic Pope, is reversing the decree of Vatican Council II by not only reinstating the Latin language for Mass, but declaring all Protestants to be heathens, as well. The German Rottweiler is turning the clock back. Will Catholics no longer be permitted to eat meat on Friday? Is that the next reversal of Vatican Council II?

In the light of One World Religion being the vogue of the day, can one German Rottweiler stand in the way of progress? One World Religion must precede one world political Babylon. Political Babylon is the fertile soil needed to produce the Antichrist.

It is the humble opinion of the Captain that this German Rottweiler may be assassinated. No one is above the eccumenicalists who are in turn directed by the Illuminati. John Kennedy told the Russians in no uncertain terms to go to hell. According to the rules of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Illuminati, no American President is to talk to a head of state like John Kennedy did.

No mystery to the Captain why Bush refuses to build the border fence!

You wonder why George Bush doesn't build the fence on our southern border with Mexico? There is

¹ The Antichrist and a Cup of Tea, by Tim Cohen, a Messianic Jew

² World Council of Churches

an Invisible Government³ in the USA called the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Every year the leaders of industry of the G-8 nations, a group called the Bilderbergers, meet in one of Europe's finest hotels. They'll meet long before the elections to determine who will be the next President of the USA. How do you suppose we had two Skull and Bones members from Yale running for President in 2001? Both John Kerry and George W. Bush are Skull and Bones members. That is to say, they both rose from a casket to take a vow to forever serve Satan. Do you think the Illuminists cared which of those candidates would win? Upon rising from the casket, their first act after the devil's baptism is to arise and kiss the big toe on the right foot of a man attired as the Pope of Rome. They are now initiated into the Skull and Bones fraternity at Yale University. *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."* (2 Tim. 3:13) Our own CIA is loaded with Skull and Bones initiates.

2007 AD – "the beginning of sorrows"—This year will go down in infamy!

All the Christian prognosticators of Christian television, without exception, have declared 2007 AD as the year of increase and the rapture of the church. I can't see why they need an increase if they are all flying away! It is a horrible thing to not know when your Lord returns.

The Bible plainly teaches us that we *"are not in darkness."* (1 Thes. 5:4) *"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you."* (1 Thes. 5:1) The early church did not know *"the day nor the hour"* (Matt. 25:13), but understood completely about *"the times and the seasons"* of our Lord's return. Do you? If you think the rapture will take place in 2007 AD, you're ignorant of *"the times and the seasons."*

These "disciples after the flesh" were told by Jesus, *"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."* (Acts 1:7) *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh."* One can't expect flesh to comprehend anything that is spiritual. *"And that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* (Jn. 3:6) *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* (1 Cor. 2:14)

Due to flesh's inability to comprehend spiritual things is the reason Jesus said, *"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls (spiritual truth) before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend (shatter to minute fragments) you."* (Matt. 7:6) Regardless of how you came by this newsletter, whether by hand, email, US mail, or the Internet, it is evidence that the Captain does not believe you're a dog or a pig!

The number 40 indicates change.

"The beginning of sorrows." What does that mean prophetically? God deals with man in cycles of forty year periods. It rained for forty days, day and night upon Noah's ark. Moses was 40 years old when he killed an Egyptian and fled to the backside of the desert where he lived for 40 years with Jethro, a Midianite priest and his daughter, Zipporah. Reaching the age of 80, Moses found his final 40 years serving the God of the burning bush. Moses' life consisted of three different lifestyles in three 40 year periods of time.

³ The Invisible Government, by Dan Smoot, a former FBI agent

The year 2007 AD is the end of a cycle of time. It is 40 years since 1967 when the Jews recaptured Jerusalem.

"This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." (Matt. 24:34) This word, "fulfilled," is translated by four different words in the Greek. As Gentiles, we interpret "fulfilled" as meaning complete (pléroó, Strong's 4137), but the Greek word used in Matt. 24:34 for "fulfilled" is ginomai (Strong's 1096), which means "to cause to be, to become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be." Exactly what we've always been taught that the signing of the seven year peace pact with Israel was to bring about the beginning of Daniel's 70th week. Will the collapse of the Stock Market in 2007 "cause to be" not only Daniel's 70th week, but the demise of America into the North American Union (NAU), which will inaugurate a Socialist Dictator over three nations.

God prophesying about nations (Matt. 24:6-8) ends November 2007?

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, BUT THE END is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation (over oil), and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines (corn to ethanol), and pestilences (AIDS, breakdown of immune system through pharmaceutical drugs), and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the BEGINNING OF SORROWS." (Matt. 24:6-8)

I'm 86½ years old, so I've been going to church for over 65 years. In all that time, I've always heard about "wars and rumours of wars" with the nations. But with the statement, "beginning of sorrows," the rhetoric suddenly changes from nations to you. What catastrophic event took place between Matt. 24:6-7 (war against nations) and Matt. 24:9-12 (to war against you)?

I believe "the beginning of sorrows" could indicate our monetary system will collapse with a Stock Market crash in November 2007, exactly one year prior to the election of November 2008, to ensure a Democrat victory. Looking at the present status, the Market is even now on the decline.

The final cycle of time (Matt. 24:9-13) deals with you!

Are we entering into the final cycle of man's depravity to where the earth reaches rock bottom (Matt. 24:9-13), Sodom and Gomorrah? Once a nation sets about to legalize the act of sodomy, it is a sign of its demise. In this final cycle, you must "endure to the end to be saved." (Matt. 24:13) Please acknowledge the emphasis is no longer on what nations are doing, but what you are doing. We all want to be loved by our nation, our church, our religion, our own family. *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."* (Lk. 9:24)

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." (Matt. 24:9) We are now starting to turn a corner in 2007 AD, a year of infamy. You'll never forget it! It represent a new era, The Beginning of Sorrows, where discrimination against Christians will even come down to the work place. Are your sails set so the wind of the Holy Ghost can direct your ship? *"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."* (Jn. 3:8)