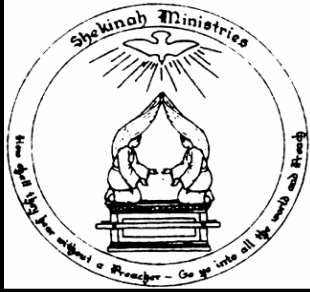


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It is most natural in these very turbulent times for people to fix their eyes upon the natural even to the extent of worry and fear. Be anxious for NOTHING was the teaching of Jesus. We cannot add one cubit to our stature by being concerned over things we cannot really influence. What can I do in the midst of a failed economy, a jobless society and hungry people? First and foremost I need to take hold of the Lord with everything I am worth and get locked into Him until I am wholly ONE with Him. This is more than possible. This was the Lord's great priestly prayer that we may be ONE with Him and with one another even as the glorious triune God are ONE. We cannot enjoy UNITY with others and UNITY with the Lord until and unless we are UNIFIED in OURSELVES! Most Christians are divided with inner turmoil and conflict. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews so powerfully declares, "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in BRINGING MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings." (Heb 2:10) THINK OF THIS POWERFUL, DYNAMIC LIVING word WHO FRAMED THE WORLDS and without whom NOTHING was made that His purpose was for us to PARTAKE of God through Him. That I am made a "SON OF GLORY" is beyond anything that the mind could ever conceive. Failed humanity, redeemed by the powerful will of God to be made a partaker of His DIVINE NATURE and to enjoy HIM forever is the purpose of Christ. The author is better translated "CAPTAIN" or "LEADER." As the great leader, He opened a way and made it possible for us to EMULATE Him not by our own will or strength but by the wonderful working power of the blessed Holy Spirit. This He achieved by suffering: by coming to earth, by humility and utter obedience, by entire surrender and finally by death. As a leader He opened the path of life and gave

## BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

us complete victory. Our victory lies in His victory after death. We are to DIE to LIVE. As the great High Priest and sinless example of a surrendered, selfless life the leader must walk the path His followers must go. Jesus learned EVERYTHING by OBEDIENCE and was perfected by suffering. There is no way for any of us to come out of the horrible fallen nature whilst the power of self and the self-will rules but only by DYING TO IT. We must be willing to suffer anything and everything rather than allow self to have it horrible fallen Adamic way. The greatest perfection that came through Christ's suffering was complete resignation to GOD'S WILL. A leader must be followed and his followers must be willing to walk in the path that He walks. Jesus came and was made LIKE US SO THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE LIKE HIM. As a captain and leader, he must care for His followers. In all things he has been tempted and tried as we are and therefore knows our every frailty. He has walked the path Himself: the path of loneliness and rejection; of need; of being misunderstood; of standing on the verge of death. In His victory, HE HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU, YOU, YOU!!!! Take Him as your example and leader. Rejoice in Him and allow HIM to bring you into the glory of the Father where you will have all authority and power needed and you will find that all of your focus will change and He will undertake in all your trials. He has been there. He knows your losses. He knows your trials and heartaches and identifies with you in every one of them. As God perfected Christ through suffering so He will work in us to perfect us. It is not your work or struggle. He has done it. He has completed it. Our requirement is to Die to self and rest in Him and allow Him to complete the work. He longs for us to be HOLY and only Christ can make us Holy.

We never need to shrink back from the suffering to which we are called and without which there will never be perfection and Holiness. He was made perfect through sufferings (not sickness and disease, indeed) and so are we. He will bring us to a place of total and complete dependency upon Him. In that place is freedom and victory and will lie that solution to every natural problem. Think of the enormity of that which He has accomplished for us and REJOICE!!

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## STRANGE FIRE

I have recently received a number of calls regarding some of the things that are happening in the church. Many believers are confused. I recently received the following on Strange Fire which confirms all that this ministry tells people:

*"We need to be careful. Current fads involving angels, ecstatic worship and necromancy could push us off the edge of spiritual sanity. No one fully understands what Nadab and Abihu did to prompt God to strike them dead in the sanctuary of Israel. The Bible says they loaded their firepans with incense, ignited the substance and "offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them" (Lev. 10:1, NASB). As a result of their careless and irreverent behavior, fire came from God's presence and consumed them. Zap. In an instant they were ashes. When Moses had to explain to Aaron what happened to the two men, he said: "It is what the Lord spoke, saying, 'By those who come near to Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored'" (v. 3). Although we don't know the details of what Nadab and his brother did with the holy incense, we know they were careless and irreverent about the things of God. "We want the miracles of God, but we also want the fear and reverence of God. We cannot allow this strange fire to spread unchecked." This ancient story has relevant application for us today. We don't use incense or firepans in our worship, but we are expected to handle God's Word with care and minister to His people in the fear of the Lord. In other words: No funny business allowed. We aren't allowed to mix God's Word with foreign concepts or mix our worship with pagan practices. Yet as I minister in various churches around this country I am finding that strange fire is spreading in our midst-even in churches that call themselves "Spirit-filled." Pastors and leaders need to be aware of these trends:*

*1. Deadly visitations. In some charismatic circles today, people are claiming to have spiritual experiences that involve communication with the dead. One Michigan pastor told me last week that some church leaders he knows promote this bizarre practice and base it on Jesus' experience on the Mount of Transfiguration. The logic is that since Jesus talked to Moses and Elijah on the day He was glorified, this gives us permission to talk to dead Christians and our dead relatives. Although little is said about these experiences from the pulpit (since the average believer is not ready to handle this "new revelation"), people in some streams of the prophetic movement are claiming to have visitations from Aimee Semple McPherson, William Branham, John Wimber or various Bible characters. And we are expected to say, "Ooooooo, that's so deep" - and then go looking for our own mystical, beyond-the-grave epiphany That is creepy. Communication with the dead was strictly forbidden in the Old Testament (see Deut. 18:11), and there is nothing in the New that indicates the rules were changed. Those who seek counsel from the dead - whether through mediums and séances or in "prophetic visions" - are taking a dangerous step toward demonization.*

*2. Ecstatic rapture. Not long after ecstasy became known as*

*recreational drug, someone in our movement got the bright idea to promote spiritual ecstasy as a form of legitimate worship. The concept evolved from "spiritual drunkenness" to the current fad in which people gather at church altars and pretend to shoot needles in their arms for a "spiritual high." Some preachers today are encouraging people to "toke the Holy Ghost" - a reference to smoking marijuana.*

*I hate to be a party pooper, but the Bible warns us to "be of sound judgment and sober spirit" (1 Pet. 4:7). There is plenty of freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit; we don't have to quench it by introducing people to pagan revelry. Christian worship is not about losing control. Those who worship Jesus do it "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24), and our love for God is not measured by how violently we shake or how many times we fall on the floor.*

*Recently I told a friend in Pennsylvania that when people get tired of this drug imagery it won't be long before we see some Christians having sexual experiences at the altar. "It's already happening," my friend said. He described a recent "worship concert" in which one of the musicians simulated sex while stroking a microphone and whispering sensual phrases to Jesus.*

*What is next - orgasmic worship? God help us.*

*3. Angels among us. Angels have always played a vital role in the life of the church. They are "ministering spirits" sent to protect, guide and strengthen believers (Heb. 1:14). But suddenly angels have become the rage in some segments of our movement. People are claiming to see them everywhere, and often the stories don't line up with the Word of God.*

*During the Lakeland Revival last year in Florida, a man from Germany took the stage and claimed that an angel walked into a restaurant while he was eating a hamburger, took his intestines out and replaced them with a gold substance. Others have testified that angels took them to heaven and operated on them. And many are claiming that angels are dropping feathers, gold dust and precious gems on worshippers.*

*I know God can do anything. He can make an iron axe head float, hide a coin in a fish's mouth and use a little boy's lunch to feed a multitude. Those were genuine miracles that He can still do today. But we still have to use caution here. There are counterfeits. If we promote a false miracle or a false angel in the Lord's house, we are participating in strange fire. I know of a case where a man was caught planting fake jewels on the floor of a church. He told his friends he was "seeding the room" to lift the people's faith. I know of others who have been caught putting gold glitter on themselves in a restroom and then running back in a church service, only to claim that God was blessing them with this special favor. Where is the fear of God when Christians would actually fabricate a miracle?*

*This is a time for all true believers with backbones to draw clear lines between what is godly worship and what is pagan practice. We want the miracles of God, but we also want the fear and reverence of God. We cannot allow this strange fire to spread unchecked."*

*J. Lee Grady is editor of Charisma magazine.*

## KALIBU ACADEMY

The teaching of science at Kalibu Academy has improved greatly as a result of the opening of the science laboratories. Science as one of the practical subjects would be difficult to teach without fully equipped laboratories. Our science laboratories explain why Kalibu Academy is and will always be the best school in Malawi. The equipment being used are those designed to meet the demands of science education of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond. Malawi is a blessed nation with the exquisite Academy fully equipped to undertake a sound science education in the country which would be paralleled with international institutions.



Already the Academy has earned great trust from the Malawi Citizenry, for its impeccable examination results at I.G.C.S.E. Partly the results have been like this because the science laboratories facilitated the teaching of science which would otherwise not be achieved if the laboratories were not there. The Headmaster supports the staff working in the science laboratories in numerous levels. All and above he ensures that the laboratories and the equipment are well-looked after. This is achieved by a sense of responsibility being exercised by the Science Head of Department, the teachers and the technicians. The chemicals and apparatus are all under key and lock to make sure that none is stolen nor taken out of the science laboratory. The level safety of the students doing practical work is seriously ensured. The safety rules and precautions are availed to the kids by posting them on the soft boards within the laboratory and doing a risk analysis before an experiment is done. There is an equal opportunity in practical work for both boys and girls. They are all involved at all levels of learning. (Paul Chilola—Head of Science)

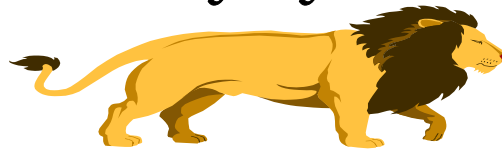
## TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND

Mystery Roar from Faraway Space Detected By Andrea Thompson Senior Writer posted: 07 January 2009 04:43 pm ET LONG BEACH, Calif. –

Space is typically thought of as a very quiet place but one team of astronomers has found a strange cosmic noise that booms six times louder than expected. The roar is from the distant cosmos. Nobody knows what causes it. Of course, sound waves can't travel in a vacuum (which is what most of space is), or at least they can't very efficiently. But radio waves can. Radio waves are not sound waves, but they are still electromagnetic waves, situated on the low-frequency end of the light spectrum. Many objects in the universe, including stars and quasars, emit radio waves. Even our home galaxy, the Milky Way, emits a static hiss (first detected in 1931 by physicist Karl Jansky). Other galaxies also send out a background radio hiss. But the newly detected signal, described here today at the 213th meeting of the American Astronomical Society, is far louder than astronomers expected. There is "something new and interesting going on in the universe," said Alan Kogut of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. A team led by Kogut detected the signal with a balloon-borne instrument named ARCADE (Absolute Radiometer for Cosmology, Astrophysics, and Diffuse Emission) In July 2006, the instrument was launched from NASA's Columbia Scientific Balloon

Facility in Palestine, TX, and reached an altitude of about 120,000 feet (36,500 meters), where the atmosphere thins into the vacuum of space. ARCADE's mission was to search the sky for faint signs of heat from the first generation of stars, but instead they heard a roar from the distant reaches of the universe. "The universe really threw us a curve," Kogut said. "Instead of the faint signal we hoped to find, here was this booming noise six times louder than anyone had predicted." Detailed analysis of the signal ruled out primordial stars or known radio sources, including gas in the outermost halo of our own galaxy. Other radio galaxies also can't account for the noise. There just aren't enough of them. "You'd have to pack them into the universe like sardines," said study team member Dale Fixsen of the University of Maryland. "There wouldn't be any space left between one galaxy and the next." The signal is measured to be six times brighter than the combined emission of all known radio sources in the universe. For now, the origin of the signal remains a mystery. "We really don't know what it is," said team member Michael Seiffert of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. And not only has it presented astronomers with a new puzzle, it is obscuring the sought-for signal from the earliest stars. But the cosmic static may itself provide important clues to the development of galaxies when the universe was much younger, less than half its present age. Because the radio waves come from far away, traveling at the speed of light, they therefore represent an earlier time in the universe. "This is what makes science so exciting," Seiffert said. "You start out on a path to measure something - in this case, the heat from the very first stars - but run into something else entirely, something unexplained."

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### RENT TESTIMONY

Felt led to share this story with you.

The first time I heard Michael speak in Chicago I felt led to give the ministry my rent money which meant I wasn't going to have money to pay rent that week. I was expecting a miracle. It didn't come. I was unable to pay rent that month. I eventually got caught up but the experience always kind of stuck with me. What was up with that? Did I do something wrong? Was I sowing into bad soil? Did I hear God wrong?

There was a time as when I didn't have a car and some things were said to me about this that got me kind of jealous for God and admittedly a little bit for myself. "Give me a car in their face." Was sort of my prayer. God told me to start making car payments for a pastor which I did for about a year until I couldn't do so financially any longer. Meanwhile I walked. Then one day someone gave me a car. I haven't paid for a car since. I have had three cars since then and every time one broke down someone decided to give us another. Most recently we were given a mini-van which my boss decided to give to me as I was leaving my job.

Last year we ended up in foreclosed property and our landlord disappeared. We lived rent free for 8 months and put that money into savings. Recently my freelance work has all but dried up but for the last 4 months the rent has miraculously been there for us through gifts or unexpected income. Last month, people literally approached us the day before our rent was due with the money.

I felt like God was showing me that the money I sowed into Kalibu way back when was now being reaped. The sense I got was almost like that sowing that one gift has meant that rent will be covered here on out. The same was true for the car. We will never go without a car again.

I am struck by three things.

- 1) That it was who God prompted me to give and that in both cases it was during a time of need and in both cases my reputation was under attack.
- 2) That there was a delay and a significant one before I saw any type of harvest about 1 year with the car and about 5 years with the rent.
- 3) That the increase was 100 fold or more and seems to be indefinite. It's almost like I invested in a stock that consistently pays me dividends.

I wanted you to be encouraged that if the payback seems to be any indication. Your ministry is excellent stock.

I know you know that, but felt like I was supposed to share this with you anyway.

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