

Serving God by Knowing the Age, by Realizing the Way Christ Fulfills His Economy,
 by Seeing the World Situation as the Indicator of His Move,
 and by Spreading the Truths of the Lord's Recovery for His Coming Back

<p>I. We need to be those who know the age of today's Christianity in a particular way, especially in relation to the revelation of the Scriptures, the divine truths, and the genuine and proper theology.</p>	<p>A. Not one of today's theologies, including the Nicene Creed, stresses adequately the following five critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy:</p>	1. The Spirit that gives life being "not yet" .	
		2. The last Adam becoming a life-giving Spirit.	
		3. The compound Spirit typified by the anointing ointment.	
		4. The Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, Christ Himself, and the indwelling Spirit in Romans 8:2, 9-11 all referring to the compound Spirit that gives life.	
		5. The seven Spirits.	
	<p>B. The believers are held back by imperfect and unscriptural theology from the central revelation of God and come short of the completion of God's eternal economy because they miss, neglect, or oppose the above five critical points concerning the Spirit of God.</p>		
<p>C. The Lord's recovery today is just the recovery of these critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy.</p>			
<p>D. The Lord's recovery and the central revelation of God are God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem; this is the full ministry of Christ in three stages—incarnation, inclusion, and intensification.</p>			
<p>E. Regarding the Lord's present recovery, we should all be up to date and not held back by our old theology or by our old understanding of the recovery.</p>			
<p>II. The book of Zechariah reveals that the way to fulfill God's economy in the divine history is by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit in our spirit and that the building of the church will be consummated by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit of grace to be the topstone of grace:</p>	<p>A. The focal point of the divine history within human history is the two comings of Christ for the testimony of Jesus, the building of God.</p>		
	<p>B. We must see that Babylon is characterized by the wickedness of business, or commerce, involving covetousness, deceit, and the love of money; our Christian life should be without the love of money, and our Christian work should not be a money-making trade.</p>	<p>1. Of the cargo sold by Babylon, the first item is gold and the last is the souls of men; souls of men refers to men who sell themselves for employment, neglecting God and their eternal destiny.</p>	
		<p>2. God's sovereignty will cause the wickedness in business, which the people of Israel learned from the Babylonians in their captivity, to go back to Babylon (the land of Shinar).</p>	
	<p>C. Christ is the last Craftsman used by God to break the four horns; the four horns are the four kingdoms with their kings—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and the Roman Empire—also signified by the great human image with four sections in Daniel 2:31-33, the four stages of locusts in Joel 1:4, and the four beasts in Daniel 7:3-8, that damaged and destroyed the chosen people of God :</p>	<p>1. The four craftsmen are the skills used by God to destroy these kingdoms with their kings; each of the first three kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece) was taken over in a skillful way by the kingdom that followed it.</p>	
		<p>2. The fourth Craftsman will be Christ as the stone cut out without hands, who will crush the restored Roman Empire and thereby crush the great human image as the totality of human government at His coming back.</p>	
<p>3. This crushing stone is the corporate Christ, Christ with His overcomers, who are His dispensational instrument to end this age.</p>			
<p>4. After coming to defeat Antichrist and to crush the aggregate of human government, the corporate Christ—Christ with His overcoming bride—will become a great mountain to fill the whole earth, making the whole earth God's kingdom; this kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem—the ultimate and consummate step of the divine history.</p>			
<p>5. Thus, the great human image will be replaced with the eternal kingdom of God, the corporate Christ in the image of God for the glory of God.</p>			

Dan. 2:31 You, O king, were watching, and there was a single great image. This image, large and its brightness surpassing, stood opposite you; and its appearance was frightful.³² Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs of bronze, ³³ Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 7 After this I watched in the night visions, and there was a fourth beast, dreadful and frightful and exceedingly strong; and it had large iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the horns; then there was another horn, a small one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted from before it. And there were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn and a mouth speaking great things. Joel 1:4 What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; And what the swarming locust has left, the licking locust has eaten; And what the licking locust has left, the consuming locust has eaten.

<p>III. The world situation is the indicator of the Lord's move on earth :</p>	<p>A. The mystery of lawlessness is working today among the nations and in human society; this lawlessness will culminate in the man of lawlessness, Antichrist :</p>	1. Antichrist will be the power of Satan, the embodiment of Satan; he will persecute and destroy the people of God—both the God-fearing Jews and the Christ-believing Christians.	
		2. Antichrist will demolish and desolate the temple of God and the city of God; he will cast truth down to the ground.	
		3. Antichrist will have sharp insight to perceive things and will speak things against the Most High.	
		4. Antichrist will wear out the saints of the Most High.	
		5. Satan and Antichrist want the souls of men to be the instruments for their activities in the last age.	
	<p>B. The ten kings typified by the ten toes of the great image in Daniel 2 will be under Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the revived Roman Empire; all of this will transpire in Europe :</p>	1. Before the crushing of Antichrist and the totality of human government transpires, the Lord's recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there.	
		2. The United States, Europe, and the Far East are the three influential factors of the present situation of the world; the recovery has taken root in the United States and the Far East, but there is a void in Europe.	
		3. Europe, in the consummation of the fulfillment of the vision concerning the great human image in Daniel 2, is more vitally crucial than any other country or race—the crushing of the two feet of the great human image being the crushing of the entire human government.	
	<p>IV. The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation :</p>	<p>A. Immediately after Christ's ascension, these four things—the gospel, war, famine, and death—began to run like riders on four horses, and they will continue until Christ comes back :</p>	1. The spreading, running, and racing of the gospel of the kingdom throughout the whole inhabited earth is the kernel of the divine history within human history.
			2. The gospel of the kingdom, signified by the white horse of the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2, will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations before the end of this age, the time of the great tribulation.
<p>B. We are not preaching a partial gospel but the full gospel that encompasses everything from Matthew through Revelation—the gospel of God's eternal economy to dispense Himself in Christ as the Spirit into His chosen ones through His judicial redemption and by His organic salvation for the building up of His Body in the local churches to consummate the New Jerusalem as His bride, His wife, for His eternal expression.</p>			
<p>C. Actually, the gospel includes all the divine truths; the entire New Testament is the gospel, and the New Testament as the gospel is typified by the Old Testament; thus, we may say that the gospel includes the entire Bible.</p>			
<p>D. God's unique purpose in this age is to have the gospel preached so that the church as the Body of Christ might be built up to consummate the New Jerusalem.</p>			
<p>E. The overcomers who preach the gospel of the glory of Christ become the riders of the white horse.</p>			
<p>F. May the Lord burden us to learn the divine truths of the gospel and to spread them everywhere for His recovery to bring in His restoration.</p>			

Experience : Business life model

- ① Joel 1:4 What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; And what the swarming locust has left, the licking locust has eaten; And what the licking locust has left, the consuming locust has eaten.

The four stages of this one kind of locust refer to the nations

That devastated Israel in four consecutive empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, including Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the Roman Empire.

Beginning approximately two hundred years before the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, God sent the prophets to warn Israel, to advise them, and to call them to return to God. However, Israel did not listen to the prophets. This forced God to send the four kinds of locusts to chastise His people.

The Bible is a record of two histories: the history of man, the human history, and the history of God, the divine history. The former is like and outward shell, and the latter, like the kernel within the shell. In the Minor Prophets the human history is clearly defined and is signified by the four kinds of locusts mentioned in this verse. The divine history within the human history is also revealed in considerable detail. The divine history, as the divine mystery of the Triune God in humanity, began in eternity past with the eternal God and His eternal economy. It continues with Christ's incarnation; His death, burial, and resurrection for the spreading of God's redemption and salvation to all the nations on earth; His pouring out of the consummated Spirit to produce the church as the corporate expression of the Triune God; His second coming as the Desire of nations and as the Sun of righteousness; His coming with His overcomers as His army to defeat Antichrist and his army; and His reigning in Zion in the thousand-year kingdom. Eventually, the kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth for the eternity. The New Jerusalem will be the ultimate, the consummate, step of God's history.

You need to see that there is God's movement behind the visible business life. The visible human activity is the shell, the kernel is God's movement. Therefore, if you cannot see the invisible God's movement behind, your life will just be a shell, a vain life it becomes. Within various situations of business life, you need to see God's work and movement behind through fellowship with the Lord, and the brothers and sisters. Otherwise, you will be pushed around by the changing environments outside, lose sight of God's economy, constrain by the same life as the business life the gentiles have, and surely all will be eaten by the locusts. Human history is for the history of God. Similarly, business life is for the church life and for the building up of the church. You should pray in the following manner, "Lord Jesus, fellowship with you in business life, please give me the insight to find God's movement behind. I am rebellious toward you most of

the time, and the locusts have eaten my life. Oh Lord, please forgive my sin. I cannot waste any more time. Oh Lord, help me, release me from the life that's being eaten up. Not only that, but I will follow Your Word, and ask You to please make up and restore the life that has been eaten up. Why, because in Joel 2 : 25, it says in the following manner. "And I will restore to you the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The licking locust and the consuming locust and the cutting locust, My great army That I sent among you. Amen! Hallelujah!"

- ② Rev. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargo anymore: 12 Cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls ••• 13 and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargo of horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.

2 Tim. 3:5 Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,

Satan and Antichrist want the souls of men to be the instruments for their activities in the last age.

The businessperson of Japanese people, a lot of them are selling their souls for work and money, at the expense of the church life. The footnote on "Cargo" mentioned in Revelation 18:12-13 says, "The first item of cargo that was sold by "Babylon is gold, the last item is the soul of men. "Soul of men" is the people who sell themselves in order to be hired. This is not only the forthcoming Babylon, but also the depiction of the world today. People are selling their souls, their lives, in other words themselves and ignoring God and their eternal destiny" .

In practical business life, you should avoid the situation of not able to participate in the meeting regularly due to excessive overtime. Even in rare cases, the sudden overtime may not allow you to participate in the meetings and services; you should never let such situation to become a regular. Such practice is in fact, not a problem on the outside, but a question of whether you are to sell your soul to work. You need to find your soul-life by exercising your spirit and follow the Lord accordingly.

Mat. 10 : 37 He who loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me;

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his soul-life shall lose it, and he who loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

詩歌、665番奉仕 — 命の流れ出し

1. キリストあたえよ, ことばとこう為で。
せいかつをとおして, あわれなひとらに。
(復) キリストあたえよ, せいかつのなかで;
キリスト生かし出し, 持つものあたえよ。
2. キリストあたえよ, どういなが主を;
したしいひとたちに, たからを得させよ。
3. キリストあたえよ, あなたのともらに;
自分の享受した主を, しゆくふくなる主を。
4. キリストあたえよ, 会うひとすべてに;
いのち, またすべての キリストあたえよ。

传扬福音—供应基督

1. 去向亡世供应基督, 非仅藉话之所云。
更藉生活分出基督, 供应可怜的人群。
(副) 去向亡世供应基督, 使祂显于你生活;
凭祂活着, 将祂分出, 使人与你同得着。
2. 去向亡世供应基督—你所有的宝贵主;
将你基督分给亲人, 作其成功与财富。
3. 去向亡世供应基督—你所享受的基督;
将你基督分给朋友, 作其夸耀与鸿福。
4. 去向亡世供应基督, 祂是你命并一切;
将你基督分给众人, 带人来尝祂超越。

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1. To the lost world minister Christ,
Not just by word, but by life,
Imparting Christ by living deeds
To the poor souls living in strife.
(C) To the lost world minister Christ,
By daily walk making Him known;
Imparting Christ by whom you live,
Share with all men what you own.
2. To the lost world minister Christ,
The precious One you possess,
Imparting Christ to those you love
As all their gain and success.
3. To the lost world minister Christ,
The very Christ you enjoy,
Imparting Christ to all your friends
As all their boast and their joy.
4. To the lost world minister Christ,
Who is your life and your all,
Imparting Christ to all you meet,
All fallen ones, great or small.