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PULLING THE PLUG

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ...because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. RM 8

The Apostle Paul separates those who are expecting a change of manifestation from those already His Christ—those born of the Spirit but desiring the divine culmination of all things. They are already spiritually one with God but wait for the adoption or inclusion of all in the finished work of Christ.

Dr. Mark Hanby likens it onto two different worlds, the whole creation groaning ‘out there’ and the spiritual remnant groaning ‘within.’ “There will always be an overturning of events,” said Dr. Hanby at a recent ranch meeting, “a recurrent shifting until God’s will is done.”

Many are viewing the political and economic situation in the world and wondering if what's unfolding 'out there' is a prophetic manifestation of what's happening 'within.'

=Times That Try Men's Soul

The world is at this moment passing through one of those terrible periods of convulsion when the souls of men and of nations are tried as by fire. Woe to the man or to the nation that at such a time stands as once Laodicea stood; as the people of ancient Meroz stood, when they dared not come to the help of the Lord against the might. In such a crisis the moral weakling is the enemy of the right, the enemy of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Did God pull the plug on America or the world? The collapsing of the American and world financial markets completely saturates the airwaves with doom and gloom. With the flood of failed loans and mortgages everyone looks to the government for a bailout to keep the economy afloat.

Unstable or crucial times usually follow a period of business prosperity—it's been a growing economy for the past 30 years. But the current situation of bad lending forced a liquidation of stocks and added to the failing businesses created an economic crisis.

=Valley of Decision

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. JOEL 2:14)

Any crisis can be an emotionally significant event. It can radically change your lifestyle. The situation either makes you or breaks you and causes a decisive difference in the way you live.

Crisis comes from the Greek word that means decisive, or point of decision. You come to a crossroads and must decide which way you'll take. Often it becomes a turning point in your life—your life either gets better or worse.

Oftentimes what begins as a crisis (a moment that needs a decisive answer) ends as an opportunity that propels you further along your life's journey—a supernatural 'suddenly.' Each crisis represents another opportunity to accomplish something linked to your ultimate purpose in God.

=Jesus' Soul is Troubled

Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save Me from this hour?" But for this purpose I came to this hour. JOHN 12:27

Jesus knows what it's like to be troubled about the future. But He focused on His ultimate destiny and it settled His soul. When He made the decision to go forward as planned He cleared His mind to receive spiritual comfort—and the angels of God

ministered unto Him. Any clear, specific decision empties your mind of doubt and allows you to freely tap into spiritual power.

Unless you know your purpose you'll never see the potential or opportunity each moment of decision presents for fulfilling your destiny. You don't even have to look for the next step—it shows up in the next crisis.

Always focus on what you can do to make a difference in a crisis—it usually does. If you become conscious of the heightened energy the crisis invariably ignites then you can tap into it and harness it to overcome the situation. The crisis acts as a stimulus to release untapped powers in you.

=Pulling the Plug

Some have likened this time to the birth of the Body of Christ—not just an individual revival but the corporate birthing of the risen Christ. In the moment Roger spoke this reference I heard a sound. It sounded like a drain opening from above. I saw an old-fashioned bathtub full of water with the silver chained white plug pulled out of its drain.

Is there a history of God pulling the plug? Perhaps the first plug allowed man to exist with God in the enclosed womb of the Garden of Eden. Perhaps God pulled the plug and stopped fueling a failed covenant. Perhaps pulling the plug meant that the creation had a decision to make—it opened an opportunity for them to reproduce or recreate God's will.

The second pulled plug opened the floodgates of heaven and cleansed what man staged. The flood gave Noah and his sons the opportunity to reset the stage with foundational truth. God plugged them into a new covenant. He promised never to pull this spiritual plug—never flood the earth again with water. God's faithfulness remains intact for each millennium. You can see His promise in every rainbow.

Moses and the children of Israel went through the Red Sea on dry ground but God pulled the plug on the Egyptians. Pulling the plug indicates a judgment or planned ending. Egypt never rose to be a world power again.

What do you expect to happen when you sing "Open the floodgates of Heaven?"

=Covenant Plugs

God asked Abraham to unplug himself from his homeland and plug into a promised land. Abraham's faith in the covenant made him the father of a great nation. He and his generations also signed this covenant with the blood of circumcision.

The Mosaic covenant of blessing required man to be plugged into obedience. "*Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.*"

Man failed to keep the covenants. Therefore God made a new covenant of restoration:

Because finding fault with them He says: "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant ... for this is the covenant that I shall make ... I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people." HEBREWS 8:8

Today there yet remains a promise of covenant with God. The Apostle Paul says that it won't be something that has to be taught because everyone will know Him. How can this be? It only happens if there is a spiritual pipeline that everyone can plug into.

=Tapping into the Spiritual Pipeline

Jerusalem is a gateway to heaven and David regularly communed with God through the open portal. Jesus spoke of being the stairway to heaven. *"Hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

God seals His covenant with a spiritual plug—Jesus. He stands in the gap before God on behalf of Zion. *"The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."* He plugged the gaping hole of death, hell and the grave as the perfect sacrifice. This blood covenant forever sealed us—plugged us into ALL of God—plugged us into a spiritual reservoir of God's glory that surrounds Christ in the womb of purpose.

Jesus purged the bloodline once and for all. You too can tap into the Spirit of life and live eternally. If you do then you access the bloodline or pipeline to the Spirit. It's the infinite energy force that allows mankind to do the works of God. That's why you don't need to be taught—you're already joint heirs with Jesus. You're connected to the same pipeline of the same Spirit and what God does, He does through you.

You need to be consciously aware of the creative energy flowing down this spiritual pipeline. If the floodgates open you operate in the supernatural—His Word written in your mind and on your heart. That means God thinks, speaks and acts through you in profound ways.

=The Beginning of the End

The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King forever. PS 29:10

One of the last stages of the gestation period initiates delivery from 'within.' Once that phase begins there's nothing that stops the delivery from happening. Release of the plug actually indicates that the stage has begun—that a spiritual shifting caused the release. God pulls the plug. The waters break and the floodgates open ... and 'out there' *"all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."*

In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. HEBREWS 8:13

Perhaps the beginning of the end means pulling the plug on the womb of an old religious system that's finished its function and is now obsolete. Don't be "*shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first...*" In the falling away the Body emerges from the womb's watery grave to move freely in the perfect world of the Father's Kingdom.

There are moments in history when a portal opens and monumental change occurs. What if the events happening in your life now are hinged on recognizing this extraordinary moment? It's during 'such a time as this' that you make your greatest contribution and discover golden opportunities.

Pulling the plug in any age creates a crisis—everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Perhaps the groaning 'within' pulled the plug ... and now nothing can hold you back from your glorious liberty in Christ Jesus.

The Body of Christ has a rendezvous with destiny that's meant to rise in unrestrained power to do the finished works of God. Let it begin now in you.

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