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SPIRITUAL OVERLAPPING

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters ... Then God said. “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2, 6

Looking up at the vapor lines crisscrossing the autumn sky over New York State caused me to think of jet streams and wind currents. Between the Spirit of God and the face of waters is an amazing atmosphere of breathable gasses necessary for sustaining life on our planet. Since we live at the bottom of a virtual ocean of air, the ribbon lined trails in the sky reminded me of Matthew Maury pondering *“the paths in the seas.”*

The premise of Maury’s study came from a scripture in Psalms. *“The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.”* Maury believed the Bible was accurate truth and proved it scientifically. But what if there are also spiritual currents that can be caught as well? He seems to have caught a train of thought in the spiritual realm and followed that current spiraling higher and higher until he reached his destiny—the high calling on his life.

The advances in the aviation age made it possible to observe wind currents that were inaccessible to Matthew Maury in the 1800’s. The overlapping of our atmosphere (the Troposphere) with the next (the Stratosphere) creates the Tropopause. In this transitional ‘pause’ or overlap jet streams are formed—tubular ribbons of high speed winds forming wavy paths in the atmosphere that are not visibly seen.

Maury charted ocean currents. Just as the fish *“pass through the paths of the seas,”* so do the birds of the air. Every spring and fall he witnessed the phenomena of migration and devised special instruments to measure wind velocity. Yet if the birds instinctively know how to catch the wind currents in the atmosphere and end up in the very same tree year after year, then just maybe it’s to teach us something about our spiritual journey as well. Maybe there are

natural occurrences that signify spiritual overlapping and if we align, it induces a power surge in us to effectively fulfill our purpose.

During World War II US B-29 pilots flying to Japan from the Marianas accidentally flew into unexpected currents of maximum winds—once again confirming “*the paths of the seas.*” If their pilots caught a jet stream traveling east, their flight time would be drastically reduced; but those traveling west avoided the strong headwinds because it only impeded their progress.

While planes coincide with high-altitude wind currents in their flights, so likewise can we be moved quickly and forcefully in the spiritual current of His majestic power. If we coincide with the divine then we are experiencing a coincidence of two incidents simultaneously occurring or an overlapping “*on earth as it is in heaven.*” The knowledge that this possibility exists changes our level of expectation, but its God’s hand on us that endorses our success.

The fact that three maximum wind currents occur frequently in the winter months over the New England States and Japan makes the likelihood of catching one more probable. When our family flew to London last January we were delighted to hear that our arrival was well in advance of the scheduled time because our path coincided with a jet stream. Better still, if we coincide with the spiritual realm it means we put ourselves in a place to experience an overlapping of the supernatural. This infusion of power intensifies spiritual aptitude.

Coincidences are only activated or operative through divine intervention—we don’t make something happen unless God has already set it in motion and we match up with His plan. In other words, coincidences are not a question of human will or human effort. It’s planned and determined for us “*before the foundation of the world*” and we catch up with that spiritual current at the exact moment of His intervention in our life. The knowledge that possibility exists increases our likelihood of utilizing the experience to its maximum advantage.

“*When it is evening you say ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red;’ and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.*” *Matthew 16:2,3*

Forecasters observe weather signs to predict rain or snow much like some with keen spiritual awareness can “*discern the signs of the times*”—sensing the atmosphere and interpreting powerful moves of the Spirit. “*The sons of Issachar ... had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.*” Others are able to discern what is happening in the world, recognizing new trends, or sensing the commencement of a new season—having wisdom to interpret the happening by observing ‘moves’ or ‘masses’ of spiritual activity.

We reside at the base of a heavenly sea of air. This is the only sphere that experiences extreme fluctuations in climatic activity. That means our weather is affected by surrounding land masses or water masses and it causes shifts in temperatures due to barometric pressure or wind velocity.

Remarkably, we too affect the atmosphere and change the climate in our work place or gatherings if we become a mountain or sea in the Spirit. Intercessors often affect the

atmosphere with their prayers, oftentimes changing the climate in a room or a city. And in the surrounding areas where love shines or peace saturates—the high pressure system of the Spirit causes lower frequencies of fear to dissipate.

“And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His in own authority.’” Affecting our atmosphere does not mean we take authority over the weather or dictate moves of God—that is the realm of divine intervention. ‘Times and seasons’ are put under God’s authority. I first observed this years ago while praying about a scheduling conflict. God said He would “cause a wind to blow and cancel the Christmas program.” That meant God had already determined the weather patterns over a month before it happened!

Even though many prayed for the weather, they could not take authority over the snowstorm the day ‘before’ or the strong winds causing a blizzard the day ‘of’ the program. Since God had already determined the weather conditions, I learned to make my agenda according to His plan and not the other way around. I quit praying for the weather to change and sought God on the best time to schedule our events.

There are times that we pray for God to change His plans, such as when He brings judgment against His people. Then if we repent and change our ways ... the prayers of the righteous avert destruction. But if the weather is according to His purpose—nothing on earth will change it!

Many prayed that Hurricane Andrew would miss Florida—but the weather didn’t change. Yet someone asked God to spare her home and He did! A national news station carried the story with an aerial view of the stricken neighborhood that testified of the miraculous—everything around her was destroyed but her untouched house stood like a monument!

Most of us prayed Hurricane Katrina would dissipate or miss New Orleans. But God already determined the weather pattern and our prayers couldn’t stop it. That’s why some ‘prophesied’ about it and one even prophesied the exact day so that like Jerusalem in Bible times—the people could flee the catastrophe. Many experienced God’s intervention in the midst of the storm. What we learn is to make a distinction between God showing us something to pray about and the revelation of what will actually happen.

God says, *“When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and (the prophet) gives him no warning, nor speaks to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at (the prophet’s) hand. Yet, if (the prophet) warns the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but (the prophet) has delivered (his own) soul.”*

The awakening of the prophetic has been awesome for the maturation of the Body of Christ. Sharing pictures or stories from our spiritual journeys stirs us unto greater works. The testimonies propel us into new places and possibilities in Him by awakening our spiritual perception. But we also want watchmen ordained by God to know the ‘times and seasons’ and

the ins and outs of spiritual activity—who understand there’s a difference between watching and awareness.

Pray that God raises up the apostolic. We desire apostles and prophets that will put their lives on the line for the Word they proclaim. Pray for the men and women who fearlessly walk in their measure of rule—not because they stumbled into something in the dark ... felt an inkling ... or once saw something through an open window—but because God set them as prophet and watchman to the nation to *“hear a word from His mouth, and give the nation warning from God.”*

Just as there are some who peer into the future and interpret it according to the will of God, there are some who walk in this type of anointing in the marketplace—they know exactly what the next trend is. They have a measure of rule in them to discern ‘times and seasons’ in the marketplace.

Investors follow those who recognize trends on Wall Street, contractors discern consumer demands, or inventors devise alternatives and create new possibilities. They possess a type of wisdom unique to them—the world refers to it as a knack or talent but it’s really a supernatural anointing or gifting that’s released through their creativity. Many develop what they sense in their spirit and it becomes a way of life for them. It’s a spontaneous, creative anointing or genius that they walk in—and if it ever lies dormant it can easily be reactivated.

There are some marked differences between a ‘space in time’ and a ‘window of opportunity.’ A ‘space in time’ or a holy moment is the overlapping of the natural with the spiritual—a coincidence about to manifest. It’s similar to stepping into a jet stream—an individual empowerment that causes a transition or pivotal point in our life. The question is; how do we access this space?

Some of us remember playing the game 'peppers'—a jumping game of two very fast crisscrossing ropes. Any attempt to jump into the game of 'peppers' was virtually impossible unless we discovered the exact moment to enter into the twirling space. It was a challenging game but once we found the entrance, then it was easy. Knowing the possibility of success, we trained to recognize the moment to enter in.

Just as playing 'peppers' was easier if we learned its cadence, we likewise need to discover the tempo of Kingdom living. It’s difficult to jump in or catch up when our inner rhythm seems out of sync with what’s happening around us—as though we’re impeded by the whirlwind and not able to enter into the spiritual ‘space in time’ that jet-streams our success.

Once we’re caught up in the eye of the whirlwind, life isn't a problem. It's getting into that ‘space in time’ that’s difficult—those frustrating days when we just can't seem to get ahead or even catch up. We need a supernatural acceleration into 'warp' speed to enter into His space—jump-started or jet-streamed into the realm of the supernatural by a spiritual power surge.

Although entering into the flow and rhythm of the Spirit seems difficult unless we’re jumpstarted supernaturally, there’s another option. We can slow ourselves down enough to

enter the space/time continuum through meditation. Meditation creates an atmosphere where we can easily jump into the moment because we take time to become one with the ebb and flow of the Spirit. Even the hectic pace of the twenty-first century lifestyle seems to slow down as we step into His ‘space in time’—the eternal realm of His purpose. This is important because man only participates with God when he enters the present moment of His purpose.

Once man makes the transition to the spiritual space in Him, the tempo can speed up again. Those who recognize a ‘space in time’ become totally immersed with the powerful spiritual surge of the moment—aligned to His higher frequency of energy.

Those who access a ‘space in time’ know how to breach the portals of heaven with such profundity that even nature defies its own laws. That’s because these men and women abide in a rhythm and harmony of the Spirit that transcends nature. Something is always happening or manifesting around them. They initiate change, activate gifting, and charge the atmosphere with possibility.

Elijah was like that—when he wanted to cross the water he threw down his mantle and the water parted! “*Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*” And in the ‘pause’ between heaven and earth his bequeathed mantle fell to Elisha—who not only saw the supernatural in operation but clothed himself to step into a double portion of the spiritual whirlwind of power. The fact that he could throw a stick into the water and it came back with the ax attached is an example of taking a ‘space in time’ beyond any earthly dimension of experience.

We all walk in the spiritual but this anointing defies the natural order so the result is always phenomenal. Elisha found a ‘space in time’ that became the pivotal point of his ministry—from that moment on he moved in a new acceleration of spiritual power. Do you recognize this sphere of possibility in your life? Maybe what you’ve been blessed with in the ‘marketplace’ is another manifestation of spiritual overlapping?

A ‘window of opportunity’ affects a large gathering of people in a similar way and designates a season for accomplishing a specific work. It’s much like an air mass—a large body of air that covers a broad area. Similar temperatures, pressures and moisture persist over the whole region creating an atmosphere. A ‘window of opportunity’ refers to God’s Presence extended over an area for a purpose. Paul said, “*A door of faith opened to the Gentiles ... a great and effectual door has opened to me.*”

Recently Dr. Hanby elaborated on creating an atmosphere of glory—“Glory is the only atmosphere that God manifests power.” “*In the beginning God created*”.... Atmosphere began with the manifestation of the glory of God. By simply lowering the threshold of your yielding point you alter your atmosphere. But did you know that you’re made in His image and likewise have the ability to create atmosphere?

“*Praying without ceasing*” sustains that atmosphere of glory. If you manifest what you see in the heavens on earth, then you’re creating glory! That means you control the atmosphere by “*your goodwill one to another!*” “If your prayer gets high enough, broad enough, wet enough—it creates an atmosphere” and it changes the way you live.

The amazing revelation continued with an understanding that if you sustain an atmosphere long enough, you create a climate for things to grow. If you prolong a climate to a growing season, you establish an environment. If you maintain your environment to endure seasonal changes, you create your own culture. Over time the language, government and culture of the area become uniquely your own—and you become unified in purpose.

Matthew Maury discovered a ‘window of opportunity’ and walked through that door to become the father of oceanography. He believed God’s Word and his strong belief fueled his tremendous success. What do you believe? Do you sense a spiritual overlapping in some area of your life? How can you create an atmosphere that nurtures your purpose? Do you recognize that spiritual overlapping is actually the hand of God evident in your life?

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