## Are you WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING also?

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ing Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, <u>aside from Jesus</u> <u>Christ himself</u> (MATTHEW 12:42), said under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

"WISDOM [HAVING THE DISCERNMENT FOR WHAT IS TRUE AND RIGHT] is the PRINCIPAL THING [THE FIRST]; therefore GET wisdom: and with ALL THY GETTING get UNDERSTAND-ING" (PROVERBS 4:7).

There are many <u>preachers</u> and <u>teachers</u> in pulpits <u>with</u> their educational degrees, polished wit, religious piety, good looks and lofty reputation, but they are also without spiritual understanding.

They are <u>no different</u> then the Scribes and Pharisees of whom Jesus said "...sit in Moses' seat...all their works **THEY DO** for to be **SEEN OF MEN**" (MATTHEW 23:2-7).



They put on a <u>religious show</u>, and <u>all</u> men <u>speak well of them</u>. But God has found them out: "I WISDOM dwell with PRU-DENCE, and FIND OUT knowledge of WITTY INVENTIONS" (PROVERBS 8:12).



Jesus said to the religious leaders of his day, "YE HYPOCRITES, *ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth...*" (LUKE 12:56), "...but can ye not discern THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES" (MATTHEW 16:3)?

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What about YOU? Can YOU <u>discern</u> the **SIGNS OF THE TIMES** in which YOU live today since <u>Jesus Christ</u> ascended to His Father in Heaven?

Have **YOU** <u>noticed</u> that it is getting warmer every year, that <u>Iceland</u>, which is located <u>just barely</u> south of the Arctic Circle, is **NOW** showing signs of vegetation with temperatures reaching <u>67 degrees</u>?



NASA photo — Notice the green areas

Have **YOU** <u>noticed recently</u> that at least 18 states in <u>America</u> have suffered extreme temperatures and high humidity, killing more than a dozen people, at least two police dogs, and has likely contributed to the death of <u>Franklin the rhinoceros</u> at a Mississippi zoo?

Have **YOU** <u>heard</u> about the <u>660 wildfires</u> raging in <u>Russia</u>, the worlds largest supplier of **GRAIN**, and to <u>preserve</u> food for their <u>own</u> people, they have **STOPPED** shipment?



The floods in <u>Pakistan</u> are increasing, the <u>death toll</u> rising, and <u>diseases</u> are spreading. Their homeless are multiplying, depleting valuable resources. There are even <u>landslides</u> in <u>China</u>, killing many.

But what does any of these things have to do with **THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES**? The <u>Book of Revelation</u> is a book that has yet to be fulfilled. A <u>superman</u> will come, known as "<u>antichrist</u>" (1 JOHN 2:18), "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth **CONQUERING**, and to **CONQUER**" (REV. 6:2).

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When he <u>conquers</u>, there will be a <u>willing</u> **END** to <u>democracy</u> worldwide. During his reign, there will be **KILLING** on <u>a scale uni-</u> <u>maginable</u>, "...power was given to him...to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another" (REV. 6:4).

There will also be **HUNGER** that will be <u>devastating</u>, "...and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny" (REV. 6:5-6).

The **HEAT** today is coming from <u>beneath</u> and <u>above</u>: "**HELL** from **BENEATH** is moved for thee **TO MEET THEE** at thy coming" (ISAIAH 14:9); "...and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of **A GREAT FURNACE**; and the **SUN** and the **AIR** were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit" (REV. 9:2).

"...the forth angel poured out his vial upon the SUN; and power was given...to SCORCH MEN WITH FIRE. And men were SCORCHED WITH GREAT HEAT, and blasphemed the name of God" (REV. 16:8-9).

But church members are blind because God has "...**HID THESE THINGS** from the **WISE** and **PRUDENT**, and hast revealed them unto **BABES**" (MATTHEW 11:25). So, "...Ye **MUST** be born again" (JOHN 3:7), in order for **YOU** to <u>GET UNDERSTANDING</u>.

"The FEAR OF THE LORD is the INSTRUC-TION of wisdom; and BEFORE HONOUR is <u>HUMILITY</u>" (PROVERBS 15:33).

The **ONLY WAY** to understand spiritual things is to "...**RECEIVE** *the kingdom of God* **AS A LITTLE CHILD** [OTHERWISE, YOU] *shall...***NOT***...enter therein*" (LUKE 18:17).

So, the message of today <u>is</u>: "I counsel thee to **BUY OF ME** gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed...and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest <u>SEE</u>" (REV. 3:18).