

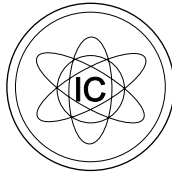
THE POWER SPHERES

A STUDY OF
SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS:
Faithful and Faithless

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PREFACE

In the summer of 1986, Christ spoke to me twice—not audibly, but inwardly. I was amazed the first time. So much so He had to repeat Himself before I would receive it. He said, “*I will come to you with great power and authority to do for you all that you have asked.*”

How and when He would do this I didn't know, but I believed what He spoke would happen. Then about two months later, I experienced a supernatural event: a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. It happened while I attended a reception for Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network, at the ranch of Bunker Hunt near Irving, Texas. And though Christ allowed me to behold His beauty and the power of His personage, He did not speak. But I knew it was He who walked this earth nearly two thousand years ago and that He was and is the Son of God.

The following day, while pondering the meaning of my vision, He gave me its interpretation. He showed me that my attention had been on men, their ministries, and teachings—not on Himself. Then He simply said, “*Keep your focus on me.*”

Because Christianity is a supernatural lifestyle, I do believe the supernatural is for today. However, I'm not one to believe every word and vision claimed by those who have received the same. Christ teaches we are to “test the spirits” and much of what we hear from religious circles is fanaticism, demonic activity, and pure foolishness. To experience the supernatural is in no way to believe one has heard from God or has come across some new revelation of truth. Yet, I'm not persuaded to dismiss the supernatural (i.e., signs, wonders, miracles) because others have gone off the deep end. Even so, there is the danger of misinterpreting these special means by which God reveals Himself, even as scripture itself is continually distorted beyond recognition by the untaught and unstable. And it was only while completing this book that I began to understand the things Christ spoke to me more than four years ago.

I believe the first time Christ spoke to me He spoke of the GLORY BLESSINGS, while the second time was the means towards their fulfillment. I will speak to these issues and more in this book, for His words to me were also for you.

A SYSTEM TO BUILD SOULS

This book introduces a new ministry, OPEN HAND MINISTRIES, and I am delighted you sent for your free copy of *THE POWER SPHERES*. Or, if you were given a copy, and have decided to read it, I'm thrilled as well. For I believe God can use this book to introduce Himself to you in an intimate way. And that's the desire of OPEN HAND MINISTRIES, that you might know Him through the impartation of revealed knowledge.

Therefore, this ministry is a teaching ministry and is uniquely designed to introduce you to God's administration in the spiritual realm, and how your participation in it will forever determine your eternal status. I will do this through what I call the POWER SPHERES TEACHING SYSTEM. The focus of this system is to build the believer's soul by God's wisdom so that he might reach spiritual maturity. This is important, for God waits to bless him with His GLORY BLESSINGS.

*The Lord longs to be gracious to you ...
He waits on high to have compassion on you. (Is. 30:18)*

Perhaps you have heard of God's "spiritual blessings," or the "hundredfold return," or the "abundant life" Christ came to give us. Well, these are what I mean by glory blessings. They are the instrument by which God has chosen to glorify Himself and bless you and me.

"Glory Blessings"

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God Man

We were created for the glory of God (Is. 43:7), but we were also created to be BLESSED. It's an incredible concept and comes from a just, loving, and righteous God. But before we can receive the glory blessings, we must *first* reach spiritual maturity. And the only way we can reach this blessed state is to live by faith.

Now, perhaps you're saying to yourself, "What's so unique about that? I know I'm to live by faith." But do you really? Can you define it in terms of substance and conviction, or just perfunctorily quote a scripture or two?

Perhaps in no other time in the history of the Church has so much been said, taught, and preached about FAITH. Yet major figures in the ministry have stumbled and fallen. The very ones who have taught us faith have had no faith themselves. They talked of power, these exalted ones, but by their actions, displayed weakness and experienced defeat. However, the results of *true* faith is VICTORY.

*And this is our victory that we have
overcome the world—our faith. (1 Jn 5:4)*

So something is out of kilter. Something has gone astray. But it's not difficult to see if one wants. We are a people who have been crippled in soul and numbed in understanding by a steady diet of emotionalism, subjectivity, and sentimentality. Today's mega-ministries are dishing this foolishness out faster than your local diner with an "all you can eat" special. And we, "like one who binds a stone in a sling," bring injury upon ourselves and others by honoring such emptiness with mega-bucks. We are a church *fixed* on this type of ministry, and how we love to have our ears tickled with it. How did Paul phrase it?

You ... bear with the foolish gladly. For you bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, if he hits you in the face. (2 Cor.11.20)

WHAT FAITH IS AND ISN'T

This ministry has been birthed to provide the weary and heavy-laden with the means to break free from the insidious yoke of so-called *faith ministries* and the like. It is certainly not their perception of faith we need, but God's WISDOM to understand what HE means by faith.

I am most concerned by the notion that we are to have a "God-kind of faith." It sounds impressive and awe-inspiring, but those who teach this "are fools and demented" (Hosea 9:7). Can you imagine an omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God needing faith? Does God, who lacks in no thing, need hope? God is perfect, complete, and blameless. It is WE who "see in a mirror dimly." And when we go to be with the Lord and are "face to face" with Him, we shall know fully, and faith and hope will be done away with. In heaven, we will be complete. Schools of faith, as some erroneously teach, will not be needed there for those who didn't learn here. All that will remain of the essentials of the Christian way of life (i.e., faith, hope, and love) will be LOVE.

Truth by its nature is offensive to the lie. And to speak the truth in love means at times to reprove and correct—never a popular idea for those who seek the approval of man. However, the current notion emanating from today's popular ministries, that faith is some kind of power tool that we may freely use to create a better world for ourselves, needs correcting. Faith is possessing trust and confidence in Christ's willingness (Mt. 8:3) and ability (Mt. 9:28) to do what HE SAYS for our well-being. That's what "have faith in God" means.

Some ministers, to alert a congregation of some new revelation they have dreamed up, often quote, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” and then proceed to impart foolishness. And we love it. We have to have it.

The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule on their own authority; And My people love it so. (Jer. 5:31)

These ministries make us *feel* as though we're growing in grace, and they make us *feel* as though all is well, therefore we *believe* that someone really does love us. And so we shell out millions of dollars each year for our daily or weekly fix of emotionally charged “God loves you” pep talks with the false idea that our giving is advancing God's kingdom and therefore our blessings will be sure.

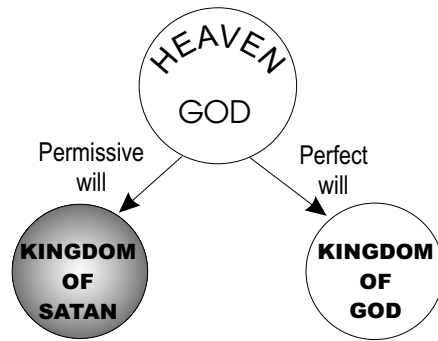
Is it any wonder money is the root of so much evil and carnality? Or that today's super ministries must emotionally manipulate with the finesse of Madison Avenue to support themselves? Well, this ministry does not promote *giving to get* as a means to be blessed by God. His blessings come from your relationship to His Son. And you will never be charged for one piece of material that comes from OPEN HAND MINISTRIES. If we have it, it's yours. That's what grace is all about.

But most important, this ministry is not about feelings, but THOUGHT. I'm speaking about logic, order, and method as a means to acquire knowledge of the Word, so that we might have a firm foundation by which to become wise. Jesus did not ask the Pharisees, “What you do *feel* about the Christ?” He asked, “What do you *think* about the Christ?” (Mt. 22:42). “Think” in this context means to be resolved in soul, to judge, or to make a determination. Rather than judge by our own subjective measure (Mt. 7:1-2), we need to learn to “judge with righteous judgment” (Jn. 7:24) based on facts that have been “investigated, searched out, and inquired thoroughly” (Dt. 13:14,19-18).

GOD'S COMMAND CENTER

We begin our study of *THE POWER SPHERES* with the command center of God's administration called HEAVEN, “the throne of God” (Mt. 5:34). As we observe how God administrates, that is, how He supervises, dispenses, ministers, and executes His will, we will better understand God's heavenly kingdom, and how we should adjust our thinking if we desire to participate in the eternal City of God.

It is from heaven that God oversees the KINGDOM OF SATAN and the KINGDOM OF GOD.



These two dominions are taught by Christ in the book of Acts.

Open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God. (Acts 26:18)

These two dominions or kingdoms are authority spheres, or specine areas of control under a master or lord who has absolute power and influence. God's permissive will, that which He allows or permits for a time, is executed through the Kingdom of Satan, Satan being the "kosmo-krater," a Greek word for "lord of the world." And it is he who was thrown out of heaven for his bid for glory. He rules through arrogance, manipulation, deception, and subilty. He is a liar, and the "father of lies."

God's perfect will, that which is righteous and just and forever, is executed through the Kingdom of God by the Lord Jesus Christ. He left heaven voluntarily, and emptied Himself of His eternal glory, taking the form of a bond servant, so that in His death upon the cross for our sins, we might learn to be selfless, humble, and obedient. He rules through righteousness, justice, compassion, and love. He is "THE WORD OF TRUTH."

But kingdoms must have subjects, and the subjects of these two kingdoms are "sons" by means of birth. Satan's subjects are physically born into his kingdom, whereas Christ's subjects "MUST BE BORN AGAIN" (Jn. 3:7), or spiritually born. Though we have no control over our physical birth, we do have a say in our spiritual rebirth.

Now, before we go further, let me give a brief history of how these two kingdoms came about and how man is responsible for one and Christ the other. In the beginning, man was born from the creative hand of God in the Garden of Eden. And in this perfect environment, he had direct access to God and communicated with Him freely. This was possible for he was created pure and blameless. But he was also created to be a free agent-free to choose, to determine, to decide-to act upon that which he believed to have his best interests at heart. And God gave man the oppportunity to exercise his free will through two plans. One, represented by the "tree of knowledge of good and

evil,” was submitted by Satan. It was a temporal plan to give an illusion of well-being through reliance upon rationalism and empiricism. This opposed God's plan for man represented by the “tree of life,” an eternal plan with fantastic and superabundant blessings for time and life to come through faith in God's Word of Wisdom. Yet, let us not believe that faith excludes rational thought and the merits of observation as legitimate means to gain truth, but rather that faith bridges our limitations in these things to the limitless mind of God. And to the degree we conform to the thoughts of God, we shall experience His power in our lives.

Therefore, God told man not to eat of the tree of knowledge, for if he did, he would surely die. Yet man rebelled and freely chose against God's will and against his own best interests. And though he didn't die physically, he did die spiritually, thereby losing the ability to communicate with God. It was an apparent victory for Satan and his kingdom was born.

But God's omniscience is never surprised and God had prepared for this day in eternity past. What appeared to be a tragedy would bring victory to man and glory to God. When Adam fell, God condemned all mankind by imputing to all men Adam's original sin (rebellion), thereby causing all men to be born spiritually dead. Such an action made it impossible for man to have direct communication with God, thereby severing any chance for a personal and intimate relationship with Him. And He would also allow the taint of Adam's seed (i.e., a lustful nature) to be passed on to man through his biological make-up, which Paul called “the law of sin which is in my members” (Rms. 7:23). Theologically, it is called the “old sin nature.” But He would do one more thing. He would provide a savior, His son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and through Him, God would set up a kingdom more powerful than Satan's. Therefore, salvation would be the door by which to enter into God's kingdom, making communication and intimacy possible once more with our Creator, as well as the availability of power to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.

But without the imputation of Adam's sin and the allowance of the old sin nature, man would have been obliged to keep God's Word *perfectly*, for God demands perfection (Mt. 5:48), or else forever suffer in hell. Adam was proof that perfect man in a perfect environment could not keep a perfect law. God always knew that. And in this way He would teach man that salvation would be by grace through faith, not by works.

Yet, man still insists that if he learns enough, or reforms enough, or is good enough, he can somehow coax God into opening up the pearly gates to him. All the while, he ignores the Kingdom of God, which the prophets foretold and Christ taught in His earthly ministry, made

possible at the cross, anticipated at His resurrection, and initiated after His ascension at Pentecost. We must “resist the devil and submit to the Spirit” (James 4:7) and realize the uselessness of gaining God's love through works. For His love is so rich, so awesome in its depth, that it is beyond our capabilities to earn and MUST be received as a gift.

GOD'S FOURFOLD LOVE REVEALED

Therefore, it is only through the Lord Jesus Christ that God reveals His love for man. He does this today through scripture and manifests its mysteries to those who desire an intimate and personal knowledge of His Son (Mk. 4:11, 34). His love (agape in the Greek) is fourfold: commitment, deliverance, life, and discipline. John 3:16 defines the first three aspects of God's agape love, whereas Hebrews 12:5-13 defines the fourth, discipline. But let's start from the perspective of John 3:16 as it applies to our study of the two domains.

God so loved the world, that He gave [committed by means of the cross] His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but [be delivered from death and] have eternal life.

If you were surprised forgiveness was not listed as an attribute of God's love, fear not. John 3:16 is all about forgiveness, for it is acquired through the cross, resulting in our deliverance “. . . from the domain of darkness” in which we “were dead in [our] transgressions” (Col. 2:13) and transference “. . .to the kingdom of His beloved Son,” in which God made us “alive together, having forgiven us all our transgressions.” Therefore forgiveness and eternal life is through obedience to God's Word of truth. But truth is not welcomed by the ruler of the world, and he puts up an all-out assault against it. His children will often accuse the truth bearer of being intolerant, judgmental, and hateful, for they “love the darkness rather than the light” (Jn. 3:19).

Spiritual warfare is a battle in the soul (the realm of our thought life) over what is true. What seems to be true in the darkness is often found to be false in the light. Therefore, unless we come to the light, that which is false will not be exposed. And though the truth about ourselves can be a painful experience, its rewards are beyond description. For God has something to give us if we come out of the darkness and into the light.

He [God] brought us out from there [Satan's kingdom] in order to bring us in [the Kingdom of God] to give us the land which He has sworn. (Dt. 6.23)

Our eternal survival is entirely dependent upon getting out of the Kingdom of Satan and getting into the Kingdom of God. In reference

to these two domains, we have already quoted Acts 26:18. But we can now quote it more fully as it relates to *getting out* and *getting in*.

Open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance...

This *getting out* and *getting in*, or deliverance from the domain of darkness and transference to God's kingdom, is the beginning of the Christian's new life. This is what it means to be "born again," and it assures the new believer eternal security, a glorious body, and a residence in heaven. It also provides him with the privilege and opportunity to advance to spiritual maturity. And when he does, he receives an INHERITANCE.

We read this in Dt. 6:23, where God brought Israel out of Egypt, a symbol for the Kingdom of Satan, to give them the land. Further, in Acts 26:18, we learn that God not only forgives us through Christ, but there is an inheritance to receive. The "land" or the "inheritance" is synonymous with the GLORY BLESSINGS. These blessings are beyond all we can ask or think (Eph. 3:20). And when we "win our souls" (Lk. 21:19) and reach spiritual maturity, we become the recipients of such superabundance.

Lastly, however, in God's fourfold love, we must talk about *discipline*. It is an integral part of God's love, and by it we are trained in the way we should go. And though it is a painful experience, and one we would rather not talk about, it is for our good. Discipline is designed to: make us aware of wrongdoing, reform our ways (Jer. 18:11), and get us back on the "straight path." And above all, when disciplined, we must not become bitter and resentful and turn our backs to God, but realize He is dealing with us as sons and daughters.

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? (Heb. 12:7)

And by enduring discipline, we become partakers of God's holiness (Heb. 12:10).

HOW DO WE LOVE GOD

Now that we have seen how God loves us, *how* do we love God? John 3:16 teaches us that as well in the phrase, "that whoever believes in Him." But that begs the question, "What does *believe* mean?" We answer that through deduction. First, we take what we know. We know that God's love for man consists of commitment, deliverance, life, and discipline. Then we take each of these characteristics and individually apply them as a means to love Him. And whatever applies gives us the answer.

Well, we can't deliver God, nor give Him life, nor discipline Him, for He is omnipotent, eternal, and perfect. Therefore, that leaves commitment as the only way to express our love to God. And we can if we have the desire. Therefore believe means to commit to the Lord Jesus Christ through the forfeiture of self interests. This is the meaning of the cross: to desist from self-rule and submit to God's.

But let's look at how God commits to us a little further. God says in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." Why? Because you're as wonderful as some ministries have made you out to be? Certainly not. God is committed to us for the saving work Christ did in our behalf upon the cross. He took our sins so that we might receive His righteousness. It was the most unfair exchange in all history. And it's Christ's righteousness in us that demands that God love us and bless us—NEVER what we do. This is such a dynamic, that there is nothing we can even do to unsave ourselves if we are born again. Even if it were possible that you could literally forget Christ, He will NOT forget you.

*I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you
on the palms of My [nail-imprinted] hands; Your walls
[well-being] are continually before Me. (Is 49:16)*

God's love is objective, rational, and straightforward, which gives us our principle that our love for God is a life commitment to the One who committed His life to us. Yet in our subjectivity, irrationality, and foolishness, commitment distorts into tithing and witnessing, church functions and community service, rather than submission unto our Lord. We fall into the same religious and legalistic trap as Martha, who sought Christ's attention through much serving (Lk. 10:40). But Mary sought to know Jesus by listening for the one thing she needed most: WISDOM. And through wisdom, we too can come to know God, and thereby come to love Him.

FAITH AND POWER

Like Martha, my thinking was distorted, one-sided, and self-centered. I always thought in terms of God's love and forgiveness towards me, but never about my commitment towards pleasing Him. If you had asked me, "Do you love God?" I would have told you sincerely, "Yes, I do." But it would have been a lie. I loved the world and the things of it. Its idols of lust, greed, and power excited me; yet, God's presence always held me back from full enjoyment of these things.

So for years I struggled with the concepts of love, power of the Holy Spirit, faith, and conviction. I knew these things to be vital to the Christian way of life, but I was not *experiencing* them. I could not figure it out. I did all the things a follower of the Charismatic

movement was to do, but there was NOT the promised power to overcome sin they claimed would be mine. I had no clue to where I was shorting out, and my life was a living example of my impotence. I was well aware of Satan and his domain of darkness, but unaware of how he had snared me to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26). He must have laughed when I would feel repentant, and tear down my idols one month, only to resurrect them the next. Then several months later, I'd feel bad, and repeat the process. I was on a spiritual diet, and like the diets of most people without resolve or conviction, I'd fall off. Where was this *power* of the Holy Spirit? How was I missing it?

Before I could find this power, God had to intervene through the fourth leg of His love for man, discipline and scourging. For the power could not and would not come until my focus changed—changed from an array of desires that I had formulated and fashioned for my well-being—to the Lord Jesus Christ. These idols had to be removed—purged from my heart—if I was to experience the power of the living Christ.

The first to go was a love for money. I wasn't even aware of this particular bent until I learned about trading commodity future contracts. I read in a book about the enormous amounts of money to be made in this business, and I got all all excited when I learned it required only a small investment, or margin money. So I found a broker, set up an account with about \$20,000 and went to work. Within three months I had made nearly \$45,000. I was in heaven. I thought my tithing and charity was beginning to pay off. I was praising God for His promises of success and prosperity and was planning an early retirement, positively confessing I couldn't lose.

But I did lose. In six months I lost most of my gains, and a sizable portion of my savings. But I continued to believe, “Just one more trade and I can get back on top.” I had lost all sense of reality and objectivity. I kept on until I had lost everything. So what did I do then? I borrowed \$10,000 to continue trading. I was a full-fledged addict!

The next idol to be demolished (literally!) was my “mistress.” She was a 42-room motel in McAllen, Texas, called the Royal Palms Motel, and for more than five years she was my life. I relished the power she gave me as her manager. But she had been bought to make way for a new shopping center and I had to say goodbye. Next I took a job managing a furniture store, but quit when it didn't give me the same satisfaction.

During this same time, a young lady and I were developing what I thought to be a romantic interest in one another. Suddenly, without any apparent reason, she grew distant. We saw very little of each other after that.

I had no job, no girl, little money, and a \$10,000 debt without the

means to make the monthly payments. In my perverted wisdom I thought I'd continue trading future contracts until I got a job. How stupid! I still believed I could trade successfully after losing more than \$60,000 in little over a year. It was madness, and I haven't even mentioned my primary bondage: sexual immorality. I was approaching a point of no return. But God never, ever left my side. Sign after sign He would send, so that I might have the wisdom to repent, but I ignored them all until one Sunday morning, which, in retrospect, might have been my last.

I was watching Kenneth Copeland's "*Believer's Voice of Victory*" television show, and Jerry Savelle, a personal friend of Kenneth's and fellow evangelist, was preaching a message on repentance, which was most unusual for this ministry. Generally, Kenneth talks about prosperity and the like. I always enjoyed that, for prosperity too had become an idol of mine. But this morning, the podium was Jerry's and he was preaching about God getting the Bride ready for Christ. And he talked about a purging soon to take place. (This was in June/July of 1985). This purging would clean up the Bride (Church). He went down a list of unfaithful practices, and when he got to the sin of fornication, I broke, for he was talking to me now. So I confessed to God my infidelity, re-focused on Him, and immediately I felt a sense of freedom and a burden lifted. It felt so good to be inwardly cleansed, and I had a desire for Christ all over again. I prayed, "God, continue to purge me." I meant it.

I got up off the floor and headed for the kitchen, when a very firm, but loving voice, deep and rich, said in my spirit, "*If you had not turned, I would have taken you out.*" Never once did I fear I would go to hell for my unrepentant lifestyle. I had heard the teachings of the legalists who believed that Christians could go to hell for what I was doing, but I knew God's Word taught differently. Yet I used my freedom "as a covering for evil" (1 Pt. 2:16). But I also knew I could have been in heaven much sooner than I desired. Perhaps some disease, or jealous boyfriend or husband would have been the means of my early departure. Even so, I would not have lost my salvation, but I WOULD have lost much: *the glory blessings.*

Luke 13:6-9 then came immediately to mind. I looked it up:

Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground? (Luke 13:7)

I realized God was telling me that unless I lived to His glory, there could be no further justification for His keeping me here. I got the message. But I also learned the depth of Christ's love for me, who had interceded in my behalf.

Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine, but if not, cut it down. (Luke 13.8-9)

In less than two weeks, I closed out my trading account. I now had a desire for God stronger than ever before, but I was still ignorant of God's wisdom. And I still didn't understand the power of the Holy Spirit, even though I was walking in it. But my desire to live for God gave me an ear for God's counsel which would teach me what HE meant by faith, and not what many sincere but misguided ministries were teaching.

Shortly after my return to Christ, I moved from McAllen to Houston, Texas, and there God revealed to me the POWER SPHERES TEACHING SYSTEM. It began one morning while I was in prayer, but meditating more than praying. I must have been pondering the power issue, which had for so long mystified me. I had recently read two books which were unlike anything I had ever read before. They were both written by Col. R. B. Thieme, Jr., the pastor/teacher of Berachah Church in Houston, Texas, and they were entitled *The Integrity of God, and Christian Integrity*. He talked about things like the "divine dynasphere," the "protocol plan of God with its eight gates," and "the grace pipeline," and I became totally immersed in his uncommon, yet thorough and lucid teaching of God's plan for man. (The Holy Spirit used Col. Thieme not only to challenge my thinking, but to set the standard for my own teaching ministry: to be systematic, objective, and grace-oriented.) And for the first time I started to get a hint of this power that enables us to overcome. But I still had no revelation of how the Holy Spirit empowers. I couldn't see the "big picture." But in prayer this particular morning, it suddenly came.

It was "show and tell" time. God gave me something I could grasp to understand the invisible. He took what knowledge I had, enlightened it, put it all together, and gave me pictures and a vocabulary to go with it.

Though I heard no voice, I was being taught from my spirit, God's lamp to enlighten (Pr. 20:27), and was instructed to draw two circles, one within the other. I knew the inner circle was to be the Kingdom of Satan and it was to revolve counter-clockwise, which was opposed to the clockwise rotation of the outer circle, the Kingdom of God. So I drew two circles with little arrows along the circumference of each to indicate their flow. I instantly understood what the diagram meant.

My thoughts were focused upon the two opposite POWER FLOWS represented in the diagram. It had never occurred to me before, but this explained all the contrasts found in the Bible, good and evil, light

