

# THE LION'S GATE

## BIRTH OF VENUS, THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

### *Planetary Pentagram Alignment Portal*

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*Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, **I am the GATE for the sheep...** whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – John 10:7-10*

The purpose of this study is to highlight several celestial occurrences during the summer of 2013 and present an illustration of the unique and cosmic planetary alignments specific to the date of July 29, 2013. This concerns the celestial imagery of the 'Birthing of Venus' at the Lion's Gate. This Gate occurred in the midst of the start of the 'Twin' Star of David planetary alignment of July 22 and August 25, 2013. The Grand Cross alignment starting around August 17, 2013. What is of interest is that this 'Birthing of Venus' occurrence features the formation of a Celestial Pentagram that encompasses the whole of our Solar System. Planet Venus was not one of the end-angles or points that made up the planetary Celestial Pentagram as the other planets did but was what was birthed from it. A pentagram is often associated with a gate or portal to other realms.

This study will show that *Venus* was positioned in such a way that it is strongly associated with a celestial 'birth canal' or a celestial 'portal'. It is the same concept as when a delivery occurs; a baby pushes through at the moment of birth out of the womb. This *Celestial Pentagram* can thus be anthropomorphized as a 'women in labor' giving birth; in this case a 'Birthing of Venus'. It is from the *Solar System's* 3D perspective that there is an illusion of a 'birthing' canal that protrudes from Earth where *Venus* is in conjunction at this time. It is as though *Venus* is traversing the birth canal to be born in-between the 2 legs of the *Celestial Pentagram*. The Earth appears to function as this 'womb' -of sorts at this juncture. This is the astronomical depiction according to the positions of the planets around July 29, 2013.

Furthermore, not only does it appear that the planet *Venus* is being 'birthed' out of the *Celestial Pentagram* but that on July 29, 2013 *Venus* was situated dead center at the 'Lion's Gate' in the constellation Leo. To reiterate, the imagery of the *Celestial Pentagram* was that of a 'birth canal along the *Ecliptic* from Earth's perspective. It clearly involved the *Lion's Gate*, a 'gate', door, or portal in the constellation Leo. Perhaps the corresponding and actual celestial one is about to be opened as *Venus* is in such a location and by having 3 major celestial signs occur during this time to end with the *Grand Cross* around August 27, 2013.

## The Lion's Gate

These 'signs' are of the *Star of David*, the *Pentagram* and the *Grand Cross*. Why the *Lion's Gate*? One interpretation is clearly Biblical. It is the 'Gate of the Great King', the Messiah. It is the door into the Heavenly Mt. Zion. This principle and concept is mirrored on Earth in Jerusalem, with an actual gate called the *Lion's Gate* in Israel. The very coat of arms of Jerusalem is the *Lion's Gate* shield with a boxing Lion on the wall of the city. In another association, the Earth and *Venus* celestial 'birth canal', if you will was aligned with *Neptune* which is at the apex of the *Celestial Pentagram*. This also perhaps may have a possible connection to the long awaited and anticipated *Aquarian New Age* god of Sea to come, the AntiChrist. *Aquarius* is one of the 4 cardinal points of the Universe and that of the *Mazzaroth* or Zodiac. Perhaps this conjunction was alluding to the coming of the *New Age* also or as some would rather state, *New World Order* that is about to be 'birthed metaphorically speaking.

The *Celestial Pentagram* planetary alignment of July 29, 2013 also thus provided the celestial concept of a spectacular opening of a possible 'gate', a celestial portal nonetheless. This 'gate' is known as the *Lion's Gate* in which *Venus* traversed through the *Ecliptic* in the summer of 2013 but specifically on July 29, 2013 when *Venus* was at the heart of the constellation *Leo*. This imagery is as though *Venus* is coming out and perhaps others will be going in. The constellation *Leo* is associated with Kingship, Royalty, a man, a King, Messiah, Christ, the Divine Male, etc. This date is not suggesting that such an event took place but that it may be alluding to a type or picture as the 'combination' key to the *Lion's Gate* will culminate with the 'Twin' *Star of David* on August 25-26, 2013. Of note, from the July 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning of the *Star of David* alignment to the August 25<sup>th</sup> one was exactly 33 days.

A historical tidbit about the earthly *Lion's Gate* in Israel follows. During the *6-Day War* of 1967 for *Old Jerusalem* where the earthly Zion is located at, the Israeli Defense Force IDF broke through the *Lion's Gate* of the Old City's wall to recapture the *Temple Mount* for the first time in nearly 1900 years. This same gate is also referred to as the *Sheep Gate* by Jewish and Christian theologians alike. Biblically speaking, this has a direct reference to Christ's Disciples, as His Followers are described by Christ as 'sheep.' In John 10, Jesus declares to Israel that He is the 'Gate' and the 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah' that leads the 'sheep' in and out of the sheep pen.

The symbolism is striking; that the Messiah has gone out and sought out the 'Lost Sheep' as the 'Good Shepherd' to gather them first into the Sheep Pen, i.e., 'Church' like a bee hive or cluster. The Bible further describes this figurative association with Christ as having set aside a sheep pen or cluster as in the 'Church' where the sheep are kept safe until He calls them home through a 'gate'. Many Bible scholars believe this will occur at the time of the *Blessed Hope* –that is the Rapture when the call comes from the *Shepherd-King* to come out of the 'sheep pen' on Earth to be led through a 'heavenly gate' to the Halls of Majesty on high. Many believe that this 'sheep pen' corresponds celestially to the 'Bee Hive' of the constellation *Cancer*.

## The Congregation

It so happens that precisely on July 29, 2033 the Sun was stationed directly there in the constellation of *Cancer*, 'eclipsing' the 'bee hive' perhaps as if to gather the sheep as in a 'snatching up' of the Church as a type and shadow at some point in time. It was a powerful symbol of the Sun entering the sheep pen to lead the sheep out, as the *Good Shepherd* did by way of the *Cross at Calvary*, or historically as the IDF went through the *Lion's Gate* to get to the *Temple Mount* of Mt. Zion. The Scriptures says in *Ephesians 4:8*, '*When He (Christ) ascended to the heights, (Heaven) He led a crowd of captives (Old Testament Saints) and gave gifts to His people (the Holy Spirit).*' Again, this symbolism is not to set a possible date for the Rapture but to illustrate that perhaps the celestial planetary configurations -due to their alignments strongly suggests at least a picture or type of what prophetically has to be in place as described in the Bible.

Nonetheless, it yet have been a profound prophetic foreshadowing of a time that suggests that has to be 3 major planetary 'combination' symbols of the possible 'Keys' that just might be used to perhaps unlock the *Lion's Gate* and usher in the Saints to Glory. It is very interesting that the only Church the LORD did not rebuke in the last book of the Bible, Revelation was the *Philadelphian Congregation*. To this particular type of Believer and *Church Age* dispensation, the risen Christ revealed Himself as the 'Lion of Judah' having the 'Key' to the sheep pen to Mt. Zion. He is the One having the combination to unlock or open the door or 'gate' set before them to go through. Why? It is because the risen and overcoming Savior promised a like resurrection and glorification to those followers that did and was as Jesus Christ. This particular church type in principle, is to be spared the coming *Wrath of the Lamb* after the Rapture takes place because the sheep from the sheep pen/fold (Church) have to be evacuated first.

*'To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the KEY of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.*  
– Revelation 3: 7-10

What was striking about the *Lion's Gate* occurring on the *Ecliptic* from Earth's perspective is that the major giant gas planets of Jupiter and Saturn flanked the 'gate' or portal during this time. Both planets will be illustrated by 2 pillars for a better visualization. It was at this time and place -at the center of *Leo* where *Venus* was positioned on July 29, 2013. What does *Venus* signal to be birthed? On Earth or in Heaven? What does *Venus* represent? A good or an evil omen, maybe both? Was a heavenly door or portal opened up during this time due to the *Celestial Pentagram* encompassing the whole of our *Solar System*? Will it involve an exchange between a 'King' associated with the *Lion's Gate* and a 'Queen' figuratively speaking of the 'birthing' of the Planet *Venus*? That will remain to be seen, at least prophetically.

## The Mazzaroth

The Bible is clear that at some point in time, the *Great King of the Universe*, Jesus Christ will open the gate to Heaven at which time, 'Christ has been 'birthed in the Believers' as Galatians 4:19 declares one day it will occur. The *Lion's Gate* could very well be alluding to this metaphorical 'gate' that the LORD has provided for a way of escape, at least to the *Philadelphian Congregation* types and/or Followers of the Lamb of GOD, Jesus Christ. The *Lion's Gate* configuration has occurred at various points in times past. But could this 'Birthing of Venus' be heralding the soon actual reality of the opening of *Heaven's Gate* as *Venus* that is to be birthed is a type of the Church then? To reiterate, perhaps it will be when the *Good Shepherd* will open the 'true Celestial Gate' to Heaven. It might be the time when the 'gate', Jesus Christ as the door of the metaphorical sheep pen will lead the hive through the *Lion's Gate* into Glory, i.e. by way of Rapture at some point in time.

Will it be the moment at which time YHVH's people are taken –snatched up and are ushered into the *Heavenly Mt. Zion* on the side of the North? Will this time frame in which such a planetary configuration is made trigger the time in which the whole Body of Christ is ready and called to be presented as a Bride to the Groom, the SON of GOD before the Father? The Bible does provide an example of such a calling of Disciples through 'gates' in the Bible. Scripture shows the Apostle Paul being called up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven. We also read about the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation 4 being called up through a 'door' as well. '*After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, Come up here ....*' – Revelation 4:1

Astronomically speaking, there are 4 constellations -*Virgo, Leo, Cancer* and *Gemini* that make up the celestial spectrum of the *Lion's Gate* configuration along the *Ecliptic*. This celestial gate is accented by 2 'pillars' that are book-ended by the giant planets of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*. Together, they make up the door or portal that is known as the *Lion's Gate* itself. The center point of the door or where the 'gate' is situated in the constellation *Leo*, thus the name *Lion's Gate*. These 4 constellations are but a microcosm of the whole Zodiac or *Mazzaroth*. It depicts the *Gospel Witness* of the sky per the research of EW Bullinger. His research presents the case that each constellation is a facet of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel and Redeemer of humanity.

According to the order of the *Mazzaroth*, *Virgo* is the beginning of the Zodiac and *Leo* is the culmination of it. It is a 'storyline' starting with Jesus' virgin birth, then that of the triumph of the King, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah that has redeemed mankind by the blood of the *Lamb of GOD*, Jesus Christ. We see in these metaphors alone a glimpse the dual nature of the Messiah, the 'GOD-Man'. Christ, as the Lamb first had to come to be a willing substitute and sacrifice to pay for the sins of the world. The Bible declares that a certain time, Christ Jesus will ultimately come back to Earth as the risen conquering Lion to set up His celestial kingdom -on earth, as it is in Heaven. IF this is plausible, prophetically then there is a 'door' at the end of the *Mazzaroth*, or Zodiac that perhaps has to be opened and closed for such heavenly occurrences to take place.

## Heavenly Sign Posts

Again, this door happens to be at the end of the Zodiac in the constellation *Leo*, i.e., the *Lions' Gate*. This study also seeks to touch upon several of the meanings ascribed to *Venus*. A short segment of this study will present the mythology and esoteric associations attributed to *Venus*. There is a profound amount of possible symbology ascribed to this planet. This study only seeks to briefly ascertain the possible significance and meaning in a prophetic context ranging from the esoteric to the Biblical nuances associated to the planet *Venus*.

Such concepts, beliefs and venerations range from a noble and chaste Virgin, as in Bridge, to the 'Light-Bearer' or Lucifer. Depending on one's angle of interpretation, the concept of *Venus* has a dual construct of personalities and metaphorical allegories to consider. This study will interweave the 2 main points of view about *Venus*, a 'Christian' Roman Catholic one and an esoteric one. It is a dichotomy in that the one in the same personifies both Jesus Christ and Lucifer.

*Venus* is associated with the 'Divine Feminine' as in a maiden, bride, or woman. The Church according to some interpretations of the Bible does allude to the Church, the *Body of Christ*. It is often described as going through labor pains of the 'walk of faith' as a delivery process much like the typology of *Venus* being 'birthed' through the *Celestial Pentagram*. On another level, Christ Himself stated that He is the 'Bright and Morning Star', i.e., *Venus* per Revelations 22:16. *Venus* is also attributed to Lucifer that is Satan bringing the light of knowledge and reason to a dark world and fallen Humanity.

Ironically in both camps, *Venus* is nonetheless venerated as the 'Queen of Heaven'. Although some persuasions of Christianity, mainly that of Roman Catholicism venerate and worship Mary as the Virgin, but the Bible strictly forbids this per Jeremiah 44. The precepts of this *Cult of Mary* worship goes so far as ascribing the Virgin Mary a sinless nature, an 'Immaculate Conception' and a co-Redeemer along with Jesus Christ. *'We will certainly do everything we said we would: We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and will pour out drink offerings to her just as we and our fathers, our kings and our officials did in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. At that time we had plenty of food and were well off and suffered no harm.'* –Jeremiah 44:17

*Venus* is the Latin version of the name of this the most ancient of deities in regards to human history. It has actually originated since the beginning of mankind's consciousness. Through the ages and various civilizations, *Venus* has been given different names such as Semiramis, Ishtar, Isis, Aphrodite, Diane, even down to the modern era as she has been deemed, the 'Virgin Mary, Mother of GOD' most notably by the Catholics. She is even believed to have been immaculately conceived. For such, she is still a 'religion' that ascribes to her power over the 'heavens' as she is titled, 'Queen of Heaven'. In the primal and base essentials of what *Venus* is all about, it is associated with sex, fertility etc. *Venus* is a force, a concept, a 'goddess' and much more to many even in the occult.

## The Origins of the Venus Religion

Perhaps this 'birthing' of *Venus* was signaling like that of the birth pangs of a woman, a time on Earth that so too will be characterized by very intense delivery, frequency of pain, turmoil and shedding of blood. But what is to be birthed? To some it is the *New Age*, to others, the *New World Order*. Many are expecting major world war or strife, perhaps the Rapture, yet others it will be all one in the same. Yet to others, because of such planetary configurations allude to the possible coming of the long-awaited Messiah, Mahdi, Krishna, Jesus to save the Earth from its current state. Furthermore, those with esoteric belief systems see such planetary alignments as a 'birthing' of a 'force' that to be unleashed upon mankind on Earth.

This 'force' or power will be for the cleansing and ascension of mankind needed before they can ascend to the next level of what they call 'higher consciousness'. It is basically a belief that mankind is said to be on an evolutionary path that one day will enable them to reach 'god-hood'. What this 'force' will bring will be to help needed for this process - that is seen as a 'good' to occur. It is thus allegorically seen through the 'Birthing of Venus' with such planetary alignments that is bringing forth of the light of a 'Venus', aka, Lucifer. This 'force' will be personified in a 'man' to usher in their 'New Age' or *New World Order*. Perhaps this well-wishing of peace, love and harmony may seem desirable on the outset but according to the Bible this 'Venus' bringing 'light' to enlighten Humanity is none other than Lucifer transforming himself as an 'Angel of Light'. Lucifer's light is a false light according to the Bible.

Lucifer may appear to have all the answers when he comes as the AntiChrist upon the Nations but he will still use this power of persuasion, reason, logic and provision as he did with Eve in the *Garden of Eden*. As he did with the first Eve in *Paradise*, he always approaches Humanity as one wanting to stoke the ego of mankind deceiving them that it can be like 'GOD' but without needing GOD. To others that ascribe a Biblical interpretation of Lucifer, aka *Venus*... the true Christian interpretations of *Venus* exposes the false façade of Lucifer as a usurper and destroyer of all that is holy and good. The Bible states that Lucifer who is Satan, contrary to some that adamantly negate this truth, according to Jesus Christ only comes to 'steal, kill and destroy' based on John 10:10. Lucifer is in all actuality the ancient *Fallen Angel*, Satan. He is the 'Accuser of the Brethren' that sought and seeks still to overthrow the Father from off His Throne. Nonetheless, he is venerated as a 'Venus', the celestial 'Divine Feminine'.

According to the mythology associated with *Venus*, she married *Mars*. *Mars* is the god of war who was one of the original 12 Olympians of old. They had among many offspring, Cupid. During this *Celestial Pentagram* configuration, *Mars* and *Mercury* are 'square' with Earth and *Venus*, meaning that perhaps a major war or military action will come forth from this 'Birthing of Venus'. The very root meaning of 'Venus' connotes an 'opening'. Also most interesting is that poison is also derived from its name *Venus* as in *Ven-enum* but in a context of its use for a chant or magical spell. She is the former Aphrodite of the Greeks for example; she is the former Ishtar, as in 'star' or bright light of the morning -as in Lucifer. She is also ascribed the attributes of the sexual drive. Her symbols are of a sea shell that some say alludes to a female's sexual body part.

## The Pentagram

Because of her strong association with sexuality, she is the 'patron goddess' of prostitutes for example. Furthermore, *Venus* is said to come out of the sea or Mari, thus 'Mary'. April 1<sup>st</sup> is one of her 'high holy' days of the year where she is celebrated. The geometric form of a 5 pointed star or penta-gram is derived from the number 5 that can multiply itself on in to infinity. At the core of its 'DNA' is the coefficient of the phi ratio that allows it to become an infinite spiral in motion. As to its connection and association to *Venus*, many ancient cultures from the dawn of recorded history had observed that the trajectory of the planet *Venus* traced the *Mazzaroth* or Zodiac with an 8-year cycle.

This journey of *Venus* takes a period of 8 years if you plot each station upon the Zodiac. Interestingly, what the pattern of the trajectory produces is a 5 pointed star or pentagram; it is referred to as the *Pentagonal Synodic Cycle*. If the trajectory is allowed to be configured beyond that, it produces the 'flower' often ascribed to as the 'rose'. Because of its color, being a 'star' or planet, it is very bright often being ascribed to as a light or torch. Thus it has been attributed to a 'torch' or light-bearing as in Lucifer. Why? It is because depending on one's orientation on the Earth, it will always be the first bright light at dawn or the last at dusk.

This study has presented the accretion that the 3 consecutive celestial planetary alignments were actually a continuum of the same phenomena that configures the 3 distinct celestial symbols. These symbols were the hexagram, star and cross in the heavens -in that particular order. It started with the *Star of David* alignment around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July and phases out around the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. This is actually considered to be a 'Twin' Star as it was back in 1996. It so happens that this 'Twin' configuration or rotation actually is 33 days apart. The time between the 1<sup>st</sup> 'Twin' Star of 1996 to the 'Twin' before the Tetrad of 2014-15 is 7-Years.

What then becomes significant is the number of times these star alignments have occurred in the recent past. Since 1990, there have only been 13<sup>th</sup> that have been recognized as such. With this in mind, a brief synopsis of what the number 13 represents or is associated will follow. It will be taken from a combination of Christian number studies and esoteric interpretations. The number 13, like all other numbers has a corresponding resonance and frequency. It speaks of alignments and union to some but to others, it is one numeral above 12. The number 12 speaks of harmony, union and accomplishment. So 13, being one above that condition is associated with disturbing what is complete, chosen and harmonious.

On a darker level of interpretation, the number 13 is associated with rebellion according to the Bible. In Hebrew, the 13th letter of the alphabet is *mem* –which means mother, thus an association to *Venus*, as in 'Mother Earth'. Depending on the culture, it is either a lucky number or one of bad luck to the extent that many modern high-rise building don't have a 13th floor for example. But as it pertains to this study, the number 13 connotes a new cycle and an opening. It is said that 13 has the power to open 'gates' and unlock mysteries and related to a birthing and thus a beginning of a new cycle.

## The Celestial Key Combination

Perhaps a 'New Age' that the whole world, it seems is anticipated and is at a threshold of bursting through the gates, figuratively speaking. This study has only sought to illustrate that the 3 specific and consecutive celestial alignments from July to August 2013, the 'Twin' *Star of David*, the *Pentagram* and the *Grand Cross* appeared to function as a sort of 'combination key' that perhaps was set to open the Lion's Gate- at some point in time. In principle a key is designed to either close or open a door. In the Biblical context, the key is Jesus Christ. The Bible does emphatically state of Him that He is the Gate where '*no one can go to the Father, if not by Him.*' –*John 14:6.*

By definition, a *Key* can be a noun. 'A small piece with incisions to fit the wards of a particular lock that is inserted into a lock on a door to turn and open.' It can be an adjective. 'Of paramount or crucial importance.' It can be a verb. 'Enter or operate on.' And it can be a synonym. A 'principal - primary - cardinal - leading – prime'. These 3 series of successive geometric and cosmic configurations terminated with the *Grand Cross* that started around the 17th of August and lasted for about 11 days to end around the 27th of August, 2013. All these 3 celestial configurations, the *Star of David*, the *Celestial Pentagram*, and the *Grand Cross*, occurred in such short proximity to each other that it was a continuum of the same 'event' –all inclusive. But what was the 'event'? What does it mean? Perhaps they are alluding to and heralding profound and prophetic opening or birthing soon to occur in the near prophetic horizon.

Perhaps these 3 celestial key combinations during the summer of 2013 that began and ended with the *Star of David*, the *Pentagram* and the *Grand Cross* are all a sort of a combination to the 'KEY" to this celestial door *Lion's Gate* that may be at the point of being turned and unlocked. To reiterate, perhaps at some point in time when such configurations occur is when such a celestial portal or door as the *Lion's Gate* is to be activated and opened. What adds intrigue is that it is combined with the 'birthing of a 'Venus' that many that ascribe to a pre-Rapture period of the Church suggest is when the possible Rapture of the Church will occur in such a generation. According to some interpretations of Biblical Scripture, Christ promised to come and usher through a gate a segment of humanity -those that '*follow the Lamb wherever he goes*' through the portals of Glory. Christ did after all declare, '*I am the door -of the sheep pen.*' -*John 10:7*

In summary perhaps these 3 celestial signs of the *Hexagram*, *Pentagram* and *Cross* are but a required 'combination' sequence needed to unlock the celestial portal into Glory at some point. It is interesting that when one considers the old fashion deal safety locks, how many numbers were obtained at each turn? 3 like the 3 primary geometric heavenly signs. One would clear it first, then for example deal 10 to the right, 34 to the left and 4 to the right and boom, click....unlock and the door opens. Perhaps these 3 celestial configurations, back to back like a right-left-right turn of safety lock's knob was the combination that made the wards of a celestial key unlock the *Lion's Gate*. Again, only considering the symbology here, it would allow for the 'Celestial Venus' –as in a woman or 'Bride' to go forth to the other side. Perhaps an exchange even, a Bride going in, and a 'Light-Bearer' Lucifer coming out?

## Exhortation

This study and chart is not intended to set dates for such an exchange or perhaps the Rapture but that such celestial occurrences may be either a precursor or a herald of what is to come in the near future, perhaps as a warning of it. As this study has focused on the heavenly types of doors or gates based on the planetary configuration of summer of 2013, it is incumbent upon those that profess faith in the King of Glory, the *Lion of Judah* to remain in fellowship with the LORD. The *Bride of Christ* should not allow personal love of sin, temptation and/or circumstances to put the Savior as LORD outside the door or 'gate' of one's heart and lives. This context is not inferring that one can lose one's salvation but that what is at stake is the Rewards, the joy, peace and confidence before YHVH.

It will be those elements of faith and works in Jesus Christ that will be tried by the Fire at the *Bema Seat* after the Rapture. Followers of Christ can become so engrossed with one's own 'fellowship' that there is no room to allow the LORD to come and join that. This condition has always plagues the Church body as the daily cares of live and circumstances can rob the joy, peace and commitment to Christ Jesus, either because it's going too good or too bad in one's lives. This was particularly the condition for the *Church of Laodicea* in Asia Minor according to the prophetic diagnosis of the LORD in the book of Revelation.

The condition of the Laodiceans can also be seen as a Church dispensation as the WORD of GOD has an echo and multiple layers of meaning and application. On one level, it is the overall time dispensation spanning the last condition of the *Church Age* just before the Rapture. It is also the condition of individual local churches. Lastly it can be the personal condition that reflects the *Walk of Faith* as Disciples of Christ. The Laodiceans had a form or 'Christianity' but no power or presence of Christ within her; they had a fellowship amongst themselves but not with Christ Jesus. Why? It is because Jesus was placed outside the door or 'gate' of fellowship and association. The *Laodicean Church* on the outside appeared to have it all together they were prosperous, sophisticated, and wise in their own estimations. How many of Jesus' Followers go to Church pretending all is right, all the while we are hurting, lonely, abused, heart-broken, sad and perhaps depressed? Yet many refuse to be healed and allow the LORD to come in and fellowship and/or help.

Many Followers of Christ put up a good façade because they want no one to know or be seen as being needy in an affluent church community and country where those in need are somewhere else -but not 'in our church' or looked upon as sin. It has gotten to the point in some levels of faith that Christians have to be 'perfect' in order to attend 'church'. The Church i.e., *Body of Christ* is intended to be that 'sheep pen' where the LORD has put the sheep in the meanwhile until the 'call' of the *Blessed Hope*. The Church is to function much like a hospital and teach as in a school room. Its function is to edify and equip the Saints for the battles between one's own self, heart and mind and for the spiritual warfare true Followers of Christ experience outside in the world.

The ironic condition for many personally and perhaps for some denominationally is that the very one that is the 'door' or gate that opened Heaven for the Church to salvation, but more so to have fellowship with the *King of the Universe* is seen in the book of Revelation as one knocking, trying to get back into the Church to be with His Redeemed. What will drive the LORD from our intended intimacy, fellowship and communion is very simple. The LORD Himself as the *Great Physician* does a check-up and tells us what the condition is that will do that and most of all what has to happen to remedy it. For this such spirit of the *Last Days* that has crept in the Churches, wealth and prosperity, complicity and lack of persecution has softened the Church's witness to the point that it professed Followers of Christ behaves and believe no different than those in the world that are un-churched as they say.

May the *Virgin Church* not succumb to the trappings of wanting and seeking security and comfort in her own fellowship -as Laodicea did and is the rampant condition of this *Last Day's* churches. May the *Bride of Christ* not conform to the thinking and ever-changing standards of the society we happen to live in because it's affluent or comfortable. May the *Body of Christ* not be proud enough to allow the LORD to help it, for it does not see all that the LORD sees. May she not have a rugged self-reliant attitude towards what she doesn't have. May she come back to the basic tenants of Fellowship and her 'First Love' with Jesus. Realize that it was the LORD who first had mercy and grace to those outside His *Gate of Glory*. Perhaps He left *Glory* on high and went through the very 'Lions Gate' Himself when He entered this world as a babe.

Jesus left *Glory* to go to the very place where the human needs were at; to provide reconciliation. Beyond that, Jesus bestowed the joy of enjoying His *Presence* through fellowship. What greater honor and privilege is there to compare sharing a meal and enjoy company with the *King of Glory*. What is the *Virgin Bride of Christ* exchanging this *Glory* for? May she be humbly walking with the LORD, continually having short accounts before the LORD, still in love with the Savior until the 'Call Upwards' comes. The admonition for the Church, in these very *Last Days*, regardless of there being a 'celestial gate' or door possibly being opened is to presently know that Christ Jesus is knocking and wanting to open our door to Himself. May she bring her concerns, doubts, fears, reservations and heart, in all its pieces if it be the case, to Christ Jesus the 'Lion of Judah' who made the heart and can put it back together with love, healing and restored fellowship like The Good Shepherd. Do you hear Him knocking now?

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