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**Sword Dance**  
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Dear Dan,

In early 1995 the House Church (U2) (M) and I attended had determined to hold the Easter Sunday service at Lincoln Park in West Seattle.

A gazebo was rented for the event, and one of the elders asked the church to bring something to share per Corinthians where it says,

*"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."*

*(Corinthians 14:26)*

So I considered whether I had anything to share for Easter Sunday and I came up with this: I would perform a dance with a sword, completely "ad lib" in choreography, that would declare the current reality of the Risen Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I had a boom box that I would use to play a song by Petra, "He Came, He Saw, He Conquered" that I would dance to.

Then, the idea occurred to me that I could arrive at the service dressed in black attire, to represent death, but under my black jacket I wore a white and brightly colored Moto-Cross sweatshirt.

The idea further developed that I could start the music, get underneath a green army poncho which was "the grave", and remove my jacket, or death, and emerge from the grave in blazing White and Colors, thereby revealing the Resurrection power of Christ coming in Clouds with the Rainbow.

This is exactly what I did. And after I was "raised from the dead", I danced around to the song, waving and throwing the sword in the air, jumping on picnic tables, and moving in time to the music. All this in plain view of the Sunday morning passersby along the beach front walking path, along with the entire Church, at Lincoln Park on Easter Sunday 1995.

Satan took a dim view to this activity, so he procured permission from Jesus to take out his revenge on my person, and three months less a day had gone by when my ability to walk, let alone dance was disabled, on 15 July 1995. Enclosed is a CDROM with a copy of a photo taken by one of the elders. The sword in my right hand is not readily visible because it was in motion when the picture was taken (see photo here).

Blessings...

Romanus Theophilus