

Letter 396
New Machine In Town / "I've Heard Of You"
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Dear Dan,

Saturday 19 Sep 2015 6AM.

Yesterday I stopped at Starbucks on my way home from work. I wanted to work some more on the new 13" MacBook Pro laptop computer I got just this week. I purchased it from the Apple Refurbished Department, as new and with the extended Applecare warranty.

This came about because at the beginning of the year my angel family suggested that I purchase a new MacBook, the latest model that has some sort of new-fangled "one-size-fits-all" charging port.

I wasn't too impressed with this idea, because for one, I had already been planning on saving to buy a new iPad. My old iPad 2 is showing its age. I am still running iOS6 on it, refusing to update for fear of slowing it down. And for two, the new MacBook has no USB ports. You have to buy an adapter to get USB, and I run USB heavy, what with dongles, drives, etc. So, when the first of this year rolled around, and I had some extra cash in savings from cashing out some vacation time at the end of 2014, I started to think about whether to get a new iPad, or maybe wait and get a new iPhone.

But after the new MacBook became available, the angels were really pushing it as a "good idea". And so, as usual, I started to "cave in". But, I also made a stipulation that I wanted to have at least \$2,200.00 in the bank before I made any purchase.

It was with this criteria earlier this year that I started to save money each payday, and had been saving all this year to buy the new MacBook. But what with one thing or another, I could not quite attain the goal of \$2200.

Last weekend I had about \$1900 in cash, and so, since I was starting to get tired of always thinking how I needed to save so much money each payday, I decided to go shopping.

Through the course of the year I pretty much had come down firm on NOT getting the new MacBook model. What I really had in mind was a new 13" MacBook Air, since I like the old 11" model I currently have so much. But as I perused the selections on the Apple refurbished site, I came across a deal I just couldn't pass up.

That's what I am writing this letter on now. A MacBook Pro, with Retina Display no less, for \$1269.00. Here are some of the specs.

MacBook Pro (Retina, 13-inch, Early 2015)
 2.7 GHz Intel Core i5
 8 GB 1867 MHz DDR3

256 GB SSD (a little small for my taste, but I can use a portable 1TB or something if I need to).

I can tell you I have remarked more than once to my angel crew just how good the Retina display looks.

Yesterday was our first outing at Starbucks (in (L18)) with the new machine.

I had it all hooked up on our table when I heard that my coffee order was ready. So I went up to the counter and got my cup. As I was heading back toward the condiment station, I began to sense the presence of a satanic spirit, then I heard these words in the spirit, spoken in a menacing, vengeful voice;

“I’VE HEARD OF YOU!”

I instinctually knew this was an evil spirit, and as I turned in the spirit to face the angel, he said to me in a fearful tone of voice;

“I’M OUTTA HERE, I’M OUTTA HERE, I’M OUTTA HERE!”

I didn’t even get a chance to say “leave or get trashed”. All I did was turn a little to more fully engage the spirit. I could tell that the spirit was receding because each successive remark became lower in volume.

After getting to my seat I asked angel Gabriel, “waddup?”. He informed me that the enemy I had just encountered was a wicked angel sent there by “Uday & Qusay” to build a network of familiar spirits to be headquartered out of that particular Starbucks. But the Lord interdicted that particular (and now latent) work of the Devil by sending us there at just that right time.

Saturday 19 Sep 2015 11PM.

After I woke up at 6:30 tonight, I came under assault, which always raises my pain level. About 8PM I needed to lay down after taking a pain pill, but while laying in bed I called two Brothers for prayer support. It was while talking with the first Brother that the Lord clarified that this attack was coming from Apple Computer. So, now we get to invoke Hot Pursuit protocols straight into Apple Country.

One further bit of information. As you may be aware, a refurbished machine being sold as new, must have the hard drive fully wiped and reformatted. What was interesting is that when I started using the Safari web browser for the first time, I saw two historical items. One was about Apple. The other was a link to either a Hindu or Buddhist website, promoting one of their teachers. I found this out by clicking on the link, wondering why it was left there in the first place.

Two questions arise. Who put the links there? And why? Those two links were the vector through which this attack came.

P. S. There was actually another problem that emerged, in that some of the Dashboard components were misbehaving. Both the weather and movie apps were stuck in Cupertino. I could not change the city to get local data. So I have decided to return the refurbished unit, and get my money back. Maybe later on I will purchase a truly new machine of the same vintage.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus