

Letter 611
**The Short Sword
and
The Long Sword**
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Dear **Jesus**,

Saturday, 5 August, 2017, 5AM.

In February of 2015, You invited John Paul Jackson to come Home to be with You.

Wikipedia.com says this about Mr. Jackson:

“John Paul Jackson (30 July 1950 - 18 February 2015) was an American author, teacher, conference speaker and founder of Streams Ministries International. Jackson often focused on supernatural topics like dreams, visions, and dream interpretation as found in the Bible. ... He was the founder of Streams Ministries International, a Christian group that deals especially with the practice known as prophecy. Jackson's career spanned more than 20 years. He served as the senior pastor of two churches, and he also served on the pastoral staff at the Vineyard Movement's Christian Fellowship in Anaheim, California (with John Wimber) and at the former Metro Christian Fellowship in Kansas City, Missouri (with Mike Bickle).”

I first learned about Mr. Jackson about two months after his passing, as part of my ongoing online relationship with Bethel Church, and various other internet research inquiries into related matters.

Not long after that I purchased one of his books titled *Needless Casualties of War*.

In this book I read about his observation where there are two types of swords spoken of in Scripture. Please allow me to quote a short passage:

*The word **sword** in Scripture, both in the Greek and Hebrew, refers to one of two types of swords. The **short sword**, which is the length of a forearm, is used only in hand-to-hand combat. Its intent is to mutilate and immobilize the enemy—then to kill him. Throughout Scripture, swords used by humans were always the short sword. The use of this sword in Scripture implies arming oneself with the Word of God to cut through the enemy's thoughts and deceptions that operate through people. It also implies that the enemy is a short distance away, suggesting terrestrial warfare. The Greek word for the short sword is the one used in the Ephesians 6 passage as well as in Hebrews 4:12. The sword is employed to penetrate through people's demonic defenses, prick their consciences, and loose them from their tormentors by thwarting demonic assignments against them. The second type of sword, **a long sword**, is mentioned in Genesis 3:24 and Revelation 19:15. This sword extends the length of the body. A devastating first-strike weapon, this sword is used in long-distance fighting. In Scripture, only Jesus and His angels wielded the body-length sword. It implies that the enemy is a long distance away, suggesting second Heaven warfare which God does on our behalf. Once again, we see a clear picture of the boundaries God has given us.*

Jackson, John Paul. *Needless Casualties of War* (pp. 133-134). Streams Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Later on in the book Mr. Jackson describes certain Believers who tried to engage Principalities and Powers through direct intercessory spiritual warfare, thereby invoking the use of a “Long Sword”. Afterward there were repercussions that went badly for the people who misused this kind of prayer.

As You are aware, I like to think (before the Lord) about things which I am exposed to day by day.

One day I was thinking about the quote above by Mr. Jackson, while juxtaposing that with some thoughts of my own life, when the Lord led me to the realization that for many decades I had in my possession two actual blades, one that prophetically speaks of and refers to the **Short Sword**, and one that prophetically speaks of and refers to the **Long Sword**.

The blade that prophesies the Short Sword is actually a Bowie Knife which I purchased new at a pawn shop in Lawton, Oklahoma, just outside of the gates of Fort Sill. This occurred while I was stationed at Ft. Sill for military training. Immediately after buying the Bowie Knife at the shop, I went to the Post Office and mailed it back home to myself so that it would be waiting for me upon my return.

The blade that prophesies the Long Sword is an old Cavalry Sword I had in my possession and originally obtained from my father. After he passed away in October of 2007, it became mine legally through inheritance.

While neither blade is the same exact length as the corresponding swords written about by Mr. Jackson, they are prophetic, and compared to each other, one is definitely a Long Sword, while the other is a Short Sword (see photo here).

The other day I was remembering how I prophetically used the Long Sword twice in Earth-Space. The first time was when I performed the Sword dance, documented in Letter 87 Volume 2. The second time was when we went out to the backyard to proclaim a temporal judgment against Satan, documented in Letter 219 Volume 4. Both of these times were prior to my first knowing about Mr. Jackson and his ministry.

Later on I had a dream, documented in Letter 587 Volume 7 in which the Short Sword (my Bowie Knife) was prominently featured.

After reading *Needless Casualties of War* I would consider off and on if I had possibly strayed into presumption of some kind in opposing the Enemy the way that I did, essentially using the Long Sword, both in the Natural, and in the Spiritual. But then I would be reminded both by the Lord Holy Spirit and my angel Family that it was by Your Word and Your Will that I possessed and used the Long Sword. It is after all, part of my inheritance, both in the Natural, and in the Spiritual.

While the Short Sword is available to all Believers, it remains to be seen whether You will bestow such authority as the Long Sword in Your Church Body as a Whole.

For right now, I will consider myself an exception in this area, and put this matter into the “greater things” clause revealed in this Scripture:

“Most assuredly, I say to you,
he who believes in Me,

the works that I do he will do also;
and
greater works than these he will do,
because I go to My Father.
John 14:12

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus