

Letter 666
The MOTB
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Dear **Jesus**,

Please allow me to copy into this Letter something I posted on the Divine Council Forum a while back. It is almost word for word, but I have made a few editorial changes and redactions. Otherwise I will let it speak for itself.

BEGIN POST:

Thanks (redacted) and (redacted). I like all y'all's thinking.

Part of my own problem here is that I have become hyper-sensitive to a lot of stuff.

In the natural, for a long time, and even now, if one of my dogs jumped up and put its paws on my left leg, it would produce inordinate pain, and I would have to shoo the dog away. This is not normal function.

Likewise in the spirit, if someone brings up a troubling subject, my spirit-man goes into high pain, and I run the possibility of becoming overreactive. This is also not normal function.

I lived through the early days of the Prosperity Doctrine becoming popular, and the rise of its detractors and adversaries. At that time I was a young man seeking a wife and wanting to make sure that I was doing God's will in my life. I was much more interested in fast motorcycles and touring around the area than monetary riches.

But this was also partly because I thought money was evil, and that the Mark of the Beast (MOTB) was just around the corner. So I really didn't think very much about money or saving it. I just knew that if I had a good job I could buy new motorcycles and make the payments on them, and have enough money left over to hang out at my favorite cafe.

I thought money was evil because the Churches I went to at the time emphasized the rise of the Anti-Christ and the Mark of the Beast. They quoted a lot of Hal Lindsay and other like-minded Prophecy Teachers to make their claims.

So, in my simplistic mind, money was evil, and soon would be useless anyway, because I sure as hell wasn't taking the MOTB. I was more prepared to be beheaded for Christ than I was to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

At first the MOTB was a tattoo, then new technology arose, and the MOTB became a barcode. Now it has become an RFID chip.

And the Beast? At that time it was a big old mainframe computer in the basement of NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, called The Beast. So the MOTB would be a tattoo

generated by The Beast Computer and everyone would have to have a tattoo on their right hand or their forehead to buy or sell. These days anyone who carries around an iPhone or other smart phone has many times more computing power in their pocket than that old "big iron" beast ever did.

But this was the doctrine I was taught in the early '70s and into the '80s.

So, I had no reason to learn anything at all about investing or saving, because, well, money was evil. That was before I learned to pay close attention to every jot or tittle in Scripture, and where it says it is "the love of money", that is a root of all evil. I just glossed over that part.

As I am thinking about all this, it occurs to me that what was then the MOTB doctrine, and what is still the Prosperity doctrine, are two evil prongs on the same devil's pitchfork. Two aberrant doctrines based on warped sound-bytes of limited Scriptural understanding.

Every once in a while I have to deal with the "what if" notion that if I had a true understanding of money, I could have retired young and now be living a much better life in the natural.

All I would have had to do was ... but I'll stop right there.

END POST.

Blessings...

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