

Letter 735
Under Pressure
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Dear **Jesus**,

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Not long ago I was reading a written entry on the Divine Council Forum about one of the members studying an historical account of a Christian from around the 2nd century, named Montanus. He is controversial in the Church for a few reasons, one of which is that he claimed to have had special spiritual experiences, and that he predicted the immediate advent of the New Jerusalem on earth. Later the Church declared his belief system, called Montanism, to be heretical.

Here is some of what Wikipedia.com says about Montanus:

Montanism /ˈmɒntəˌnɪzəm/, known by its adherents as the *New Prophecy*, was an early Christian movement of the late 2nd century, later referred to by the name of its founder, *Montanus* /mɒnˈteɪnəs/.

Montanism held similar views about the basic tenets of Christian doctrine to those of the wider Christian Church, but it was labelled a heresy for its belief in new prophetic revelations. The prophetic movement called for a reliance on the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit and a more conservative personal ethic. Parallels have been drawn between Montanism and modern-day movements such as Pentecostalism and the charismatic movement.

It's not clear to me at this time if Montanus was an actual heretic, or if the Church Elders at the time simply did not understand what he was attempting to communicate. I bring this up because recently I have had contact with two brothers who find some of my own accounts of personal spiritual experiences troubling.

For example, many years ago, sometime around The Day of 7, I was outside on my back deck having a smoke. Then the presence of Christ and His angels became so pronounced that it felt like I was under water and being pressed about on all sides by a great pressure. This was not painful, but very strong. It also seemed like I was being Raptured. It seemed like all of the Book of Revelation was happening all at once.

That's how it felt. But this lasted for only about 20 minutes. As the pressure receded, I returned back to "earth-space reality".

This occurred at a time in my life when many things like this were happening. Too numerous to recount here. I'm bringing this up now because I might know a little how Montanus could have felt. All of the Kingdom of Heaven resides all at once in Christ, and if He so chooses to manifest His presence to a larger degree, then the EXPERIENCER might very well perceive those things which haven't come to earth yet, as having already been fulfilled.

But, the Lord Holy Spirit had already gifted me with a lot of common sense, and a broken body with much pain, so that any temptation to turn the presence of Christ Jesus into a sales and marketing gimmick for my own personal popularity distortion-field was immediately terminated.

Still, the EXPERIENCE was most profound, and like I said, at the time so Heavenly that I thought I was already being Raptured. Yet at the same time, I knew I wasn't.

P. S. Another time like this I felt that, upon taking my pulse, discovered my heart had stopped beating. When I asked, my angels said I was being kept alive by the Glory of God. As the Pressure receded, my heart started back up again.

Blessings...

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