

Letter 823
Range Report
2019-10-25

Dear **Yeshua**,

Friday, 25 October 2019, 3PM.

A very remarkable thing happened...

One of the New Things the Lord Holy Spirit has led me into in these, my retirement years, is target shooting. I should elaborate that target shooting is an activity I used to do in my teens, but discontinued after I entered adulthood. So while I am not new to firearms, it had been so long since I fired one that it seemed to be a “new thing” to me. It might be more accurate to say that it is an “Old Thing” which has been recently renewed.

It was earlier this year, after I met (CB59) and we started talking, that his support of the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, along with his expertise in firearms, re-awakened by own aptitude for target shooting.

So, over the summer months, I applied for and was granted a Concealed Pistol License. I also purchased a new Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum Model 60 revolver, which holds five rounds and can fire both .357 Magnum and .38 Special bullets. And since then I have been researching all things related to firearms, firearm safety, ammunition, maintenance, and the like. So for it has been a challenging, yet rewarding research project.

I also joined a local outdoor Rifle Range which has a dedicated Pistol range. This has also proved to be a huge blessing, because it is less than 30 minutes from my house, and in the morning hours I am frequently the only one there.

Below is a copy of an (*edited*) email which I sent to some family members this morning, which I wish to share with You.

EMAIL / 25 OCTOBER 2019 / 10:58AM

Brothers and Sisters, Greetings.

I had a pretty good time at the gun range this morning. After getting my gear set up, I stopped and prayed. The prayer which the Lord Holy Spirit gave me to pray included words to the effect that I would learn whatever lesson I was supposed to learn.

Using my S&W .357 Magnum, I started with a target on a stand at about 40 feet. The first two shots were up and to the right of the bullseye, but tight and almost touching each other.

Then my next shots went off center.

I shot through 50 rounds, then went to my next box, which was half .38s and half .357s.

Then an idea occurred to me. Instead of Aim and Shoot (AaS), which is what I have been doing mostly, I tried Point and Shoot (PaS).

The difference is that in (AaS) I would close my right eye, and aim with my left eye using both the rear and front sights. This is how I fired the first two rounds.

As I went through another 25 rounds using the (PaS) method, I discovered I could actually see the .38 rounds as they left the barrel, and was able to see their complete trajectory.

This reminded me of my youth when I had a Daisy BB Rifle, and could see the trajectory of the BBs in the same way.

So, I will be using this method a lot more I think than (AaS), I just need to practice and make improvements.

After I used all the .38s, I fired off twenty-five .357s. The first round went right in between the very first two .38s which I fired, making one large hole.

The last five .357s I took over to the rifle range to try the (PaS) method. I found that I could not see the .357 rounds or their trajectory, but I could see where they hit on the berms. That's almost as good.

So, the lesson I learned today at the range is to pray first, and that under certain conditions, I can actually aim better using the (PaS) method, than the (AaS).

Also, empty cardboard boxes with a rock or two in the bottom make excellent targets. And they are either cheap, or free.

Blessings...

—(name)

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So, I am very grateful to You, our Father, and the Lord for granting me this form of recreation.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus