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Over the past 18 to 19 years God has sent me and MCM mission teams to 75 nations with a call to bring healing and restoration to the Body of Christ, to prepare the Bride of Christ for His return, and to go to the nations where sent, calling them to repentance, to judgment, to resurrection, and to restoration. At first the “strategy” for the nations was short; but with each successive obedience, the strategy has grown and expanded. [“Do not look to the honor, but tend to the responsibility.” Charles Spurgeon] These days it takes many months and many people praying through Scripture, declaring out Scripture, researching regions of the world, fasting as called, and bringing a mission to completion. Even withal, we trust in God Himself completing and finishing what He desires and purposes concerning the nations.

MCM is a spiritual warfare ministry. We do other things as well, like our Barnabas Project distributions and Craighouse ® Christian Fellowship, but spiritual warfare is a main part of Mary Craig Ministries. It makes little sense to people unless they believe in a Sovereign God who is in control of history, in Jesus Christ as Ruler over the kings of the earth and who is Himself King of kings and Lord of lords, seated far above principalities and powers. It takes believing that the battle is spiritual (Ephesians 6) and one of Truth overcoming lies. It takes believing in a heavenly host, the armies of the Living God, an unseen army commanded by the Lord of Hosts. It takes obedience. It takes studying God’s Word and prophetic intercession and moving out in apostolic authority as given by the Living God.

Right now God is preparing a holy people, a holy Bride, a holy temple, a fruitful bough to dwell with Him forever. He is purifying His people. And so, I and the MCM mission team, walked into Central America crowned with glory; the glory of the LORD surrounding us and being our rear guard. For example, Olivia in Honduras recognized the Spirit of the Lord upon us and joined us, touched by the power of God as we called in Honduras. A man on a bus ride heard about the atoning work of Jesus Christ and was challenged to grow in his relationship with Christ. Many others heard the gospel as well; and some wondered as God stopped the rain in every country to which we went in answer to prayer. All were divine appointments.

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We went into a region where people worship the corn, where people look to creation and not to God, where people fill their hearts with occult powers, are steeped in darkness and drowning in death. We went, proclaiming Jesus as the Bread of Life, Adonai. We delivered the indictment of the Lord as received from the Holy Spirit. We trounced on Maya strongholds and tore down strongholds with the power of authority of Jesus Christ. We canceled Maya prophecies opposing the plan of the True God. We stood against disasters as God will battle against Apollyon (king of death and destruction). We surrounded ourselves with the fire of God as a wall, with the walls of salvation built strong around us as a defense as God declared He would sweep through the region defeating Baelzebub and goddess spirits. Jesus Christ holds the key of David, the keys of death and hades.

You see, many who believe cling to their sorceries, the old ways. They waffle. They halt between two opinions. They are double-souled. They have household gods. Their hearts and minds are divided. [Is it any less in our nation?]

We called in the elect. We prayed the Word into their minds. We called the elect to oneness in Christ, to single-mindedness.

So who are the Mayans of Central America anyway? Obviously, God is interested in them and is at work in the region. Obviously, He is saving people and wants to overcome oppression and occult powers operating there. He wants people to prosper; He wants to bless them.



This impressive civilization began more than 2,500 years ago. They mastered astronomy, created calendars still in use today, and developed a written language much like what developed in Egypt, Sumer, India, and China. Out in the jungles they constructed vast cities with arenas, observatories, palaces, and temples in limestone. The Maya Empire flourished for over 2,000 years from the Yucatan Peninsula through Guatemala's Peten region. By 950 A.D. 95% of the Maya population mysteriously died off, but many Mayans remain and their culture has surged recently in interest because of the Maya prophecies of December 21, 2012, and a new age awakening.

Daykeepers formally inaugurate the dawning of the fifth world. Mayans believe that the shape of history and consciousness is changing and that the lords of the year may change. Year lords bear the burden of the years; years are as "stones." Year lords bear the burden of human history in Maya belief. In Maya prophetic thought there will be a shift to new Year lords. 2012 will be turbulent as the tides of history change. The East, Manik (Energizer) changes to Akbal (Lover). The West, Eb (path walker) changes to Lamat (Seed Bearer). The North, Caban (Thinker) changes to Ben (Road Guide). The South, IK (Hurricane) changes to Etnab (Warrior and Healer).

The thing is, that while many people are fascinated by the Maya 2012 prophecies, we need to look beneath to some foundational beliefs and compare them with the Word of God, the One True and Living God, lest fascination lead to false Christian teaching.

Mayans believe violent death is the only way to their "heaven." Everyone starts out in the netherworld; a river connects them. As animists, they attribute life to many things, believing that all things are imbued with unseen power. The cosmos is kept in balance through human action [not all things holding together by Christ, Colossians 1:16, 17]. Creation is worshipped. Human destiny is linked to celestial beings, like the sun, moon, and the planets. Blood sacrifice is necessary in Maya thought to keep the cosmos in balance. They believe in a "tree of life," a creator god and also an old woman goddess. They tell of humans (Twins) entering Xibalba and outwitting the gods of death and then returning. The greatest life force is the sun, which emerges from Xibalba every morning. Rebirth is possible only through sacrifice.

Maya civilization is known for its ball court, the threshold between this world and Xibalba. The ball court was the arena for confrontation. Powers of good and powers of evil fight it out in a ball game. Openings in the earth were the entrances to Xibalba. The winners of the ball game were sacrificed in a bloody ritual involving the cutting out of the heart. Those who died by suicide, hanging, sacrifice in battle, women in childbirth, priests, and rulers went to paradise. Worship went to the sun, rain, a reptile god, ruling lineage, maize [corn], death, the North Star, and the Jaguar, an icon of power, among others.





Temples unified the people. War gave occasion to obtain human sacrifices to appease and nourish the gods. Life revolved around death. The life cycle of maize lies at the heart of Maya belief. For the Maya, time is cyclical not linear. Maya traditions are based on these cycles and not on permanence. Priests interpret the cycles and prophesy about the future. Dates for important events are chosen via astrological means.

The cosmos had three planes: Earth, the underworld, and heaven above. Connected to the underworld were gods of death and putrefaction. The sun dominated the sky. The intersection of all possible worlds was in the night sky.



Maya culture has influenced Christianity in the region and vice versa. Festivals blend beliefs. As we traveled, one guide joked about sacrificing this person or that a noticeable number of times.

Sorting out truth from error is much like trying to extract salt from a pepper shaker given added salt to make a unique flavor. The Word of God is our Standard. People hold a belief. That belief births expectations which lead to behaviors which become experience. God mostly intervenes between belief and expectation.

Error must be countered by the Word of God, as with the account of creation in Genesis 1, with Romans 1, John 1, Colossians 1, Ephesians 5 and Ephesians 6:10 ff, for example. According to the Word of God, humans do not nourish and sustain gods; God is the Source and Sustainer of all life and blessing—just the opposite. God forbids human sacrifice and the shedding of innocent blood. God forbids the worship of the creation and the creature. Jesus Christ, the Infinite God-Man, gave Himself a sacrifice for sin. Jesus Christ is God Incarnate, the Word made flesh; and it is through Him that we are begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1) Truth must be loved, and sought. The Spirit is truth. 1 John 5:6. We are to speak the truth in love.

*Unto you it was shown, that you might know  
That the LORD he is God;*

*There is none else beside him. Deuteronomy 4:35*

We declared the truth from Psalm 8, Nehemiah 9, Psalm 100, Isaiah 40: 44:6-Isaiah 45, Revelation 1:18, 2:1, 22:1ff. We announced to the spirit realm the truth as declared in John 3, John 15, Luke 4, Ecclesiastes 3, and John 6.

*Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:  
No man comes unto the Father, but by Me.  
John 14:6*

*And He is the propitiation for our sins:  
And not for ours only, but also for the  
Sins of the whole world.  
1 John 2:2*



We did much more, of course, but hopefully you will join us in declaring out the truth of Scripture to counter the errors of world views and praying for the people of Central America. The people of Central America are wonderful people—warm, friendly, easy-going, people you like immediately. The Maya civilization boggles the mind. Nevertheless, civilizations rise and fall, nations rise and fall, leaders rise and fall, and God IS.

Believers are in danger of being led astray by the counterfeit holy spirit rising up right now. Jesus' words cleanse; they are your life. Even in the dark, He says, I AM. We are not to conform to the world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Battles are won in the mind as it is renewed by the Spirit. God reaches into our minds and into our hearts. There is a love from the Father that is higher than that of the world, a love which keeps by grace.

It is time for God's people to grow up and come to maturity. The Church must come into unity, into oneness, into love, loving one another fervently with a pure heart. We must do this because there is a wave coming upon the earth. Revolution is rising in the hearts of the immature, those who know not patience, perseverance, peace, and who lack fortitude and the gifts and graces to continue, to overcome in Christ.

Such people demand with their fists. They rob and steal and plunder to satisfy their greed and gluttony. They want consolation and comfort in their selfish ambitions and prideful ways. God is the Holy One. God is Creator to whom obedience is due, to whom worship and praise and thanksgiving are due. Even in seeking the one true God, we are often self-seeking, mixing pride and falsehood in our humility. In our "good works" there is possible self-serving.

We must understand that the true God is Sovereign and in control of human history. He is coming to judge; His eyes are moving to and fro across the land to test the hearts and try the reins. He raises up one nation and destroys the civilizations of others.

Let us not get sidetracked into prophecies emerging from a foundation of human sacrifice, a bloody altar in opposition to the heart and mind of the one true and Living God. Instead, cry in repentance for the sins. Intercede. Stand in the

gap in interposition. We don't need to force people. We need to move out in love with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Holy men and women of God are dying, those who have carried the burdens. Who will take their places? Who will watch, stand, guard, and pray? Will you? Will I? Let us rise up in the authority of Christ given to us and walk in it.



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