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CAN THE EARTH MOVE ANTI CLOCKWISE

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A news of a Daily on 2nd July is very interesting. Mr. Patrick Gagarin has prophesied that the earth will start moving to the opposite direction from 2012. The earth was created for man and he was asked to live on it; earn his livelihood from it; work on it etc. But the same man has brought curse on it through his wicked deeds and sin. The earth remains cursed. We know the growth of science in the modern age. It has taken man to other planets and man has conquered a lot through science. Still he is flying high and soaring to the infinite sky to attain more and more. But this latest prophecy has shocked even the greatest scientists. The consequences are given; famine, extreme winter and such other things

which has no solution at all. More shocking is the news that almost all our discoveries and inventions of the modern information technology will be totally lost.

As children of God we have a great responsibility to sit and think of it and study it on the basis of the Word of God. Not only that we have to exercise our responsibility to respond to it. If we ignore the warning of the Lord through His Word then will not be able to face Him. We shall be ashamed "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars and upon the earth. The message of these three verses are so powerful. The last portion of the verse: Lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 23:24). The worldly people will loose heart. All these

truths are revealed in the world centuries before. All these things are happening in the present Luke 21:10. "Then he said unto them Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom". The atmosphere of the earth is filled with the sounds of war and battles. The sin of the world has grown tremendously. The crimes committed in the present world is beyond all limits and comprehension. The deeds of the people is so heavy on the earth. Modern man has become a burden to this earth. So the earth is going to move backwards. "The earth was also corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the

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A GREAT MISSION

Samuel Abraham

If somebody ask you, which is the greatest and most rewarding work in the world? The answer is 'The Gospel Work'. This work will be highly rewarded in Heaven. There is no other work like this among the children of God or in the church. According to the word of God, 'Evangelist' are doing this work with the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are chosen by God, approved by the children of God and honoured by God. They are not mere stage speakers. They are the sales managers of the Church. They are responsible for the growth of the church. The church should respect them and look after them. Their needs are to be fulfilled and to be encouraged by the church. They should be welcomed as an athlete who gains gold medals. The true evangelists are a very hard working group just like the honeybees. They never waste their time. They always fly across and beyond. Early morning to the late evening they search for flowers. We can see some lazy-bees also in the beehive. They always sit idle and so they are useless.

If a child of God realizes the 'call' to the vineyard, he should understand some basic truths. The gospel work is not for belly filling. The rewards are not being received in this world. This is not an easy way to make money. An evangelist's savings are in Heaven. They are the soldiers of the Great King. As we see in Heb.11:35-38 the rewards for this work

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LIFTED UP THE EYES AND BEHELD

What can be the spiritual and worldly outlook of a saint? Job made a covenant with his eyes that he will not look at a maiden. Job 31:1. Our outlook of life should be according to the spiritual standards of godly people. Let us think about the outlook of life of two righteous people. Though Lot was righteous, he was carnal. "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all plains of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere ..." (GEN 13:10) Lot did not give any priority for spiritual things in this section. Lot was attracted by the world and wealth. The consequences of his selection was deplorable. He did not get anything

from Sodom, lost his wife and could not get his daughters married. Alas! At last two generation cursed in the sight of the Lord was the by product of Lot's election and selection of Sodom.

Abraham was spiritual and his outlook and concept of life can be seen from the verse "And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door and bowed himself toward the ground (Gen. 18:2-5). Abraham receives them and entreat them to have food and rest. They were not his friends or relatives. Abraham reveals the quality of a spiritual man "Let brotherly love

continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware" Heb 13:1. Abraham received eternal blessing and he was blessed with innumerable children. What a blessing that he got!

Apostle Paul has given certain guide lines in relation to the life of a saint. Let us examine some of them.

1. See your calling. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty not many noble, are called: we the poor and downtrodden were allowed to listen to the sweet sound of the Holy Spirit. How blessed we are. Let us rejoice and

thank the Lord for choosing us.

2. Take heed. "But take heed lest by any means this life of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak" 1Cor 8:9. It is our responsibility to make sure that none of our words and deeds should cause any harm to the harmony and fellowship of our brethren. Let us examine ourselves on this particular issue.

3. Take heed lest befall. "Wherefore let that thinketh he standeth take heed lest befall 1Cor 10:12. Spiritual pride and haughtiness is the worst of its kind. Many have fallen in the past and may are folly in the present. So

let us be very careful about and let us be able to lead a humble life.

4. Walk Circumspectively. "See them that ye walk circumspectly not as fools but as wise ..." Eph 5:15. Let us try to learn and taste love of God from scripture which is more precious than worldly wisdom".

5. Do not render evil. "See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but every follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men 1Thes 5:15. Let us be patient like our master. Dear saints let our attitude toward life is for spiritual growth.

THE PROPHECIES ARE BEING FULFILLED

After the reformation period, a group of God fearing people from England have migrated to America. These forefathers who were known as the 'pilgrim fathers' prayed on their knees when they landed there. Their faith decree "In God we trust" is printed in American currency even today. They succeeded in the struggle with the local Red Indians. They started with empty hand, but they are at the top of all nations now. There are two reasons for this success. First, they started and proceeds with 'trust in God'. Secondly they welcomed Israel nation which is in the plan of God, when Great Briton, which was known as a country without sunset, rejected them.

Many God fearing Presidents ruled America. Among them George Washington the first president and Abraham Lincoln (Honest Abe) who stopped slavery are memorable. A nation which started by believing and depending on God, even though attained many positions economically, scientifically and in military, morally it is worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. Few years before Dr. Billy Graham the well known preacher said, God has to ask pardon to Sodom and Gomorrah if He is not judging America. America has secured the first place above all the European countries where the sins are legalized. Paradoxically America is supporting financially for both gospel work

and anti gospel work. For many years America was standing fearlessly in the world. But now they are facing big problems economically. The world economy is disturbed by America's financial crises. The uncontrolled usage of fuel, price hike, devaluation of dollar, fall of share market and the coming election, all these imbalanced America. People are very much concerned about the coming President. Recently Malayala Manorama published the lucky symbols of Obama that reveals his faith and dependency. Bible contains prophecies about places and nations. But there is no clear prophecy about America in the Bible. The prophetic interpreter Bro. Y. Ezekiel (late) once told that this is because America may be unimportant at the time of Christ's second coming.

If so, God's greatest wrath is going to shower on America and we have the responsibility to pray. God appoints and removes world leaders. We have to pray for a God fearing President for America. We have an history of many empires which came and went. It may happen to America also. So let us not depend on any nation's financial stability, but on CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM ALONE.

V.S. Mathew

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earth" (Genesis 6:11,12). Revolving man has an earth that revolves to the opposite direction. In 2Tim 3:1 we read "This I know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come". Preaching and teaching on these verses are going on for centuries. But still people are not ready to take the real meaning of this verse. Do you think that it was a reminder Timothy alone? No, it is applicable to you and me too. But do we really give due attention? What do you think of the present time? Is it not the same time that the Holy Spirit has spoken of? What is happening in this world in these days? What is happening in our society? We have to think and evaluate it. For what? We have to understand our shortcomings and confess it to the Lord and turn to Him. The inner man in us should grow and strengthen us so that we can be useful to our Master in Heaven. We the saints are expected to learn and understand the importance of the Word of God.

'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches. (Rev 3:12). We know and believe that all the prophecies of the

Scripture is going to happen. In the past thousands of prophecies became a reality. The remaining will also become a reality. "And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another and everyone by his neighbour, the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient (elderly), and the base against the honourable" Isaiah 3:1. What a real picture of the present world and its events. When these things happen the world, the earth will rotate backwards in the opposite direction. 'As for many people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O my people, they which God thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths Isaiah 3:12. In verse 9 we read that they are proud of declaring their sin like Sodom. They do not want to hide it. Woe un to them is the cry of the prophet. All these things that the prophet speaks of are taking place in our society today. So what we have to do? Let us weep and cry like Nehemiah and Daniel. Let us declare a fasting and confess our sins and shall pray for the society and let us keep vigil for the coming of the Lord.

are mocking, scourging, chains, starving, temptations and tears. This world is not suitable for the servants of Lord. Where ever they suffered, the church had grown. The soldiers cannot dream of a sound sleep on luxury mattress, as he should pass through all difficulties. Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and sword are the integral parts of evangelism. In a church those who have burden about souls and weep in the presence of God with the spiritual views are evangelists. If he is a natural man how he can proceed in the spiritual journey. If Apostle John was a natural man he couldn't write the Book of Revelation. If the workers are like Gehazi how the church will grow. Can the motivation of an evangelist be money?

Let us praise God for our evangelists who are above two thousand in number. To some extent our assemblies are looking after them, even though we are not perfect. But how many are crying for the assemblies and nations.

How many are praying for souls like the prayer of Hannah. How many are adding to the church by the work of evangelist and his family. If nobody is coming forward in a particular place, why he should continue there?. Is it for material benefits? Let him go to another place, where the people are needy. There are so many unreached areas around and many villages in India are still unreached. If the prime command of Gospel in Mat 28:19 - 'Make disciples of all nations', many of today's works are not the gospel works as per the word of God. If a football player only runs across a ground without gaining goal, he is useless. An evangelist is like a mother who takes pains to look after a child. Without pain a woman cannot be a true mother. If the evangelist is not having some children in his quiver when he stands before God to say - "Here am I and the children whom God has given me", then he will be ashamed. How many evangelist we have in central Travancore? And how many souls came to the Lord by their work? How

many local assemblies are started? Are we not aware of the suffering evangelists? We are thinking that we should not give any account to the human beings, but remember, in front of God we have to give account. An evangelist is well satisfied when he gets the membership of a church, executive chair and a pulpit. This is not enough. Are we like the ten spies who murmured and discouraged others. We always under estimate the places saying 'this is a dry land nobody will accept Lord, no chance for open meetings, the gentiles and the nominal churches are against us. Are these excuses worthy in front of God? Here nobody is burdened or dedicated for the great mission. All are happy and well satisfied by the assembly work. Many misunderstand about the work of evangelist and elders. At this situation who will take up the prime job of winning souls. Who will give the account of perishing souls? Who will give an answer to this question?

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LATEST NEWS IN OUR MIDST

YMEF NEWS

North Division Trust - New Office Bearers 2008-2009

ANGAMALY: The 28th annual general body meeting of the Y M E F (ND) was held under the chairmanship of the President Joy Samuel in its office at Angamaly. The report of the ministry under taken by Y M E F and that audited report of the accounts were approved by the committee. We extend our hearty thanks to those who prayerfully supported this ministry in the past. Gospel was shared in the eleven districts of Punjab. We wish to continue the work in Punjab until 2009 February. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry.

God willing and if the Lord carries His coming we wish to start the work in Maharashtra. Please do pray for it. Those who wish to join the campaign may kindly contact Br. P T John, Palakuzhiyil, Mamalassery P O, Ramamangalam, 686663. or Telephone No. 0485 2274330/ 9447239800. Those who wish to send gifts may kindly send YMEF North SBT/UBI Branch at Angamaly in the address of C J Philip, Chakkalayil, Manjummal, Udyogamandal, 683501.

New Office Bearers for the year 2008-2009

Joy Samuel President, A D James Secretary, C J Philip Treasurer, C P Poulouse Joint Secretary, P T John Campaign Convenor.

Brethren Sunday School Committee

PATHANAMTHITTA: The General Committee of the Brethren Sunday School was held in 5/07/08 at the Gospel Hall Pathanamthitta. Dr. O M Samuel presided over the meeting. It took commendable and important decisions.

Dr. O M Samuel was unanimously elected as the president in the place of Br. S S David who has been called home by his master. C. V. Samuel Vice President, M C George General Convenor. The general convenor is in charge of co-ordinating regional and area wise meetings. He is in charge of the programme His Address: M C George, Praise dale, Nethaji Road, Nellikunnu, Thrissur 68005.

Sisters Meeting

PUNALUR: God willing the sisters meeting of this centre will be held at 9th Aug 2008 at Chaliakkara Brethren Assembly. All sisters are requested to attend the same prayerfully. Bible Quiz Deuteronomy Chs 15-21.

Grace J Mathew

In the Vineyard

Malappuram.

K Gopalakrishnan is a member of the Vallikkadu Brethren Assembly and he is working in Bokkaro. His call for the ministry and his commitment to it is revealed through his zeal for the Lord. So we introduce him for the prayer of the saints. K Gopalakrishnan, Q R No 2147/4A, Sector 4, Bokkaro Steel City, 827004.

Sharjah.

The construction of the new hall of the Union Church will hopefully be over by September 2008. The main hall can early accommodate 2000 people. In addition to that there is enough space for parking.

Sharjah Brethren Gospel Meeting

Sharjah A gospel meeting under the auspices of the Sharjah Brethren Assembly will be held in October from 9-12 at the Union Church Building. Br. Varghese Kurian will be the speaker. Please pray for it.

Texas: South West Brethren Conference

This famous conference came to a close on 22nd June 08. "Walk worthy of the calling" was the theme of the conference. People from many countries attended this meeting.

Mathew Vairamon

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ready or willing to share his faith, relation and fellowship with others. It is his personal relation. He will not share it with anybody. Dear brother think for a moment "whether the Lord is your own and He is your wealth".

Philippians 3:8 Christ Jesus my Lord. God and the Word of God are His own. He is proud of that. His desire in life was to know crucified Christ. He does not want to know anything else. What a great desire! Today for us it may seem to us that Paul was foolish. Yes he was foolish and that foolishness was his success.

2. My Brethren, finally my brothers, rejoice in the Lord (3:1). Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how ... 4:1. This is the manner in which he addresses them. He is rejoicing over them. He is proud of them and he appreciates them. For Paul who had the Lord as his own has brothers as his own.

3. His bondage was his own. Paul had God as his own. He had fellow brethren as his own. Now his claim is that the chain is his own. He is in the part of Christ. Because of his imprisonment the fellowbrethren could preach the gospel without any fear.

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When Paul declares that for him to live is Christ, the singular usage of him needs much attention. 'To me' is quite personal. We may have many things to say 'for us'. But to be personal is very important. True Christian life is quite personal and are one has to enjoy and experience if personally.

Philippians 3:11 To know Christ ... and the fellowship of sharing his sufferings, ..." We have to experience and taste that Lord is good Psalms 34:8. 'Taste and see the Lord is good'. We can enjoy the taste of a food only when we eat it. Example, Does every one live according to his speeches?. As for Paul we can say that he preached what he practised and what he practiced that he preached. He did not live a life of his own, but he lived in Christ. Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me". Paul who says that Christ lives in me also knows that he is going to die. He knows that death is a reality. But for him life and death do not have any difference. "... but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death" Philippians (1:20).

For me to die is gain. For a natural man, death is not a gain. Those who are not in Christ, death is a definite loss. But they do know it and they do not want to think about it. A natural man is always afraid of death. But for Paul "... I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far". Paul in Corinthians tells that 'we are confident, I say and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord' For me to live is Christ

THE TRUTH OF GATHERING TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST - PRAYER MEETING

Ian W. Gibson, Canada

In 1 Corinthians 1:2, Paul defines a local assembly as he addresses the assembly at Corinth, "Un to the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all that in every place call upon the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord". A local assembly, by definition, comprises those saints who gather and 'call upon the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord'. We do not gather to a creed, or doctrine, nor to a place, nor to a human preacher, teacher or pastor nor to an ordinance, but to a divine person alone, the blessed person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We know and believe that at every gathering of the assembly, we have the inestimable privilege of the risen Christ in the midst. It is His pleasure to take His place in the midst of His own, He loves to gather us around Himself and thus we gladly claim His presence with us when we come together.

It might also be noted that in the context of Matthew 18:20, the gathering together of the two or three is specifically for the matter of prayer v.19. "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven". We would not say that Matthew 18:20 applies exclusively to the assembly prayer meeting, but it certainly does apply to that gathering. When we gather as an assembly for prayer, to unitedly make our requests known to God, the presence of Christ in our midst makes all the differences for it gives authority to the prayer that ascend to the throne of God.

The assembly prayer meeting is not, therefore to be regarded as an optional gathering. Some might think I can't make it to the prayer meeting to night. So I will just stay at home and say my prayer for the assembly at home. Surely for those that are old, frail, sick and shut in, God will fully honour their prayer for the assembly made at home, in hospital or nursing home. But if we really are physically able to be at the prayer meeting, be clear that any prayer made at home will not have the same power as if it were offered with the gathered saints, and in Christ's presence, at the assembly prayer meeting.

The assembly prayer meeting is a time to gather together with the Lord in our midst, to ask of the Father and the Lord's presence in our midst will be honoured by the Father and we will as companies receive power and blessing from on high to sustain us in our testimony for Him. Notice the language of 1 Corinthians 5:4 "In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we are gathered together and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ". While this specifically refers to a meeting for discipline, we may enjoy the principle that when we gather together in His Name we will know the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Assembly fellowship is of course, never confined to the breaking of bread, but it involves all the exercises and responsibilities and the gatherings of the assembly

(From Assembly Testimony March/April 2008)



Repentance with confession is today's need

Confession should grow as a part of our life. But in the life of many it is not easy to find this part-confession and repentance-even if we search for it. Since and unrighteousness committed by us knowingly or unknowingly will. But if we confess those before God, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. We are living at such a time in which the springs of confession are getting depleted. Repentance is the basis of grace. God will open the door of blessing where there is confession.

Joseph Dickson made pencil during the time of internal war. There was a peculiarity for that pencil and that was a piece of rubber was fixed at the

top end of that pencil. We may think that a pencil is very simple. But at one end of that pencil there is a lead point to write and the other end, an eraser to erase something that is written. This small instrument is used to sign documents, to draw plans of great projects and many other important things and to write. In the mean time it is also used to correct mistakes and to make changes in numbers.

Dear Saints! In the daily pages of a God's child's life history, what all things are being recorded everyday. All those may not be right according to the will of God. When we pass through life's toughest times of trouble and temptations and when we understand that something has happened in our words or deeds that is against the will of our Saviour, all those cannot be erased with the eraser at the end of a pencil

but can we washed away by our tears and a repenting heart. If we do like that the gracious and compassionate Lord will wipe out all our sin with His soft hands. Today we need a heart that is ready to confess our sin. Even if we hurt our dear brother or sister, by our words or deeds we won't stay away from Lord's Table. Because the heart has become that much hard and will remind the mind, "You have everything right with God". Thus we make our own mind too senseless to respond.. Repentance with confession is today's need. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

Where there is repentance, from there will flow the water of purification.

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SATGAMAYA TALK SHOW PROGRAMME

In the People's channel of Kairali's News channel on all Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30 - 5.00 p.m.
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FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

P.C. Kuriakose

Philippians 1:21 For to live is Christ but Apostle Paul has written fourteen Epistles including the Epistle of Hebrews. Of those four, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon are written from prison. So they are known as prison Epistles. While Paul was in prison the Church of Philippi extended the right hand of fellowship to him. This letter is a letter of thanks to the saints there (Philippians 4:18). "I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. In Philippians 1:12 he says that what happened to him has led to the advance of the gospel. He was able to share gospel to those who were with him in the prison. "Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the Word of God more courageously and fearlessly. "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain", can be divided in to two parts. Apostle Paul tells that to him to live is Christ. What all things did he have as his own.

1. MY God 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. The God of Apostle Paul and the Philippian saints are the same. It may seem to us that Paul is so selfish when he says 'My God'. Paul was not

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