



The Shepherd's Staff

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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we were talking about the sign of the cross one day, we were remarking at how unimaginable it would be to improve upon this sign in the heavens. So often in this ministry, we have seen God “outdo Himself” by exceeding everything that came before and everything we could have imagined prior to that. But if time extends beyond the period indicated by the cross in the heavens, how will He make a better and more fitting sign than the cross, which would indicate by oath the day and hour and include so many wonderful insights, as have filled the recent articles? We could not then imagine it.

The Lord reveals things in His time, and what you are about to see, He intentionally reserved for the time after the sign of the cross. As the longing heart has yearned to be satisfied, God has had to draw us to Him across a passage of time that has often been much longer than what one would have been able to endure had he walked it alone, without the daily bread of heaven that cheers his soul and gives strength for each new day. As the Lord leads us and we walk with Him and talk with Him along the way, He develops in our hearts the intense devotion and reliance upon Him that you have hopefully experienced in this movement.

The message you are about to receive moved Brother John to tears when it came to him. The deep experience that each one of us has had with the Lord in our lives in connection with this movement will call forth the only human response that a wanderer can have as he nears the home of his rest.

The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy. (Proverbs 14:10)

Small things can be extremely profound, and without understanding the depth of what something means to a person, a stranger coming into the situation afresh cannot appreciate the intensity of the feelings of another person who has had such deep experiences. Your individual experiences—each formed through your walk with the Lord in this ministry—will enable you to see and partake of the joy that is set before you.



A Divine Dream

The Lord sparked this message in a simple way. We received the following dream on March 27, 2022.

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Dream of Aquiles

I know I am walking down a street and I see things that come into my view but they fade away so quickly that I don't remember them. In this continuous happening of things, I remember seeing an old iron advertisement structure in which I see that it has an advertisement, which is a not-very-big rectangle of the advertisement that only shows numbers.

I am not sure if I have read or heard a number that is shown there, because things fade fast. In my mind, I am left with the number 0615264 and other digits that follow it, but the latter I am not able to record in my mind. I get up immediately to write down the number. The memory of the vanishing scenes comes to my mind as I try to recall the dream after asking the Holy Spirit for help.



In the dream, he is “walking down a street.” In the context of our articles, this is an obvious reference to moving along the ecliptic as the sign of the cross unfolds. He sees things “come into view” as the heavenly scenes develop, but strangely, they “fade away so quickly that he doesn't remember them.”

Things fading away might be chalked up to being in a dream, but from our vantage point, it was clear: we had an assumed-to-be-finished article ready and waiting for publication (namely, the previous post, which we later dubbed “part 1” of this message). We had written things that had come into our view, but which were not available to others yet, and therefore they are represented as unremembered or unknown in the dream.

The one thing he does remember is the old iron sign, which stands as a horizontal message display on a thick pillar, forming a T-shape: it is the old rugged cross about which we have already written and published, which is on the “street” of the ecliptic. He can remember that, because it is published.

However, the sign includes iron—i.e., a reference to the “rod of iron” aspect of the sign of the cross—and requires the moon with its great iron mass under the surface. This alludes to the moon's role in the vintage, as you've now seen.

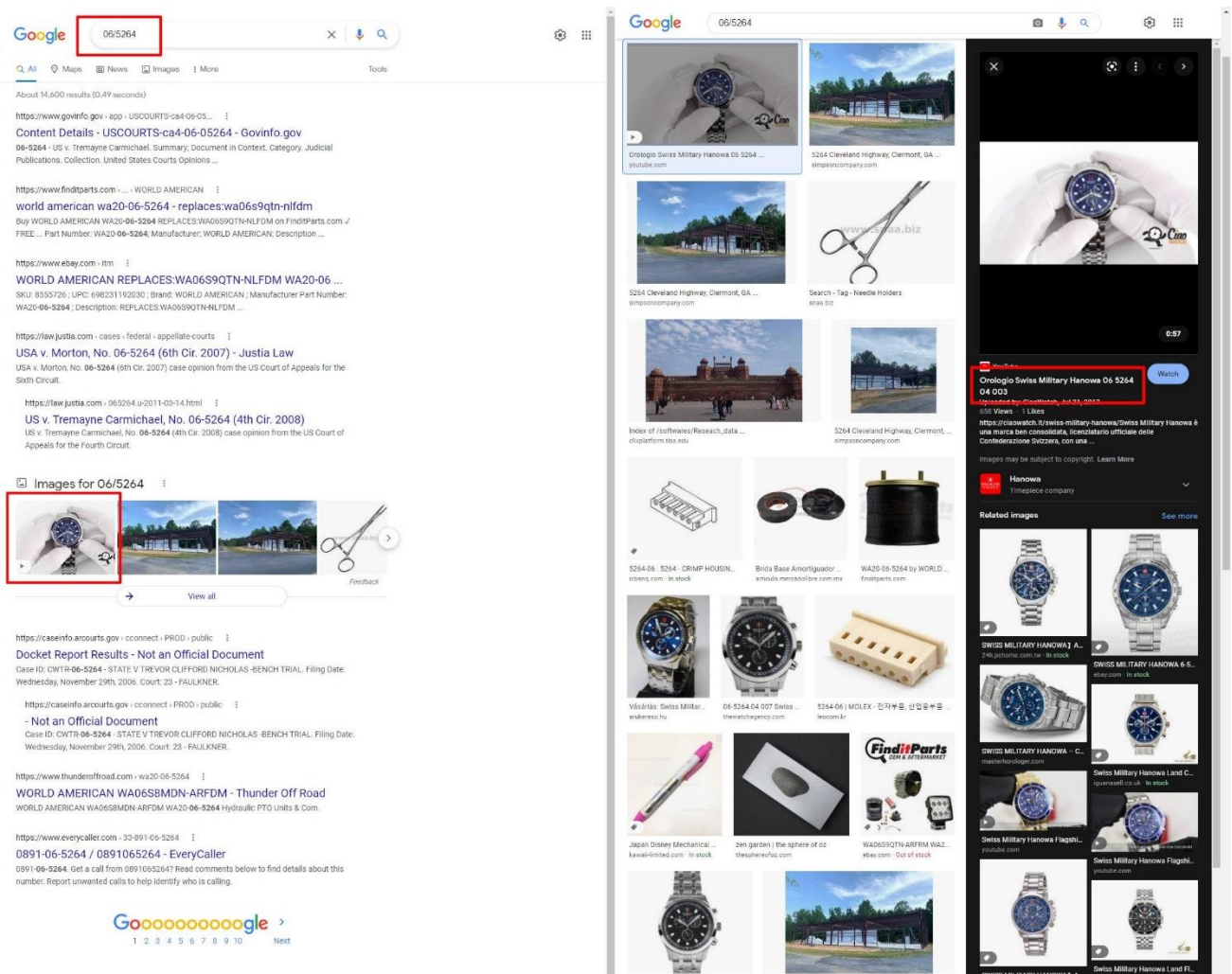
But on this sign is a number which he can remember only the beginning of. This is the key element of the dream. Like a phone number scribbled on a napkin (which might easily be discarded by someone else who didn't write it down or care about it), this dream provides the means to reach out and make a “telephone call” to our Lord. But imagine having such a valuable phone number in hand, and you can't make out all the digits!

This is where Brother John did the only sensible thing: he searched for whose “phone number” that could be... but there is a slight problem. Is it 0615264 as typed? Or is it meant to be formatted as 06/5264 as it



appears in the drawing? Sometimes logic defies, but the brother was led to draw a picture for a reason, as the Spirit often leads through the nuances.

Like the advertising sign, the cross indicates a number: the rapture date signified by the oath of God, which would mean that it would be appropriate to write the number in the dream with a slash. However, one would try in vain to decipher any meaningful date from the numbers themselves. But God speaks in unusual ways, and if a person enters the number with a slash into Google, the result will make profound sense in the divine light:



Clicking on the first picture that appears in the search results will take you to the object of our interest: "Orologio Swiss Military Hanowa 06 5264 04 003" (and there are the missing numbers). The search results are dominated by this product, a Swiss military watch called "Orologio" (i.e., Horologium), which brings to mind God's precisely ticking clock of vengeance formed by the comet hand of C/2014 UN271 Bernardinelli-Bernstein in the clock dial of the constellation Horologium, which is what started the entire series entitled [The Bridegroom Cometh](#).

And what are the missing numbers? "04 003" or, if we restore the slash between numbers as suggested in the dream, "04/003" could simply refer to the date of 4/3 (April 3), when the cross sign ends. This is one more indication that we are dealing with the last message, the message for the end of time. In fact, there's another hint to the nature of this message if you look at the seller who is advertising this watch: it is "CiaoWatch", a name which would be internationally understood to literally mean "bye-bye watch"!

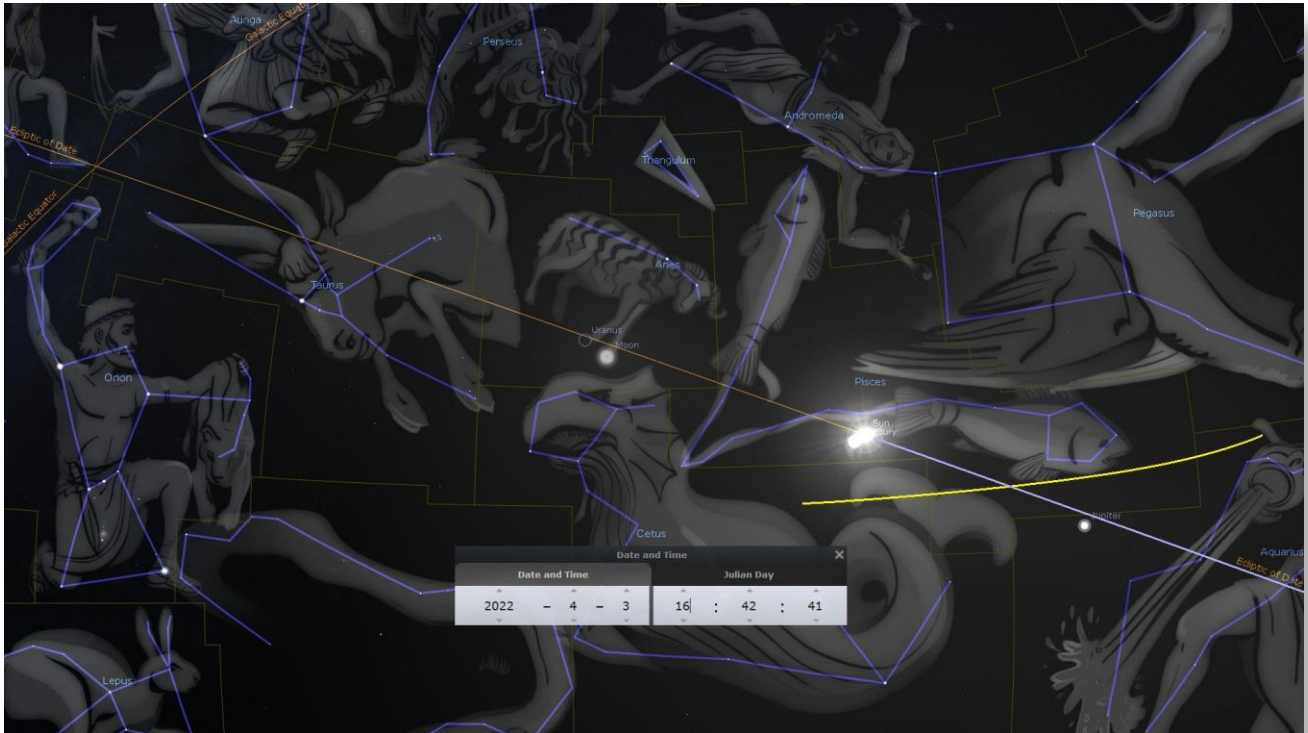


The Name of God

There's a lot to ponder on, just there in the deciphering of the watch. But this watch, whose hands are pictured in the usual "ten till two" or "ten after ten" position, was a divine way of bringing our attention back to the Horologium clock to discover the then yet-to-be-written message that is now contained in this post. It is a message for the time following April 3, 2022.

In the previous post, it was asked whether the rapture could really happen by April 3, 2022, in light of the casting of the grape clusters into the winepress. If the departure happens "without" (or outside) the city, then it suggests that the rapture has already taken place when the treading of the winepress begins (but not till after the casting of the grapes into the winepress). This was a clue that *something* must come after April 3, 2022, but what?

The dream describes an iron sign along the street, referring to the rod of iron along the ecliptic. But what (in the heavens) corresponds to the actual "sign" (i.e., the number display) on top of the iron structure? After all, the rod of iron is also the scepter of power, and the top of a scepter is normally adorned in a special way. As we have seen it so far, the top of the scepter is marked by the expected first crescent moon on April 3, 2022, in the constellation of Pisces. (We will see later what really marks the top, given that the moon was not sighted due to clouds, and the month begins a day later.)



Could the sign atop the iron structure be a reference to the constellation of Aries? With respect to the other constellations it would fit the dream's description of being "not very big" and more or less "rectangular" by comparison. Keep in mind the context of the literal cross as well: there was a sign at the top of the cross with the accusation of our Lord, which contained His name: "THE KING OF THE JEWS." Some even [deduct](#) that the Jews wanted Pilate to change the writing because the initials spelled YHWH, the tetragrammaton that was the name of God—something very painful to them, i.e., that Pilate unwittingly gave Jesus the Father's name! **This signified to all who passed by and read the accusation of this innocent man that HIS ONLY CRIME WAS TO BE THE SON OF GOD.**

Who is the minority today who are cut off from society and denied even basic necessities because of no other crime than to keep their DNA pure and free of man's inventions? How many today are persecuted for no other reason than because they are sons and daughters of God, who can still trace the purity of their lineage to their father and grandfather and great grandfather...

...Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. (Luke 3:38)

From the invention of DNA vaccines and therapies forward, it can no longer be assumed that a person's DNA (and thus identity) is "organic" in the sense of having developed continuously and naturally from the work of God.

In the dream, the sign showed a number that we have deciphered as the Horologium clock. It is a symbol of TIME—one of the [attributes](#) of God—written there on the cross of the generation of the 144,000 virgins, just as YHWH was written over the cross of their forerunner two thousand years ago. They are guiltless and without guile before God, and therefore it is so fitting that the Lamb of God (represented by Aries) should be the sign above their head.

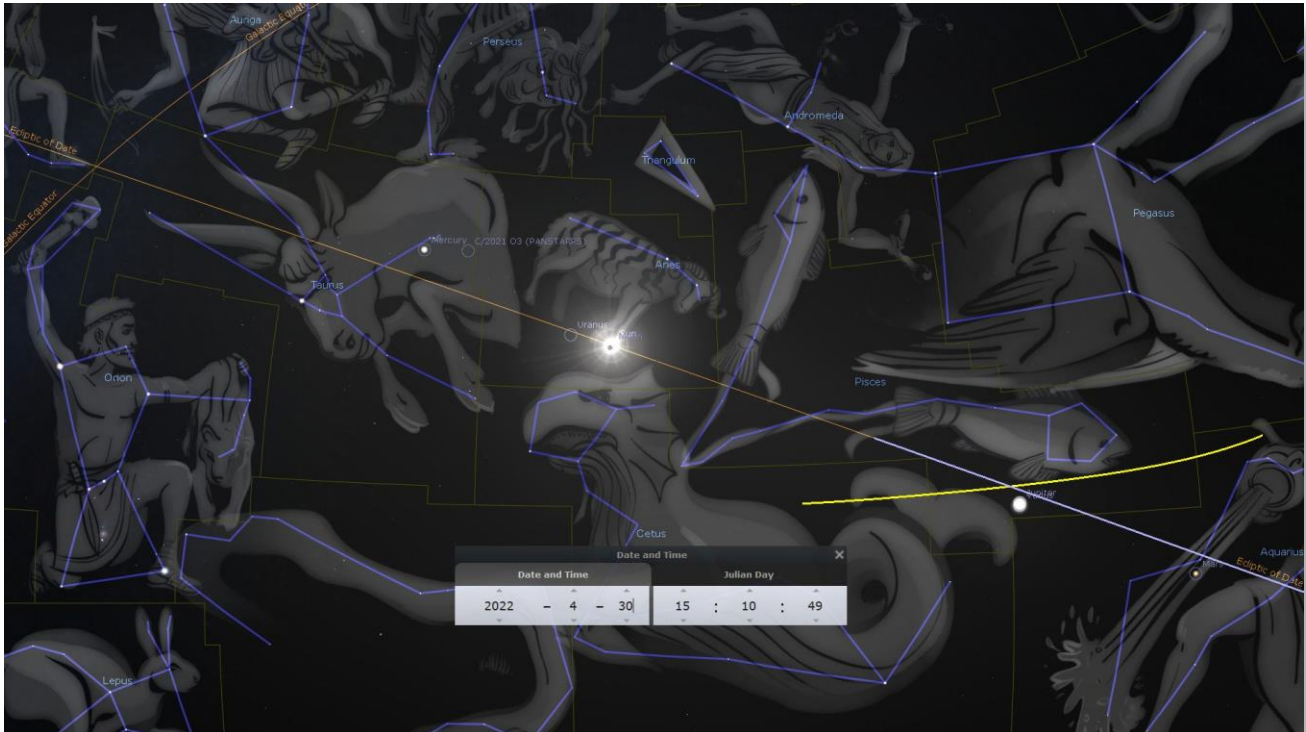
These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men,



being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Revelation 14:4-5)

The Sign of the Lamb

Is there anything yet unseen that forms a heavenly sign in Aries? Wouldn't it be important for the sun to be in Aries for such a sign? Considering that April 3, 2022, will end one biblical month and begin another with the new moon sighting, then it could be especially significant that within the new lunar month there is a partial solar eclipse, as viewed from the south pole.



This sign on April 30, 2022, is well-known to all, as it appears in every list of celestial events. But notice that on this day, Jupiter and Venus are also in conjunction and Mars enters the outpouring cup of wrath in the constellation of Aquarius.

This calls to remembrance what was said in the previous post, which has partly come to pass: the grapes were cut as symbolized in the heavens on March 28, 2022, and the European Union (symbolized by the grape cluster of Venus) promptly voted against [privacy and freedom of transacting](#) in the new world of cryptocurrency. The EU cut itself off from the future, like a cluster of grapes clipped from the vine. At the same time, Putin imposed the ruble on all those nations who are sanctioning Russia, thus dealing the EU with a double whammy.

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. (Revelation 18:6)

As a corollary to the cutting of the grape clusters for the vintage, Venus and Mars are cast into the winepress of Aquarius to be trampled into wine. First comes Venus to be thrown down on April 16, 2022, and then Mars on April 30—all within the span of this one lunar month.

They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions. (Hosea 5:7)



How will the EU's decision to impose its rules against personal liberty play out? Where will it land them on April 16—the day of the full moon, which is Passover? Will the Angel of Death “pass over” the houses of the EU nations? And what of the US-led NATO to follow, as symbolized by Mars, the war planet? Time will reveal it.

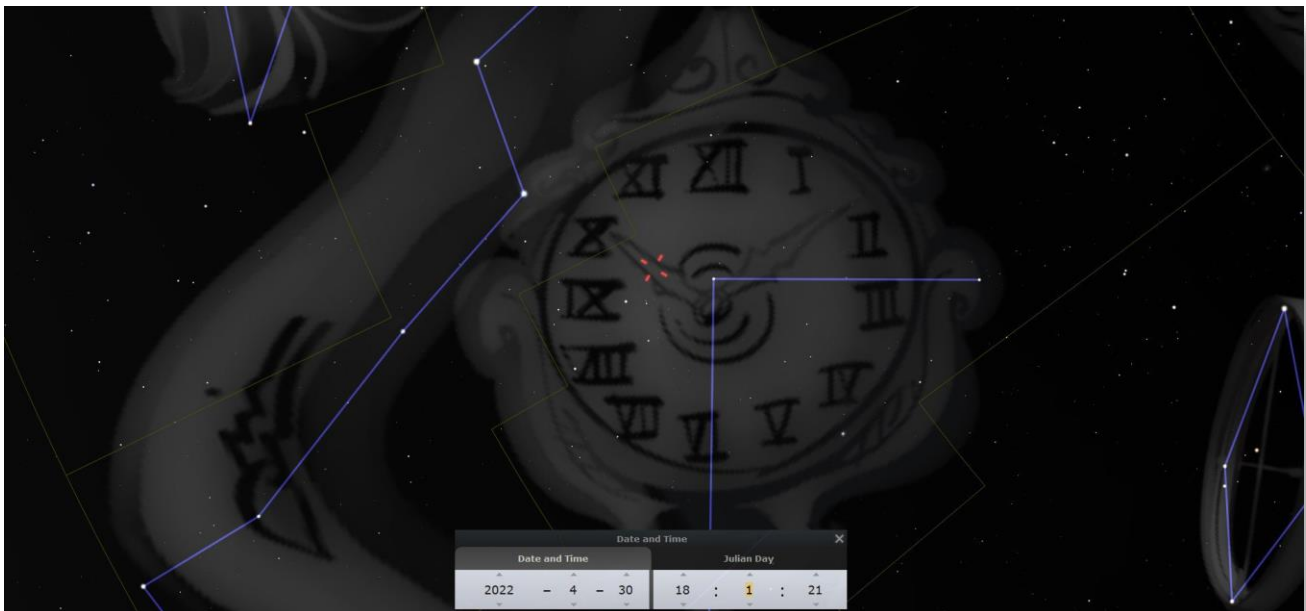
Once both of these clusters of nations (the EU and NATO) have been thrown into the winepress, then the rapture can begin:

And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (Revelation 14:19-20)

Thus, the sign over the iron rod, in this sense, would display the earliest date of the rapture: **April 30, 2022**, when the red grapes symbolized by Mars are also cast into the winepress.

The Clock of Vengeance

We still have not asked the comet in the Horologium constellation what it has to say about any of this. If the dream was pointing to the Swiss-watch accuracy of the Horologium, shouldn't we find the day and the hour indicated there too? Take a look at where C/2014 UN271 Bernardinelli-Bernstein is located on April 30, 2022:



The hour hand seems to point to the rapture! Isn't it amazing that the comet is exactly on the 10 o'clock hand of the artwork on April 30? As deciphered in [The Rod of Iron](#), this hand points to the year 2010 when the [Orion presentation](#) was published, with which the entire 12-year [covenantal](#) span of this public ministry was inaugurated. Here at the end of time, this more-than-fortuitous comet has come full circle in its whirlwind tour of the 12-year history of our movement around the Horologium clock face.

This coming full circle, after the thousands of pages of spiritual insight that have been added to the literature, represents the increase of knowledge—particularly the knowledge of God—that was prophesied by Daniel, and which signifies that we have come “even to the time of the end.”



But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, **even to the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Daniel 12:4)

This increase of spiritual knowledge was made possible by technological advances such as software tools like Stellarium) that give us the ability to “time-travel” in the heavens and move “to and fro” to search out what God has written in the infinitely vast book of nature. Although most of the spiritual lessons in the heavens could be seen in any other planetarium too, it often seems as if the peculiar artwork of Stellarium was consulted by the divine Author of the book of Revelation Himself—probably because He approves of free and open-source software (FOSS), which is founded on the principles of **civil liberty** , which generally seems to be going out of style or kept in name only. Our God is a God of genuine liberty, not liberty in name only.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: **As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.** (1 Peter 2:15-16)

Through FOSS, everyone is thus equipped to “look up” as Jesus instructed and “shake the heavens” to hear His Word (the Bible) speak.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.** (Hebrews 12:25-26)

The Other Seven Stars

The idea one might come to is to simply extend the cross sign into the future. We can use the tools at our disposal to do this by simply re-calculating the ephemerides up to April 30, 2022:





With the sun and moon in the hand of the ram, we have a very vivid picture of the Lamb wielding the iron rod with which He rules the nations.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation 19:15)

The twoedged sword coming out of the mouth of the Sun of Righteousness that cut the two grape clusters for the vintage has now been extended. It is something like the lightsaber of the Lamb, now forming a complete rod of iron with both sun and moon present. **This shows that it is Jesus—the Lamb, symbolized by Aries—who now takes up the battle.**

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

As His title is Lord of lords and King of kings, this symbol of the power to rule can also be seen as a scepter. In this sense, the sun and moon mark the top of the scepter, or rod, which would be expected to be adorned in a way befitting of a king.

Notice that the rod now extends into the constellation of Aries, whereas it ended with the sun in Pisces before the ephemeris was extended. But if this is the new top of the iron rod and if there is to be an ornament atop the rod to adorn the scepter, one might consider it appropriate to look in the next constellation, Taurus, for such an ornament. Here, we find that C/2021 O3 PanSTARRS has arrived—together with Mercury—to the Pleiades star cluster.

This is highly significant in multiple ways. The word Pleiades occurs three times in the Bible, all in the Old Testament:

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From the same as H3558; a cluster of stars, that is, the Pleiades: – Pleiades, **seven stars**.

The seven stars are one of the mysteries in the book of Revelation:

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. (Revelation 1:20)

We have understood that these seven stars refer to the seven classical planets which all travel through the right hand of Orion, as a symbol for Jesus in His intercessory role. Interestingly, all references to Pleiades in the Bible are connected directly with Orion:

Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades [H3598], and the chambers of the south. (Job 9:9)

Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades [H3598], or loose the bands of Orion? (Job 38:31)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars [H3598, i.e. Pleiades] and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth

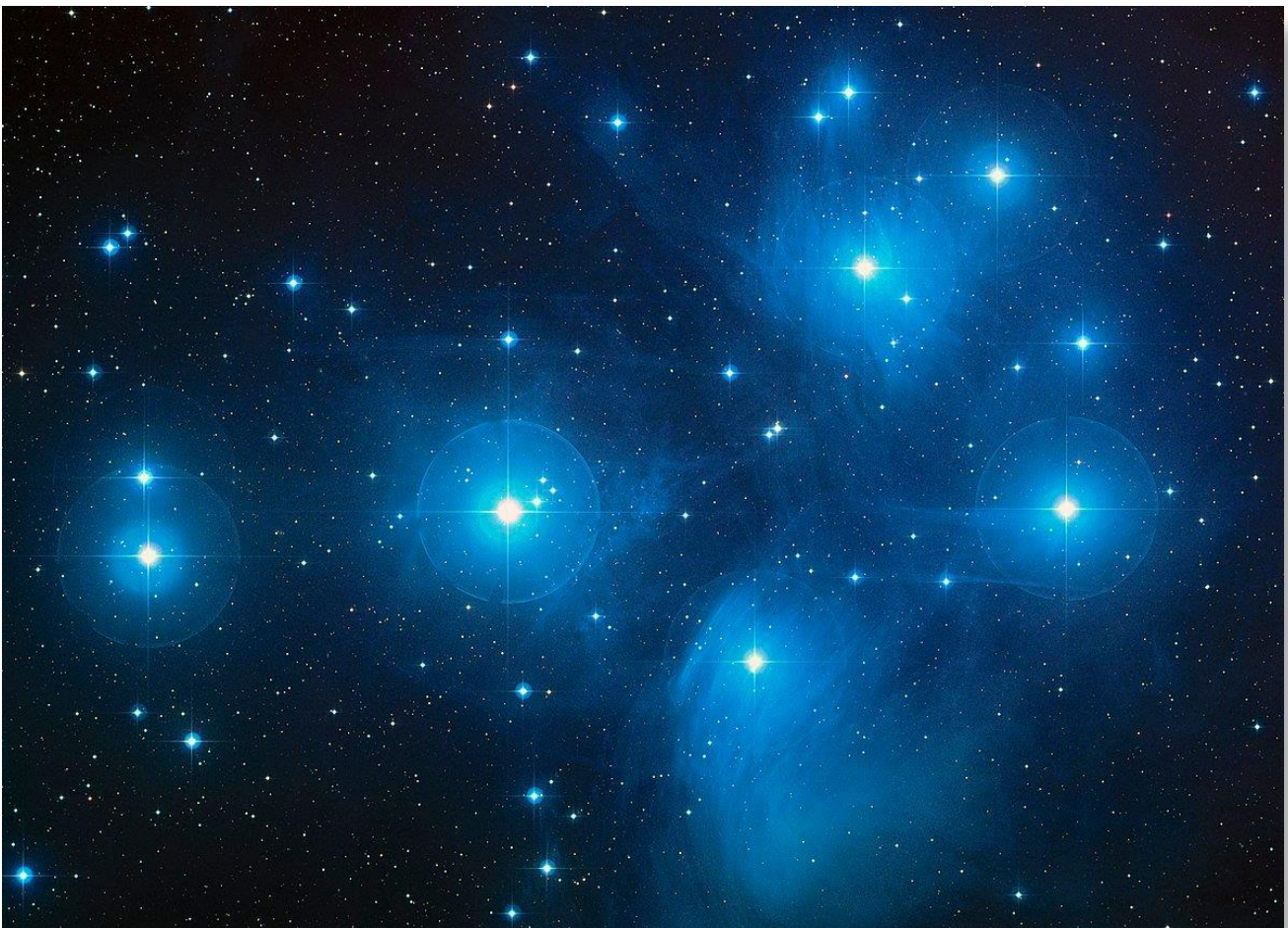


for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD
is his name: (Amos 5:8)

In Amos, it speaks specifically about turning the shadow of death into morning, alluding to the resurrection of the righteous, and the pouring out of the waters of the sea of Aquarius where the plagues are also poured upon the wicked.

The Long-Sought Island

Now as the intercession of our Lord has since ended, and with the Orion clock cycles giving way to His coming as of the discovery of the sign of the cross on March 7/8, He is taking up His scepter of power. The Pleiades is seen as the crowning ornament that decorates the top of that scepter.



This beautiful and well-known star cluster thus gains a deeper meaning: if a rapture would coincide with the comet and Mercury arriving at Pleiades on April 30, 2022, then this cluster named “the seven stars” would signify the place to which the seven stars who were the messengers of the churches are now to be raptured.

The depth of meaning is unfathomable. First of all, note that the comet is the “angel” or “messenger” (Brother John) whose leading has brought us to this point, and Mercury thus stands for the people whom he leads. In terms of their heavenly proximity, this is the one point in their orbits when Mercury and the comet come together, and what are the chances for that to happen at this special “island” cluster of



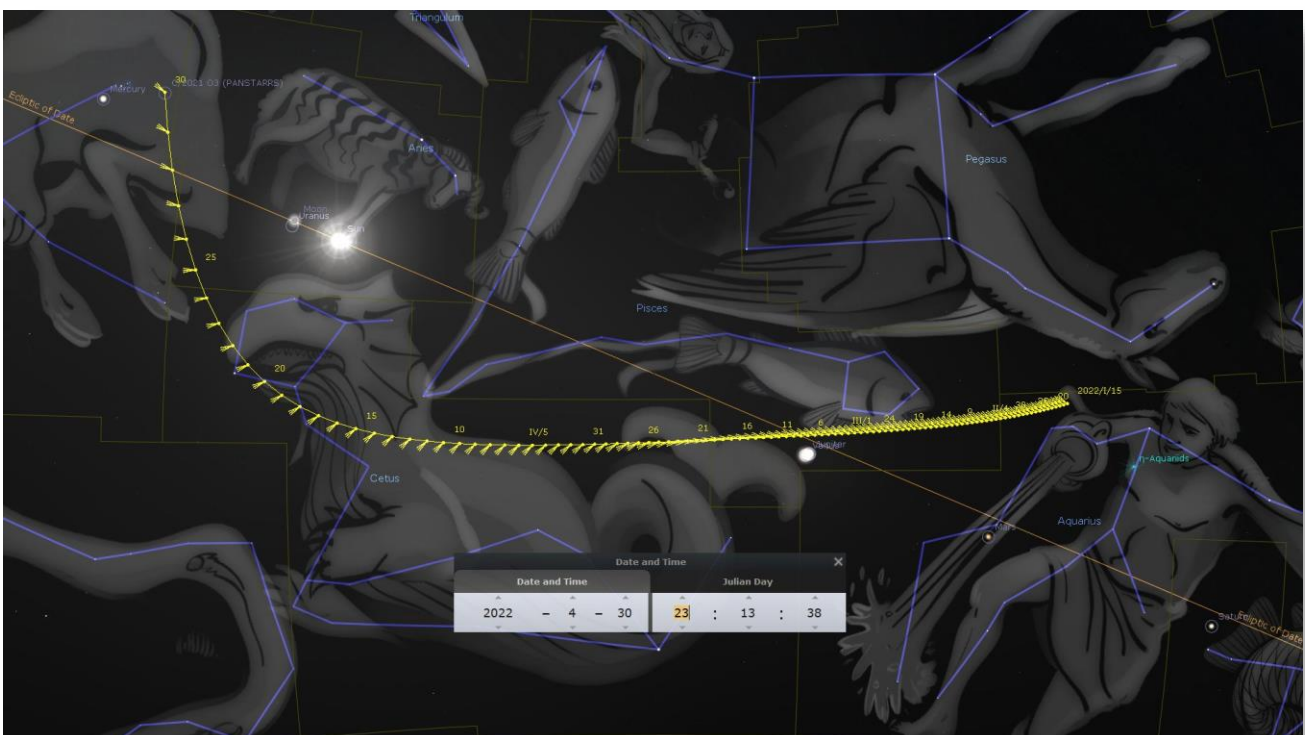
stars!? This calls to mind a dream that Brother John related in the early days of this movement, as recorded in [Oil in the Lamps of the Wise](#) .

The dream describes Brother John jumping from the panoramic windows (think Mazzaroth) of the highest deck (think Aquarius) of a large seagoing vessel. This uppermost deck served as a kitchen in which was the chef (think Satan), the last person to drown on the sinking ship. It would be worth one's while to read the entire post at the link above, but for the present purpose, please allow me to quote only the last two paragraphs of the dream:

Without an explanation, I wasn't afraid of anything. I felt the waves gently pushing me in a certain direction. I didn't have to move my arms or legs to stay on the surface. I was light as wood. The water was at a very comfortable temperature. But darkness surrounded me everywhere. After some time, which seemed incredibly short, I was gently washed to an island with a white beach. The island was of indescribable beauty—colorful parrots everywhere in the most beautiful palms I could imagine. A real paradise! There was a brook with fresh water and a palm forest on a hill in the middle of the island, which was brightly lit. I walked towards the forest when many people stepped out of the forest and came in my direction.

At first, I was intimidated by their appearance, because they had no faces. All their faces were hidden by a small black cloud that was in front of their faces, so that I could not recognize any of them. But they started hugging me, greeting me with all their love and kissing me on my cheeks and repeating all the time: "We are so happy that you are finally here!"

Do you understand what this dream at the beginning of Brother John's ministry has to do with the topics we are now studying, here at the end? It is about the journey of C/2021 O3 PanSTARRS to Pleiades "island". The comet symbolizes Brother John, who jumped from the upper deck of the ship (the comet coming from the upper part of the constellation of Aquarius, picture below). The constellation of Aquarius has a dual meaning: it stands for God the Father, but it has also been usurped to represent the enemy, the god of the seas, Dagon (the chef in the dream).





In the sea of Pisces, the comet floated effortlessly till reaching the Pleiades (the island) where Mercury greets him (representing those who are looking for the coming of the Lord). Together, they all awaited the rapture. Along the way, on February 24 he could see the lights of the ship flickering under the water, representing the explosions that started in Ukraine as the Russian invasion began.

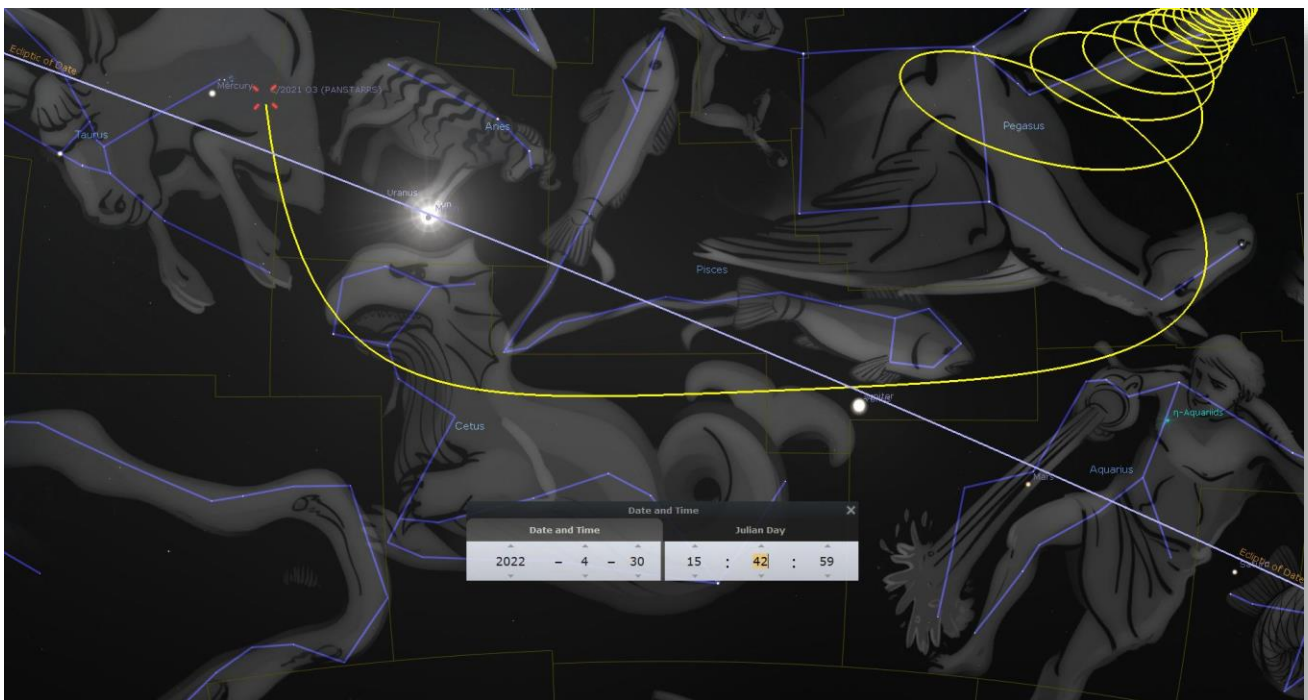
Thus, we come full circle yet again: this dream takes us from the beginning of Brother John's ministry when he received it, until its fulfillment in the heavens now at the end.

The picture of Revelation 19 painted in the heavens continues its panoramic display into chapter 20. As part of the extension of the path of C/2021 O3 PanSTARRS, we enter the waters of Leviathan. This is the time when the comet-angel begins to carry out his pre-determined task:

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (Revelation 20:1-3)

It was always a question of who this angel would be, and now we can see that it is symbolized in the heavens by C/2021 O3 PanSTARRS. Like the chef drowning in the sinking ship, the dragon is to be bound in the bottomless pit. Exactly on the day of its perihelion on April 21, 2022, the comet bores through the jaw of Cetus, just as the Lord said in His challenge to Job:

Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? (Job 41:1-2)



Coming from the Oort Cloud with its mighty chain in tow, this heavenly messenger has the task of threading a hook through the jaw, tongue, and nose of Cetus, exactly as it appears in Stellarium and is described in the Bible! And there above him is the solar eclipse—the seal in the hand of Aries that ensures

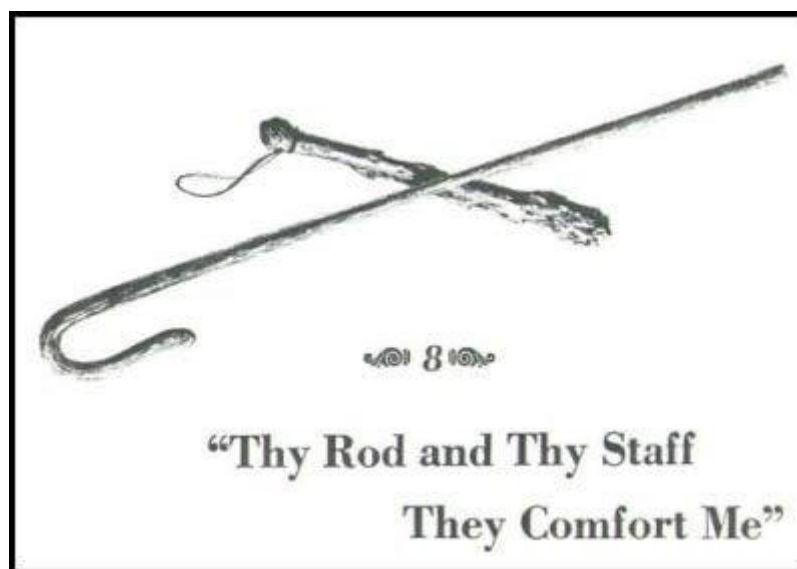


he never leaves the bottomless pit of this earth during the thousand years. The question that was addressed to Job implied that God is the only one who could do those things. This is because God made the heavens, and what we see there is His divine work. He has the power to do these great things, to speak an ancient word that will not fail to fulfill in its time. This gives the soul confidence to trust in Him!

The Transformation

As of April 3, the sign of the cross begins to transform. We have seen how the long beam of the cross was extended into a scepter and rod of iron. But what does the extended trajectory of the comet now symbolize? It was initially the bo staff, but now it has a curve at the end. It has gained a hook, but for the people of God, this hook has a different meaning than it does for Leviathan! **It is a hooked staff.**

Who is the Man who carries a rod and a hooked staff?

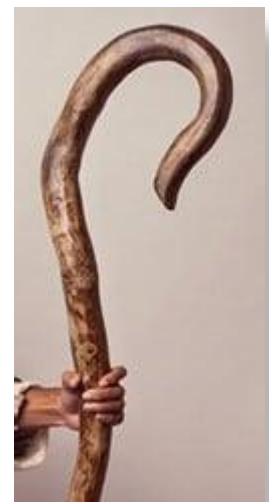


It is the Good Shepherd! These are no longer symbols of a burden, but of comfort. The rod symbolizes divine protection—blocking the way of the bad grapes—while the shepherd's staff symbolizes divine guidance. The curved end of the crook is to gently loop around the sheep's necks to steer them in the right direction, just as Aries is in the curve of the comet's path.

These two symbols always go together, crossed, as the shepherd's insignia. Notice that it is Aquarius, representing God the Father, who holds the staff in his hand. It is in His authority that the angel was sent as the instrument used by God to guide His children on the earth.

For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. (John 16:27)

From a certain point on, the children of God will be defended and nourished in a special way by divine power, to comfort them for all their sacrifices of the past years in His message. The burden—the cross—of the Orion message is coming to an end, and the many years of sacrificial toil under its weight will be rewarded with the tender loving care of the Lord:





Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

“The journey is the destination” as it was for the disciples on the road to Emmaus. It is our walk with the Lord that defines who we are and what we become. If the short span of one’s life is spent everywhere else besides with the Lord, then such a person deprives himself of a relationship with the only One who can sustain him for eternity. But when a person walks with the Lord all along life’s pathway, then he develops a deep bond and a longing that will at last be satisfied when he sees His Lord.

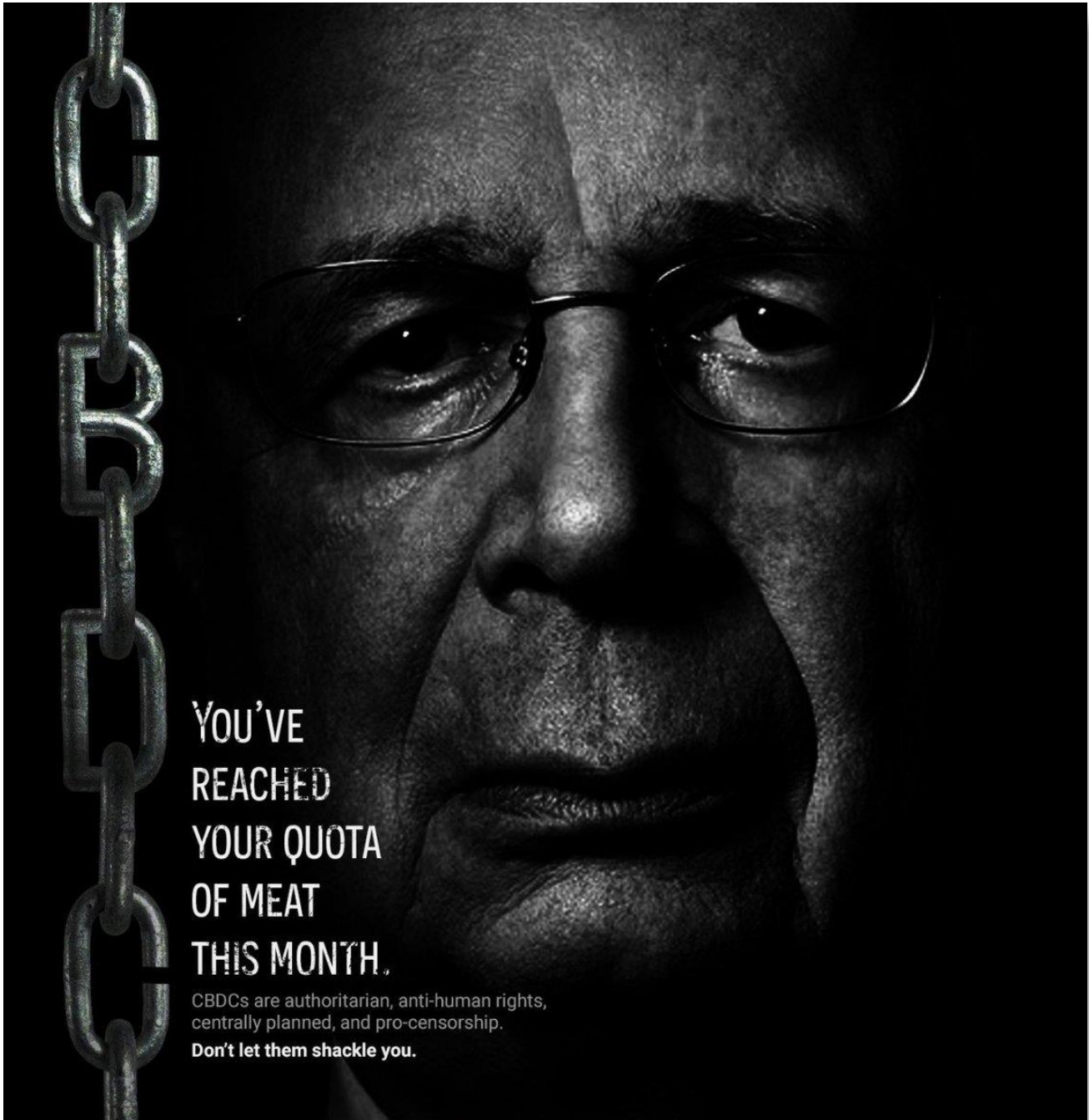
The transformation of the cross into the Shepherd’s emblems mirrors the transformation of the heavenly sign of the woman of Revelation 12 into the whore, which also took place over the course of one month. Whereas she lost her crown and became degenerate in character, those who take up their cross and follow Jesus are lifted like the lamb on His broad shoulders and given the crown of life.

Soon appeared the great white cloud. It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of man. At first we did not see Jesus on the cloud, but as it drew near the earth we could behold His lovely person. This cloud, when it first appeared, was the sign of the Son of man in heaven. { EW 35.1 }

What we must ask ourselves as of April 3, 2022, is: Do we see the Lord better today than we did yesterday? Can we now discern His personal identity, as the sign of the Son of man shows Him drawing ever nearer? From now on till the solar eclipse (astronomical new moon) of April 30, 2022, one month will have completely transformed the cross into the emblems of the Shepherd who will direct His sheep into the heavenly pasture. This transition marks the onset of a time of rest, which is what the Sabbath millennium represents. Man’s work of character formation was allotted six thousand years, as Adam was allotted six days for his work.

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exodus 20:10-11)

The Sabbath is the day when the Lord visits His children. He comes to be with them and nourish them, as represented by the rod and the staff.



In stark contrast to this world where the enemy threatens to rob the soul of all freedoms by controlling of every facet of life, we have this hope that now the promise will be fulfilled:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)

Soon the children of God will be safe and suffer no lack, sealed for eternity never to suffer death. The angels of God will feed them with the bread of heaven, and they will not suffer in the general famine that will prevail over the earth.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
(Psalm 23:2)*



Like the six-foot-tall grass in [Brother John's dream](#) about Jesus' coming since March 7/8, 2022, or the six-inch-tall grass in Ellen G. White's [1868 dream](#), there will be abundant provision for the Good Shepherd's flocks. As Mercury has passed the water column of Aquarius and is moving gently through the waters of Pisces toward the Pleiades star cluster and as Brother John was carried peacefully by the gentle waves to the island shore, so the Lord leads us and is guiding us to the heavenly shore and the Holy City.

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:3-4)*

"Look up, and lift up your heads" and see His rod and staff, "for your redemption draweth nigh." One need no longer fear even for those who have passed under the shadow of death, because the Lord remembers every one and will restore them in the resurrection. The martyrs will rise again, who have died at the hands of the guilty like a bull on the altar table of the constellation of Taurus.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies...

The time of the martyr's sacrifice is now over, and another table is now ready; the marriage supper of the Lamb is prepared for the children of God. He will feed them from the table of heaven—a table with a length as great as the Mazzaroth is infinite, yet the eye can extend over it.

The Lord thus promises to those who are guided by His staff that He will provide for them, and He will anoint them for their role during the millennium.

...thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. (Psalm 23:5)

This anointing is shown by the Lamb, symbolized by Aries, who holds the iron rod in His hand to give it to the overcomers of Thyatira, who followed the voice of the true Shepherd (against the imposter with his counterfeit [pectoral cross](#) of silver).

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power
over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter
shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (Revelation 2:26-27)*

In like manner as Aries holds the rod, so Jupiter holds Venus in conjunction as the morning star, both to be given to the overcomers:

And I will give him the morning star. (Revelation 2:28)

During the millennium, these overcomers will sit as kings and priests with Him. And upon those overcomers who gained the victory over the false teaching of once-save-always-saved, He will put "none other burden" than to hold fast that which they have already, till He come.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the LORD for ever. (Psalm 23:6)*

The closing words of the Shepherd's Psalm allude to the seal of the church of Philadelphia, the implications to which should be contemplated as a result of all that was shared in this post, especially by those who call themselves by this name.