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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[What Is Important](#)” is the title of this month’s article. I wrote this essay so you will consider several important aspects of God’s creation.

Nations and the spirit realms are the parts of God’s creation comprised of individuals. These individuals have self-aware intelligence. These individuals form groups of two or more. The groups act differently than they do as individuals. They have a different dynamic and different priorities than individuals. I examine what is important to different groups.

First I show what is important to all organizations in a general sense. These priorities are the primary goals for any group of two or more individuals. The larger the group, the more powerful these priorities have as an influence upon the group. These priorities influence nations, individually, or collectively as groups of nations. I show that God establishes their national boundaries and leaders, and how these organizations called nations follow the priorities as I describe them.

I then focus on what is important to the United States because in so many ways it is the leading nation in the world. It is not morally superior to any other nation or organization, but it has immense economic, political, and military power compared to other nations. It is more powerful now than it has ever been, it exerts more influence on other nations than ever before, and the other nations are more dependent upon it than ever before. The five priorities of what is important to organizations are clearly seen to operate in the example of the United States.

The United States is composed of several self-governing units called “states” each of which are individualistic in operation. Each of those states and smaller governmental units, such as counties, cities, towns, etc., also exhibit and follow the five priorities that I list, as does every organization, business, club, church. All corporate entities seem to follow these priorities as the main concerns of their existence.

Then I consider what is important to spirits who, like nations, have collectives and group dynamics similar to nations and kingdoms.<sup>1</sup> The apostle Paul touches on this subject more than any other biblical author when he writes about the principalities and powers in the spirit realm.

I shift focus and describe what is important to God. He does not follow the priorities of men because He **“works all things after the counsel of his own will”** (Ephesians 1:11). He is unique. Even Christ follows His Father’s will (Matthew 7:21, 12:50, 26:42; John 6:40, 8:28, 15:10; Galatians 1:4). Furthermore, because God the Father (YHWH) is an individual and all-powerful sovereign, He does not operate with regard to a group dynamic. Any groups that God forms, such as **“the Kingdom of Christ [the messiah] and of God”** (Ephesians 5:5) and the **“body of Christ”** (Romans 7:4; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 12:27; Ephesians 4:12) are totally subject to the will of God the Father. None of the five priorities relate to their operation.

Finally, I identify what is important to individuals, as human beings with extended families and extended selves as you relate to and interact with others. When interacting with others, individuals also unconsciously fulfill the five priorities I list at the beginning the article.

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<sup>1</sup> The **“king of Tyre”** in Ezekiel 28:11–19 is called a king because he has a kingdom of individuals besides himself who follow his orders (willingly or unwillingly). The most powerful are likely other spirit beings. His influence over his human subjects was probably not direct, but by subtle influences of temptation, religious ritual and tradition, and spirit communication.

Then I discuss what is important to you from God's point of view, as a person subject to the influences of the world. God has placed you in this world and the world's influences upon you are more powerful than your ability to struggle against them without God's help. All the world is working against any righteousness being done by you, and you are without hope in the world without God.

**“That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh [made close to God] by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, ...”**

• **Ephesians 2:12–14**

Finally I present what should be important to you as a child of God in Christ, Christ who should be **“the way, the truth and the life”** (John 14:6). It is through Christ that we come to the Father. God's **“spirit of truth”** cannot be received, perceived, or known by the world (John 14:17), as we pursue the righteous works that God wishes us to try to do (1 Timothy 6:11; 1 John 3:10).

### **Thank You**

I hope this information about what is important to nations, to spirits, to God, to individuals, and to you as a believer in Christ, is useful to you. It is important to have a proper understanding of what is happening in **“the world,”** the *kosmos*, and who the major players are. We who are members of the body of Christ are not yet visible on the world stage. We are not significant in the world, just like the apostles were not significant in the world. But our importance to God far outweighs what the world may think of us.

Actually, we should be thankful that the world largely ignores us, because if they did notice us, they would hate us and take action against us, particularly the religious community, whatever their beliefs are:

**“If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”**

• **John 15:18–19**

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As the Lutheran benediction goes (that they appropriated from the Book of Numbers):

**“YHWH bless you, and keep you: YHWH make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: YHWH lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”**

• **Numbers 6:24–26**

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