

CHAPTER FORTY SEVEN

C. S. Lewis on the Cosmic Reserve Corps

I postponed discussion of these statements by Lewis because of the connection to recent trends in Christian thinking. The more we study Lewis the more we perceive his knowledge about unfolding world spiritual developments, and the secrets he must have known. Many times his settings are styled in the only social framework he knew, in the 1940s and 1950s. This causes us to tend to ignore his importance, seeing curious fiction, but not much more than that.

I continue to quote here from the second chapter of *Perelandra*.

“I know” said he with one of his singularly disarming smiles. “You are feeling the absurdity of it. Dr. Elwin Ransom setting out single-handed to combat powers and principalities. You may even be wondering if I’ve got megalomania.”

My voice trailed, “I didn’t mean that quite.”

One of the problems I have personally encountered is the accusation of megalomania. This takes different forms, depending on how well the other person knows me. Members of my personal family have often asked why I think I can save the world. Well — I can. Not under my human power, of course, but as a contributing member of God’s heavenly kingdom. And with God’s support in my human expressions I just might be able to help with the grave decisions we all must shortly face. I have given major portions of my life to fighting “powers and principalities.” My book, *Spirit Entry Into Human Mind*, is a synopsis of facts, analysis of revelation, and exhortations to that exact end.

Ransom continues:

“Oh, but I think you did. At any rate that is what I have been feeling myself ever since that thing was sprung on me. But when you come to think of it, is it odder than what any of us have to do every day? When the Bible used that very expression about fighting with principalities and powers and depraved hypersomatic beings at great heights (our translation is very misleading at that point, by the way) it meant the quite ordinary people were to do the fighting.”

“Oh, I dare say,” said I. “But that’s rather different. That refers to a moral conflict.”

Ransom threw back his head and laughed. “Oh, Lewis, Lewis,” he said, “you are inimitable, simply inimitable!”

Lewis, in his fiction, pretended he didn’t get it. He assumed the role of traditional minds who see nothing in this battle except moral conflict. No wonder Ransom laughed. If it were not so grave I would laugh also at the spiritual childishness of Christians.

We have now entered the battle zone of real spiritual struggles. We face imminent warfare.

The danger was summed up eloquently by the *Urantia Papers*, page 610.

Caligastia, your apostate Planetary Prince, is still free on Urantia to prosecute his nefarious designs, but he has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

I stated to many people that the desire to be cursed with his wicked presence is easily expressed. All one need do is sit in one’s living room chair, close one’s eyes, and say, “Spirit, come speak with me.” He will surely come.

Thousands around our planet perform that simple act daily.

The great self deception is in the fact that those individuals have no control over which Spirit will come. They cannot specify, since these are spiritual transactions not under human control.

As all Christians know, only evil spirits would take advantage of that invitation. Loyal spirit beings, including midwayers and angels, would not.

Many have argued with me that such beautiful and nice people, friendly and helpful to their neighbors and friends, great at their professions, would not be bothered by a wicked spirit being.

The great fault is that those people cannot discriminate between God and the Devil. They think all spirits are benign. Since all spirits are benign they really don’t care which spirit comes into their minds, as long as they have the thrill, the sensation, of spirit communications. As Jesus said in John 16:2-3, “*Yes, the time comes that whosoever kills you will think that he does God’s service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.*”

That is the nature of the coming spiritual struggle.

“Say what you like, Ransom, there *is* a difference.”

“Yes. There is. But not a difference that makes it megalomania to think that any of us might have to fight either way. I’ll tell you how I look at it. Haven’t you noticed how in our own little war here on earth, there are different phases, and while any one phase is going on people get into the habit of thinking and behaving as if it was going to be permanent? But really the thing is changing under your hands all the time, and neither your assets nor your dangers this year are the same as the year before. Now your idea that ordinary people will never have to meet the Dark Eldila in any form except a psychological or moral form — as temptations or the like — is simply an idea that held good for a

certain phase of the cosmic war: the phase of the great siege, the phase which gave to our planet its name of Thulcandra, the *silent* planet. But supposing that phase is passing? In the next phase it may be anyone's job to meet them . . . well, in some quite different mode." "I see."

This is the connection Christians cannot grasp. The events unfolding around our world today, the Visitors in our skies, the abduction of human beings onto celestial craft, the marvelous crop circles, and the mutilation of animals, are all elements to wake us up to the fact that the long isolation of our planet is at an end, and that we must now engage in the most profound spiritual warfare ever to face a planet. The idea that we must meet the Devil in *psychological or moral form — as temptations or the like*, is simply no longer good. He has taken on a new power, granted him by God. The time of his release has come. The exceptional element is that ordinary human beings will be the soldiers to engage this task. Jesus will not do it for us, nor the angels. The battle is now in our hands. Many have been conditioned and prepared on board those celestial craft.

Donna Higbee is a Christian hypnotherapist operating in Santa Barbara, California. Many of her clients believe they have been abducted. Donna is a highly intelligent individual, understanding, for example, the unique and mysterious nature of the crop circles. She has noted the great spiritual changes now taking place.

We are in a time of great change — how we view this change and what we do with it is up to us. It can be viewed as frightening and disruptive, or it can be viewed as a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and freedom from stagnant patterns in our lives. For example, as companies experienced financial difficulties and began downsizing a few years back, I was laid off my job. I found another position, only to be laid off again within five months due to a major cutback. Well, two layoffs within five months was most discouraging and the job market was almost nonexistent. One layoff I might have expected, but two within so short a time . . . I stepped back and looked at the pattern. I tuned into the energies shaping the moment and **felt** that there were active forces in play in my life, not just the random, seemingly unfortunate occurrence of layoffs. I didn't ask for another job . . . I asked for the awareness of what it was I should be doing at that place and time in my life. It wasn't even three days later that I felt an intense urge to contact a UFO researcher and see if he needed assistance (I knew nothing about UFOs and cared even less). He said how strange that I should call, as he had just realized that he was in need of assistance if he were to continue in his work. We met, I began working with him, and my life changed forever!

Thus Donna was "pulled into" the abduction phenomenon without her purposeful intent, suddenly out of the blue. She had an intense desire to get involved. Matters unfolded from there.

Many of us have experienced similar "calling."

As Lewis wrote:

"Don't imagine I've been selected to go to Perelandra because I'm anyone in particular. One never can see, or not till long afterwards, why *any* one was selected for *any* job. And when one does, it is usually some reason that leaves no room for vanity. Certainly, it is never for what the man himself would have regarded as his chief qualification." . . . "But you've no idea what you are to do, or what conditions you will find?"

"No idea at all what I'm to do. There are jobs, you know, where it is essential that one should *not* know too much beforehand . . . things one might have to say which one couldn't say effectively if one had prepared them.

As stated by the *Urantia Papers*:

UP438: In the more advanced planetary ages these seraphim enhance man's appreciation of the truth that uncertainty is the secret of contented continuity. They help the mortal philosophers to realize that, when ignorance is essential to success, it would be a colossal blunder for the creature to know the future. They heighten man's taste for the sweetness of uncertainty, for the romance and charm of the indefinite and unknown future.

That sums up the nature of the task facing us today. It is better that we not know beforehand what we should do. God's Holy Spirit will guide us.

Mark 13:11-13

But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

And that is why the preparation was done surreptitiously, buried in the deep mind. When the time comes for service to our brothers and sisters that knowledge will open to us.

The severe Christian reaction to these celestial transactions may be seen by reading their literature on our Celestial Visitors, or by visiting their Internet web sites. It is fear driven.

Donna Higbee is deeply disturbed by recent trends in the buried information coming from those special clients.

Brainwashing . . . that is a strong word but I use it purposely, as I question the sudden change in abductees' attitudes all over the country. I'm a hypnotherapist in Santa Barbara and the director of CEIT (Contact Encounters Investigation Team), an abductee support and research group. I noticed a drastic change earlier this year in the attitudes of several of the abductees from one meeting to the next. People who had been traumatized all their lives by ongoing abductions and had only anger and mistrust for their non-human abductors suddenly started saying they had been told/shown that everything that has happened to them was for their own good, that the abductors are highly spiritual beings and are helping them (the abductee) to evolve spiritually. By accepting this information, the abductees stopped fighting abduction and instead became passive and controlled. When I checked with other researchers, I found that this was a pattern that was repeating itself over and over again around the country. I became concerned that abductees were accepting these explanations from entities that we know can be deceitful, use screen memories to mask real memories, use virtual reality scenarios to implant images into abductees' heads, and manipulate and abuse. I wrote an article for the MUFON UFO Journal (September 1995) and encouraged abductees to seriously think about what they were accepting as their truth, in light of the evidence, not the explanations offered them by these non-human entities. I invited comments from the readership.

The serious problem was that the investigators placed that anger and fear within others. The godless literature produced by David Jacobs, Budd Hopkins, John Mack, Ray Folwer, and other investigators created an atmosphere of anger and fear. But Donna is expressing her own fear. In spite of her unusual personal experiences she fails to grasp that God has control of the universe, and that our Visitors can only come from "good" sources. The Devil has been limited to this planet, and now has no fallen angels under his command, with or without space vehicles.

Consider the experience of some people, unspoiled by the fear generated by the investigators.

After Barney Hill became fully aware of his experience through the hypnosis of Benjamin Simon he turned cosmic. He bought star maps and placed them on the walls of his home. He began reading books about cosmic matters. He continued to do so until he died. Can we wonder that he died so young because he wanted to be in another place, far removed from this one?

Back in the late 1960s two police officers from Zanesville, Ohio, chased a UFO for eighty miles to the Pennsylvania State line. The one officer was overwhelmed by the fact that he had seen and chased an alien object in the sky. He turned cosmic. He quit the police force, and moved away. He could not handle his familiar earthly associations.

Many, many people have been elevated to similar understanding. That new vision most often causes them to become religious. They now have perspectives on God and Creation that transcends Christian views. Christians do not understand the Kingdom of Heaven. They only know Paul's theology.

But Paul himself was the first to say that he taught milk, and not meat.

1 Cor 3:1-2

But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready.

Heb 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need some one to teach you again the first principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food; for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

The difficulty is that Christians have been living on Paul's milk for two thousand years. They never matured to solid spiritual food. Then they see the Devil around every corner, and in every cosmic transaction.

When they assign our celestial Visitors to the Devil they should remember that the Jews could not deal with Jesus, and his cosmic teachings. They assigned him to the Devil, Mark 3:22. If Jesus appeared today Christians also would assign him to the Devil, because they would be unwilling to accept his cosmic teachings. Just as they cannot now accept the fact of new revelations.

Because Christians think in superstitious and mythical frameworks, they see the Devil in every celestial transaction. Whether it is explanations from *entities that we know can be deceitful, (who) use screen memories to mask real memories, (who) use virtual reality scenarios to implant images into abductees' heads, (or who) manipulate and abuse*, the fear is ever present.

One of their favorite passages is found in Isa 14:29:

"Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of you, that the rod which smote you is broken, for from the serpent's root will come forth an adder, and its fruit will be a flying serpent.

Of course, we can wrench anything out of context. The serpent reference is to King Uzziah, not the Devil, and a prophecy of what will follow his demise.

Perhaps the situation was best summed up by Matthew Henry in his *Commentary*.

A rebuke to the Philistines for triumphing in the death of king Uzziah. He had been as a serpent to them (v. 29), had bitten them, had smitten them, had brought them very low, <2 Chr. 26:6>. He warred against the Philistines, broke down their walls, and built cities among them. But when Uzziah died, or rather abdicated, it was told with joy in Gath and published in the streets of Ashkelon. It is inhuman thus to rejoice in our neighbor's fall. But let them not be secure; for though when Uzziah was dead they made reprisals upon Ahaz, and took many of the cities of Judah <2 Chr. 28:18>, yet out of the root of Uzziah should come a cockatrice, a more formidable enemy than Uzziah was, even Hezekiah, the fruit of whose government should be to them a fiery flying serpent, for he should fall upon them with incredible swiftness and fury: we find he did so. <2 Kin. 18:8>, he smote the Philistines even to Gaza. Note, If God remove one useful instrument in the midst of his usefulness, he can, and will, raise up others to carry on and complete the same work that they were employed in and left unfinished.

We might apply the prophecy to some remote time, not to the immediate context of the battles with the Philistines. For example, the flying fiery serpent might be nuclear missiles. Since this passage tells of events to flow out of the Jews, and since the Jews have nuclear weapons, they would bring destruction to "Philistia." Then their doom would come, indeed.

To take any Bible verse on flying objects and assume it can be applied to the events in our skies today is a perversion of truth.

As far as I am aware no Jew or Christian has ever understood the flying objects which visited with Moses. Are we to assume that they are Devil's angels also?

Another favorite passage to show the work of the Devil is in Genesis 6:1-4.

When men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them. The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose. Then the LORD said, "My spirit shall not abide in man for ever, for he is flesh, but his days shall be a hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

Many cite this passage as an indicator of Devil's brood, known as the Nephilim, interbreeding with the daughters of men. From this view it is assumed that the breeding on board the celestial craft has the same origins. Both the craft and the breeding are evil. The Devil's brood aboard those craft are modern Nephilim.

I discussed this passage in some depth on an Internet biblical prophecy discussion list in August, 1997. The following is slightly edited from that post.

A major difficulty we have in understanding is due to the myths and folk stories we develop around biblical passages because the information is so sparse, and because we do not understand them.

If you examine Gen 6:1-4 you will find that it actually contains several pieces of information. The pertinent verses are:

Gen 6:2 — *the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose.*

and 6:4 — *The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, men of renown.*

The passage is not sequential; verse 3 is an interpolation between other remarks.

Portions of verse 4 repeat verse 2.

This is obviously a record of very ancient times, how ancient we cannot say.

Importantly, you can see in 6:4 that the phrase about the Nephilim is separated in thought from the "sons of God." The words "also afterward" show an episode later in time from the Nephilim. The "also" and the "afterward" both suggest this. The Christian confusion is in tying verse 2 to the beginning of verse 4. If we accept such premise the Nephilim then are understood to be "sons of God," but evil sons, part of Satan's retinue. Clearly we can see that the interbreeding of genetic stock took place with the "sons of God," not the Nephilim. Hence the assignment of breeding on board the celestial craft to the Nephilim is a grievous error.

The idea that the Nephilim were evil is further based on the Hebrew meaning of the word, bully or tyrant, and the descriptions of Num 13:32-33. They were of giant stature; the Israelites feared them; they were characterized as evil.

Another part of the problem is that the breeding in Gen 6 takes place with the "sons of God." This sets all of us on jagged edge, because it obviously is not mating of natural man and woman. But to suggest that the mating was evil may be to denounce an action blessed by God. You can see the product of that breeding. It produced mighty men. They were men of true renown.

Our problem in understanding does not go back to the Nephilim; it goes back to the "sons of God." Who were they?

We all should keep our heads together. If these "sons of God" bred with mortal women there had to be genetic compatibility. If you breed a horse with a donkey you get a sterile mule. These two closely related animals have a slight genetic incompatibility. Therefore, the "sons of God" had to be more closely

related to human genetic stock than are horses and donkeys to one another. Especially since the breeding produced such great offspring. The record tells us the offspring were material beings, not spirit beings.

If you examine your Bible on the phrase “sons of God” you will find that it leads into some very important information.

Job 1:6 — *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.* This is repeated in Job 2:1.

From this passage it is assumed that Satan was a son of God, and that other sons of God are evil also. Hence the extrapolation of this deduction onto Gen 4. But we have no way of knowing if the sons of God in Gen 4 were good or evil. Mighty men of renown suggests they were good.

Job 38:4-7 — *Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the Morning Stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy?*

These Sons of God were clearly present on the creative scene before God laid the foundations of the earth. Although many Christians believe these Sons of God are human sons, the passage is clear that human sons did not yet exist. It is obvious from the statements that God is questioning Job: “Where were YOU when I laid the foundations of the earth?” That was when the Morning Stars sang together and all the Sons of God shouted for joy. It was the dawn of creation and man did not yet exist. The Morning Stars were angelic beings. Since the Morning Stars and Sons of God are both present at the same time it is more natural to assume that the Sons of God were heavenly beings also.

Now consider two passage from Psalms.

Ps 29:1— *Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of God, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Ps 89:6 — *For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of God is like the LORD.*

In the latter two verses the translators normally render the phrase as “heavenly beings” because they recognize the context as heavenly. However, the Hebrew phrase *benai elim* means literally *sons of the gods*. Since we recognize the Hebrew words *elohim* and *elim*, both plural, as majestic designations for God, the phrases in Psalms can be taken as *sons of God*. But why didn’t the translators render it literally; why did they use the phrase “heavenly beings?”

Our problem has to do with our belief that there is only one divine Son of God — Jesus. If the translators had rendered these words literally they would have raised the specter of more than one divine Son of God.

In fact, the passage of Job 38 shows just that. But in that case the translators could not render it differently; they would have destroyed the beauty of the passage.

Now what do we do?

Our problem rests on the apostle John: He repeatedly asserts that Jesus was the only (begotten) Son: John 1:14, 1:18, 3:16, 3:18 and I John 4:9. He is the only source in the New Testament for this designation. But from these statements by John, it is a rigid rule from tradition that Jesus was the ONLY divine Son of God.

(For your information, the word “monogeni,” invariably used by John, is hotly debated among recent biblical scholars. They propose that this word be omitted in the translations because they discovered that a later Christian editor used it in a sense that nullified its literal meaning. The Revised Standard Version then followed that view, rendering “only Son” instead of “only begotten Son.” By coincidence, this view also reinforced the idea of an ONLY divine Son.)

The difficulty to our understanding is that the Old Testament passages show more than one divine Son of God. In fact, whole orders exist, and of different classes. The heavenly Sons of God in Job 1, 2, and 38 are all created, not Creators. They came to council before the Creator. This subordinate ranking is also indicated in the Psalm passages.

Who among the created Sons of God can compare with the Creator? None.

Importantly, John does not deny this evidence. He always refers to Jesus as the “only begotten” Son of God. None of the other divine Sons were ever born of an earth woman. This made Jesus unique, not because he was an only divine Son, but because he was the only Son of God to be born of an earth woman.

Further sense of this troublesome matter may be obtained from Psalm 82. God takes his seat in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment. He says, *You are gods, Sons of the Most High, all of you. Nevertheless, you shall die like men and fall like any man.* He obviously was judging the fallen divine Sons, those who engaged in heavenly rebellion.

Now back to the sons of God in Genesis.

In the above illustrations we see the designation used for beings who occupy the heavenly realms. The phrases “sons of God,” (or “Sons of God”), imply origin in the sky. They are not from earth. (We put the capitalization on the words; the Hebrew text has no such capitalization.)

If the “sons of God” who came in unto the daughters of men originated in the sky these are material heavenly sons, not spirit heavenly sons.

In other words, by opening such revelation, we are witnessing insight into episodes in our planetary past which have been buried by the generations, and which are related to substitute genetic programs now underway. If human mortals can be lifted into heaven, Rev 14:3, Matt 24:31, and if human mortals can be brought back down from heaven, Deut 30:4, and if holy seed will be brought down to breed with men, I Enoch 39:1, we have explanations for transactions in our planetary past. The holy seed to come down from heaven in the future is exactly the same program as the “sons of God” who came down from heaven in Gen 6. Except that something terrible went wrong and now God is correcting that program.

The “wrong” is centered in Adam and Eve. They betrayed a trust. They ruined a genetic program to improve the human races. We suffer the consequences to this day. Their children attempted to preserve the ruined program by breeding among themselves, including Abraham with his sister Sarah, the nobility of ancient Egypt and Macedonia of brothers to sisters, and the nobility of Europe by keeping a royal inbred elite.

In the end we all must decide for ourselves what is true and what is false. That is why God has conditioned world circumstances to these current conflicts.

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