

Spiritual Life Basics (SLB)

Part 1:

The Necessity of the Spiritual Life

Lesson 1: The Times in Which We Live

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Phil 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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1. The Baptism of the Spirit created us a new spiritual species and Royal Family forever.

John 14:2; Acts 1:5 w/ 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15

1 Cor 12:13,

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

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2. The unique Predesigned Protocol Plan of God in the Age of Grace.

Eph 3:2; 1 Cor 1:25

1 Cor 1:25 NLT, *Text*
“This “foolish” plan of God is far wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is far stronger than the greatest of human strength.”

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3. The unique equality factor related to Election and Predestination of the PPPG.

Gal 3:28; Col 3:11 w/
Rom 8:29-30, 33; Eph 1:4

Rom 10:12,

“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him.”

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4. Our Portfolio of Invisible Assets.

Eph 1:3-6; 3:16

May blessing be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who has blessed us with every Spiritual Blessing in the Heavenly Realm. Even as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the World, that we should be holy and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him, in love. For He foreordained us to be adopted as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will.

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened with mighty power by the Holy Spirit, indwelling your innermost being.

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Invisible Birth
plus
Invisible Assets
plus
Invisible Power
equals
Invisible Heroes.

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- *On August 22 Iran, on their timeline, will give the world its response regarding a proposal for Iran to end its military nuclear program.

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- *We're two weeks away from some Iranian surprise as announced by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.
- *Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has promises to light up the night sky over Jerusalem on August 22, 2006.
- *The Iranian funded Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has also repeatedly announced a surprise is on the way for Israel.
- *Are the two messages connected?

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- *August 22 (Rajab 27, 1427) is the day Muslims celebrate Mohammed's ascension into Heaven called the Miraj.
- *According to Islamic tradition, Muhammad was carried on a Buraq, a miraculous horse with a human head, from Mecca to Jerusalem, where he ascended into heaven and met the other prophets.

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- *The only thing the Qur'an has to say about it is this:
“Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless, in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things)” (17:1).
- *There is no identification of the “farthest Mosque” with any mosque in Jerusalem in this, but the Hadith is very clear on the identification of its location with Jerusalem.

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- *The traditions say that Muhammad and the Buraq, along with the angel Gabriel, went to the Temple Mount, and from there to heaven itself, where Muhammad encountered various prophets. In the sixth heaven was Moses, occasioning a dig at the Jews.
- *“When I left him,” Muhammad says, “he wept.
- *Someone asked him, ‘What makes you weep?’
- *Moses said, ‘I weep because after me there has been sent (Muhammad as a Prophet) a young man, whose followers will enter Paradise in greater numbers than my followers.’”

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- *A great light shone upon Mohammed's body in the Aqsa Mosque and a prophet was received while his followers cheered.
- *Ahmadinejad now plans on remaking that divine light over Jerusalem.
- *And now, according to Ghadry, Ahmadinejad is planning an illumination of the night sky over Jerusalem to rival the one that greeted the Prophet of Islam on his journey.

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- *What the Iranian President, he says, is “promising the world by August 22 is the light in the sky over the Aqsa Mosque that took place the night before.
- *That is his answer to the package of incentives the international community offered Iran on June 6.”

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- *What would light up the sky over Jerusalem with regard to Iranian involvement?
- *One can conclude this means either a Hezbollah assault on Jerusalem, an Iranian war against Israel in Jerusalem or a nuclear bomb.
- *The latter is the most far-fetched only because it's not believed Iran has a nuclear weapon, but what else would create a series of magical lights that light up the sky over the sacred mosque, that's built on top of a synagogue by the way?

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- *Ahmadinejad has made it perfectly clear he wishes to end the life of the state of Israel, wiping it from the map, in several speeches and an entire conference held to discuss 'The World Without Zionism.'
- *What is often not told in the the Western media is that during this same conference Ahmadinejad called for the complete destruction of the United States and the imagery used at the conference was an Israeli globe falling after the United States globe was already on the ground laying in shatters.

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- *Ahmadinejad is a firm believer in the Twelfth Imam who is the Shia Muslim right-doer who emerges from a well in Qom, Iran during the Apocalypse to save mankind.
- *He travels down to Qom periodically and drops letters down the well, presumably to the 12th Imam.
- *The 12th Imam is much like other religion's doomsday scenarios and outcomes, but in Shia Islam the Apocalypse must be brought upon by mankind and it is desired. In order for the Shia Islam apocalypse to come to fruition, or at least how Ahmadinejad believes it, there must be a great war and the cleansing of certain areas and certain people.

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- *That area is present day Israel and the people are Jews.
- *I have no clue what massive surprise Ahmadinejad has planned for August, 22 of this year, but it's clear Iran has no intention to accept the proposal or even negotiate over the nuclear proposal.
- *To add insult to injury, the United Nations has decided to go back on a previous deadline that already passed and extend the deadline for an Iranian answer to August 31.

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- *Either would have already commenced by now. With the current war in Lebanon between the Iranian proxy Hezbollah and Israel, Iran may be setting the table for a massive escalation in hostilities.
- *Could Iran be buttering up Israel for Ahmadinejad's doomsday scenario?
- *(Filed under: Iran Watch by Chad Evans)

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- *Certainly a nuclear attack on Jerusalem or even an all-out conventional assault against Israel by Iran would be consistent with Ahmadinejad's oft-repeated denials of Israel's right to exist and recent predictions that its demise was at hand.
- *He hinted at the use of nuclear weapons in his phrasing when he said that Israel "pushed the button of its own destruction" by finally retaliating against Hizballah's relentless rocket barrage from south Lebanon.

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*“Arrogant powers,” Ahmadinejad said, “have set up a base for themselves to threaten and plunder nations in the region. But today, the occupier regime” – that is, Israel – “whose philosophy is based on threats, massacre and invasion, has reached its finishing line.”

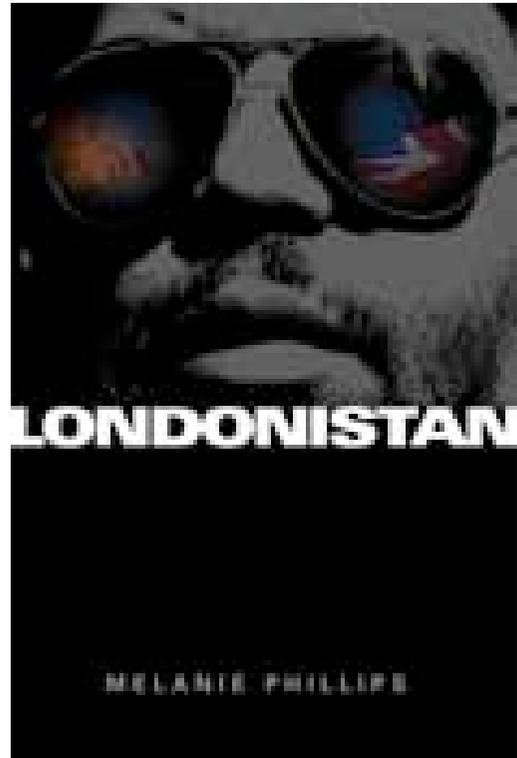
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- *Will he attempt to make good on these threats this year on the anniversary of the Miraj, illuminating the night sky over Jerusalem?
- *Will Western powers heed Farid Ghadry's words and move to stop Iran before it is too late?
- *(Iran's Day of Terror? By Robert Spencer
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- *Londonistan

- *by Melanie Phillips

- *"A gripping account of how Islamism is taking control of Britain's culture and institutions." -- National Review

- *The suicide bombings carried out in London in 2005 by British Muslims revealed an alarming network of home-grown terrorists and their sympathizers. Somehow, London had become the European hub for the promotion, recruitment and financing of Islamic terror and extremism -- so much so that it was mockingly dubbed "Londonistan" by exasperated European security forces.

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- *Now, British investigative journalist Melanie Phillips reveals how widespread Muslim immigration into Great Britain, and the country's paralysis by multiculturalism and fear, has created a fifth column of jihadists plotting against the West from deep inside its bosom.

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- *Londonistan paints a picture of a country so terrified of giving offense to its Muslim minority that it has been cowed by radical clerics.
- *Institutions across British society -- the judiciary, security circles, the Church of England, the universities, the media -- have all been reduced to silence or appeasement.

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- *With the resulting license to incite hatred and terror, London's mosques have churned out literally thousands of foot soldiers in Islamic terrorism's war against the West -- including shoe-bomber Richard Reid, 9/11 plotter Zacarias Moussaoui, and the British Muslims who perpetrated last year's hideous London Underground and bus bombings that killed 52 people.

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- *The result, Phillips shows, is an ugly climate in Britain of fear and defeatism, which now threatens to undermine the alliance with America and imperil the defense of the free world.
- *In the end, she argues, British authorities are walking the same path as those who capitulated to Adolf Hitler -- a strategy that is as likely to earn peace as Neville Chamberlain's.

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- *Among the disturbing revelations in Londonistan:
- *Why Great Britain can be described as the birthplace of al-Qaeda
- *Why Brits can thank Prince Charles for London's leading radical mosque, Finsbury Park
- *How the British push toward multiculturalism has provided cover for jihadist forces plotting terrorism
- *How British universities are being used as a major recruiting ground for Islamic terrorism
- *Plans for a 70,000 person mosque to be erected next to the Olympic Stadium in time for the 2012 games

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- *The newest political party in Europe: both far left and Islamist . . . and winning elections
- *How Muslim leaders in Britain are demanding -- and are getting -- special rights, along with the special application of Islamic religious law("Sharia")
- *How the toleration by British authorities of Sharia law in certain quarters could lead to the effective legalization of polygamy

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- *How the British Left has endorsed and advanced the grotesque anti-Semitism that infuses Islamism
- *The wholesale abdication by the Church of England in the face of this threat
- *How the British government is manipulated by the country's radical Muslim cleric.

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- *Why the legions of Muslims in Britain who are British citizens not only feel no allegiance to their country, but are actively hostile to it
- *How leading Brits are bending backwards to appease and accommodate a radical community bent on their annihilation
- *Why British police and intelligence services are impotent in the face of this growing threat
- *How Great Britain's failure to deal with its radical Islam problem could lead to a breakup of its "special relationship" with the U.S.

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*"One of the most compelling books you will ever read on the ascendancy of Islamic fundamentalism, violence and intimidation in the West. Melanie Phillips exposes the scandalous appeasement of militant Islam by British officials, the media, even the Church of England, capturing in extraordinary detail how British society and institutions have either ignored or actively fostered the growth of extremist groups on British soil. This book will both enlighten and enrage. Although its story is focused on the United Kingdom, it could be applied to any European capital or to the United States." -- Steven Emerson, author of American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us

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*"A last-minute warning for Britain and for much of the free world. In the 1930s, Britain was the leading appeaser of the world's most intransigent foe, refusing to see the gathering signs of danger until it was almost too late. Today, the same tendency to appeasement and self-delusion is evident again -- only now, the threat is within. Britain refuses to recognize the clear and present danger of Islamism inside its own borders, which steadily corrodes its social values and moral compass." -- Nathan Sharansky, author of *The Case for Democracy*

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- *"The Dunces of Doomsday" By Paul L. Williams
- * 10 Blunders That Gave Rise to Radical Islam, Terrorist Regimes,
And the Threat of an American Hiroshima
- *The war on terror has become a household subject since the attacks on September 11, 2001. In reality, the jihad against America did not happen overnight. It has been coming for quite some time. "The Dunces of Doomsday" documents 10 blunders that resulted in an invigorated radical Islam, terrorism worldwide, and the coming "American Hiroshima."

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- *The blunders documented include:
- *The Peanut Farmer and the Ayatollah — How the worst president in America's history permitted and invigorated the rise of radical Islam
- *The Great Offense Against Islam — How the invasion of Iraq under President George H. W. Bush and the installation of U.S. military bases between Islam's holy cities of Mecca and Medina sparked the holy war and the plan for the American Hiroshima
- *The Poppy Fields Remain in Bloom — How the war on terror could have been averted by fire-bombing the poppy fields of Afghanistan

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- *The Clinton Follies: From the Mullahs to Monica — How the Clinton administration, which largely ignored international problems, failed to address the growing threat of Al-Qaeda after the attack on the U.S. embassies, the counterresistance in Somalia, and the attacks on the USS The Sullivans and the USS Cole
- *W Uses the Wrong Word — How President George W. Bush's message that Islam means peace obscured the reality that Islam means submission to Allah.
- *"The Dunces of Doomsday" chronicles the mistakes that have been made and provides a guide for preventing radical Islam and terrorism's dream of carrying out the "American Hiroshima."

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- *Author Paul L. Williams, Ph.D., is a journalist and the author of "The Al Qaeda Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime, and the Coming Apocalypse"; "The Vatican Exposed: Money, Murder, and the Mafia"; and "Osama's Revenge: The Next 9/11 — What the Media and the Government Haven't Told You." He has served as a consultant for the FBI, as editor and publisher of the Metro in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and as an adjunct professor of humanities at the University of Scranton.

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*Yesterday President George W. Bush caused quite a stir when he made a statement to the media on the airport tarmac. His exact words were: "This nation is at war with Islamic fascists who will use any means to destroy those of us who love freedom, to hurt our nation." That's right....he said it. Islamic fascists. It's about time somebody the president start using the proper label.

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- * This didn't set too well with CAIR, the Council for American Islamic Relations. Perhaps a better name for that organization would be the Council for Anti-American Islamic Retaliation. But anyway, I digress. Back to CAIR's comments. Their executive director took issue with the Islamic fascism label, saying "We believe this is an ill-advised term and we believe that it is counter-productive to associate Islam or Muslims with fascism,"
- * Ill-advised? How can a term that is so fundamentally correct be "ill-advised?"
- * (Neal Boortz)