

ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΣ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
Apostolic Church of the Pleroma

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YEAR B - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Greetings brethren! We have quickly come to the mid-way point of our Advent Season. Our Epistle reading today, from that very mystical text called 2nd Peter, continues with the season's theme of perpetual watchfulness. In this reading, we are first reminded that time, in the divine realms, does not have the same meaning as it does in the sublunary realm. It tells us that a thousand years are as a day, and a day as a thousand years. This is not to suppose some precise calculation of "Divine Time"; but shows, rather, that our perception of "short" or "long" periods of time, of "quickness" or "slowness" are entirely arbitrary, and hold no meaning in an absolute sense, but only relatively, as pertains to the things of this lower temporal world.

We are then reminded of the impermanency of this lower world. But this is not a doomsday prediction; rather, it is a promise of the ultimate revelation of the true nature of things, of the impermanency of the world or errors. The "Elements" spoken of here are the false psychical constructs that prevent the Truth from shining forth in its full glory. Though, perhaps "false" is a bit too strong of a word, as they are only false in as much as all psychical constructs are "false"; that is to say that they are impermanent, not eternal. Additionally, the psychical bodies do obscure, it is true, but they also protect. It is not that they protect the pneumatic element, as it is eternal and needs no such protection; rather it is to protect from the pneumatic element, which will surely damage and destroy the unprepared and the unworthy.

The "Fire" that burns away the psychical "Elements" is the Light of Gnosis. The mind that has received gnosis has obtained a powerful tool that allows one to obliterate the veil that exists between one's awareness and the eternal, pneumatic element at the very core of one's being. This is the "New Earth" that is spoken of here and elsewhere. This "Earth" is not the common earth, but the pure, rectified "First Matter" of the alchemists. It is the divine Truth; that spiritual part of us that may serve as a doorway into the very pleroma itself.

These are the things that we await; and this is our revelation. The fire that we await is not the hellfire of the zealots and diseased of mind; but the pure light of Gnosis, no less destructive in its force, but destroying only our illusions, leaving only what is good and true. This gnosis only comes through constant awareness, watchfulness, and expectation. But our reading also tells us that the Lord is patient. That is to say that we must not lose hope, and that despite our manifold imperfections, whether it is in a day or in a thousand years, our efforts will not be wasted, and we will, eventually, see the dawning of a new and eternal day, and a new and eternal aeon.