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Down the Track and Around the Bend

This prophetic experience came January 8, 1997. As the vision started, I saw a very intense white light. The light began to sweep over me, and a voice standing to my right side in the light said, "Look what is coming down the track and around the bend. It is God's Gold and Diamond Train." Suddenly I saw the train tracks. One side of the track was named "Truth" and the other side was "Spirit."

These tracks were coming around the bend of a mountain pass. I could see a very large cloud of what looked like dust and steam. I heard a loud sound as the huge locomotive came into view. I was facing into the light on the front of the engine that was now so intense that it took a lot of effort just to face it.

There was a great disturbance from the sight and sound of this great locomotive as it came closer. Through the dust and ashes I could barely see the name on the front of the engine. Across the top was written the word "Judgment" and on the bottom was written "Mercy." As the train moved, the names would rotate so that at one time Judgment would be on the top and then it would reverse and Mercy would be on the top.

As the train came closer, I saw that the cars were not filled with gold and diamonds as I had expected, but with coal. I was disappointed because I was told that I was going to see "God's Gold & Diamond Train." Then the voice standing near my right side said, "YES! This is God's Gold Train." Then I heard the Lord Himself say, "This is My Goal Train." I then knew He was speaking of equipping and training. He then said, "There will be plenty of true diamonds and real gold after the heat and pressure that are coming." I knew that He was speaking of refining, and the passage in Malachi 3 came into my heart,

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness" (Malachi 3:1-3 KJV).

I was then told that the coming volcanic activity near Bend, Oregon, would announce the beginning of one of the greatest healing revivals in history. This healing revival will start around

Hamilton, Ontario, and then blaze across Canada to Vancouver. From there it will turn down the Northwest Coast of the U.S. and cross the Pacific to the Far East.

I was then told to spell locomotive "local-motive." The Lord said that this local area in the Northwest was a seedbed of the healing anointing that was upon John G. Lake. The sign of volcanic activity around Bend, Oregon, is that the Lord is turning up the heat, but it will bring about a refining and purifying of His people so He can release healing in the earth in an unprecedented way.

The voice which was speaking then said to me, "Have you ever seen anything like this?" I looked and saw the very top of a mountain which was covered with pure white snow. I was carried to the rim so that I could look over into the large open top of the mountain. It was filled with beautiful, clear boiling water. I knew that this was the Word of God.

The last thing I saw was a light shining on a diamond, which brought out the brilliant colors that were within the diamond.

INTERPRETATION (by Rick Joyner):

This vision began with Bobby seeing the two tracks named Truth and Spirit. These should both be given our attention in preparation for what is coming. It will take both of these to keep what is coming "on track."

He then saw the bend of the mountain pass. Mountains can have different meanings, but here I think they represent obstacles, and the pass represents a way through them. Although there are obstacles to what is coming, God wants us to know there is a way through them, on the twin tracks of Truth (the Word) and Spirit.

The next thing Bobby saw was a great "cloud of dust and steam." Steam is power that is released by heating water. This speaks of fire coming upon the Word of God to release the power to propel this train. That it is mixed with dust speaks of flesh being mixed in the steam when it first appears. (Dust often speaks of flesh, or humanity, because Adam was made from the dust.) There is usually quite a bit of flesh mixed in with moves of God when they first begin. This is because He usually has to begin with the immature who have not yet become "old wineskins," unable to contain the new wine. Movements usually become purer as they make progress, but those who have a religious spirit and refuse to be a part of anything that has "mixture" (which there always is) usually miss what God is doing altogether, and often become opposers of it. This is a warning to not be put off by the dust which is mixed in with the steam at first.

The train then made a "loud sound" as it came into view, and it caused a great disturbance. This movement will not leave things undisturbed or as they presently are. Controversy and commotion are sometimes needed just to wake people up, and we can expect a lot of it in the movement that this represents.

When Bobby first saw the train, he saw a great light coming from the front of it, which had

"Judgment" and "Mercy" written on it, alternating from top to bottom. We can expect both mercy and judgment to come, but His light will show the way through both of them. Though Paul exhorted us to "Behold then the kindness and severity of God" (Romans 11:22), many can only see God's kindness, and others can only see His severity. But if we are going to see the Lord the way He really is, we must behold both. We must not be thrown off track when suddenly His mercy is turned to judgment, or vice versa. Even in his most devastating judgments, He shows mercy. Even in His greatest kindness, there is a severity.

That Bobby found it hard to stand in front of this light because it was so bright speaks of light coming that will be hard for us to stand. But it is not only a part of the purpose of God, it is showing the way.

In dreams and visions, trains often speak of "equipping" (i.e., train-ing), and that is what Bobby felt this train stood for when he was having the vision. The cars in this train represent the different churches or groups that will link together to be a part of this great movement coming. The coal in them represents the people.

You can burn coal and get a little heat and power, but burning coal releases many impurities into the air. If we are patient and allow the coal to be put under the proper pressure and heat, it will turn into diamonds that are far more valuable. This represents a choice. Are we going to consume the people with our projects and ambitions because we want heat and power now? Or are we willing to wait and allow the Lord to turn them into precious stones that will be much more valuable?

Bobby felt that the mountain he then saw was the Lord Himself. The fact that snow was at the top of this mountain speaks of mercy and purity being at the very top of His purpose. As He promised, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool" (Isaiah 1:18). God's entire plan for mankind in this age is based upon His removal of our sin by His mercy through the cross. The goal is that we would walk in a purity that He can inhabit, so that we are a worthy bride for His Son. True redemption always brings purity.

We must also understand that our God is a Consuming Fire (see Hebrews 12:29). If we look into Him we will find the pure living water, but it is hot! We often think of living water as being cool and refreshing, but it also may be very hot. We are washed by the water of His Word (Ephesians 5:26). Baths are usually hot, and it is hot water that He is using to cleanse His church. The pool of hot water Bobby saw within the mountain also indicates the release of a new level of revelation and illumination from the Scriptures.

The last thing Bobby saw was a light shining on a diamond, which brought out brilliant colors that were within the diamond. This speaks of the Lord's ultimate purpose, to take those who now appear as mere lumps of coal and make them into diamonds whose lives will reflect His glorious truth.