

Morning Star Rising | Justin Paul Abraham

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I. Governance, Consciousness, and Personal Reality (0:45–2:31)

Main Statement

- The speaker describes experiences where joy would manifest in gatherings when he spoke.
- He attributes this to a spiritual "strand" or resonance rather than personal effort.

Key Statements

- "Every time I spoke, the joy broke out in the room."
- People frequently ask him for prayer.
- He suggests many people do not recognize their own role in creating their circumstances.

Core Concepts

Governance

Definition (speaker's usage):

- An individual's spiritual authority, consciousness, or internal state that shapes their reality.

Consciousness Creates Experience

- "We live in the reality we create."
- Experiences are interpreted through consciousness.
- Suffering is often presented as an interpretation rather than an objective condition.

Meditation

Definition Given

- "Meditation is the practice of being present in your life in a non-judgmental way."

Characteristics

- Being present.
- Non-judgmental awareness.
- Experiencing the "generous now."
- Maintaining peace during difficult circumstances.

Key Statement

- "Misery is our interpretation of the data."

Repentance

Definition Given

- "Repentance means rise higher to change how you think."

Scripture References

Explicitly Quoted or Referenced

- **Proverbs 23:7** (paraphrased)
 - "As a man thinks in his heart so he is."

Inferred

- **Romans 12:2**
 - Transformation through renewing the mind.
- **Philippians 4:8**
 - Focus and thought patterns affecting life.

Major Conclusion

- "The issue isn't prayer, it's thinking."
- Prayer answers may manifest through changed thinking and perception.

II. Personal Testimony: The Mercedes and Inheritance (2:31–3:43)

Story Summary

- The speaker and family saved \$10,000 for a vehicle.
- While considering small cars, he sensed a better possibility.
- He asked God for "inheritance."
- Shortly afterward, his father offered him a Mercedes free of charge.

Key Statements

- "Papa's got something more for me."
- "I'd really like some inheritance today."
- "My consciousness decided a different pathway was better."

Concept**Inheritance**

- Receiving provision through spiritual alignment rather than conventional acquisition.

Implied Scriptural Themes**Inferred**

- **Matthew 7:11**
 - Father giving good gifts.
- **Romans 8:17**
 - Heirs with Christ.
- **Ephesians 1:11**
 - Receiving inheritance.

III. Timelines, Decisions, and Quantum Language (3:49–6:03)**Core Teaching**

The speaker introduces a framework involving:

- Timelines
- Quantum fields
- Spiritual perception
- Decision pathways

Definitions**Timeline****Speaker's definition:**

- Potential future pathways generated by choices.

Spirit Beyond Time

- The body exists in the present.
- The spirit overlaps multiple possibilities.

Key Statements

- "Your spirit can feel different timelines."
- "They're all based on decisions."
- "Each one's got an energy potential within it."

Decision-Making Framework

The speaker claims:

- Higher timelines contain greater energy.
- Greater energy indicates preferable choices.
- Decisions should be made according to energetic resonance.

Applications Mentioned

- Where to preach.
- Which countries to visit.
- Which people to associate with.

Humor

- Curry restaurants allegedly possess high "glory."
- "There's never a universe where that's not a good timeline."

Scripture References**Explicit**

- Ecclesiastes 3:11 (paraphrased)
 - "He put eternity in your heart."

Inferred

- Deuteronomy 30:19
 - Choosing life.
- Proverbs 3:5–6
 - Guidance in decision making.

IV. The "Weave," Mountains, and Spiritual Architecture (6:03–8:05)**Main Concept: The Weave****Definition**

- A spiritual network or matrix of connections.

Components Mentioned

- Angels
- Saints
- Scrolls
- Spiritual beings

Terminology**Ary / Mountain**

The speaker equates:

- Ary
- Mountain
- House

Statements

- "Mount Zion is an ary."
- "You are a mountain."
- "You are a house."

Spiritual Expansion

The speaker teaches individuals may:

- Open strands of connection.
- Incorporate influences from saints or angels.
- Expand their spiritual architecture.

Examples Mentioned**Moses**

- Hidden in Christ.
- His voice may resonate through a believer.

Angels

- Raphael (healing).
- Odiel (mysteries and higher dimensions).

Mansion Concept**Definition**

- Spiritual capacities or realms incorporated into personal identity.

Key Statement

- Eventually prayer becomes unnecessary because truth becomes embodied.

Possible Scriptural Background**Explicitly Echoed**

- John 14:2
 - "Many mansions."

Inferred

- Hebrews 12:1
 - Cloud of witnesses.
- Colossians 3:3
 - Hidden with Christ in God.

V. Remote Presence and Covering (8:07–9:24)**Teaching**

The speaker claims spiritual presence can extend beyond physical location.

Examples

- Detecting someone's spirit on their home.
- Parents covering children geographically.

Definition of Covering**Speaker's Definition**

- Not hierarchical submission.
- Being held within someone's spiritual field ("ary").

Applications

- Family.
- Technology.
- Governance systems.

- Social structures.

Key Statement

- "Covering is not who you're under. It's who holds you in an ary."

Inferred Scriptures

- Psalm 91.
- Isaiah 58:12.
- Ephesians 6:10–18.

VI. Reframing Spiritual Warfare (9:53–12:54)

Central Thesis

- Warfare is not primarily combat.
- Warfare results from uncultivated spiritual territory.

Key Statements

- "Warfare is just a garden that's not cultivated."
- "It's just an absence of your ary."

Demonic Opposition

Speaker's Interpretation

- Demonic encounters function as mentorship processes.
- Designed to teach spiritual maturity.

Scriptural References

Explicit

- 1 Corinthians 5:5
 - "Hand him over to Satan."

Explicit

- 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - Afflictions producing glory.

Explicit

- Romans 16:20
 - God of peace crushing Satan.

Explicit

- Exodus Passover Narrative
 - Death passing over blood-covered houses.

Gargoyle Discussion

Historical Reference

- Medieval church gargoyles.

Speaker's Interpretation

- Symbolize spiritual forces serving divine purposes.

Main Conclusion

- Peace, not warfare, produces dominion.

Key Statement

- "Peace means you've overcome."

VII. Cosmology and Disclosure (13:03–15:36)

Transition

The speaker shifts from spiritual governance to cosmology.

Claims

- Humanity is entering an "age of disclosure."
- Governments are discussing multidimensional phenomena.
- The church has largely avoided these topics.

Topics Previously Taught

- Frequency.
- Energy.
- Vibration.
- Saints.
- Angels.
- Dimensions.

- Realms.

Current Shift

- Open discussion of cosmology and extraterrestrial concepts.

Personal Background

- Interest in space from childhood.
- Experiences interpreted as:
 - Out-of-body experiences.
 - Spiritual encounters.
 - Cosmic awareness.

Themes

- Wonder.
- Vastness.
- Divinity in creation.

Scripture References

Explicit

- Psalm 23:4
 - Valley of the shadow of death.

Inferred

- Psalm 19:1–4
 - Heavens declaring God's glory.

VIII. Cosmic Vision Experience (16:22–18:22)

Event Description

During worship:

- A beam of light appeared.
- The speaker experienced an out-of-body encounter.

Vision Elements

Observed

- Moon-like location.
- Ringed blue planet.
- Orange nebula.
- Living beings within the nebula.
- Jesus standing nearby.

Characteristics of Beings

- Worshiping.
- Harmonizing with creation.
- Emitting crystalline sounds.

Scripture Reference

Explicit

- Psalm 19:1–4
 - "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Statement Attributed to Jesus

- "I just wanted to show you something I see every day."

IX. Ian Clayton, Mystical Training, and Heavenly Councils (18:22–25:43)

Reference to

Ian Clayton

Background

- Introduced through testimony literature.
- Mentored the speaker.

Topics Learned

- Men in white linen.
- Cloud of witnesses.
- Four faces of God.
- Black cloud encounters.

Ascension Experience

Process

- Ascending through Ian Clayton's "mountain."
- Hearing layers of truth.

Council Encounter**Description**

- Cosmic beings communicating through light.
- Collective consciousness.
- Energy-filled environment.

Figures Mentioned**Enoch**

- Guides speaker.

Jesus

- Appears at center of council.
- Transforms into radiant manifestation.

Themes

- Revelation.
- Participation.
- Intimacy.

Scripture References**Inferred**

- Hebrews 12:22–24.
- Revelation 4.
- Ezekiel 1.
- Daniel 7.

X. Future Self and Eternal Identity (25:58–29:16)**Core Teaching**

- Past, present, and future coexist.

Reference to

Albert Einstein

Quotation Referenced

- Distinction between past, present, and future as an illusion.

Concepts**Future Self**

- Meeting future versions of oneself.
- Receiving guidance across time.

Eternal Timeline

- Identity extends beyond earthly existence.

Key Statements

- "I've met my future self."
- "The future me already exists."

Cosmic Destiny

- Participation in restoration.
- Long-term eternal purpose.

Reference to

C. S. Lewis

Quotation Referenced

- Humans outlasting stars and nebulae.

Scripture References**Explicit**

- 2 Corinthians 5:16–17
 - New creation.

Inferred

- Revelation 21.
- Romans 8:19–23.

XI. Seeing Humanity Differently (28:27–29:16)

Main Teaching

The speaker claims his perception of humanity has changed.

Key Statements

- "I don't see people as people anymore."
- "I see a collection of infinite, immortal, incorruptible beings of light."

Themes

- Divine image.
- Human value.
- Universal dignity.

Inferred Scriptures

- Genesis 1:26–27.
- Psalm 8.
- Colossians 1:27.

XII. Mary, the Morning Star, and a New Era (29:16–44:49)

Mary Encounter

Description

The speaker reports an encounter with Mary accompanied by radiant beings.

Message Given

Birth of Jesus

- Caused disturbance in creation.
- Triggered opposition from Herod.

Present Parallel

- A similar disturbance is occurring spiritually.
- A new reality is being birthed.

Themes

- Controversy accompanying transformation.
- Emergence of light.
- Cosmic recalibration.

Scriptural References

Explicit

- Matthew 2 (Herod and infants).

Explicit

- Jeremiah 29:11.
 - Hope and future.

Explicit

- Isaiah 9:7.
 - Increase of government and peace.

Explicit

- Joel 2:28 / Acts 2:17.
 - Spirit poured out on all flesh.

Future Optimism

Predictions

- Technological breakthroughs.
- Disease eradication.
- Increased wisdom.
- Expanded spiritual perception.

Diseases Mentioned

- Dementia.
- Alzheimer's.

Key Theme

- Humanity is entering transformative change.

Cosmic Sons of God

Claims

- Not all extraterrestrial beings are hostile.
- Creation contains multiple orders of beings.

Scriptural References**Explicit**

- Job 38:7
 - Sons of God and stars rejoicing.

Explicit

- Revelation imagery of stars falling.

Theme

- Biblical cosmology includes cosmic dimensions.

The Morning Star**Definition (Speaker's Usage)**

- An emerging spiritual structure.
- Associated with Enoch-like relationship with God.
- Represents a new age of spiritual awareness.

Reference to

Ephrem the Syrian

Quotation Referenced

- Jesus as a child holding the universe together.

Reference to

Athanasius of Alexandria

Teaching Referenced

- Christ sustaining creation even while on the cross.

Scripture Connections**Explicit**

- Revelation 22:16
 - Morning Star.

Inferred

- Colossians 1:16–17
 - Christ sustaining all things.
- Hebrews 1:3
 - Upholding the universe by His power.

Major Themes Across the Entire Section

1. Consciousness shapes experience.
2. Repentance is presented as transformed thinking.
3. Spiritual governance creates outcomes.
4. Multiple timelines exist based on decisions.
5. Spiritual architecture can be expanded through connection.
6. Warfare is reinterpreted as lack of cultivation.
7. Peace is portrayed as the true source of dominion.
8. Cosmology and spirituality are deeply connected.
9. Humanity possesses an eternal identity beyond present life.
10. The speaker believes a major shift in human and spiritual awareness is beginning.
11. The "Morning Star" is presented as a symbol of emerging spiritual transformation.
12. Mystical experiences, saints, angels, cosmic beings, and future identities are integrated into a single worldview centered on union with God and cosmic restoration.

I. A Christologically Saturated Universe (45:01–46:19)**Main Thesis**

The speaker argues that the entire universe is permeated by Christ and that all creation exists within Christ's presence and sustaining power.

Key Statements

- "We live in a christologically saturated universe."
- "The first time Christ was ever seen was when the universe was made."

- "He's the all in all who fills everything everywhere."

Out-of-Body Experiences (OBEs)

Definition (Speaker's Usage)

Out-of-body experiences are presented as explorations of Christ's presence throughout creation.

Key Statement

- "OB is just me searching out Christ."

Scripture References

Explicit

Psalms 139:7–10

- "Where can I go from your presence?"
- "If I go to the depths, you're there."
- "If I go to the heights of heaven, you're there."

Inferred

Acts 17:28

- "In Him we live and move and have our being."

Colossians 1:17

- Christ sustains all things.

II. The Cosmos as God's Temple (45:24–46:10)

Concept: Cosmic Temple Theology

Key Statement

- "The temple is the universe."

Structure Presented

Temple

- The cosmos.

Deity

- God.

Idol/Image

- Humanity.

Definitions

Image / Idol

The speaker states:

- "The word image is idol."
- Humanity functions as the visible representation of divinity within creation.

Key Statements

- "We are the image."
- "We're the physical body of the divinity that created."

Adam

Definition Given

- "Adam means God's blood."

Conclusion

- Humanity possesses a future role within the cosmos.

Inferred Scriptures

Genesis 1:26–27

- Humanity made in God's image.

Psalms 8

- Humanity crowned with glory and honor.

III. The Morning Star and the Heart of David (46:23–47:02)

Scripture Reference

Explicit

Revelation 22:16

- Jesus as:
 - Root of David.
 - Offspring of David.

- Bright Morning Star.

Main Interpretation

The speaker connects:

- Morning Star
- Davidic consciousness
- Davidic worship
- Spiritual identity

Key Statements

- "The bright and morning star is connected to the heart of David."
- "Occupying the morning star is not just positional cosmology."
- "It's the heart of David."

Characteristics of Morning Star Consciousness

- Love for Yahweh.
- Worship.
- Seeing all creation.
- Harmonizing with creation.

IV. The Star of Bethlehem as Living Presence (47:02–49:22)

The Wise Men

Observation

The Magi say:

- "We have seen his star."

Question Raised

Why is it called:

- "His star"
rather than
- "A star"?

Interpretation

Definition

Star

The speaker interprets the star as:

- A spiritual body.
- A celestial manifestation.
- A personal cosmic architecture.

Terminology

Metatron Architecture

Speaker's definition:

- A heavenly structure associated with identity and governance.

V. Multiple Bodies and Layers of Being (47:30–48:52)

Scripture References

Explicit

1 Corinthians 15

- Celestial and terrestrial bodies.

John 14:2

- "In my Father's house are many mansions."

Colossians 3:3

- Hidden with Christ in God.

Teaching

The speaker proposes multiple levels of embodiment.

Examples Referenced

From New Age terminology:

1. Physical body
2. Etheric body

3. Astral body
4. Heavenly body
5. Higher self

Key Illustration

The speaker compares the self to unfolding layers:

- Physical
- Etheric
- Astral
- Heavenly
- Christic

Major Statement

- "My highest vibrational form is already in Christ in God."

VI. Mary's Teaching About the Star (49:22–52:05)

Main Claim

Mary allegedly revealed to the speaker:

- The Star of Bethlehem was Jesus himself.

Questions Raised

Who recognized the star?

Answer:

- The Magi.

Discussion of the Magi

Definitions

Magi

Speaker describes them as:

- Mystics.
- Practitioners of esoteric wisdom.
- Comparable to modern New Age seekers.

Key Statements

- "The new ages were the first ones to jump in on it."
- "An open heart is a believing heart."

Objects Mentioned

Crystals

Referenced as:

- Present in biblical imagery.

Oils

Referenced as:

- Biblically significant.

Out-of-body Experiences

Referenced as:

- Common within biblical narratives.

Scripture References

Explicit

Book of Revelation

- Used as an example of visionary experiences.

Explicit

Crystal imagery:

- Revelation's crystal sea.
- Precious stones.
- Heavenly structures.

VII. The Star as a Dimensional Manifestation (51:10–53:48)

Observation

The speaker analyzes Matthew's narrative.

Details Noted

The star:

- Appears.
- Disappears.
- Moves.
- Stops.

Conclusion

The speaker argues:

- The phenomenon behaved unlike an ordinary astronomical star.
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Interpretation**Key Statement**

- "The baby and the star was Yeshua."

Additional Claim

Only certain observers could perceive it.

Spiritual Application

The speaker compares this to:

- Spiritual perception.
 - Seeing heavenly realities.
 - Recognizing spiritual structures.
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VIII. Cosmic Reconciliation (52:12–54:59)**Scripture References****Explicit****Colossians 1**

- Reconciling all things.
- Summing up all things.

Explicit**Ephesians 1:10**

- Bringing everything together in Christ.
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Major Concepts**Universal Restoration**

Christ:

- Reconciles heaven and earth.
 - Unifies creation.
 - Restores all things.
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Stars and Cosmic Beings

Speaker interprets:

- Fallen stars.
- Cosmic beings.
- Sons of God.

as potentially literal cosmic realities.

Scripture References**Explicit****Job 38:7**

- Sons of God shouting for joy.

Explicit**Revelation 12**

- Third of stars falling.
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IX. The Morning Star Body (54:59–56:39)**Key Scripture****Explicit****Revelation 22:16**

- "I am the Bright Morning Star."

Speaker's Conclusion

If Christ possesses a Morning Star reality:

Then believers may share in it.

Key Statements

- "You have got a morning star body."
 - "You also are a morning star."
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Functions Attributed

Morning Star beings may:

- Appear.
 - Disappear.
 - Govern.
 - Illuminate.
 - Influence regions.
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Abrahamic Reference**Explicit****Genesis 15**

- Descendants as stars.

Interpretation

The speaker extends this beyond earthly symbolism.

X. Early Church References (55:45–57:07)**Referenced Figures****John Chrysostom**

Attributed Statement:

- The star was not an ordinary star.
 - It assumed a visible form.
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Origen

Attributed Statement:

- The star moved like a living thing.
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Cloud of Witnesses**Concept**

The speaker values interaction with departed saints.

Purpose

- Inspiration.
- Revelation.
- New perspectives.

Inferred Scripture**Hebrews 12:1**

- Great cloud of witnesses.
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XI. Mary and the Birth of a New Earth (57:19–59:19)**Theme**

Mary is portrayed as participating in a new birthing process.

Key Statements

- "It's time to birth the new earth."
 - "Transition means the time before the baby comes out."
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Morning Star Rising**Explicit Scripture****2 Peter 1:19**

- Morning Star rising in hearts.

Interpretation

The speaker sees:

- Ascension teachings.
- Spiritual awakening.
- Mystical consciousness.

as fulfillment of this passage.

XII. Heaven Transforming Earth (58:55–59:35)

Central Thesis

Statement

- "The earth cannot transform the earth."

Speaker's Conclusion

Transformation comes from:

- Heaven.
 - Spiritual realities.
 - Higher realms.
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Scripture Reference

Inferred

Isaiah 60:1

- "Arise, shine."
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XIII. Disclosure and Changing Worldviews (59:45–1:01:04)

Theme

The speaker claims humanity is entering a disclosure era.

Claims

Governments are:

- Releasing information.
- Discussing unexplained phenomena.
- Revealing multidimensional realities.

Main Point

Future spirituality must address:

- Dimensions.
 - Cosmology.
 - New technologies.
 - Expanded realities.
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References Mentioned

Evan Roberts

Rees Howells

Used as contrasts to modern challenges.

XIV. Universal Mission and Cosmic Gospel (1:01:22–1:03:03)

Referenced Figures

Catherine of Siena

Attributed statements about:

- Heaven and earth.
 - Distant worlds.
 - Manifestation of God's children.
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Gregory of Nyssa

Attributed statement:

- Humanity as priests of the universe.
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Scripture References

Explicit

Mark 16:15

Speaker emphasizes:

- Cosmos rather than merely world.

Explicit

Colossians 1:19–20

Christ reconciling:

- Heaven.
- Earth.
- Everything.

Greek Term Mentioned

"Ta Panta"

Definition provided:

- The totality of everything that exists.

XV. Theosis and Cosmic Restoration (1:04:07–1:04:56)

Gregory of Nyssa

Statement Referenced

- Divine leaven works until the universe is renewed.

Definition

Theosis

Speaker's Definition:

- Deification.
- Participation in divine life.
- Transformation into likeness with God.

Historical Background

Traditionally associated with:

- Eastern Christianity.
- Patristic theology.

XVI. Richard Rohr and Cosmic Outpouring (1:04:26–1:05:03)

Reference

Richard Rohr

Statement Referenced

- Creation itself is God's outpouring.

Emphasis

Not merely:

- Church meetings.
- Revivals.

But:

- Galaxies.
- Stars.
- Animals.
- Entire cosmos.

XVII. Meditation and Fear Transformation (1:05:03–1:06:33)

Concept

Energy Conversion Box

Definition given:

A mental process where fears and worries are released.

Biblical Parallel

Explicit

1 Peter 5:7

- Cast your cares upon Him.

Fear Regarding Cosmic Realities

Speaker suggests:

- Fear should be examined.

- Underlying memories explored.
- Fear transformed rather than suppressed.

XVIII. The Fall and Cosmic History (1:06:33–1:07:31)

Main Claims

The speaker teaches:

- The Fall predates humanity.
- Cosmic rebellion existed before Adam.

Key Statements

- "There had already been a war in the heavens."
- Humanity participates in restoration.

Scripture References

Inferred

Revelation 12

- Heavenly war.

Genesis 3

- Human participation in the Fall.

XIX. Christ as the Substance of All Things (1:07:38–1:09:40)

Scripture References

Explicit

Ephesians 4

(paraphrased)

Explicit

Colossians 1:16–17

- All things created through Christ.
- All things sustained through Christ.

Main Thesis

Nothing exists independently from Christ.

Key Statements

- "Christ is the substance of all."
- "He is never absent anywhere."

Jewish Mystical Concepts Mentioned

Shekinah

Definition:

- Divine presence or glory.

Divine Sparks

Definition:

- Fragments of divine light awaiting restoration.

Tikkun-like Restoration Theme

Speaker describes:

- Rebuilding shattered vessels.
- Unification of worlds.

XX. Cosmic Church and Universal Restoration (1:09:40–1:10:11)

Scripture References

Explicit

John 3:16

Interpreted cosmically.

Explicit

Psalms 19

Creation declaring God's glory.

Main Statement

Church is presented as:

- Restoration.
- Cosmic reconciliation.
- Reuniting creation.

XXI. Love Beyond Human Boundaries (1:10:11–1:11:29)

Story

The speaker asks God to encounter unusual spiritual beings.

Vision

A being resembling:

- A cluster of grapes.
- Each grape functioning as an eye.

Lesson Received

Key Statement

- "Can you look at something nonhuman in the eye and love something that looks so different to you?"

Conclusion

- "A loving heart is a seeing heart."

XXII. The Final Christological Summary (1:11:36–1:13:56)

Central Scripture

Explicit

Colossians 1:16–17

- All things created by Him.
- Through Him.
- For Him.
- Held together in Him.

Emphasis

The repeated phrase:

- "All things."

is treated as the central theological foundation of the message.

XXIII. The Demoniatic Story and Love as Deliverance (1:12:15–1:13:56)

Personal Testimony

The speaker recounts encountering a man perceived as heavily demonized.

Response Options Considered

1. Run.
2. Embrace him.

Choice

The speaker chose physical embrace.

Result

The man reportedly became calm and responsive.

Interpretation

Love becomes the primary method of deliverance.

Key Statement

- "We hugged those demons out of him."

Scripture References

Explicit

2 Corinthians 5:19

(paraphrased)

- God reconciling the world to Himself.

Cross-Centered Conclusion

- God embraced humanity in its brokenness.
- Believers are called to imitate that posture.

Final Major Themes (45:01–1:15:55)

1. The universe is fully saturated with Christ's presence.
2. Humanity functions as God's image within a cosmic temple.
3. The Morning Star is interpreted as both Christ and a spiritual pattern for believers.
4. The Star of Bethlehem is presented as a living manifestation rather than an ordinary astronomical object.
5. Human identity unfolds across multiple spiritual dimensions.
6. The cosmos is included in Christ's work of reconciliation.
7. Theosis (participation in divine life) is presented as the goal of creation.
8. Fear must give way to love and expanded perception.
9. Disclosure and cosmology are portrayed as significant contemporary developments.
10. Christ sustains all existence.
11. Restoration extends beyond humanity to encompass all creation.
12. Love, reconciliation, and union are presented as the ultimate expression of the gospel.