Solomon's Wisdom #2

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"Send forth your bread upon the face of the water, for after many days you will find it. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight, for you cannot know what will be evil on the earth." (Kohelet/Ecclesiastes 11:1-2).

Invest in the future with what you have today. Put aside what is in your hand now, you will definitely need it tomorrow. Give today to others in need, this is sending forth your bread upon the face of the water. Shortly, as fate directs us, there will come a time when those in need today will have what they need and more, whereas those today who have plenty will in the future lack the bare essentials. When we give to others today, then others will give to us tomorrow.

There is a time and a purpose for all things under Heaven. Prepare now while the time of plenty lasts, for this time will soon fade away and leave us in a time of lacking. As it was in ancient Egypt so will our future be. The famine is coming. Now is the time to put away everything that we can and prepare for the harsh winter of shortage that comes.

Read the signs of the times. Only the blind refuse to see. Only the lazy refuse to act. Only the fool denies this reality. Alas, we are surrounded by the blind, the lazy and the foolish. Yet, we must not allow their lack of vision and foresight to equally blind and disable us.

See with your own eyes. Think with your own mind. Act with your own hands. Do it now, for there is no promise for a better tomorrow.

Trust in Heaven above and be righteous. Righteousness is tested only in times of crises and these times are barreling down upon us, with greater speed, and with greater crushing repression. Act now to be best prepared for then. Act now, while your hands are still free, before they are tied behind your back and you are led away to the slaughter like a dumb animal.

We are human beings, not animals. Therefore morality, right and righteousness dictates to us to act accordingly. We gather together and prepare. In numbers there is strength. Alone there is only isolation. The forces of evil seek to divide and conquer. The forces of righteousness seek to unite and gain strength. Only in this way can evil be resisted and eventually thwarted.

Gather your strengths and instead of "placing all your eggs in one basket," as some suggest, learn a wise lesson from the children of Israel. Stay united, but diversified. Be united in spirit, planning and action, but be diversified in locale. Spread your bread upon the waters, split it among seven, eight, or even more hiding places or locals. What the forces of

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evil cannot see and cannot find, they cannot attack. Concealment is a crucial part of all preparations. Secrecy is the true key to Divine blessings.

Do all that you must, yet spread your bread around, not your words. Act, do not speak. Do not announce. Do not share. Do not boast! As in war time remember, "lose lips sink ships." Your bread is meant to float on the water, not sink beneath it.

Evil is destined to spread and conquer. There is no promise of personal survival. Then again, there is equally no promise of personal defeat. Victory and defeat are often greatly influenced by our own deeds.

Therefore, act wisely, move in silence, live in stealth. What the enemy cannot see and cannot know, he can only stumble upon by accident. Those who take appropriate caution can even do the utmost to avoid this.

Be a ghost, a shadow, an angel, be like the wind. Send forth your bread and let the wind take it to wherever it needs to go. As you are in the wind (ruah), you too will flow according to the Divine spirit (ruah ha'kodesh) and thus you and your bread will again find one another "after many days."

Seven and eight together add up to fifteen. This is the numerical value of the first two letters, Yod and Hey, of God's holy Name Y-H-W-H. These two letters, Yod and Hey, symbolically represent the functions of mind and consciousness in human beings. When we act with united wisdom and intelligence, joint intuition and rationality, we begin to experience, and see within, the right course and the "direction" of the blowing wind (ruah). Live by the wind and the wind (ruah) will guide you.

Use the powers within granted you by the Divine spirit and you will indeed silence your tongue from speech and your mind from questions. Some words are best left unsaid. Some questions are best left unasked. Live by the wind and the wind (ruah) will guide you.

Time is running out. Act now with silent wisdom. Spread forth your bread, your funds. Build your networks. Dig underground, literally and symbolically. The wind can take you anywhere. Your bread can flow along many different waters. Evil can raise its ugly head in the most unexpected of places. Live by the wind and the wind (ruah) will guide you.

There are no promises. There is only hope. For there to be hope, there must first be Will. When there is a will, there is a way. Live by the wind and the wind (ruah) will guide you. This is the wisdom of King Solomon, revealed.

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