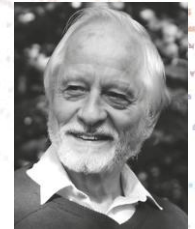




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Dear praying friends in Europe!

I don't know about your reaction about the victory of Donald Trump: cheering and jubilation or fear and irritation? Whatever – it was a bang! People woke up. Throughout the world. Spontaneously I remembered what God had said in Isaiah 55: "My thoughts are not your thoughts... my ways are higher than your ways." (V.8). In such situations we best become silent with awe before The History-maker. Even if He overruled our expectations or wishes, we know, HE is in control. Therefore not demonstration, but adoration. And expectation where His "higher ways" will lead us to. HE says: "My word shall accomplish that which I purpose". (V 11). So there is a purpose hidden in this which we will see from behind.



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Trump's election victory

What are You doing Lord?

The election victory of Donald Trump was completely unexpected. Whenever something so unexpected like this suddenly happens, we have to ask: "What exactly is going on here? What are YOU doing here, Lord?" In such world-shaking upheavals, God is revealing his will and therefore these are times and events that require prophetic interpretation. However prophetic interpretation is subject to error and must therefore be tested: against God's Word; against how the situation actually evolves; with the help of other prophets and spiritual leaders; etc.

Trump under biblical standards

What is God now doing through Trump's victory? Is it a blessing or a judgment on the USA and the world? 81% of Evangelicals in America voted for Trump. Moreover, well-known leaders and many prophets spoke out in support of Trump. They were expecting a spiritual turnaround. But how can this be, where in charismatic circles the causes of downfall in leaders have been known and taught for years: sex, money and power? Trump has been involved in all three. Everyone knows this. Additionally there was much hate, unrestrained anger, strategic lies and above all, he displays an overpowering, arrogant self confidence. Are all biblical standards suddenly immaterial and not worth mentioning?

Trump – God's instrument

Despite all this, Trump can be "God's instrument". God once used a certain Cyrus who had similar character traits: he knew no limits, with endless energy, overestimating his abilities.

Please also pray for

- the presidential election in **Austria** between Norbert Hofer (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs) and Alexander Van der Bellen (Greens).
- **Italy**. Italy faces a referendum on its constitution, which MP Renzi has connected with his own political future.

Cyrus also shocked the entire world at the time. But God used him to bring Israel out of exile. (Isaiah 44:24-45:7). God called him "My anointed", (45,1). It is clear that God is installing Trump to shake the foundations of world politics: in Europe by questioning NATO; in the Pacific Rim with regard to the protection of Japan, Korea, Philippines and Taiwan against China; in relation to current USA policies towards Russia; in the renegotiation of the nuclear agreement with Iran which would benefit Israel.

We clearly stand before a new phase in world history. Are we approaching the home straight towards the end times? Is Trump God's instrument for this? If Trump allows correction from God through men he has the potential to become a great president. Pay attention to Israel, the hand on God's world-time-clock!

Prayer:

- Worship God for his sovereign plans for the completion of all things in this world. (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- Pray for Trump's journey from a "populist" to a "president". (Proclaim Matthew 5:3-12 over him.)
- Wisdom in appointments to the top positions in the White House and the 4000 support staff in the administration. For spiritual protection for him and the USA during this transitional period until he takes office on January 20, 2017.