

# SPIRITUAL TRANSIENT GLOBAL AMNESIA

The past couple of days have been interesting for me. In the morning, a couple of days ago, everything was going well. I had to do a few things around the house and go to the store to order a few things. The last thing I remember was coming home. And then...

That was it. I don't remember anything that happened to me for the next 6-7 hours. The next thing I truly remember was that Trish was taking me home from the hospital. We got home and I was extremely tired so I went straight to bed and slept.

What had happened to me had happened previously about a year ago. The doctors really don't know much about it but they call it "Transient Global Amnesia (TGA)." It is when the person "just loses it." They can function but they have no idea what they may be doing. Fortunately for me, I must have called Trish. She knew that "something wasn't right."

She immediately called my neighbor, who came over to stay with me until Trish got home. Trish then took me to the hospital. I guess they did some tests and came up with the same diagnosis, "again." As I had mentioned previously, after about 6-7 hours, they sent me home and that was it. The next day, other than being extremely tired, I was fine.

Transient Global Amnesia is something that happens very rarely. It is a rare condition that affects about five out of 100,000 people per year. It occurs in people 50 or older. It usually just happens one time and that is it. The experience can be more frightening for those who are present witnessing the situation than for the person who is actually experiencing it when it occurs.

No one yet has really identified a specific cause or treatment. Transient Global Amnesia (TGA) is a temporary short term memory loss that occurs suddenly and is not caused by any other neurological event such as a stroke or epilepsy.

During an "episode," the person becomes suddenly confused about where they are and what they are doing. They may ask the same questions over and over because they cannot remember the answers they were just given. Otherwise, they are alert and seem to be thinking normally. No memories are formed during the episode and the person has no recollection of the experience after it passes.

Short term memory loss is the main symptom and affect of TGA. As mentioned, the person often asks the same questions over and over because they are confused and cannot remember the answers they receive. People experiencing TGA are often described as "sounding like a broken record" because of this repetition. The memories lost during an episode can span hours, days, or weeks. Fortunately, as I had mentioned, I am fine now with no residual effects.

However, the situation that I went through gives me a continual aspect of thanksgiving for and to the Lord, my God. I am so very grateful to my God – the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I have had a heart valve replaced and a few other things done around my heart but I am perfectly fine as I write to you today. Yes, God has and will always be there for me whenever this physical body may have some difficulties.

However, the most important thing that I am so very thankful and grateful to my God is that through the blood of Jesus, He has made me His child. I am His and He is mine. Thank you Lord. Yes, the Father gave His Son for each and every one of us so that, by believing in Him, we are able to be brought back into His family – the family of God.

Life is so very, very precious. However, there is something even more precious. What I am referring to is every single person's "spirit being" and their own personal salvation. As we know, every single person has a spirit, soul and body. Unfortunately, when we enter into this world our spirit is dead. That doesn't mean that it is non-existent. It simply means that our spirit is "dead to God."

What this means is that the "spiritual aspect" of our lives has been separated from God through the sin of Adam and Eve. There is no real and true connection between God and man. There is only the aspect of love that God continually pours out to everyone to hopefully make them see this problem and turn towards Him. The only problem to this is obviously Satan and his forces of wickedness and darkness who try to prevent and hinder people from seeing this truth.

The real reason why I am writing about this is that unfortunately, in the Body of Christ these days, there seems to be a "Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia" that permeates the very essence of many churches, leaders and people in today's world. We seem to desire or choose to forget the short term problems that rise up within the Body of Christ these days.

We all know the Word and what it tells us. However, there are many, many worldly and carnal things that are taking place within the Body of Christ that the Body seems to just be forgetting, ignoring, overlooking or just "losing their spiritual consciousness" about certain important spiritual matters. I am speaking of things such as lust, perversion, homosexual behavior, etc. Things go on or happen within many churches that people seem to methodically forget or choose not to reveal had happened or are still happening. They are in a "Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia" when it comes to really turning to the truth of God's Word found in the Bible.

I am not saying that we must harp on the errors of people or leaders within the Body of Christ. However, I am saying that we must look carefully and not simply turn a blind eye to the many incorrect things that are happening within the Body of Christ. I am not simply speaking about different doctrines and such. No, I am also speaking about the immoral conduct and the immoral lifestyles that have slowly but surely infiltrated many within the Body.

We know that love, grace and mercy are the most important aspects of our faith. We know that we are to walk in forgiveness and love towards each other. However, as a member of the Body of Christ here on this earth, we must realize and know that we each have a responsibility to the Kingdom of God – first. If something is opposite of God's Word as found in the scriptures than it is also opposite of the mindset of God. We are not to simply change the Word or look at it differently because the things that may be happening with and in our churches or our members are not lining up with the original Word of God.

Unfortunately, that is what has been happening over the past years within the Body of Christ, as well as within the world. We have been making changes to the Word of God to fit our lives instead of us changing our lives to line up with God's unchangeable and immutable Word. Take a real hard look at what has happened over the past years concerning the Word of God. We have more different versions of the Bible coming out than ever before.

If someone or a group of people think that the Bible doesn't line up with their way of thinking about God and His ways, than they simply change the language and write another version to make it fit. That is where we get so many different versions of the Bible. Unfortunately, we do not realize that this is a very old trick of the enemy to pervert and lead many away from the absolute truths that are found and given to all of God's people and people in general, through His Word.

We must realize the differences between Bible “Translations” and Bible “Versions.” Translations are the exact translations from the original Hebrew, Greek, Chaldean and Aramaic languages in which the Bible and all of its texts were originally written from approximately 5000 years ago (Job) to about 100 AD when we see John’s writings in 1,2 and 3John and in Revelation.

Translations are the exact wording used from these original texts that are translated to our language. Now, we know that language has changed and words have changed over the centuries. We may see updated versions of the translation Bibles. However, the main ideas and concepts have never, ever changed.

This is where the difference between “translations” of the Bible and the many different “versions” of the Bible we have today comes into play. Versions of the Bible are actually people’s concepts and ideas of what the Bible in these translations are actually saying to us. The authors of these “versions” are simply telling us what they believe the Bible is trying to tell us in simple everyday language that we can all understand.

However, there may be a problem with these versions which I have seen coming to pass – especially with so many new Bible “versions” being brought forth. People are being bolder now more than ever before in presenting their own personal views of God and His Word. This is where we must be very, very careful in what we are reading concerning the Word of God.

I am not saying that we are not to read certain “versions” of the Bible. However, what I am saying is that we must make sure that each of us must understand the differences between the particular “version” of the Bible we may using and what the actual “translation” of the actual Bible is really telling us. Hmmm....

This is where we sometimes can get caught in having a “Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia” moment in grasping and living our lives as children of the Most High God. We sometimes can forget the “reality” and truthfulness of the actual Word of God and enter into a time of “blankness.” We say and do things but we really don’t know what or why we are saying and doing those things. We have a “spiritual blank moment.”

I know that this may not be a problem that you are having concerning God and His Word. However, I do believe that we must always be aware that these things are truly in the world that we are living in. God’s Word tells us that God never changes, that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. So why are we trying to change Him.

Maybe it is time to stop changing God and His Word to fit our “new” lifestyle and ways that make it so easy for us in today’s world. Maybe it is time to stop having some “Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia” concerning God and His Word and simply wake up to the truth that has never changed in over 5000 years.

When I came out of the short time period that I was under this “Transient Global Amnesia,” everything went back to reality. That is something that struck me and why I am writing this short little essay. I may have been in my own little world but it was for a short period of time. Ultimately, I came back into the real world – the way it actually is. That is the same with many Christians. We may be in a “world” that seems to be okay but one day, God will wake us up and we will see the real way God and His Kingdom is and how it really works. We will then see and know the only true way to enter into that Kingdom – only through the blood of Jesus and then live according to His Word. It may not be as we had imagined or envisioned.

The only way to “wake up” is to continually stay in His true Word. I would encourage you to get a good actual “translation” of the Bible. I am not saying that you need to get rid of the “version” of the Bible you are reading. What I am saying is that you need to make sure that whatever you are reading is saying the full truth that God had originally given to His people and not someone’s interpretation of what God’s Word is saying or meaning - today.

This is also true of the place where you go to worship and the minister who is giving you the Word. Is it really the Word that is to be found in the literal translation of the Word of God? Or is it from today's thinking or from today's modern "Christian" thinking about God? Does it really match up with the true Word of God found in the original texts or is it from some modern version which "okays" many of the ways of life that are in the world today but God's true Word absolutely forbids?

That is where many cults have begun. Just take a look at the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses as examples. They each took the Bible and made their own "version" of it to match what they had to say and what they had believed. Unfortunately, this same process has transformed and has transferred to many of the so called mainline churches of today. It has also transferred to many mainline preachers that we have and hear on both the radio and TV.

I am not saying that all of them are wrong or incorrect. However, I am urging each and every one of us to truly listen, hear and then look up in the Bible, the Word of God, for your selves what they are saying and see if what they are preaching is the actual Word of God **in its entirety**. Look at the scriptures above and below the scripture that they are using. Is it in context with the entire area that it is written in? Is it in context to the entirety of the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation? Hmmm...

I guess what I am saying is that in these days we must be careful what we are hearing from the pulpits and other teaching and preaching venues that we have. There are many different denominations and sub-denominations. Unfortunately, that is the problem. There is truly only to be **one** Body of Christ. We have missed something over these past two thousand years. We need to remember the words that Jesus spoke which tell us that only He is "**the way, the truth and the life,**" no denomination or no one else's – no one.

Many of us need to come out of this time period of false reality and false truths, this "Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia." That may sound like a real bunch of baloney to many of you but take it for how I really meant it. It is time for your faith to be truly **real to you**. It is only your faith in the One and only true and living God which will stand. He **is** the real world. His Kingdom **will come**. It is already here. It is here through His Holy Spirit and it is living in His true reality. Jesus told us in John 4:24 – "*God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*"

We look forward to the coming times of the 1000 year rule and reign upon this earth and then for the final things to take place. I am not speaking about the 7 year tribulation period prior to all of this but rather the time when this heaven and earth will pass away and we will be with our God in the "New Jerusalem." Let's wake up and come out of our "Spiritual Transient Global Amnesia." Let us desire and strive towards remaining in the pure, absolute and true spiritual domain of God's everlasting love - forever.