

The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

I am totally convinced that the Lord worketh in very mysterious ways. I am a believer! A true believer! The reason that I have become so religious was on learning that another 2 bankruptcy petitions have been filed in Hongkong, one against Mr Raymond Lee Cho Min () and one against Mrs Priscilla Lee Hwang (). You will recall that Mr Raymond Lee Cho Min was the Pastor of The Faith Community Church, located at South Island School, and Mrs Priscilla Lee Hwang is his lawfully married wife. Pastor and Mrs Raymond Lee Cho Min determined, in about October 2006, to found Oasis Hongkong Airlines Ltd () in Hongkong. Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min invested a great deal of money into the long-haul, budget airline and he got some friends to follow him. This was during the time that Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min was preaching at The Faith Community Church in South Island School. Well, as you know, Oasis Hongkong Airlines went belly up on April 9, 2008, leaving many people out of pocket. Hundreds of millions of dollars were lost. I do not blame either Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min or Mrs Priscilla Lee Hwang for the demise of the airline because business failures can happen to anybody, especially people who are stupid, ignorant, or engage in an industry of which they know little to nothing – as was the case of the involvement of Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min and/or Mrs Priscilla Lee Hwang in Oasis Hongkong Airlines. But, as one may note in retrospect, as soon as this man of God went into business, he was struck down by the Glorious Hand of the Lord. It is a lesson that Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min will never forget – and it is a good one, too. Man proposes, it is said, and God disposes. In this case, a man of the cloth proposed to don the mantle of a Hongkong tycoon and, so, the Master determined to smite him as Jehovah smote the Philistines in about the 12th Century B.C., in what is now The West Bank (Amos 9:7; Jeremiah 47:4; Deuteronomy 2:23). In the First Five Books of Moses, known as the Pentateuch, there are many incidents of God, smiting down usurers, non-believers, also called infidels or heathens, and, there are, also, many examples of God's wrath when His Word was taken in vain.

Now, take Moses, for example. He is said to have had to wander through the Sinai Desert for 40-odd years as a punishment for doubting God. You will recall that, when he descended from Mount Sinai – in the Pentateuch, this mountain is referred to as Horeb – carrying the Ten Commandments, engraved in stone by God, Himself, Moses noted that the people, whom he led out of Egypt, had reverted to worshipping idols instead of the One, True God. Thunder! Lightening! Crash! ☉ Bang! Wallop! God was unhappy! Anger welled in the belly of Moses and, in his crazed state, he threw down the tables of stone on which were engraved God's rules. Down were thrown the stone Decalogue as Moses' anger raged inside him. Crash! Bang! Crunch! Crunch! The Heavens opened up and lightening lighted up the sky. The Lord had been angered. His hard work had been destroyed by His Servant, Moses. God had to punish His servant, you see, so, Moses had to trudge back up Mount Sinai, once again, and await the pleasure of God to do his stuff and re-engrave the Decalogue in stone. And, thus it came to pass that Moses was forced to stay on the mountain for a further 40 days and 40 nights while God went to work on another 2 tablets of stone so that mankind would know the Word, aims and objects of the Lord God. God moves in mysterious ways, you see. Moses was never allowed to enter The Land of Milk and Honey – Israel – even though he lived for 120 years because, on another occasion, he smote a boulder instead of touching it. He was ordered by God simply to

touch the boulder with his staff in order that the people that he led out of Egypt would have a plentiful supply of drinking water. For 40-odd years, it is said that Moses trampled through the sands of the Sinai Desert, enduring the heat of the day, the cold of the night, the weight of the tablets of stone on which was inscribed the Decalogue, and, then, as God's final punishment, he was denied entrance to The Land of Milk and Honey. Cruel and unusual punishment? Perhaps. But that is God's way and, although one may be wealthy and powerful in this world, in the world, up there, man is but a speck in the firmament. And it is there, in the firmament, that God reigns, supreme.

Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min or Mrs Priscilla Lee Hwang forgot the lessons, written in the Pentateuch, a Holy Book, which has been on the best-seller list since it was first published some 3,000 years ago – starting from Genesis. It is written in this Holy Book: 'Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.' (Exodus 33:20) So sayeth the Lord God, for the Lord God is a jealous God: Thou Shalt Have No Other God But I. Pastor Raymond Lee Cho Min forgot his place in God's scheme of things and he may no longer sit on the right hand of the Lord until he suffers his punishment and, then, repents, openly and publicly. Hence, God has sent him another Bankruptcy Petition in Hongkong. It could be said that God has the longest arm of all. Praise be His name!

Yes, My Dear Grandchild, I am, today, a true believer. Aside from Bo-Bo, my froglike husband, I cleave until Him lest his wrath be manifest. God help me to understand the true way!

Talk to you, next week, God willing.

Chief Lady

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