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When once I pondered the nature and set-up of the world we live in, the Lord took me back to the first verse of the bible “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” The natural man interprets that as God creating planets above and another planet below i.e. the earth, or, as God creating a far-above-heaven and an earth. But when the scripture opened up mystically to me and revealed its true meaning it was not about planets but was thus: In the beginning God created an upper platform and a lower platform. The upper platform is the place of “causes” and the lower platform the place of “results”. Whatever happens on the upper platform will happen on the lower platform; but if a thing happens on the lower platform it will in no way influence the upper platform. The upper has power over the lower and that is a divine law. The lower has no power over the upper.

To understand Genesis we have to read it like Revelation. The beginning and the end; both are intimately related. Both are books of symbols. Sure, Abraham was a real person, but he was a symbol of a spiritual reality – the spirit of faith. Similarly all the patriarchs are types or symbols of spiritual realities. So the symbols - heaven and the earth – stand for spiritual realities. (Of course, like Abraham, they do exist in themselves).

What I’m getting to is that when we suffer affliction which is not from the earth/natural dimension, it is that on an upper platform something has been moved into place which then must manifest on the earth level. Bearing in mind that the LORD GOD is on the highest platform and has power over all lower platforms, and Jesus has a name which is *above* every name, and everything bows the knee to that Power. So, dear Jackie, when it comes to your accident which has caused you such pain don’t second-guess it or wonder ‘what if’ ...I’d only been more careful, or, if only I’d had my proper glasses on, or...etc,etc. It wouldn’t matter what you did. A power was out to get you and God permitted it, as He did similarly to me. And you and I will come right through it all and grow closer to the Lord in the process as Job did. And the issue is rulership. The ancient powers on that mid-heaven platform that have lorded it over mankind for ages are being dethroned and cast down and being replaced by the Sons of God. Those powers are not happy about that!! But, as Paul says: “Know ye not that we shall judge angels?”

You mentioned, Jackie, that we all have some kind of Ken in our lives. The other day, in the midst of pain, an understanding came upon me that Ken is really a to-Ken (*token*, symbol) of a spiritual reality hiding behind flesh and blood. “We wrestle not against flesh and blood”. Behind the man is the real enemy – a force that has but a short time to remain doing what it does in God’s good creation. What a shout will go up on that day when the Sons occupy all those mid-heaven platforms – and higher – and creation is restored back to

God. What a shout! The Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel.