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Dear Brothers,

We had a very exciting week! More and more brothers, both within the organization and interested persons outside, are taking up the Father's offer of sonship and heavenly life!

A couple of months ago, we heard from some visitors to our site who told us that while they believe the hope for Christians is the heavenly hope, they cannot imagine heavenly life – they cannot see themselves there. We know that you brothers provide much speculation on what eternal earthly life would be like, so we began a series of articles carrying in their title “**Heavenly Contemplations**” that show our brothers what heavenly life might be like. We wanted to share our own contemplations and demonstrate how to apply Paul's admonition:

“If, however, you were raised up with the Christ, **go on seeking the things above**, where the Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **Keep your minds fixed on the things above**, not on the things upon the earth.” –
Colossians 3:2

Surely Paul was not suggesting we become mere stargazers! Thus, we believe it quite proper that we use our God given imagination to contemplate the heavens.

As such, this week, we published the third installment in that series entitled: “**Heavenly Contemplations - Part III - Unfolding the Universe.**” You can find a link to this article on the **Update Page** of our site: www.AnointedJW.org. We also published an article entitled “**Does This Stumble You?**” in response to some concerns that heavenly speculation can be problematic. You can find a link to this article as well on the **Update Page**. We believe that no matter how extravagant the contemplations, the human mind can only scratch the surface of what the heavens and true heavenly life is like:

“But just as it is written: “Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, neither have there been conceived in the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love him.” – *1 Corinthians 2:9*

While heavenly speculation is a pleasant diversion, our main focus is on helping our brothers realize that they are ‘all sons of God by their faith in Christ Jesus.’ (*Galatians 3:26*) By now, we hope you brothers are seriously considering this scripture and the many others that definitively show the hope for Christians is the heavenly hope as sons of God and heir of Christ.

In his letter to the brothers in Philippi, Paul explained that he was focused on the upward call, and suggested that any Christian who is not also focused on the upward call pray about it for clarification:

“I am pursuing down toward the goal for **the prize of the upward call of God** by means of Christ Jesus. Let us, then, as many of us as are mature, be of this mental attitude; and **if you are mentally inclined otherwise in any respect, God will reveal the above [attitude] to you.**” - *Philippians 3:14-16*

We pray that in all of your deliberations on the matter of sonship and the heavenly hope that the Father “reveal the above attitude to you.”

Your brothers in the faith,

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