



**Truth Nuggets**  
**Part 16**  
**Heavenly Visitation**



Before breakfast on August 11th I opened the garage door to let the warm morning sunshine into the garage/workshop. Then after breakfast I charged into the shop, a “man-on-a-mission,” ready to jump into the day’s construction project. Imagine my surprise when there, just a few feet away was a hawk perched on the table saw!

He did not seem the least bit startled by me, but eyed me carefully. I froze to not alarm him soaking in this once-in-a-lifetime moment. I addressed him softly with kind words so that he might discern that I meant no harm. Slowly I drew out my cellphone and took his picture. Surely, this was an event to share! But best to see in person, so I went to get Mary Elizabeth.

Our first concern was that the hawk might be injured, but there were no obvious signs of that. Likely he entered this “man-cave” in order to cool off from the high heat of the sunny day. A small bird had flown into the shop, but when seeing the new guardian,

it hastily retreated! Next, I sought some raw meat in case the bird was hungry. But with our “all-organic, mostly raw fruits & vegetables lifestyle” the best I could do was a canned sardine.

So I returned with the sardine to find the bird had found a better perch on the jointer. I approached the heavenly visitor very slowly, with a sardine in my out-stretched hand. As I did, I was letting our new friend know that he need not fear since I was one of those “sons of God” that all creation groaned for to be raised up to set creation free, (as stated in Romans 8:19). He pecked at the sardine, but when he seemed more interested in my fingers, I knew that wasn’t my brightest idea of the day! His beak looked very formidable!

Raw meat was his diet so I departed to our Amish neighbors to see what they might have. It just so happened that they had just slaughtered a chicken, so graciously gave me a wing. But when I returned, I approached our feathered friend too presumptuously and he decided it was time to leave.

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This heavenly encounter reminded me that man is not just to take dominion of God’s vast, amazing creation, but to steward it under his leading. Proverbs 12:10 is an example, “A good man is concerned for the welfare of his animals, but even the kindness of godless men is cruel.” Even when it is necessary to kill an animal for food, it is to be done by the Biblical guidelines, which happens to be the least traumatic, most merciful way.

As we progress further into the Millennial Kingdom, expect both animal & angelic meetings to be more frequent. Why? Because our Creator’s army who have already crossed into the heavenly realm will not be complete without His sons on this side of the veil. The two armies are converging, positioning as they together dethrone the dark principalities & their earthly agents who have dominated this earth for 6,000 years. As Trump reminds us, “The Best is Yet to Come!”

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