

EASTER IMPACT – PART 2

*I pray that God will give you spiritual insight to know how tremendous is the **power** available to us who believe in God. That **power** is the same divine **power** which was demonstrated in Christ when he raised him from the dead.*

Ephesians 1:18-19



Since the beginning of time nobody **saw** it. Then, in 1905 a school dropout, working at a patent office, **saw** it through the lens of mathematics. Einstein concluded that mass (**m**) and energy (**e**) are equal, since the speed of light (**c²**) is constant. In other words, mass can be changed into unbelievable amounts of energy.



Then, on August 6, 1945, the world's first atomic bomb exploded over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The explosion wiped out 5 sq/mi of the city and immediately killed 80,000 people; tens of thousands more would later die of radiation exposure. For the first time the power of $E=mc^2$ was physically **seen** by mankind.

Paul employs three different Greek words for power. The first is **δυναμεις** which means inherent power, that is, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature. The second Greek word is **ενεργεια** which means power in action. Finally, we have

κρατους which refers to the effect of the released of power. At Hiroshima the inherent power of uranium was released in the dropping of the atomic bomb, the effect of which was the domination of destruction.

Paul asserts that the Father released his inherent power the effect of which was the resurrection of Jesus. "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:52)

☒ Note the object of Paul's prayer: "*spiritual insight to know how tremendous is the **power** available to us who believe in God.*" Einstein **saw** but the number of others who **saw** was minuscule. It would be years (1945) before what Einstein **saw** was successfully tested in Alamogordo, New Mexico so that others *saw* and *believed*.

Paul **saw** "*how tremendous is the power...*" that is inherent (δυναμεις) in the followers Jesus. However, he also knew that it would only be released (ενεργεια) via "*spiritual insight*". Consequently, He prayed "*that God will give you spiritual insight to know...*" Peter **saw** the inherent power in Jesus' word, "Come!" Therefore, "*he got down out*" (ενεργεια) *of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus.*" (Matthew 14:29) Peter's inherent power was released, the result of which was his water-walking!

Easter means energy that is present NOW!

However, this inherent power is available only to those whose insight has been enlightened so that they will take action that is a mystery to "**normal**" people (think of the Noah story in Genesis 6.

Two questions:

1. Have you been connected to Jesus by faith? This is the greatest experience of power you will see!
2. Have I ever done a Peter? Have I ever been a water-walker? If you attempt to dodge the question with your theology or what's commonly accept as normal, let me quote John 14:12: *"I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do **the same things** that I am doing. You do **even greater things** now that I am going back to the Father."*