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The Soldiers of Darkness and Light The Book of Mysteries—Jonathan Cahn

He led me across a large valley and toward a mountain on its other side.

"Imagine," said the teacher, "you had to make your way across this valley, to get to that mountain as fast as you could. But the valley is filled with soldiers, half of them dressed in white and half in black. As you try to make your way across the valley, you discover the soldiers in white are there to help you across and to get you to the mountain as quickly as possible. But you soon discover that the soldiers in black are there for the opposite purpose. They battle the soldiers in white, resisting every step of advance. Finally, after a long and arduous battle, you make it across to the base of the mountain on the other side. The battle is over. It is then that you notice a strange thing—the soldiers in black begin removing their outer garments to reveal garments of white underneath. The soldiers in black were really soldiers in white. The soldiers were all on the same side. And the ultimate goal was not to bring you to the other side as fast as possible but to get you there at the exact right time. And for that to happen, both the soldiers in white and the soldiers in black had to fulfill their mission. And though it looked like war, both sides were actually working together for your good. So then which side was against you?"

"Neither," I said. "Both were battling for my benefit."

"Exactly," he said. "And so it is written in the Book of Romans that 'God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.' So if you love God and belong to Him, He will work all things in your life together for good, the good and the evil, the beautiful and the ugly, the joyous and the sorrowful, the problems and the triumphs, all for your blessing and good. Now if both the good and the bad are working for your good, then in the end, was there any bad?"

"No, if even the bad is working for my good, then it is ultimately good."

"And so for the child of God, for you, there are only two realities...blessings...and blessings in disguise. Sometimes the blessings are very well disguised, but they remain blessings nevertheless. Hold on to this. And learn to see and believe through the disguises. And remember, it only looks like a battlefield. But in the end, you will see it as it always was, a field of blessings where even your darkest enemies—your greatest adversities—were, in the end, your blessings in disguise."

Give thanks today for all your blessings, and for all your blessings in disguise - past and present.