

## FOREWORD

We live under the universally accepted principle that good things happen to good people and bad things happen when we're bad. And this equation that some call judgment, some call it karma, ("what-so ever ye sow, so shall ye reap")\* it cannot be broken. We rely on the hope that the scales of judgment work magnificently best when it is blind and is immune to partiality. Looking at history, we see that we have always struggled with the deep causes of why bad and catastrophic events can violently shift our lives, societies and cultures. On a personal level, in our life's journey, every continuous moment of our present lives dictates how we will be judged in the future.

But what happens when this universal principle gets cast aside and disasters strike when there are no misdeeds, or wrongdoing? We search out for the *causes* of such misfortune and false accusations. All the while *knowing* that even God knows we are innocent.

This story of Michael is about a man who lives by this universal principle. Michael spreads so much love, faith and charity throughout his world and wherever he goes; that Satan himself notices Michael's soul light shining so brightly. And because Michael is a spiritual warrior, being one who *genuinely* walks the talk that not even Satan can break his faith.

This story is for you. For in many ways, we are all Michael. It is written for a changing world at the epicenter of a great spiritual battle. It is designed to show how you are the pawn and perhaps player in this sometimes visible and invisible war. And the best part is that you decide how you are going to engage the enemy of your happiness. You ultimately decide how you're going to play your part through this incredible time, in this incredible drama, playing out on earth.

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\*The Apostle Paul, Galatians 6:7