

# **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010: A New Year's Fable**

- A fictional Story about the coming year
- God's word woven into the story
- Story, then closing Thoughts
- Colossians 3:1-17

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**January, 2009**

**The Writer**

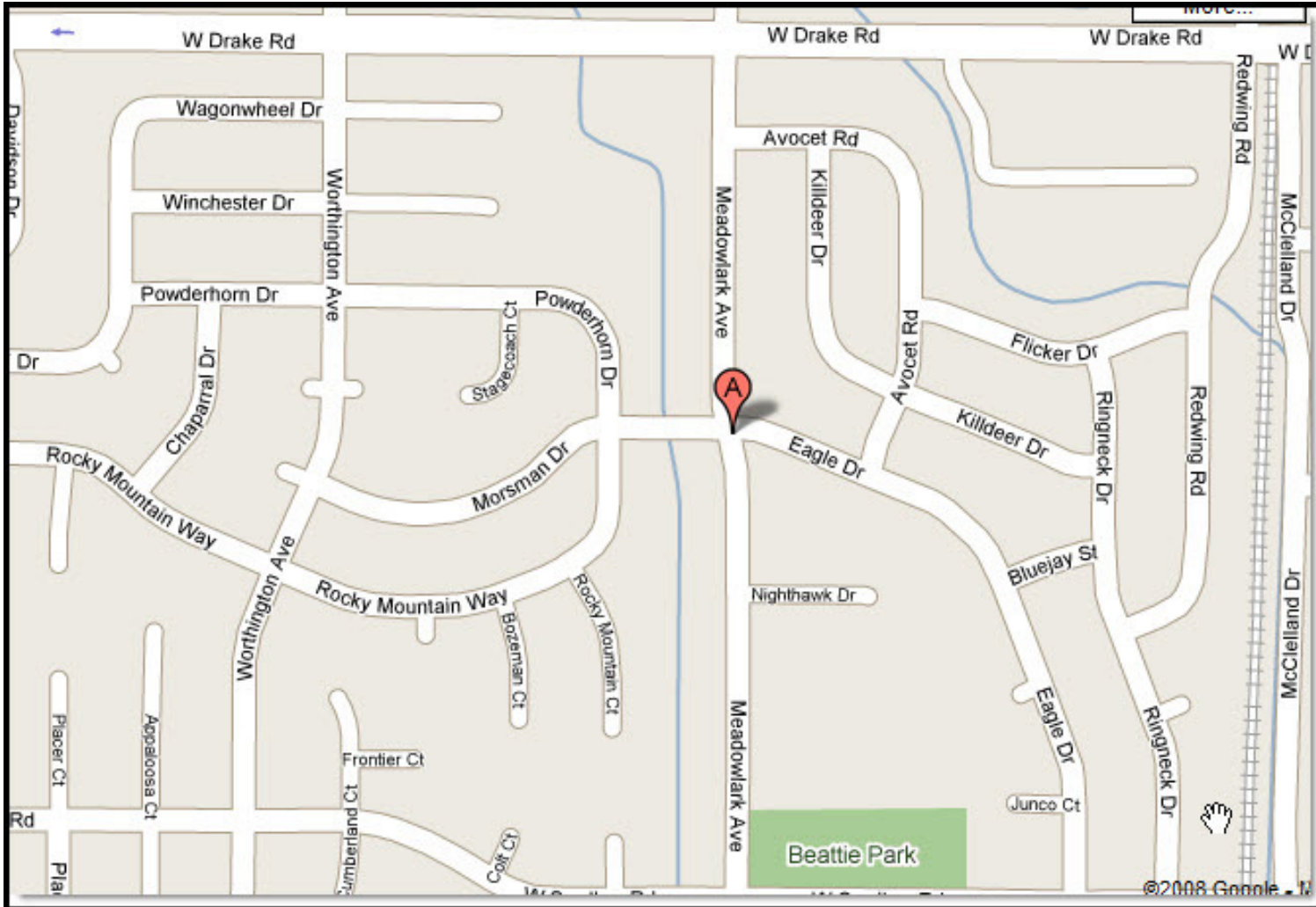
## The Publisher:

“Love the idea. Books debunking “god” and exposing religious phonies are selling like hotcakes these days. I like your angle of living right in the middle of a church to document their empty-headedness. Make sure you keep good notes; I want details - actual conversations, dates, events, the works - to make this a best seller. In order to be ready for the spring book shows, I’ll need a draft of your manuscript by January 1st, 2010. Let’s hope for your sake there really isn’t a hell! ;-)”

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## ***Colossians 3:1-11***

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## ***Colossians 3:12-14***

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## ***Colossians 3:15-17***

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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# December 2009

## The Writer

The story: Fable, far-fetched, or plausible?

Three things that must be believable:

- The Writer
- The Church
- God's Word

What Do You Believe Is  
Possible for 2009?