

Introduction

In May 2018 I went out for a walk on a break. I was praying and enjoying sunshine along with some fresh air. I noticed as I prayed in the Spirit, I continued to repeat *siete aqui*. With very limited Spanish in my pocket, I knew *siete aqui* means "seven here". I sensed Holy Spirit was speaking to me, "Shanon, seven here. Here you go. This is something that I have for you to deliver".

This was early May 2018, a Tuesday morning. I began to research on my lunch hour that same day. I dug in and began to look around and I thought I'll look up *seven.com*. Was the domain available? No. Then I thought *sevin.com*. My thoughts then went to *sevin dust*.

I looked up *sevin dust* and discovered *sevin dust* is made seven molecules that equal one compound - *sevin dust*. Holy Spirit then began to formulate a geometric image with seven components, in my mind.

The structure was comprised of a vertical axis and a horizontal plane, both of which intersected. The vertical axis possessed at its center a molecule; at both ends of the axis were additional molecules. Three in total along the vertical axis. The horizontal plane was established by four components.

I wasn't quite sure how to populate these components, or what they represented, so I went about my workday. Wednesday rolled around without much thought, but Thursday, insight was expanded on the revelation.

I was attending a *Leadercast 2018*. As I was sitting there processing content, Holy Spirit began speaking to my soul regarding the molecular structure. *God* was at the very center; Jesus was the first

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component. The component at the top of the vertical axis was identified as the *calling*; we each have a high calling as sons and daughters of God. In my mind, my gaze zoomed from the top of the vertical axis to include in view the bottom component of the vertical axis. This axis was titled *essentials*; this component represented one's body, the place where Holy Spirit dwells for those who accepted Christ as Lord and Savior.

The four components in the horizontal plane also began to take on names: *spouse, children, ministry or vocation, and atmosphere*. I began to ask myself, "If these seven components were to be meticulously balanced, not in our own strength, but in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, if each area were properly prioritize and beautifully balanced, would they reflect the face of Jesus Christ?"

During my research earlier in the week, I discovered the molecular structure in my mind is called an octahedral. An octahedron, with six atoms and one central atom (seven components total) forms an octahedron; this structure has eight faces. This led me to ask, "If one were to pull the eight faces out, so it looks more like an oval, would these components, balanced and prioritized, be a true reflection of Jesus Christ?"

I then did something super Spiritual and Googled "the number for Jesus". At the top of the results was the number 888. I nearly came out of my seat! Did I just see this?! *How* is the number for Jesus 888?

When one translates the name "Jesus" from English to Greek, Ἰησοῦς, is the result. According to ridingthebeast.com:

"In Greek and Hebrew each letter of the alphabet doubles as a number. This is very similar to Roman numerals which are still used in English today. Gematria is the practice of calculating the numeric equivalent of words and phrases by adding up the numbers associated with each letter. Technically,

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Gematria refers to calculation in Hebrew while Isopsephy is the Greek equivalent.

When “Ιησούς” is plugged into the website’s calculator, and Greek Isopsephy toggled for the result, one will see the numeric equivalent for *Jesus* is 888. Mind blown? I know!

Back to the conference... I was ready to jump out of my seat and shout, “*Lord this is amazing!!*” But I did not. I maintained my enthusiasm and excitement. I continued to listen and doodle and capture notes in my notebook. And then I went to lunch.

After enjoying Kung Pao Chicken, I decided to splurge a bit and enjoy the fortune cookie. I give no merit to “fortunes”, but I am entertained every now and again by their quips. Today was no different. Curiosity led me to see what one liner awaited me. What did I read? “*Fall down seven times get back up eight*”. Thank God I chose to have lunch in my car! I laughed out loud! Are you serious?! Maybe God’s hand *was* in this memento from a Japanese proverb, after all?

Have you ever received something from God you were so amazed by, only to place it on a shelf for a season? I did just that with this message. I ended up packing it away in my notebook. That fall, the Lord led me to capture the Rise Up Commitment curriculum. In 2018, the first commitment was facilitated with women in my community. In May 2018, the Lord reminded me of the events the year prior. What had I done with it? Nothing.

I wasn’t sure where to begin. I was learning so much about leading and ministering in my community, I didn’t invest in additional time to determine Holy Spirit’s next steps. But He continued to nudge me. I set out to explore with an audience, and created a social media group designed to explore with me. While on vacation in August

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2018 I shared a video to engage folks and began mapping out content. Still, I didn't sense the anointing to continue forward. If I had learned anything in years prior, it was to not force anything from the Lord and to rely solely on Holy Spirit leading to develop further an idea, thought or vision.

I woke up the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2018 with another idea. The Lord was speaking to me about hosting an event in my community. He was calling me to go into a local coffee shop and have a public event where folks could hear the gospel and His heart. His focus was women who believed they were too busy to connect Him or didn't know how to get connected with Him or simply would not step foot in a church. I was then reminded of seven. A booklet, called *Beyond*, was to be created and shared with women in my community.

Almost eighteen months later, I was now doing something tangible with *seven*. I was introducing the concept to other women. Each component was the focus of one month. Some components expanded to include sub-components. In the end I was led to create a workbook-calendar-journal publication. This booklet would be a place for others to supplement and explore their walk with the Lord. In December 2018, I found myself in our local coffee shop with close to forty women eager to connect, worship, learn and pray.

Fast forward to November 2019. The *Beyond* booklet was re-released with an emphasis on 20/20 vision. The instruction for this aspect was the result of fasting and prayer in July of 2019. After three days, the thought occurred, "2020 would be the year of clarity and understanding exactly what the Lord would have us to do. No wasted resources. Saying yes where we needed to say yes and no where we needed to say no. We would be walking in-step with the

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Lord towards a vision that He would share with us. This vision would be captured and written down, similar to the exhortation in Habakkuk.

Beyond is about applying a theory, or hypothesis, in order for you and others to see Jesus more clearly in and through our lives, while enriching your connection with your Creator. The theory is if you are daily intentional about learning more as it relates to loving God, reading Scripture, becoming devoted to prayer, being open to the move of Holy Spirit, discovering and living in your calling, stewarding well your body, as well as seek to love others, represent Christ in ministry and/or vocation and change atmospheres by the presence of God you carry – the outcome will be an unshakable life in Christ. A life where He is seen and made known in the world around us.

Let's begin the exploration.