<u>as layered humanity</u>

Part Twenty

(Reproduction- Extended)

Meditating on the Bible

Matthew 28:18-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

You may have noticed that, this transverse section is somewhat porous. Oh, you did not notice that? Well, let me explain.

The transverse section of history of the kingdom of man, in the place where reproduction flows, allows some seepage into it from certain other sections of the history of the kingdom of man. In the reproduction section, we have some bits of seasoning from productivity and responsibility. These gave biological reproduction a fuller manifestation in the kingdom of man. But, biological reproduction is only the tip of the reproduction iceberg. Let us move further into the greater body of reproduction, by situating our self at this truth.

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

(Deuteronomy 8:1-3)

This tells us that, we can expect to see religion seep into reproduction. Again, we say;

to help us in our understanding of this combination, the LORD set forth an examplehuman. The human that is our introduction to the combination, of reproduction and religion, is Noah. This is the staging area in which he was set, as for the next phase in reproduction.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

(Genesis 6:13-16)

It was during the time of Noah that a goodly helping of the seasoning of religion was allowed to influence the flow of reproduction.

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

(Genesis 6:17-21)

The reproduction that was being done transcended the biological portion that was involved. This was the reproduction of an entire world system, with a continuation of the presence of the current biological types. Moreover, the new system was ordained to be more productive than the one it was replacing. Fortunately, this is a one-time-only event, in the transverse section of, reproduction. We have the LORD God's assurance that this will not be repeated; as is stated here.

And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and

winter, and day and night shall not cease. (Genesis 8:21-22)

In the upheaval of that world of man, there is a significant shift in the emphasis in reproduction. The power in that upheaval reset the image of reproduction that was in the mind of the kingdom of man. In Noah's day, the shift was massive; for, it took us to concentration on worlds, as opposed to, on family collection. This is not the only shift that is in that span of the transverse section of, reproduction.

Later in Noah's day, we see another shift in the image of reproduction. This time, it is the downward scaling of the size of the unit of reproduction. The shift in size reminds me of the size adjustment that shifted the life span of man downward; from a, as reported, maximum of *nine hundred sixty and nine years* in the life of Methuselah, to a number that is closer to the *hundred and twenty years* of the limitation of the time that led into the time of Noah. So, what was the new unit of reproduction?

The nature of the new unit of reproduction is alluded to, here.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

(Genesis 17:1-4)

From concentration on the world, we move to empowering the reproduction of *many nations*. At that point, the collecting of people, as gathering them into nations, takes center stage. A definitive statement of the reproductive positioning of nations is also set in the transverse section of reproduction, as proceeding in the time of Abram. The statement announces the maturation of the pre-pubescent unit of productivity, which became the full reproductive capability as for nations, which was expressed in Abraham.

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

(Genesis 17:5-6)

All of these nations--and all other entities that are of that kind--were seeded with religion. The continual seeding of these nations is seen in the nature of their relationship to one of the LORD'S larger creation, as being *they that dwell therein*, as reported here . .

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A Psalm of David.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

(Psalm 24:1-2)

The continual flow of religion, in the transverse section of reproduction, as in the enhancement of the gestation of nations, is, too, a matter of the perpetual presence of God, in the process. A certain king was reminded of this continuance, as in two parts: past example, and, present reality.

• Past example:

O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

(Daniel 5:18-21)

• Present reality:

And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

This is the interpretation of the thing:

MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

(Daniel 5:22-28)

In the reproduction section of the kingdom of man, each nation is a part of a larger reproductive process. This larger reproductive process is the one that gives rise to each community of nations. There have been some significant communities of nations that were set in the reproduction section of the history of the kingdom of man. Each one of these communities passed through the normal chain of life: birth, maturation, and death. And, in keeping with the promise of Noah's day, as represented in Genesis 8:18-22; when the death of the, then, present community of nations occurred, there was a replacement community of nations that was born.

A most notable chain of reproduction for communities of nations was revealed, here.

• Community One:

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

(Daniel 2:36-38)

• Community Two:

And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, (Daniel 2:39a)

• Community Three:

and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

(Daniel 2:39b)

• Community Four:

And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one

to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (Daniel 2:40-43)

So far, there is no indication that, community reproduction for nations has a destination community. But, we are not yet at the end of the matter of communities of nations. Here is the conclusion of the cyclical reproduction.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

(Daniel 2:44-45)

We know, now, that; this destination community of nations occurred in the time of Christ. In that day, our portion of necessary understanding of reproduction was reduced to a more manageable mental image. In that day, the community of nations was set in two organs of mankind. One of the organs was necessary: the other organ was somewhat like an infected tonsil, which required removal. Here is the ordained preparation for the disposition of those organs.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

(Matthew 25:31-33)

Here is the necessary organ, which was destined to be preserved and enhanced.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

(Matthew 25:34-40)

Here is the infected tonsil of that world, of the time of the Son of man.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

(Matthew 25:41-46)

After the segregation, we were ready for a further downsizing of the manageable portion of reproduction. In that day, we could concentrate on replication of a state of mind, as ordained by the Father, for the continuation of righteous reproduction, in the world.

Here is the first recipient of the state of mind, as emplaced by God the Father.

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

(Mark 16:9-14)

The life and ministry of the Anointed One, Jesus, is the state of mind that must be reproduced in the entire world. These are our marching orders for that reproduction.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

(Mark 16:15-18)

And, here is the revelation of the order of gestation for the reproduction of the desired state of mind, as a reproductive force, in itself, in the kingdom of man.

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,

(Acts 1:1-8)

and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This was a blessed shift, away from the massive weight of reproduction that Noah bore. At least, it was a shift for us. In other portions of the transverse section of reproduction, there were some faithful, burden bearers for preparation of the mindscape for the reproduction. On the preparation side of the shift, there was a portion of the grace of God that cleared much of the way for our ease. The prophet Isaiah introduces that grace, here.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a

root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

(Isaiah 53:1-4)

Below, there is a Scripture reference for the greater part of the preparation that laid the foundation of the transverse section of reproduction; especially, for our sake. Yes, even though the activity appeared in a timed space of the history of the kingdom of man; still, it affects the entirety of that transverse section of the history of the kingdom of man, reproduction.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

(Isaiah 53:5-9)

This portion of the grace of God went out, from the world of that day, to deliver the mindset that is required for righteous reproduction. It was a strenuous, and very comprehensive, process; in that, it had to consolidate reproduction, as from the Beginning, into its self. That was done, thusly.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

(1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

With this great offering of self; the Christ ushered in the new, and final, reproductive methodology, as performed in religion. The substance of this process, of religious reproduction, is explained in this Scripture.

Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

(Psalm 40:4-9)

This means that; now, we are the ones that are responsible for introducing righteous reproduction, as into the worldview of each newly born citizen of the portion of the community of man that has arrived at the place of accountability. Ideally, the process starts in the pre-accountable time of, infancy and early childhood, as we strive to reproduce our good relationship with the LORD God, the Father, and with His Christ. This requires that; we, each one, receive the proper instigation of righteous reproduction, as a force for motivation. This instigation comes to us by way of the Comforter, the Spirit of truth.

Yes, the Comforter is the necessary Partner for us, in righteous reproduction. This is so because; we are called to go beyond this, the Bible's image of the example that is in the life of Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

(John 14:9-11)

Our greater requirement for service in reproduction of the mind of Christ is stated, here.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do

shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it

(John 14:12-14)

And, here is the texture of that greater reproduction to which we are called.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

(John 7:37-39)

Therefore; in the present day, our reproduction is done on an individual level. We do not have to build structures, anymore. When we reproduce our faith on the individual level; then, the power of God, as flowing to us in Christ, will gather the cells of righteousness, into a body of service to God, thusly.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-20)

We say; surely, righteous reproduction is God's doing . . . as Scripture does, too.

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

(1 Corinthians 3:5-9)

God gave the increase: for that increase, our part in the reproduction is clear . . . and, it is described here.

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

(John 17:14-23)

The apostle Paul, as he shares the example of his commitment to righteous reproduction, tells us how we must proceed.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

When we do as Paul did; then, we, too, will willingly let the Author of the Reproduction of faith do as he said he would. Then; in our portion of this, we will rest.

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(Matthew 16:13-19)

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