INTRODUCTION-THIRD REALM

To set the stage for this set of papers titled THE THIRD REALM, definitions are in order:

The FIRST REALM, or dimension, is the physical world as we experience it. It is **visible and comprehensible**; that is, we can physically process things via our five senses within the First Realm as well as comprehend them with our minds, the Second Realm.

The SECOND REALM contains those things that are **<u>invisible but comprehensible</u>**. This realm contains all things mental; concepts, thoughts, emotions, and our will.

The THIRD REALM is that realm or dimension which is **invisible and incomprehensible**; that is, we can neither see nor mentally comprehend the things within this realm. Occasionally we can **sense** things happening therein, and eventually process them as they overlap with our minds. But these Third Realm things are neither initiated nor comprehended with the conscious mind.

My youngest son is involved with a middle-aged man who, by the grace of God, is a type of a genius. He 'sees' inside atoms and has mental connection with a portion of the flow of knowledge that exists and has existed since creation. Not that he has all or even much, but only the portion to which he has been granted, and the extent to which His purposes are served.

It is apparent this man, who has no formal education and cannot even read, nonetheless comfortably operates in the world of quantum physics and beyond. Quantum physics is one dimension 'inward' from normal physics, or the dimension in which balls bounce, apples fall from trees, and water flows down creeks. This first realm or dimension contains a set of natural laws in normal physics which limit how things behave in the physical, or the visible.

In quantum physics there is a different set of laws in which subatomic particles and all their brood operate, as it were. These do funny things not done by normal things such as water, balls and visual objects. Quantum physics is primarily a second realm or dimension of physics, different in its governing laws. These laws overlap the first, or physical realm (IMO, some aspects of quantum physics overlap the third realm). The overlapping is distinguishable but inseparable, no less than one's mind is distinguishable but inseparable from one's body.

In fact, the metaphor of the body with its three 'parts', the body, soul and spirit, are said to be a replica of the three 'realms' in Heaven where the Godhead dwells. Additionally, it is written¹, the Mosaic Tabernacle (MT) is a type or replica of the Tabernacle in Heaven. We see in the MT three partitions that represent the three dimensions/realms in Heaven. Respectively, these are, the Outer Court, the First Realm; the Holy place, the Second Realm; and finally, the Holy of Holies, the Third Realm.

¹ Hebrews 8:5-ff.

So it is with the Three Personalities of the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Second Realm. They are distinguishable but inseparable, no less than the three partitions of the MT, or our own tripartite human bodies.

It is written "all the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Jesus bodily"², meaning <u>all</u> of the Father's attributes, as well as <u>all</u> of the Spirit's, dwelt in Jesus the Son. Now what this means to the subject at hand, namely the three dimensions, is that all three are intertwined but balanced with one another.

We get into trouble when behavior in one realm or the other gets out of balance, or is magnified against the other two. Here is where the 'seeing' man above stays in a mess with other people, no less than many of us stay in trouble with others when we get out of balance in or through the other realms. As examples, a weight-lifter or many athletes get lop-sided with their physical prowess. Equally the one gifted with extraordinary gifts of math, physics or medicine, or the one who is overly sensitive and/or creative.

Lamentably, we tend to accentuate our positives, leaving the other 'parts' to atrophy. In some, events are distorted by their emotions, or senses, leaving the intellect stunted and stultified. Emotions and sensual input are important, but as part of the whole, not as dominant expressions.

We find these aberrations rampant in our society, resulting in deformed expressions ranging from religious meetings to marketing to politics to business to child-rearing. The good of the whole is sacrificed for the magnification of the individual. Narcissism trumps all else, whether it be courtesy, health or community, no less than greed overrides honor, and power subjugates integrity and good sense. In short, this is the sickness of the Body of Christ; the holistic is given over to the immediate and the sensual.

As there is a third realm 'beyond' normal and quantum physics, there is a third realm beyond our physical bodies and minds. There is a third realm beyond Jesus the Son and God the Father. For us to accentuate either or both of the first two, leaving the third (spiritual) to flounder, is a travesty and insult of the highest degree to our Father and LORD; it outrages the Spirit of grace.

So we shall see these aberrations be righted that are out of balance. The Ancient Way will be re-established; true fatherhood once again will dominate homes and families. Gatherings of the *ekklesia* of His Body once again will center on Him rather than a man, institution or dogma. We shall see the Body (or whatever remains) be formed after its Creator's designs, not according to our natural bents and carnal appetites.

² Col. 1:19-ff.

Righteous or upright is a Hebrew legal term denoting the attitude of one party fulfilling the expectations of the other party. In other words, doing what is best for all involved, not just for oneself. The Golden Rule is just another way of saying the same thing.

But, as it written³, men learn righteousness (only) when God's judgments are in the earth.

Needless to say, it will be no less nasty than outright war. A tepid simile would be one of remodeling a house. The plaster, walls and roofs will come down, violently and permanently. Anything and everything not of His planting will be taken down to the foundation. If even the cement slab is not of Him, it will be demolished.

He will be **LORD**.

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³ Isaiah 26.