

## C-4

There are moments in time when the strangest catalysts compel me to write. I have no idea why or to whom I write, if anyone at all.

What is written is no more than a statement made by a person passing by a house on fire, "I smell smoke". So shall I keep the awareness of smoke to myself and let the house and all of its occupants burn?

The exclusive function of imparting perception belongs to the Holy Spirit. He and He alone can connect the dots and enact conviction to the reader via some innocuous phrase, turn of expression or tone detected between the lines. So be it !

My hope is that there will be enough truth to cause many to foam at the mouth with rage. That trumps Ho-Hum, and indicates *some* life exists.

### ENTROPY and RIGHTEOUSNESS DECAY and LIFE

In reading a book<sup>1</sup> given me by a friend on the astounding things of the Creation, man, cells, atoms and the Universe, a word jumped off the page, leaving me electrified. To put things in perspective, I had just finished publishing editions of papers I had written over the last 40 years. My drive to write anything else was ebbing fast. I thought I was done.

But the word **entropy** resonated. In the book it was used to describe the natural state of decay of all matter in the Universe, specifically the decline of order, known as the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Dr. Swenson asks the question, "Why did God create the Universe with this entropic 'bondage to decay'?" Following this statement he correctly connects this Law with the fallen state of Man from Adam.

Presenting as fact God created all this, He is the One who incorporated the Law of Entropy applying to all He created. A quick mental scan of Man's history will confirm the above, particularly the lineage from Adam to us. The Laws of moral decay and death apply to Man as well as matter. Did God create woe (evil) so that weal (good) might in stark contrast bring recognition to Himself? Did He create entropy so that righteousness might be shown to be the superior and thus the more desirable? –and that God might be recognized?

The word entropy stems from a Greek word *tropē*, meaning to turn, and the prefix *en*, meaning in. Combined these two mean "turning inward". "Turning inward" aptly describes what is happening to the Universe and all that is within it, including Man. Heat turns towards cold, life to death, order towards disorder, morality toward sin.

It is known that early on in the Big Bang (= Genesis' "let there be light") every particle had a mirror opposite. Neutrons had anti-neutrons, matter had anti-matter<sup>2</sup> and so forth. These antithetical pairs were almost identical in power and existence, but not quite.

For whatever reason God had in mind, matter won out over anti-matter (which no longer exists naturally), and we have the Law of Entropy in effect. As an aside, anti-matter is by far more explosive than ordinary matter (including the strong nuclear force of atoms, from only a fraction of which we get the power of the atomic bomb).

In all the years studying this phenomenon, it has occurred to me that anti-matter might one day make a comeback, but in a different form. It is this thought of a comeback in which I place this concept of turning outward being the more explosive. In other words, righteousness is by far more powerful than anything man might develop. Turning outward as opposed to turning inward toward one's self is by far the more powerful.

As I read about entropy one evening, something began to trouble me. Then for several mornings in a row, between 3:30 and 5:00 A.M. a whole series of thoughts came that were counter to entropy. Because 3-D is difficult to describe mentally, I pictured the entire Universe in 2-D as an upside down cone, expanding, congealing and cooling from the top downward, the point at the top, or center, being the beginning, the "Big Bang".

I also pictured the obverse as an upright cone, with a point on the bottom, increasing in size upwards, consisting of everything positive, growing, lively, healthy, ascending, orderly, pleasant and wonderful. The point represented the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ, the beginning point of all new creations of Man.

It is into this simile of two cones, obverse to one another, that I wish to integrate a number of examples in our current world system as we know them. Not in any particular order, these include:

- the field of thought, now becoming coeval with electronics
- the field of medicine
- the field of science
- the field of education
- the field of economics
- the field of mega-business in general

These will be addressed in an attempt to illuminate how far we have drifted afield into decay, evidenced by the absence of the intended fruit of any of these systems. In the illumination is the hope the reader will read phrases and ideas which will spur him to think for himself. At the end will be a synopsis of the upright cone and its characteristics. To clarify things, there is the realm which includes the physical Universe and all that is within it, including quantum physics. The World, or earth, contains all things physical; associated with all things physical are systems which utilize any given physical attribute. Those fields of endeavor, now ballooned into systems, are the ones listed above.

All things within the 'world' 'cone' are physical and/or cerebral; these fields, or systems, function either as physical or mental entities, e.g., the fields of science, education, medicine, economics and business. Inherently, medicine revolves around cells and the operation of the body, physical, chemical and electrical; economics revolves around money, power and all of their manipulations; education ostensibly revolves around facts and knowledge...or I should say, it used to be that way.....

In making this point, the distinction is made between that which is physical and mental and that which is not, namely the moral and spiritual dimensions. The gist of what is to follow is that all three were intended to be co-equal and co-dependent upon one another, not materially different than the three parts of the human, the body, soul and spirit, being designed to be co-equal. But the Law of Entropy has virtually obliterated the latter two. We shall see how well-meaning people get "caught up" in the wrong cone.

## **DECAY**

### THE ENSNAREMENT OF THE GODLY

As I understand it, there are three primary modes through which people of all levels of education, bents and personalities are ensnared into systems that are not only antithetical but aggressively antagonistic to their true moral compass. These include one's individual frame of reference, specialization (or the division of labor), and one's own self. I will try to be brief but pointed enough to impart understanding.

#### **Frame Of Reference**

A frame of reference<sup>3</sup> is a complex set of assumptions and attitudes which we use to filter perceptions to create meaning. The frame can include beliefs, preferences, values, culture and other ways in which we bias our understanding and judgment. These elements basically *originate from the way we were reared*. Some examples are:

- Butcher Hollow in E. KY
- a refugee camp in NE Iraq
- an orphanage in Uganda
- an indulged home in a booming economy
- a poor rural farm in KY in the 40s and 50s
- the son of a Houston prostitute
- a quiet wheat farm in central Kansas
- a sex slave in Sudan
- the daughter of a Satanist in N. IL
- the son of a liberal home in N. CA
- the child of Godly parents who homeschooled
- the son of a wealthy scientist and thinker
- a refugee in 1980s Romania

As one's Frame of Reference is formed from any of these, that is how one will normally view situations that confront him from day to day. To paraphrase Winston Churchill<sup>4</sup>, "Only by extraordinary genius can one overcome the opinions amidst which he was reared." We all see things through the glasses of our youth, whether we are conscious of it or not. The majority of it is subconscious, hidden under long-term memories acquired as a child.

We have a strong tendency to begin, follow and continue with people of our own ilk, educational level and objectives. Therein lies part of the problem, for concentration of these three usually causes myopia, especially when any given generation is to a large degree rebellious toward the one preceding. Thereby they reject the wisdom achieved by the older by virtue of experience. Additionally, any given generation forsakes the eyesight given to the generation behind them, who often see things their elders miss. All of this is especially onerous when times are booming, and/or quantum advances have been made in their particular field. We find ourselves in the latter.

### **Division Of Labor = Specialization**

Because of underlying causes such as quantum leaps of knowledge and new economics (central point of control, power and greed) being commensurate with population explosions, the operational structure of systems has evolved into specialization of every conceivable nook and cranny of every facet of society. Medicine, science, education, and economics are especially subject to this fine-tuning, technology being the enabling force. In the labor market, the process is known as division of labor, where any one person does one specific job such as driving a ditcher, or applying a specific widget to only one gizmo. Labor unions took the premise to extremes, to their own demise.

### **Enter The Self**

Whether intentional or not, specialization caters to the elevation of self, camouflaging any sense of danger upon entering arenas bad for our moral and mental health. Medicine in particular has taken the same specialization approach, albeit in a more sophisticated form. Entropy reigns supreme. As Lord Rees-Mogg<sup>5</sup> quipped, "Institutions achieving perfection are on the verge of collapse". We are there.

Having said this, it is very difficult for a person reared in these times to come to a point of realization of being in an alien system, even less that its effects apply to him. The creation of ease from technology in all its expressions has augmented the self like no other package in History. Social graces have taken a nose-dive, decimating one-on-one relationships, creating in their stead, as Einstein forecast, a generation of idiots. In my opinion, he used the wrong noun; the word *animal* better fits the description.

## The Light Bulb Effect

Following these three modes of entry, there are three descending depths of awareness which alert us to being in systems where we should not be. Three evidences of that awareness are the aspects of a maelstrom, a sense of going down the wrong road (confusion), and the subtlety or the degree of being imperceptible.

Applicable to all the fields mentioned is the metaphor of a maelstrom, a gigantic, ultra-powerful whirlpool which generated fear in sailors in olden sea-faring days. A maelstrom turned around a center point with increasing RPMs with depth. The word means “to grind the teeth”, expressing the feeling of a person caught in the current of one, pulling him inextricably into the downward-spiraling funnel of death.

The speed of the spiraling current *was not felt in its peripheral portions*; but as one went from its peripheral portions towards the center, the speed increased exponentially. Near the top of the maelstrom the speed of the current was fast; by the time one begun to sense the rotational speed, the majority of the time *it was too late to get out*. Only by increasing one’s speed to incur centrifugal force could one escape the inward and downward pull; the feeling of impending death never left the escapee, if he escaped...

A second level of awareness is a sudden sense of decay, *a noticeable stress or frustration* from paths taken with no definitive end, and an *oft-muted sense of being trapped*. Sometimes these are difficult to distinguish, much less specifically identify. There may be a sense of no longer being the captain of your own ship, a sense you are being *carried along by another power*. In many situations the level of obscurity is commensurate with the level of academics. Said another way, the mental and emotional obscurity is educationally formulated. The initial entry stages of each are very subtle, the perception of which are detected only by the most alert and sensitive. Perhaps these latter two qualities will be activated by some words and metaphors herein. Once “in”, it is difficult to get “out”.

The third light bulb really is not a light bulb at all, but a state of being whereby there is only a vague apprehension of something being wrong, commonly *when things are in a state of no return*. We do not want to hear this, but we are all prone to deception, which does not appear to the conscious mind. Instead, deception means just that, deceived. One is deceived when he is drawn aside by his own (primarily subconscious) affections and desires (See One’s Own Ego above), which for the most part, are hidden from the conscious mind. *Deception is not only IQ-formulated, it is ego-formulated, preference-formulated, and opinion-formulated. It is formulated to whatever strong suit you think you have.*

## THE END GAME: ENTROPY & DECAY, the BOTTOM of the INVERTED CONE

Although all the six fields mentioned on page 2 are equally vulnerable, medicine for some reason stands out like a sore thumb as it relates to this idea of reaching levels of diminishing returns for efforts expended. Perhaps the drawing is due to its being originally designed to heal, not make money. Said another way, many Godly doctors have in large measure become ensnared in a system antagonistic to their moral innards. From Doc Adams on Gunsmoke the ideal comes to mind....*can* we go back?

My point of reference is that of a commoner, a bystander, a layman. What I 'see' is not affected by constant subjection to all the intricacies and power surges inherent to medicine. Instead, it is founded on little more than common sense, sticky comments and visual images. I just see medicine, with all its complexities, being a poster child for my point at hand. I smell smoke...

Medicine has become a monstrous triad of interwoven power struggles between insurance, health care conglomerates and pharmaceuticals. Say what you will, **greed** drives these three, indelibly and inexorably. The laity, being nurses, aides and supporting personnel, have in large measure been marginalized from the original altruistic purpose of medicine. Personal needs, particularly the lower echelon, chains most of these in remaining where they are. Moreover, doctors in particular are ensconced in a system whereby they have little if any say-so in the overall effect of how things are done, or the right way for all involved.

It appears to me, a Quasimodo, that medical doctors have gotten their proverbial scrota in a sausage grinder. Moral adherents in nearly all modern fields have also been marginalized in favor of centralized power and greed. 'Managed Health Care', they call it....

## THE BOTTOM LINE

In the list on page two, the religious system is a glaring omission; entropy has taken its toll there also, being already baked into the cake. Things are not as they began, nor as they were intended, nor as they appear, nor as they should be. The missing element is precisely the same as it is in all the systems-God, His attributes and His principles.

You say, "This is painting with a broad brush, overly generalizing, dismissing the good." Perhaps; if so, one must properly deal with the fruit, no different than the fruit of all the others. I am describing the fruit on the ground, the overall gross effect, the center of the bell curve, the population within two standard deviations. [As I write, I realize these fields of endeavor have not only become systems, they have acquired the properties and expressions of Powers and Principalities, rulers of darkness, centrally controlled and run by wicked people in high places]. The **LORD** said, "You will know them by their fruit."

Well, duhhhh !?!- if stress, greed, a central power, decay, and confusion are the fruits, what then does our Lilliputian sense of appraisal tell us? Good Grief! Wake up!! Think! Draw conclusions! Make a decision!!

The bottom line is that these systems are no different than this country itself, deteriorated, and deteriorated for one reason only-Christ no longer is the driving force, the Captain of the ship, the central focus and Head.

Methinks "Christianity" has become as worldly as the rest of the systems, for it is bearing the same fruit. If it walks like a duck, and talks like a duck, then even the Village Idiot would conclude it is a duck. Just because it wears a Superman cape does not negate it being a duck.

Perhaps the most telling aspect of all of this is that of confusion. Confusion is another word for disorder, a definitive and integral part of entropy on all fronts. What usually escapes the most cerebral and well-intentioned is that confusion *is* Babylon, pure and simple. For those familiar with scripture, there is a whole lot said<sup>6</sup> about Babylon, physically, mentally and spiritually, particularly spiritually.

This may apply to only a few of you, but those passages basically command us to "get out of Babylon." It is not only eliminates options, it prevents guaranteed disaster.

So how does one escape the forces of the maelstrom ? (you thought I had forgotten the metaphor, didn't you?). Very simply; -you paddle like Hell and let centrifugal forces sling you out. Let's use the educational system as an example. Predominantly Godly parents (brave mothers) realized the public school system had entropied, headed south, past remedy, bad for their children, and started home schooling. They then "got out", with no small amount of abuse from their peers. These earliest homeschoolers did what the Word says do-"if they will not listen, shake the dust off your shoes and leave". What part of that do we not understand?

What began in first gear now is in third gear, one gear up from slow. As a result, facts (ah, facts; they are soooo nettlesome) and data illustrate Christ has been re-instated as Head of their family's education. Moreover, they are reflecting the Word, which instructs the father and mother to teach their children, NOT a public school system.

Debate, argue and stomp your feet until your hubristic self implodes; you will not countermand nor frustrate what God has said, nor abrogate His purposes. You can either remain and share in the judgments for you and your seed with these Babylonian wanna-bees, or you can at no small cost become participants in the scarlet thread, members of the escapees, and exult to be an exile.

## **LIFE**

The basic difference between decay and life, or entropy and righteousness, is the pilot at the wheel of the ship. In the case of the inverted cone of entropy, the Mother Ship is controlled by the ensign of power and greed, you-know-who.

In the case of Life, the upright cone, the Head is the Lamb, the Giver of Life, the Giver of Himself, the outward-turning center of everything. As stated in the introduction, the upright cone has as its center point Christ Himself. He started the growth upwards 2000 years ago, and it has been waxing stronger ever since, at least in the 7000....

The opposite of entropy is righteousness, which stems from the Hebrew word (#6666), meaning rightness. It is a Hebrew legal term denoting that each party is faithful to the expectations of the other party. The intrinsic meaning is turning outward, doing the best for all involved. As I taught my children, *make your decisions* based on principle, not consequences. Righteousness is a fundamental attribute of God, intimately linked to justice, the pair being the foundation of His throne.

Righteousness is a funny thing; in the early stages of our culture, it was a basic, unilaterally understood practice. After the demise of the Northern Kingdom, the ten tribes carried this trait with them as they were being scattered across SE Europe and into the northern hinterlands, eventually into America. For over a thousand years this trait identified them in their conduct of business with fairness, even though they had lost their Hebrew identities.

I believe this is the power source of the early believers during the first 30-50 years or so after Jesus' resurrection. It is said they "had all things in common", meaning they considered others over themselves, fairness in business being only one. This act of righteousness is the antimatter of entropy. It is, and will be, the ladder ascending while the World and its systems are descending into entropy. It was the point of the cone, waxing stronger as time passed, becoming ever larger in power and affect.

Then a phrase boomed across my mental screen:

..if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation."

This stares us in the face; **NEW** refers to new, not old, decimated with entropy, death, disease, decay, confusion, nor wasting. It means **NEW**.

Thus this reversal of moral and spiritual entropy begins with being born anew, acquiring a new Spirit within the person. It continues by deciding we are separate (*ekklesia*). It waxes strong when those born of the Spirit of God *decide* to no longer be slaves to the world's systems, nor acquiescing to any rule but His.

But one decides to choose Life in everyday affairs.

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August 5, 2015. Postscript: In finishing this topic, words like systems, antithesis, apathy, paralysis, the restoration of Christ's Headship and so forth were sprinkled throughout. The very next morning my wife was reading our daily devotional in Tozer<sup>7</sup>. My ear caught the italicized words: "Christianity at large...generally speaking, is afflicted with a dread, lingering illness that shows itself daily in *apathy and spiritual paralysis*... How can it be otherwise when 20th century Christians refuse to acknowledge the sharp moral *antithesis* that God Himself has set between the ....Body of Christ and this present world with its own human *systems*?...I wonder how many believers would join me in a clear-cut manifesto to our times? I want it to be a declaration of our intentions *to restore Christ to the place that is rightfully His* in our personal lives, in our family situations and in the fellowship that bears His name."

Apathy, expressed by mental and spiritual paralysis, results in entropy of nearly every facet of our lives, our own spiritual growth first, and our families a close second. Destruction occurs when things are left to themselves, and decisions to counter natural decay are glaringly absent.

Then thoughts like a Gatlin gun made me aware that the root problem is absconded in, under and amongst my words: *-the inability of modern males to make tough decisions.*

I smell smoke...

Ben

P.S.S. A sequel to the last phrase is to follow, ***Gulag Fodder***.

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<sup>1</sup> Swenson, Dr. Richard, *More Than Meets The Eye*, Navpress.

<sup>2</sup> Close, Frank, *Antimatter*

<sup>3</sup> <http://changingminds.org>

<sup>4</sup> Churchill, Winston, *The Gathering Storm*, p. 476.

<sup>5</sup> Rees-Mogg, *The Sovereign Individual*

<sup>6</sup> Ben-Issachar, *in Flee From Babylon*, private publ.

<sup>7</sup> Tozer, A.W., *Mornings With Tozer*, Wingspread Publ.