

## Perspective – “Be fruitful, and multiply”

### The Expectation

Here we find a perspective to share together, which is no less important than the others. In fact, for me it is absolutely and eternally amazing! What is the meaning of the four words included in the title of this chapter, “Be fruitful, and multiply”? (cf. Genesis 1:28)

We, of course, know that God intended Adam and Eve to have children so more and more people could be brought into existence within the eternal Unity with God. Their children too, would enjoy the fullness of God’s presence within them. They would be filled with God-Life, and know the joy of being fully Alive.

Who knows how long it would have taken Adam and Eve, and their offspring to “fill the earth”? It really doesn’t matter in the Garden of Eden because they had an eternity with God ahead of them.

All of that sounds great and fits within our logical understanding of God’s perfection, and the importance of a husband and wife bringing new life into the world. It’s what some call procreation. That means the process by which a man and woman “beget or generate (offspring)”.

Now let’s move beyond the general understanding and look more deeply at what happened when God spoke these four rather simple words: “Be fruitful, and multiply”. Some might say that just as God spoke the world into existence, so too He spoke into existence the ability of Adam and Eve to have children. Others might suggest this is not a creative act, but rather a command that God intended to be obeyed. We can think of other possibilities, but let’s look even deeper than this at what God was doing.

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### Eternal Consequences

First, let’s consider that since God is the Origin of all things except Sin, Death, and anything contrary to His perfection, He is also the One Who created angels. That’s a bit of a change of focus here, but it’s an important shift to think about first.

Angels didn’t just show up one day from somewhere else and decide to serve and worship God. It isn’t like God discovered them somewhere and decided to have them join Him in His Heaven. No. We need to realize that God also created the angels.

Next, let's understand together that angels are eternal beings. They will never cease to exist. Whether they remain obedient in their love and worship of God or not. They are and will remain eternal beings. Angels may exist eternally with God, or eternally separated from Him due to their disobedience, but they will always exist.

That can be a bit hard for us to fully consider because we tend to think of existence as a temporary state-of-being: birth then ultimately death. We may also understand that God is eternal Life. Some of us combine that eternal Truth with our own concept of our temporal existence. They aren't the same.

In other words, some of us may think that God takes our living soul and adds an eternal extension onto us so we will exist forever. That's not what happens, but we'll cover this in a later chapter.

However it happens most of us probably believe people exist forever. Is it more difficult to think of both angels and every human being existing forever? Difficult or not that's exactly correct.

Now here's an astounding thing to consider. Up until this time only God created eternally existing beings: angels, and people.

In fact, up until this time only God created....period. No other person or being, and no other force was directly involved in the creation of anything that existed. Only God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

When God told Adam and Eve to "be fruitful, and multiply", He was doing much more than telling them to have children. This was much more than an encouragement to help bring other people into the world. What God did with these four words is still so amazing. He change Reality again, forever.

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God was giving Adam and Eve the glorious, holy, and miraculous ability to create with Him new living beings; new eternally-existing-people! That is why this process can be referred to as cocreation, rather than just procreation.

Adam and Eve were now able to participate directly with God in the process of bringing new eternally-existing beings into a Unified existence with God. Thus, their children, who were also God's children, were to be people that God intended to be truly Alive forever.

They would do more than just exist. They would enjoy the perfect fullness of being in Unity with God, one another, and all of creation. Their destiny held the perfect gift; being truly Alive forever with God-Life as the foundation of their being.

Now it may be best to just let the depth of what this means sink into our minds and hearts more fully. Never had anything like this happened before in all of eternity up to this moment. Angels could not, and cannot now produce more angels. (...You may want to take a few moments to consider all this...)

Adam and Eve were the first and only created beings to ever be given the glorious privilege of cocreating new people with God. It's difficult to fully comprehend the significance of this gift.

Especially when we exist within a world that seeks to diminish the miraculous nature of new people being conceived/created in the womb of a woman. But no matter what some people thinks it does not

diminish the miraculous nature of a new person being created, regardless of the circumstances of that conception.

This is one of the God-created aspects of how a woman and a man complete one another. It takes both to accomplish this miraculous cocreation with God, and enjoy this experience within the Holy relationship of marriage!

For Adam and Eve this included enriching their already perfect relationship with God. The joy of this great truth fills my heart even as my fingers type these words. Thank You Lord God!!! How eternally wonderful is Your Love for us!!!!

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### Further Implications

The more completely we are able to understand the immensity of this gift from God, the more we will value one another. Since God is Life any type of life or Life God creates is sacred. Every part of creation is a precious gift from God in its original state.

Even now it should remain precious to us. How great would it be if mosquitos didn't need to suck blood from an animal or one of us in order to lay its eggs, thus creating more of its type of life? Sin, however, gained control and so a mosquito must take life giving blood to continue existing as a species.

They, and all other types of life, with the exception of people, procreate. Only with people is God specifically required for a person to be created. Where people are concerned we cocreate with God directly involved. It is indeed a miracle regardless of what science may "observe" in order to come to any different conclusions.

This also brings into focus the tragedy of a person's life being destroyed while on this earth, and the eternally horrific tragedy of someone existing completely within Death and Hell forever. Existence is sacred. There is no room for discussion, or for any of us to decide otherwise. The more this penetrates our entire being the more aligned we will be with God's perspective.

Unfortunately, in this world of Sin circumstances can exist where it is necessary to end a person's earthly existence. WWI and WWII come to mind as clear examples. It can be the occupation of others to discuss the relative existence of "good" or "evil" within those conflicts, but it does seem to me, because of people's failure to let God be in control of their lives, those terrible conflicts became necessary. No judgement, just hopefully discerned opinion.

It is important for us to see Sin-based Death as a horrific tragedy regardless of the circumstances that we may think provide justification. It seems to me particularly heinous when it's done for personal gain, or convenience rather than to protect human life. Any type of crime, or self-justified act out of Sin-based thinking can never align with God's will.

This is offered by me as a perspective held that comes from my relationship with God. It is shared here not with any thought of condemnation, but clearly as something for us all to consider before God. May the Holy Spirit be our teacher, and only God our judge.

In this day-and-age there is a compelling within my heart to share some thoughts that may be conflictive for some of us. Before doing so, however, please understand that my intent is not to cause discomfort for anyone by sharing these thoughts. Only God has the right to judge any of us, and part of the glorious news is that all sins are wiped out, set aside, as though they never existed within the forgiving Grace of God in Christ Jesus. This is given freely to all who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Praise God!

My mind and heart now linger on the destruction of a baby while in the womb of the child's mother. Is it necessary to also state that killing a baby just after birth or any time later is clearly an atrocity that should be considered murder, and be treated as such? Again, my opinion.

The fact that people have practiced this in ages past for various reasons, or that more recently people have argued in favor of such action will never, in my opinion, be justified in any way before God. To me it is one of the greatest tragedies within the history of humankind.

For people to willingly end the physical existence of a newly cocreated eternal human being is the same as standing before God, and simultaneously telling the world, this most precious miraculous gift means little or nothing at all. Not knowing God's Truth is no excuse for the way people think, or people's actions.

Aren't we demonstrating by our acceptance and encouragement of this that we have no respect for God and the miracle of conception, which constitutes cocreation? Isn't this us acting out before God, demonstrating that we believe our desires matter more than God's will, and His miracles?

Why do some of us think we have the authority to decide if an unborn child is a person, or not a person before birth? Because we decided we could? Do we really think our choice changes God's eternal Truth?

Like any of our sins, for me this is us acting like we are greater than God. In our quest for authority and control we have assumed we are superior to God and His authority. Whoever can wield the most political and legal power determines what perspective dominates our Nation and its laws.

We can redefine the meaning of the words related to all kinds of our sinful actions. Pass laws that say those actions are legal. Use litigation to obtain a decision from the highest court in our Nation in favor of what we want to do. Not one of those actions, however, in any way changes God's perspective, His Truth, or the fact we are rebelling against God.

The act of taking another human life is never our "right", and it's not what God desires within His Grace, though it may be what must be done to avoid the death of another. Such is the result of living in a world dominated by Sin, and Death.

All any of us can do is pray seeking God's will and obey Him to the best of our ability at the time. What we do to love and support any person who is required to make such painful decisions speaks volumes about our perspective of God. This includes anyone who must end another person's existence on this earth.

Such heart-rendering circumstances exist, but certainly never because God causes them to happen. Our perspective about that can make it all the more difficult for us to hear and understand God's leading, and we all do make mistakes. Those who willingly end the existence of another also receive God's Love.

As God's children we bring the presence of Christ into our current circumstances. The question is whether others will experience Christ Who is within us, or just us with our separate, individual efforts.

If we leave God out of the process, however, then no matter what we do its foundation is Sin and our actions are sinful. If we haven't received Christ within us then nothing else is possible.

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## No Condemnation

It's obvious, my perspective is that at the time of conception a new person who will exist eternally is cocreated. This is a miraculous event including God, a woman, and a man. So, if we intentionally plan to take away the physical existence of that person for any reason, at any time, except perhaps the most extreme of circumstances, then it's an act of sin-filled destruction unjustifiable before God.

Although this may be correct, it still is not our place to judge one another. We must discern God's will: (use His perspective as our perspective to truly understand something in the Light of God's will and Wisdom). It is not our place to condemn one another. It is our responsibility to love one another as God provides His Love in and through us.

God, however, does not manifest Himself within our circumstances without accountability. Because our eternal accountability to God may be eliminated by the free gift of forgiveness through Christ, it does not free us from our lawful accountability to others on this earth. We still face the consequences of our actions.

In fact, some people believe there will be an accounting of our actions before God regardless of our relationship with Him. It's not my intent to argue this point. God is just. My understanding is when we are with Jesus guilt is not a tool of God's love.

Paul says our actions will be revealed as by fire, it does not say we will suffer by being exposed to fire. Some say this means that anything that may remain associated with our eternal being that is not the result of Jesus working through us will be removed. All that will remain is that which was accomplished through us by Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12-23)

God's forgiveness is complete as has been clearly stated within the earlier chapter on forgiveness. The work of Christ is complete. While accountability is part of living on this earth, it is not a part of our experience after our rapture, or if our body quits working before the rapture occurs. This is about rewarding people for their faithfulness to Christ while on this earth, and doing so after the rapture occurs.

As with many things in the future mentioned within the Bible there are different thoughts about the meaning of the judgment seat of Christ. My understanding is this will take place immediately following the rapture of Christians from the earth during the end times.

The word used from the Greek language is "bema" seat of Christ. Bema was a place for handing out rewards to athletic competitors. It was not a place to bring shame, guilt, or punishment to the losers.

For me this is not something to fear. God loves me and didn't send His Son to die for me so He can cause me pain after my existence on this earth comes to an end. Whatever remains will only be the work of Christ in, through, and with me, which will be something to celebrate eternally.

While on the earth, we may determine through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that a specific action is a sin, a choice contrary to God's will, so we can avoid that behavior, and encourage others to do the same. If we trust Him, Jesus will transform us into someone who is His partner in accomplishing what He wants to do in this world. So, turning away from sin is critical, and it is a natural result of intentionally Living each day with Jesus.

We encounter circumstances as we act, and interact with others and the dynamics of each part of our environment not matter how large or small. So, may of us come from different places and perspectives, and our roles within this world affect the types of our experiences.

Some of us may be involved in the enforcement of our laws, the resulting court proceedings, or the enforcement of the decisions of the courts of law. Also, there are those of us who serve in the military of our country. These and other professions may require us to take actions, or participate in activities of accountability, and conflict. Sometimes a person's existence on this earth comes to an end as a result.

If God leads some of us to work within these and other professions involving conflict then we must perform the related tasks as we seek God's leading. All of us should also carry out our responsibilities as citizens of our Nation concerning the same.

Regardless, we should never seek vengeance or condemnation in any way, or at any time. Even if we participate in the criminal justice systems, or military conflicts. These and other types of circumstances represent tremendous challenges, which should cause us to rely upon the Lord all the more.

Beyond such responsibilities and required actions, only by providing people a safe place to share their difficulties, mistakes, and victories, while receiving God's Love and Grace can we fulfill God's will. This includes while people face the consequences of their actions.

God's forgiveness is greater than the power of Sin, or any sins we may commit. All of which can be forgiven through the Son of God, Jesus. If we have received God's Life in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit then our sins are all forgiven, forever, already. We can do nothing to change that Truth.

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My direct comments concerning abortion and other acts are not about rejecting others. There is no need. Just as we all are eternal beings, so God is the eternal and rightful Judge of all because He is the Origin of our eternal existence. So, God is the only one who has the right to decide anything concerning Life and living.

Why is that true? Because we as people are not the creators of new eternally-existing-human-beings. We still are only able to co-create with God, through what He has established by His power as the Origin and Creator of all things.

The circumstances, within which each of us were co-created do not define our importance, nor do they tarnish in any manner the holy, glorious miracle we each represent. Only God, Who is Love, could conceive of and give such a gift to Adam and Eve, and to us. Also, our sinful actions do not make us less

important to God or cause Him to love us less. However, absent our request for His forgiveness, and receiving within us the Life of Jesus, we remain in the Death grip of Sin.

Please consider intentionally dwelling upon this glorious, eternal Truth: all that was created is precious to God. After all, it came from Him. God desires to spend eternity with each of us.

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The fact that He allows us to participate in the creation of another eternally-existing-person is an eternal Holy gift. That makes this gift eternally amazing! What words can we use to capture the meaning of this miracle? My words are incapable of holding and expressing this Holy miracle fully.

“Oh, Holy God Who is Love and Life, how you have blessed us with this eternally amazing gift beyond our ability to fully express. May the Holy Spirit speak on our behalf and praise You in a manner worthy of how Perfectly amazing You are! We humbly kneel before You. We who are not worthy of your Love because of our choices and actions, and yet we are Loved beyond measure by You freely in and through Christ our Lord.”