

More about Spiritual Thermodynamics

Sho'er – Yesterday Yônêq read to us from 1 Jn 3:14 and 16. We have been talking about the second law of thermodynamics. This means that unless you have an energy source outside yourself, the energy that you do have will dissipate into the air and become useless. For instance, when you heat an iron skillet up, then suddenly turn the heat off on the stove, the heat that is in that iron skillet won't just continue to heat itself, but it will dissipate into the air and it will never go back into the skillet. The skillet then becomes useless. But if you leave the heat on then it becomes useful and it can do what it was created to do.

If we are connected to the Source of Life, then we have an inexhaustible source of energy and do what we were created to do. We can have that heat, that warm love for Messiah that never grows cold. This only happens when we are continually abiding in the vine. As soon as we start seeking self-interest, as soon as our eyes turn in on our self, then we actually stop giving off heat and light. The same thing that happens to a star happens to us. Not only do we stop giving off heat and light, but we actually turn in on ourselves and become a suction of heat and light – a black hole. A star doesn't just cease to exist, but it actually starts sucking light. It becomes an inexhaustible vacuum. You can never satisfy a black hole. You will never be able to put enough light into it in order to transform it back into a star.

This is like what you shared with us from 1 Jn 3:14,16 (as a parody):

We know we have passed out of death and into life because our brothers love us. Whoever does not love us abides in death...We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us – and our brothers ought to lay down their lives for us."

So this is exactly what happens when we stop abiding and being connected to that eternal source of light and heat, which is the love of our Master Yahshua. That is what the victim spirit is. The victim spirit is starting to envelop the whole earth. Châm has a victim spirit, the Jews have a victim spirit. Everyone is beginning to feel like they are victims. You can never satisfy that. You can never give them enough. You can never give Châm enough where he will be satisfied. You can never give the Jews enough. You could give them the whole world and they wouldn't be satisfied. They are the masters of the victim spirit. They use it to their advantage to advance themselves. Châm is not as talented as the Jews are at manipulating people using the victim spirit.

Yochanan Abraham – But he's getting there.

Sho'er – Right. We can't turn into a movement that is a black hole. We've got to overcome where the First Church fell. They left their first love. Their love grew cold. They didn't just cease to exist, but it actually started doing damage on the earth. This has gone on for 2,000 years. They became Christianity. They have defiled the world with their suction. I am thankful we can hear these things and know that if we've passed out of death and into life, we *love* our brothers! We are connected to the continual source of life which is inexhaustible. We can never wear out our Father's love. It can't be exhausted.

Neriyah – I was thinking about what he said, that if we are connected to that source then we will continually grow, forever and ever. That is the way life is – if you are connected to life then you grow. Nothing that has life stagnates. Nothing connected to life just stops, stays, and maintains. So whenever we get in that place where we just try to maintain what we have then inevitably, because of the second law of thermodynamics, we go backwards. We have to always be going forward. We can't just stay in one position, but we have to always be going forward and growing. Just like it says, "if these things are yours and abounding and increasing, becoming more." We have to always be adding to what we have. If we are connected to that source that's inexhaustible then it just propels us in that motion. It's a compelling force. It's a good motive. It's a clean conscience. It's the joy of knowing your created purpose and knowing that you're connected to it and that you're doing it: that you've been reconnected.

That's what causes us to not grow weary of loving each other. Then we see that not only are we *not* growing weary, we're actually increasing in loving each other. We're actually becoming more patient, more kind, more forbearing, more compassionate, more understanding. We start finding that our motives are more compassion than principle. That really something's changing in us as all the aspects of our personality grow up into the mature man — our emotions, our intellect, our mind. Everything starts to be like Messiah because we start to think like Him and feel like Him, love like Him, and have compassion like He did.

Certainly, it has to do with what we say – what comes out of our mouth. We will be judged. Was our profession true, or is it just a mockery to our Father? What does it say in Mt 12:36-37?

“...but I say to you that for every idle word that men may speak they will give account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Every idle word, every useless word, every word that doesn't build up saps the energy or strength out of others. It will show then, but even now it shows by perceptive ears. We have to be perceptive. We have to have discernment. There are certain people who have greater discernment than others, and we have to see where that is coming from. We have to really see what source that is coming from so we can go run to their aid. And they have to listen. If they listen then they can be saved. So we have to be truly discerning disciples. That's who we are, as we work with each other every day and live with each other. So we have to discern whether their profession is the fruit of a good honest heart. What does Mt 12:33 and 35 say?

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree bad and its fruit bad for the tree is known by its fruit.”

A tree is known. Who is it known to? Who is it known by? It says a tree is *known* by its fruit. Someone knows it. Not just our Father, but His discerning disciples.

“The good person brings good things out of a good treasure and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure.”

That is not talking about the people of the world here, but it is talking about the evil in our community. If we bring things that bring people down then we're evil. It's a deceptive hypocrisy. It's deceiving. It's hypocrisy. Like Mt 7:21-23 says, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Master, Master’ will enter the kingdom...” because everything will be exposed on judgment day. We'd better not wait for judgment day. We'd better judge now as Paul said in 1 Cor 11:31 — we have to judge now, or we'll be judged. If we don't judge ourselves then we'll be judged. So let us be judged now by our brothers instead of waiting for judgment day: then it's too late. Everything will be exposed on judgment day if not before. In 1 Cor 4:5 it says each person will receive from our Father what fairly belongs to him. What's fair and just.

Faith without works is dead. Some profess faith, but their faith is dead. Love is action, motion, perpetual motion, maintaining the heat, making it hotter. Our Master said I wish you were either hot or cold. Go ahead and be cold. I want you to be hot or cold. Don't just be lukewarm. Lukewarm is just trying in your own strength to love. In your own strength to do good. In your own strength to obey. It's sickening. He said I will spew you out of My mouth. So those who professed faith did not produce love or the good works of love, what love does to build up the Body. As Gal 5:19-21 says, they had envy, strife, all the other things that would keep a person from entering the Kingdom. He said anyone who does these things *will not* enter the Kingdom. They'll be ousted from the Kingdom because you'll bring the Kingdom down, if you enter with that soul that was never restored, redeemed; the soul of man with his emotions, his will.

So that envy and strife right there in Gal 5:19-24 shows the contrast between the flesh and the spirit. The fruit of the spirit is love. The fruit of the flesh that is pretending to be love is destruction. That envy and strife saps the strength out of the community. It actually saps the strength, just like we're talking about. There's a decline and a demise. It goes down, down, down. It saps the strength out of the community.

You should read Mt 18:23-35 sometime. It's a story. It is meant to be for us so we could expose the things in us. It's just like 1 Jn 5:13. He's written these things to you who believe in the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. Then it says, that you may believe and have eternal life. That's the litmus test. 1 John is a litmus test to show you if you're actually, truly just a professor of faith, or if you actually have faith. If you see you don't have love then you can repent. You can be saved. You can believe. That's what it says in the proper translation.

Instead of contributing to the heat by loving, we bring it down. We sap the energy and strength out of everybody else by our victim spirit, or whatever is working in us — those inner workings where the Evil One has his inroads into our lives. It saps strength. He is like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour — not just a spirit roaming around,

but a spirit in one of us: whoever is in the Body who has professed faith but has no fruit, no works. They're not building up, but they're always sapping energy and strength out of the Body. They didn't receive faith. Our Master said in Mt 10:40, "Whoever receives you receives Me, whoever receives Me receives the Father." That's reconciliation.

Just read Mt 18:23-35 sometime. Paul said test yourself. Jms 2:14 of course and 2:26. Test yourself to see whether you have faith without works. The works that build up. The works of love. Not the works of sapping energy. Not sapping strength out of everybody. We all have to bear our own load. Yes, we bear one another's *heavy load* that they can't bear, but then you have a load of your own that you have to bear. If not, then you're not going to enter the Kingdom, because you only enter the Kingdom by bearing that load. But we can't bear too much, because it's not expected of us to bear too much (Gal 6:1-5). We have to bear one another's excessive load. It's just too much for them to bear. But they still have their own load that they have to bear. They can't be on welfare.

Our Father, through the Word, has announced the Day of Judgment before the time. He just doesn't surprise everyone. He announced it before the time. We are going to face a judgment. There are two judgments – a judgment for us and a judgment for the world. You can't get out of it.