

Paradigm Shift, Part 2

Nun — We are called to be a Holy people who make His name great on earth. We are to reflect Him in every way, which happens as we are restored in every way. Throughout our Twelve Tribes, we acknowledge our Creator by gathering together to keep the Shabbat. One day, our Master Yahshua will return, and bring *true* salvation to the entire earth. But first there has to be a people who experience redemption, restoration, and liberation now (Rom 8:19).

It is wonderful that we can rest on this day. Our Father created man in six days, and on the seventh day He rested, because He saw that He accomplished His highest thought, His highest creation. He couldn't even imagine anything greater than Man. So He could rest on that day, having completed His works.

Paradigm and Archetype

Let's talk about the paradigm. A *paradigm* is related to an *archetype*. An *archetype* is the original pattern or model which is the basis for making identical copies. The first church was *marvelous* in our Father's eyes, therefore it was the *archetype* and the *paradigm* for the only way the church can be and still be the church. But there was a shift — a “paradigm shift” — after the first century.

What about the United States Constitution? It's amazing how the Constitution was formed, but over a period of time, there has come a shift from capitalism to socialism. The United States is becoming more and more socialistic. Socialism is taking over. So, that is also a *paradigm shift*.

Now, what about the *Yellow Deli*? That is a paradigm, too. Maybe there was a *shift* over to a “five-star-restaurant” mentality in some places, complete with Maître-d' and dinner specials with fancy French names. They seat you a certain way, and everything is done “just so.” But we're not that way; we're more easy-going. People might sit a little bit longer at their table, and they might talk for an hour. So, this *Yellow Deli* has to back to the original pattern, the *archetype*.

The Way “The Way” Was

Now there is an *original pattern* for the so-called “church.” You can read about how it was in Acts 2 & 4, where “*All who believe*” (as Jn 3:16) “*lived together and had all things in common.*” They were a community, and no one had any more than anyone else; everything was shared. This is how we all lived in the beginning. We lived together, ate together, worked together, and paid our bills together. It was just as Paul said, “*And having food and clothing, with this we shall be content*” (1 Tim 6:8). What else do we need? We are working for our Father, and He takes care of our needs.

So, we have got to go back to that *archetype*. That is the *restoration of all things* that our Master said would happen at the very *end of days* (Mk 9:11-12; Dan 2:44). This is the archetype to go back to — that solid rock.

A *paradigm shift* came about in the second or third century, and became “official” through Constantine in the fourth century. He married Christianity to the State. They became one. And then they started killing heretics. The more heretics you killed, the better a Christian you were.

Acts 11:26; 26:28 — The word *Christian* is only used twice in the New Testament. This the first time a disciple was called a “Christian” was in Antioch. It was a word of scurrility and abuse, belittling these people. Later on, they started calling themselves what the world was calling them — *Christians*. It was never meant to be.

We are following “The Way” (Acts 9:2; 19:9,23; 22:4; 24:14,22), not Christianity; and we’re *disciples*, not *Christians*. We’re disciples of our Master, and we follow Him wherever He goes and in whatever He does. He never changes. “*He is the same yesterday, today, and forever*” (Heb 13:8). And so, the archetype or pattern we follow would never change either, unless we broke our covenant and left our first love. We would leave our archetype behind only if we started allowing things to come in.

Consider the dog as a paradigm. What did a dog do 2000 years ago? Or 6000 years ago? The same thing it does today. It has never changed in spirit or nature. It does the same thing. People today keep their dog in their house, but if they let it run loose, what will a dog do? It will do what a dog does: start eating unclean things, which clean animals don't eat. A dog is an unclean animal. Unclean animals eat unclean things. They can't be redeemed. They can only do what their inner nature says to do. Their nature is still the same. And all animals are that way.

What about humans? Humans have a fallen human nature. It doesn't change. They do the same thing: they live for themselves, have arguments, and divide because of their fallen nature, even more now than ever, since the Fall.

Divine Nature

2 Pet 1:4 — Redeemed humans have a new nature; we partake of *divine nature*. You have divine nature in you *if* you have given up your rotten, stinking life in this world and become a disciple who follows our Master Yahshua. Then you are part of the witness on the earth of redeemed humanity. You don't live for yourself anymore. Selfishness has ended!

2 Cor 5:14-15 — We live for Him. He died for us, on our behalf, so that we would not live for ourselves anymore, but for Him who died in our place. That is the end of selfishness. Sin is selfishness — living for yourself. If you're taking care of "your four and no more," seeking for your own food and clothing, then you're not part of the Body of Messiah. Of course, that's the only way natural people can live in the world. That is why they have to be saved and come into the place where they don't have to be selfish, where we can live for ourselves no longer, where we live for Him only.

This is what people see as we work together in the *Yellow Deli*. They see *synergy* — all the brothers and sisters functioning together as a unit, not thinking about themselves. They're not working for money, but just for our Master Yahshua. What we

all earn together pays the mortgage, the electric bill, and everything else. All we need is food and clothing. Is that enough? Yes, it is enough, because we don't live for ourselves!

End of Self, Satan's Reign, and Death

And so, if we put an end to selfishness, then Satan's reign is over. When Satan's reign is over, then Death's reign will be over. So who is going to do that? Our Father is. How? He will do it through us, by His Spirit. We're going to put an end to selfishness, and so to sin, and then Satan's reign will come to an end. Satan will be cast into the abyss for 1000 years. After the 1000 years is up, it will be the time for Death's reign to end, and Satan will finally be put into the Lake of Fire. He will go there along with all those who followed him, who made him their master.

The Body of Messiah, the Twelve Tribes, is the restoration of all things. If it's not, then we're a bunch of hucksters. If we're not who we say we are, we're hucksters. So if we're not loving one another, then what are we? We don't belong to our Master, since all who love Him are to love as He loved, laying down our lives for one another as He laid down His life for us (Jn 13:34; 1 Jn 3:16). If we're not doing that, then we're not real; we're not true. We're just Christians.

There is no difference between Christians and the average people of the world. Check it out for yourself. The statistics consistently show that they live no differently, and in some regards worse, than their unbelieving neighbors.¹ But we want to make a difference. We want to *restore all things*; we want to bring our Master back to this earth. We want to bring about His millennial kingdom. Only those who are *worthy of Him* will reign with Him in the next age (Rev 3:4).

¹ For example, the divorce rate among "Born-Again" Christians in the United States is indistinguishable from the national average, and 2% higher than that of atheists or agnostics, according to the recent study, "New Marriage and Divorce Statistics Released," March 31, 2008, by *The Barna Group*.