

Maximising Redemption: Introduction

“Since you have asked not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked..

(See 1 Kings 3:11-12)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Firstly, my heart goes out to all those who have shown renewed faith and repentance, especially the Muslims with their third extraordinary summit in December 2005. It was a relief to see your peoples committing to taking back ownership of your theologies; and I gave thanks to God that you had recognized the need to take care of the alien, the afflicted, the oppressed and especially women. What the wasteful shepherds had failed to teach your peoples is that compassion and remorse are crucial mitigating factors against God’s wrath e.g. Ezekiel 9:1-6:

Then I heard him call out in a loud voice, “Bring the guards of the city here, each with a weapon in his hand.” And I saw six men coming from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with a deadly weapon in his hand. With them was a man clothed in linen who had a writing kit at his side. They came in and stood beside the bronze altar. Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. Then the LORD called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.” As I listened, he said to the others, “Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion. Slaughter old men, young men and maidens, women and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

When humanity has grossly displeased God, emissaries are first sent out to assess the situation e.g. [Genesis 18:20-21](#). As one of many of such emissaries, my personal purpose was to observe how and why humanity was allowing vicious atrocities such as the Nazi holocaust & Pol Pot’s killing fields to occur. As an unknown, God had a witness who could test humanity’s hearts and psyches. (When souls are in the presence of a known emissary they put on a flattering display and keep the darkness hidden). This meant living amongst humanity, and watching the deceiver’s machinations. I’ve seen the deceiver take long-term entrenched possession of some souls, weave in and out as it suited on other souls, and simply fostered paradigms and cultures that other souls naively thought were godly but were actually perversions of God’s Word.

My observations are that many of the problems are to do with the deceiver exploiting key loop holes (if there is a loop hole, the deceiver will find it).

- The first is requiring people to passively submit and comply with those in positions of authority, irregardless of the godliness of their instructions or teachings.

- The second is demanding forgiveness, irregardless of whether a soul can be trusted to desist from abusive behaviors. There is a layer of Machiavellian souls who say the words of repentance but they have no intention of desisting from abusive behaviors. Thus there needs to be models that enable people to forgive others for past sins, but authorizes souls to put in place measures to protect themselves and their charges from future abuse.
- The third is re-infecting those who have been cleansed by Jesus' forgiveness and Holy Spirit. There are souls who are unaware that they have sinned, can be brought to a realization and make a genuine commitment to desist from sinning. However, they lack the resources to recognize the deceiver's subtle infections and so they go on to sin again. The vast majority of humanity would fall into this category as they are implementers rather than innovators. Thus they do not recognize when they or their communities are on the slippery slope to a destructive culture until they are immersed in serious trouble.

The lack of respect for the mystics and the creative intuitive intelligences has exacerbated this problem because the souls who can sound the early warnings are often discounted and the deceiver in turn eliminates the majority who can develop a vocabulary to describe what is happening.

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 36:5-7)

There are some people who will find the content of this report difficult because it is taking on the "hard" issues of humanity's consciousness. It is important to understand that God wants to redeem both the Jacob's and Esau's of this world, see: <http://www.algemeiner.com/generic.asp?ID=107> If we are serious about moving past escalating violent cycles we must try to redeem the Esau's, reduce their excesses, or at least discredit their wasteful shepherds.

Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit, and wickedness as with cart ropes, to those who say, "Let God hurry, let him hasten his work so we may see it. Let it approach, let the plan of the Holy One of Israel come, so we may know it." (Isaiah 5:18-19)

"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin (Isaiah 30:1)

Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. (Amos 5:18)

There will be some who complain about the personal nature of the content of this paper, the following extract from a private December email gives some justifications:

The last round of correspondence was done before I received notice that I'd failed the Ethics Course. I could not write to you sooner for there were other things that needed to be completed before this level of frank disclosure was appropriate (if God had decided to not proceed this far, then this message was not appropriate). We have gotten this far by

the grace of God, and I would not presume to pre-empt God's right to either confirm or keep His face hidden.

This letter is written as an act of affection, I remember you as someone who is sincerely committed to the ministry of training souls to honorably spread the truth about Jesus and the bible. My affection is doubled because of your comment that *"you'd felt like you'd walked half-way into an argument and could not make a fair decision because you did not feel you had all the facts"*. This comment has been pivotal in initiating new strategies for reconciliation to our Judaic cousins.

It was not a surprise that I failed the Ethics course, I knew going into the exam that I either stayed true to God's presence and missives, or allowed myself to become swallowed into meaningless mazes and thus blunted as a useful tool for God. The papers below (*not included as forwarded copy of December 2005 email*) include a section on the role of rebuking prophet and God's jealousy that they remain true to His missives.

On the question of personal examples, this is something that has developed out of the "school of hard knocks". There is an academic tradition that we should not use ourselves as the model, but what I have found over the years when you use other peoples' experiences three things typically go wrong:

1. they publicly deny they have had the experience or that it can be perceived from that perspective;
2. they then rebuke you privately for invading their privacy and you lose their trust;
3. they become the targets of bullies who seek to discredit them in order to discredit the evidence that has been submitted.

Thus by using myself as the example, I chose to share my experiences and my perspective; I have placed my trust in God for my redemption and thus can not rebuke myself for being loyal to God's missives; and I accept the slander and bullying. In fact, the latter is one thing that kept me determined not to back down. I know how hard my own apprenticeship has been and if I failed, that I was the condemning others to go through my apprenticeship. Thus God's gift of love enabled me to embrace faith and trust in God; transmuting into a foundation stone of compassion that enabled me keep stepping forward; even though the barriers were seemingly insurmountable.

There are some specific comments that I think Theological Colleges need to consider (outside of those already written). As well as the concerns already stated below, there are problems with the narrow methods of assessment. Firstly, by relying on assessment solely by the course notes, people such as me slide through the cracks. Secondly, it enables people to articulate the word of the gospel and get high academic results; but this does not necessarily reflect that they have internalized and responded to the gospel. In fact an intelligent sociopath can thrive in such an assessment system (e.g. see case studies in Daniel Goleman's book "Emotional Intelligence").

Thirdly, having narrow boundaries of study and assessment makes it easy for the deceiver's minions to build an effective propaganda machine to confuse and discredit college graduates. They can send people to study at the college, learn how the College trains people to read and interpret the scriptures and respond to challenges. They can then build a fairly simple strategy to undermine the graduates' authority. If the graduates follow predictable paths, it is easy to prepare counter propaganda strategies: If "we say this" then "they will respond with this" which "we can counter with that" so that graduates find themselves being maneuvered into pre-prepared traps. You might think that this seems a bit farfetched, but then look at some of the debates within ___ Forum (before

being shut out by the benevolent dictator) and the cultural dynamics within many non-Christian states. This manipulation is demonstrated to be doubly effective where the characterization of Christianity is dove-tailed with repression, limited communication, poor literacy and a lack of free speech.

I don't know how the college can juggle the conflicting needs of wanting to be able to guarantee a suitable ministerial "product" with a creative "product" that is capable of innovating and finding new paths when the traditional paths have been blocked or filled with rubble. I do know that to overcome this terrible phase in human history that we are absolutely dependent on God to grace us with faith, patience, endurance, love, tolerance, meekness, creativity and innovation. We also need to embrace that we are interdependent and that whatever models we develop must be ecologically, sociologically, theologically and economically just and sustainable.

This report is being shared because it is my belief that the majority of humanity is oblivious to what is happening. However, the barbarity and nihilism that the deceiver has woven through humanity's consciousness deserves a response. Thus this paper will describe some of the deceiver's machinations, including practical examples of how to recognize and respond to mitigate some of damage. It will also foreshadow some high risk areas that humanity can not afford to overlook if they want long term stability. This is not an exclusive paper. There are many other souls fulfilling the same function as myself.

There are even more souls already committed to working on many fronts, and my hearts and prayers go out to each and every one of these honest souls. It is the quiet achievers who give grounds for hope that humanity has the capacity to evolve past this stage, if God grants them redemptive grace. No, success is not guaranteed, but it is better to try and have partial success, than fail to try.

This paper does not prescribe God's timing or judgment. My role is only an observer, describing the conditions and making suggestions as to what might help mitigate negative perversions. Full authority and power to administer justice continues to rest absolutely in God's assigned arbitrator Jesus. Like all of God's creation, I will comply with Jesus' judgments to the best of my ability.

Because this is an observation paper, it will include material that is disturbing for some. I will try to put such material in attachments and place a warning at the beginning for the faint hearted. However, if we do not confront and openly acknowledge how depraved the deceiver is, we deprive ourselves of a vocabulary and mitigation strategies.