

Kingdom Report

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Part 2: New Platforms for the Great Convergence

Imagine this...A mature mass of God's people ready for action + the anointing of the Holy Spirit + modern technology - a crumbling world system = ? Let's speculate.

I am going to illustrate this blog with two major media reports this week here in South Africa. The one was an announcement by the biggest church congregation in South Africa and the other was a report of civic collapse in an iconic university town of South Africa. This is a tale of two platforms....and consequences.

In the major Sunday Afrikaans newspaper Rapport last weekend was the news... The Pretoria Moreleta Park Dutch Reformed mega-church is going to break away from the Dutch Reformed church denomination. This local church, the largest in South Africa, has a reported membership of 14,000 people.

In a TV program this last week the total collapse of the Grahamstown municipality was highlighted. This town is a cultural center for South Africa with Rhodes university and the annual Grahamstown Arts Festival. Except the water system does not work, neither sewage removal, neither electricity supply and businesses are leaving, crime and corruption rampant and government service delivery non-existent with the municipality totally bankrupt. Rhodes university is seriously considering closing down and try to move elsewhere....the annual arts festival is a non-starter.

Here is the point:

The irony of Grahamstown is that the faculty and students have enormous potential to rescue the town. They have a great engineering department and two of South Africa's foremost hydrologists could easily have fixed the collapsed water and sewage systems. They offered help. No response from municipal officials. Why? Because the looting of municipal funds was more important through tenders to friends who don't know how or have any interest in doing the needed work.

The point being here....a modern university of eager students and professional faculty cannot function on the platform of a civic government in which incompetent thieving officials are destroying the underlying platform on which a cultural institution must function.

At Moreleta Park church the issue is this. The Lord is moving in a major way in this traditional Dutch Reformed church. They got into the move of the Holy Spirit. New emphasis on praise and worship and dynamic preaching that spoke to needs of the people. But why leave the DRC denomination? Why? Because the 2015 Synod decision that recognizes gay clergy and same sex marriages will not be repealed. What the leadership of the church began seeing was that in recent years they had lost over 3,000 members....people who could not agree to be in a church whose official

doctrinal position was that homosexual preachers and same sex marriages are ok with the Lord and scripture.

By the way this is a headline in the New York Times of 26 February 2019....

"United Methodists Tighten Ban on Same-Sex Marriage and Gay Clergy"

Imagine that...the most liberal church denomination in America (Hillary Clinton is a member) admits gay ministers and same sex marriage are forbidden by scripture. And the traditionally conservative DRC leadership here in South Africa cannot come to the same conclusion.

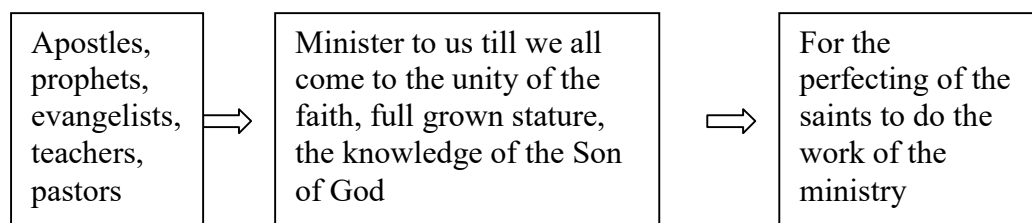
The point is...the Moraleta Park church can no longer function on the platform provided by the church denomination. Jesus said when the Holy Spirit comes He will lead you into all truth. This is happening all over the world. As the Spirit moves people move on from church platforms that no longer match what the Holy Spirit is doing in their lives.

Which brings me to a very important thing happening all over the world and it is as a result of the fulfilment of one of the most well known and preached scriptures in the Bible but which nobody seems to take to its logical conclusion....Ephesians 4:11-13

Yes I know you have read and heard this scripture preached many times but I am going to ask you this....what if it comes true? Read it again and I will explain....

And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Lets break it down into three sections that follow each other....



Simply put, the Lord gives us the great five-fold ministry group in the church to bring the saints into maturity so that they can get on to do the work of the ministry. In my previous blog on power and responsibility I said that as we mature as a church and as a people we get greater anointing and greater power so that we can take on greater responsibilities.

So here is the first vector of growth since the Reformation started in 1517....the Lord has been over the last 500 years doing a steady job of increasing the knowledge of His

Word and our understanding of His Word combined with a restoration of the 5 ministry offices of the church to do their job of maturing us in Christ....unto the work of the ministry.

The second vector of growth since the start of the Reformation has been that as we broke the power of kings and priests and their feudal order we provided freedom for people in Europe to study, to research, to experiment, to start businesses, to explore. This was called the "enlightenment era" which led to the scientific revolution which led to the industrial revolution and the modern world. This 500 year history at its core is the story of the release of power in the form of steam, electricity, nuclear...combined with technology to provide abundance.

Both of these two vectors can be characterized by what Jesus prophesied....

You shall receive power....

Yes I know He has said 'You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you. But here we need to look at the history of God at work through the ages. Saints as well as sinners have been anointed by the Holy Spirit to receive power to do God's work. Upon what we call "secular" people in the fields of science, engineering, music, arts, culture, politics, technology...you can see the hand of the Lord directing people supernaturally to move the Kingdom agenda forward to heal the sick, clothe the naked, punish the wicked, feed the hungry.

So yes over the last 500 years there has been a steady increase in spiritual power and technological power.

And this brings up my vision of the "**Great Convergence.**"

What will happen if we the church finally get to the point that the great work of the 5-fold gift ministries actually bear their intended fruit...that the Lord is able to raise up a people world wide who understand the times, understand the Word of God, are mature in Christ and disciplined to hear the voice of God and be obedient to the Spirit and the Word of God.....

And you combine those people with all the tools of modern technology and the incredible power of technological breakthroughs....

And just suppose that the wealth of the wicked flows into the Church, and by that I don't just mean finances, I mean all the wealth of technology and power that the world has developed....

And that means what if this group of mature saints anointed by the Spirit of God are able to possess the tech power of the world, the knowledge power of the world, the financial power of the world and bring all that into the church of Jesus Christ?

What do you have? My prediction is this.....you have the perfect combination of a people and a power that is able to create a platform for the endless, exponential growth of the Kingdom of God.

Let me give you an example of a seemingly impossible prophecy in the Old Testament that is now being fulfilled through technology and the anointing of the Holy Spirit...

Isaiah 11:9 ***"all the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."*** Isaiah prophesied that in about 700 BC when most people were illiterate and you had to hand copy the scriptures and you could only travel a few miles by donkey each day. How do you get the knowledge of God not just in every city but so pervasive everywhere just like water is totally pervasive in the ocean.

How? You set up a worldwide internet, place a smart phone in every person's hand and beam down signals from satellites so that every square inch of planet earth is receptive to the downloading freely of the entire Bible...the knowledge of the Lord everywhere, anytime to every person!

You want a really big prophecy that will stretch your faith? How about Psalm 86:9,10...

"All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you O Lord and they will glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; thou alone are God."

Did you get that opening phrase "All nations whom you have made..." they will come and worship before you. Did you think Jesus was joking when He said He was going to separate "sheep nations" from "goat nations"? What is a "sheep nation"? It's a mass of God's people who as Jesus said "my sheep hear my voice" and He leads them...where does He lead them? He leads them to form new nations!

New nations? yes of course. Because the technology is now available to do that. In the midst of the crumbling platforms of the goat nations we live in that are getting to constricted for us...we are going to form "sheep nations"...

This is the end result of the great convergence....

There are a people in the earth growing by the millions who have been in church under the ministry of the great 5-fold offices of the church but are now ready to do the work of the ministry...to heal the nations, to create new nations that will serve the Lord.

The present world justice system just does not work anymore for these people.

The present world politics just does not work for these people.

Neither to the present world financial system or education system....

These platforms are too small and too limited and crowded with people who need police and courts and threats to make them behave. We don't.

This group of international warriors for Christ know what to do with the power of the new technology...they know how to use it build new nations for the Kingdom of God.

But this new technology and its power will destroy the old systems and its disobedient sinners.

The same signals that beam the knowledge of the Lord all over the earth also beams pornography all over the earth. We can tune that out...sinners cannot, they are hooked.

The new technology of companies like Amazon that link producers and products directly with consumers will allow us to produce products and services from Christians to Christians and bypass the middlemen. That tech is destroying shopping malls and retail...it will empower we in the Kingdom economy.

The advent of 5G tech and virtual reality will transform our ability to educate our children from elementary to university in our own curriculum. That tech is well on its way to destroying the lives of youngsters who are wasting their lives playing games and that goes for adults as well hooked into virtual electronic fantasy worlds.

While we get inspiration and power and motivation from the Holy Spirit the world is getting hooked into drugs for helping with despair and alienation. The next big thing is micro-doses of LSD for inspiration while the mass legalization of pot will create a new level of zombies who cannot find the motivation to do anything worthwhile in life.

The great convergence of the fruits of the Reformation and the Enlightenment it produced are now come to fruition.

To the new Church all over the world...."You Shall Receive Power".....after you accept the responsibility that comes with power.

The Lord wants to do great and wondrous things all over the world far above what we can ask or think. The great financial and technological power that has been unleashed on the world is going to destroy all the old platforms for human activity...it is too much for sinners to handle...it is busy destroying them.

This power plus the power of the Holy Spirit however is going to propel the Church into a new era of prosperity and world dominion for the Kingdom of God. But this will require us to create new platforms of relationship where we can join together with those who are like minded to do the work of the ministry.

Just a word of caution here. Unfortunately many of the wonderful folks in the 5-fold ministry are like parents who cannot let go of children that need to grow up and get on with their careers. For many their ministry is the ministry of the church. They don't see the Kingdom agenda. They will not provide the platforms for the saints to work together to do the work of dominion. Sometimes you outgrow your parents when it is time to take responsibility for your own ministry in life. Much more about that in future.

It's a rough ride ahead...buckle up, get into a good ministry fellowship and trust God for great things in your life.