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Convergence and Divergence : End Times and New Times

I offer you an interesting way to analyze the dichotomy between "end times" and Kingdom restoration worldwide. With the help from the folks at Rethinking HumanityX. Let's rethink and re-plan the future.

The charismatic/evangelical church is still beset by a major contradiction in preaching to this generation: When preaching on prophecy and signs of the times you will have noticed this....it is the end times, Jesus is coming any moment, look at all the signs around us (which I wont bother repeating)...and then comes the good news: However there is a great outpouring of the Spirit ahead, a billion soul harvest, a great wealth transfer coming. Message: Bad things coming but before the bad stuff really hits lots of good times.

The New Testament church faced the same contradiction. In all the epistles you will read of "the last days" and the soon coming of Jesus.

They are all correct. It was the last days and Jesus did exactly as He said in Rev.22 twice..."behold I come quickly". It was the end of an era...the Old Covenant era, and the coming of Jesus in judgment to destroy Jerusalem. Bad times did come and then the gospel spread to all the empire of Rome and beyond....the church triumphant!

Yes we are now in the end times, and Jesus is coming soon. Meaning we are at the end of an era of human history which is making way for the coming manifestation on earth of the Kingdom of God. And yes Jesus is coming...to the New Jerusalem not the old Jerusalem.

I want to give you a better understanding of the dynamics of how this transition and great disruption will look like. To do that I want you to take a new approach to how to analyze this transition period of the new age upon us. And to do that I want to move away from theological arguments and expressions and show you a very insightful way to look at the coming transition.

Tony Seba who I have quoted before has created a great video and book presentation entitled "Rethinking Humanity". I want you to take the time to watch his very graphic and entertaining presentation of the process of huge changes taking place now in the world and in the decade ahead.

His theme is this. If you study the causes of change and progress in civilization history (and we as believers in God's sovereignty in history should do so)he says big changes come when there is a time of convergence of all sorts of breakthroughs. These convergences destroy the old and they cause the emergence of the new.

This is exactly what happened in the "end times" of 70 AD, the destruction of the old and the emergence of the new manifestation of the church in the world. God is using the same process today.

In the video Tony Seba shows 5 great sectors of the world economy that will seriously each undergo dramatic change through the convergence of new technologies and then these five will converge to destroy old systems to make way for a new world and a new level of operating the world economy to produce prosperity for all. It is the paradigm for "end times" of the old and convergence to create a new world.

Here is my excitement about this paradigm shift we are entering: I believe the Lord wants the church to be the leader in driving change and the leader in creating the new world order that will come out of the economic and political disruptions ahead.

At this point take the time to watch the video on Youtube and then I will continue with some comment and analysis of what this means for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

I will give you the Youtube URL address and the description from the website of the content of the presentation:

Rethinking Humanity - a Film by RethinkX

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r71yNnfY6ss>

Humanity is on the brink of existential transformation, but we're blind to the deeper processes of change. To recognize the mind-blowing possibility space of the next decade, as well as its catastrophic risks, we must grasp the patterns of history to understand how they can illuminate today. Rethinking Humanity takes viewers on a whirlwind tour of the rise and fall of civilizations through a powerful lens that makes sense of the past, so that we can step into the present and create our future. During the 2020s, key technologies will converge to completely disrupt the five foundational sectors that underpin civilization, and with them every major industry in the world today. In information, energy, food, transportation, and materials, costs will fall by 10x or more, while production processes an order of magnitude more efficient will use 90% fewer natural resources with 10x-100x less waste. The knock-on effects for society will be as profound as the extraordinary possibilities that emerge. For the first time in history, we could overcome poverty easily. Access to all our basic needs could become a fundamental human right. But this is just one future outcome. The alternative could see our civilization collapse into a new dark age. Which path we take depends on the choices we make, starting today. The stakes could not be higher.

Now here are some of my analysis:

There are obviously other sectors upon which civilization depends that will also be greatly disrupted and here I am including, banking and finance, education, entertainment, culture, city design, family growth etc.

I also think he is right that what lies ahead is the danger of civilization collapse and a new dark age. He thinks the world can avoid this collapse just through the application of new technology. It won't. Unless you change the hearts of men sinners cannot maintain a civilization. Let me show you why and how the Lord is doing it:

The Old Covenant of Israel:

"Thou shalt not steal" - a command. the law enforced through punishment

The New Covenant of the New Israel of God in Christ

"Thou shalt not steal" - becomes now a promise. You will not steal because with Christ in my heart the law of God is now written in my heart and I don't want to steal because He is my supply and I am content that all things work together for me for good.

With new technology sinners only become more clever in how many different ways they can use technology to rip-off and steal and take and the law and authorities cannot keep up with punishment as deterrence.

However the coming new technologies in the hands of God's people who are solely motivated by "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" now are better able to fulfil their Genesis 1:26-28 commission from the Lord to "subdue the earth, be productive and multiply through the growth of families.

Convergence of Destruction and Construction

The new technologies are coming that is for sure. The disruptions they will cause will be enormous. destruction leading to enormous new construction opportunities. I also believe that there are no national entities that can go through the coming disruptions unscathed. We will see nations fall and enter new dark ages. But we will also see other parts of the world grasp this time of change and create new societies and new national structures.

It is the coming fulfilment of the world dividing into "sheep nations and goat nations".

The ones who will transit to a new prosperous future will be those who embrace the coming world revival and billion soul harvest and eagerly grasp the new technologies as the transfer of wealth from the wicked to the righteous accelerates.

Apple : The Paradigm for the coming great wealth transfer

Let me give you a practical example of the effect of convergence that leads to destruction and then new construction.

A few weeks ago the market capitalization of Apple Corp. passed \$3 trillion. The wealthiest company on planet earth. Wealthier than most nation states. You know the story. In 2007 the great entrepreneur Steve Jobs announced the launch of the iconic iPhone. The industry leaders laughed and mocked. It way too expensive compared to market leaders Nokia and Blackberry.

What the detractors did not understand was that Apple was not selling a phone. It was selling a lifestyle platform with multi-functional capabilities. What Steve Jobs saw was that at that time there was a unique convergence of critical technologies that allowed him to redesign and re-imagine everything that could be communicated in a hand held device.:

- the chip revolution produced a smaller CPU much more powerful and using less power than anything before.
- computer memory chips were getting more dense and smaller with greater capacity
- the visual graphics technology was producing displays with mega-pixel potential in small spaces allowing for great small displays of exceptional quality as well as allowing for digital photography comparable to chemical films.
- chemistry breakthroughs made possible high-density small batteries with newly developed lithium-ion technology.
- Wifi-broadband technology was now able to broadcast in higher frequencies which allowed higher bandwidth and better connection to the internet than land lines.

This was not a telephone. It was a new platform for social interaction. And Apple invited a whole host of games and content providers to jump onto this platform and 1,2 million apps were soon available for an untold and unpredicted amount of services.

This technology destroyed Kodak, AGFA, Nokia, Blackberry and host of other companies and hundreds of thousands of jobs. But it created a world sensation and new world social platform and with it hundreds of thousands of new jobs..and in the process allowed Apple to become the most profitable and largest company in the world.

Have you heard preachers talking about the prophecies of the coming great wealth transfer? Well this is how you do it. You look at the technology trends and the social trends and the economic trends.....then you combine new ideas with new platforms to bring people together and you create a new vehicle or call it a "new wineskin" or better yet a new platform that will bring creative people together to create wealth through service to others.

This is what we here at Kingdom Vision need to concentrate on in the coming year:

- what are the world trends that are leading to destruction of old systems
- what are the new opportunities that will arise from this to construct new platforms on which we can come together to build the new Kingdom of God.

My prediction:

The coming trend in the church is that the Sunday morning meeting is too small a platform to harness all the creative energy and vision and wealth creation potential of the people of God.

The coming bigger platform to construct a new world a new nation out of the coming economic, social and political destruction will be the "city church", the Ekklesia vision of the people of God in every city coming together to build a new world.

And the great thing about that is that we now have the technology to make it happen!
Do we have the vision to make it happen?