

Abundant Life

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The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

Last week we took a somewhat morbid look at death and destruction in the natural world as it pertains specifically to a trek around Mt. St. Helens. The second day we had to walk almost 15 miles through the devastation to find a mountain meadow full of lupines, bear grass and other flowers still in bloom because of this cool summer and heavy snows of last winter. The long day hike was worth the effort, because the view in front of our temporary shelter was a panorama of Mt. Adams directly to the east, to the southeast Mt. Hood, just in view over the ridge to the north was Mt. Rainier and behind us the Shoestring glacier reaching toward the summit of Mt. St. Helens. During the night elk could be heard bugling in the meadow stretching below. No matter how bad things get in this world, we can never be far from the abundant diverse life that draws its nourishment directly from the hand of the creator. The great thing about personal fellowship with the Creator of the universe is that we can look at the work of the thief, that comes to steal, kill and destroy and have no fear of those consequences, we know that our Redeemer lives and because he lives, he justifies us and we have been freed from personal slavery to the thief.

This week to help us focus on the abundance of life in which we live in eternal freedom, I will share with you Seven principles of Business Ecology and four life style graphs, three from nature and one spiritual curve, that is representative of the believers life. These are normally presented in the context of three world religious cultures. A force centered culture representing eastern religions, a God centered religious system that includes early Christianity, Islam and Judaism, and man centered religious dogma that includes much of main line Christianity as well as atheistic evolution and science. The truth that evolution is really religious upsets a lot of the worldly wise, but their foolishness shows really how little they really know about the system in which rests their hope of eternal time. You can never successfully argue creation versus evolution because they are mutually exclusive religious arguments. Better to systematically lay out a God centered creation cosmology. Explain that it is in this context you have deduced your observations and ask for open minds to patiently listen to the truth of the creation debate, as it relates to observable facts, before rendering a decision as to their validity. Develop your facts because the fundamental question of, "Why are you here?" is much deeper embedded into the human personality than learned evolutionary religious arguments.

The Seven principles of Business Ecology follow, a lot could be said about them but they are really readily understood in their simplicity. The last principle is a direct quote of 1 John 2:17.

As I have used these principles over the years, it is amazing the number of people who believe that this is true enough to comment upon it. But their form of righteousness is that which American Religious Christianity seems to promote, "good people go to heaven when they die and except for a few bad apples, people in their hearts are basically really good." Of course there is also the discussion that all roads lead to God, and my way is just through Jesus, while theirs is another more enlightened path. Jerry, your just a Christian bigot!

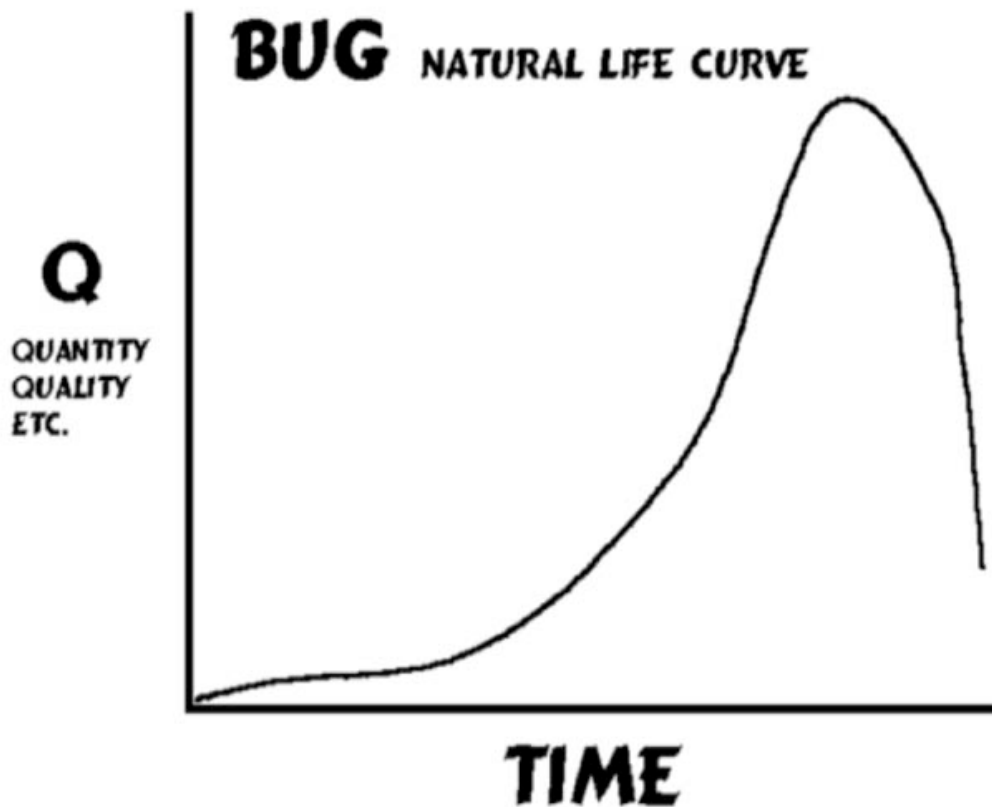
Over the years I have never found any circumstance in which at least one of the Business Ecology principles did not apply. The four life style curves are attached in gif format which your web browsers along with most photographic programs should be able to open. This article will also be available on the web site if you have any problems you can download then there or I can send you another copy if you wish.

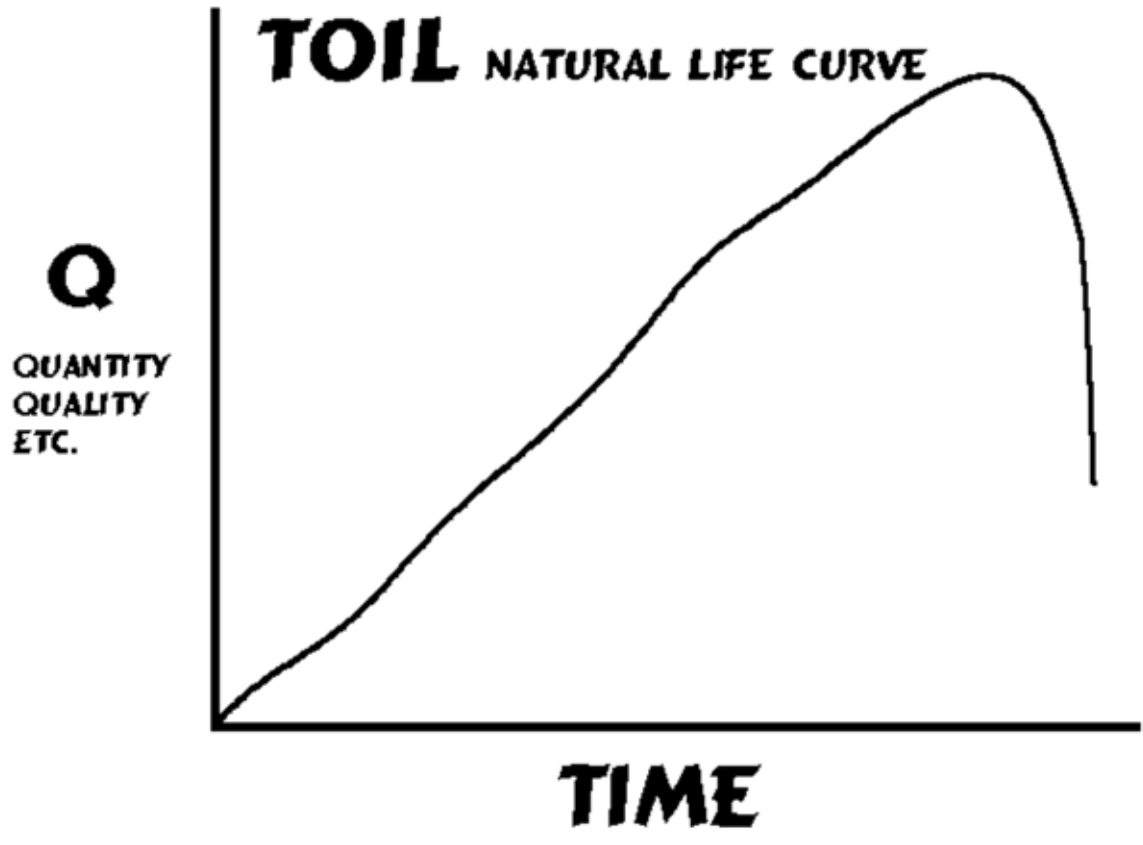
PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS ECOLOGY

What was, is and shall be.

*Everything eventually runs out of gas.
For everything there is a season.
There is no free lunch.
Equilibrium is maintained through diversity.
Change is the only constant.
The world and its desires pass away but the man who does the will of God
lives forever.*

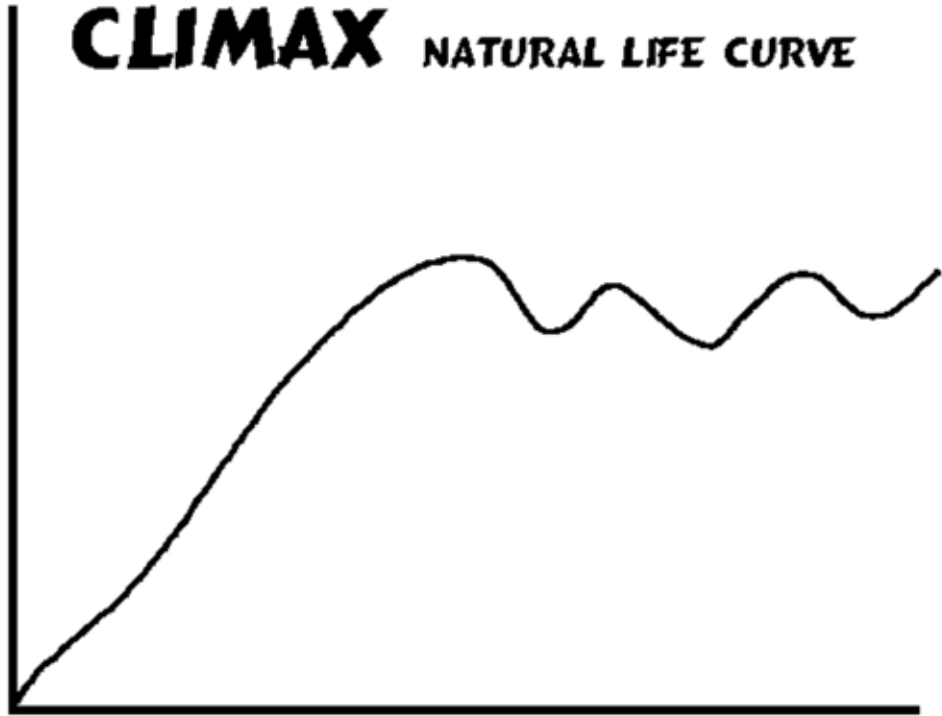
FOUR LIFE STYLE CURVES





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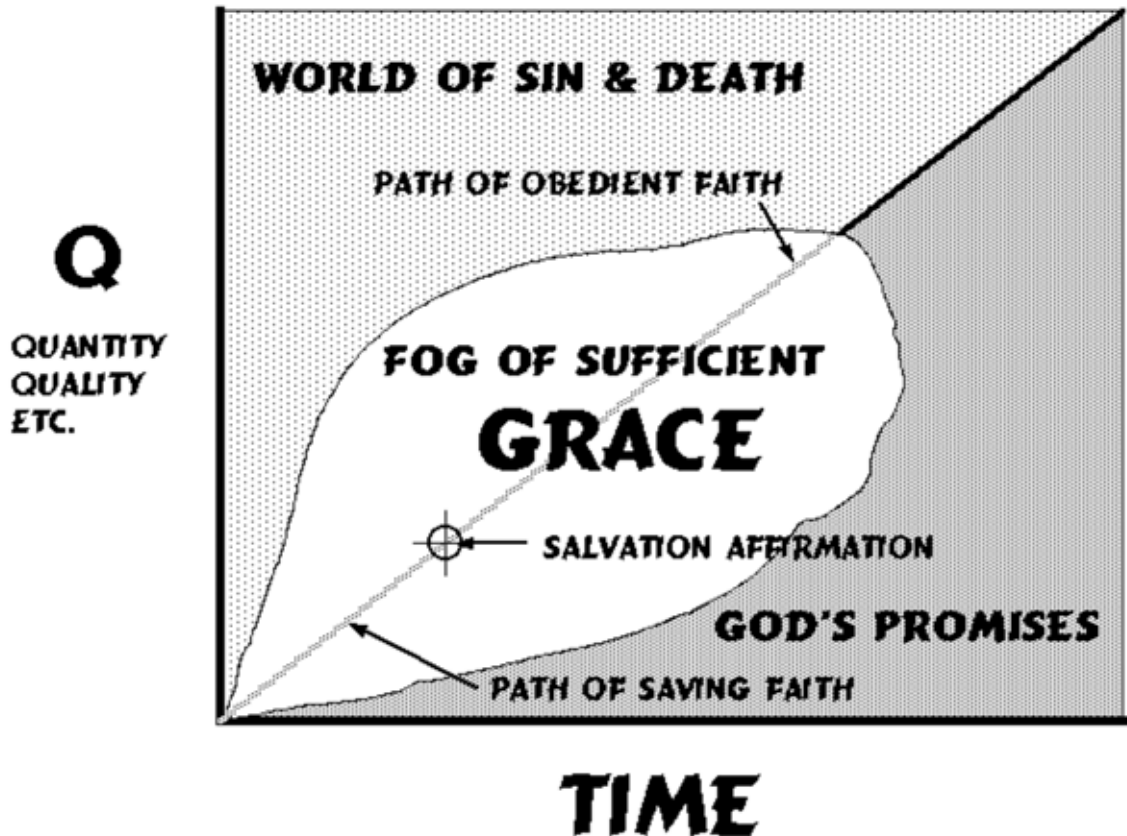
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TIME

GRACE SPIRITUAL LIFE CURVE

STRAIGHT & NARROW PATH OF GOD'S ELECTION



PRAYER PLANTS

I shared about the miracle with the truck on the trip to Mt. St. Helens two weeks ago, over the last few weeks I have also seen two other miraculous answers to prayer relating to personal finances and one relating to my housing situation. At least four unrelated events I am aware of. Praise the Lord.

At the present time we are to the point in the Chronicles of Diversity that we need for God to provide a ship to be named Diversity, and the right personnel to come aboard to visit those points of call building community, or for God to change my direction. Not many alternatives, time is running and this whole project is for Gods glory. Please pray for this miracle.

May the grace of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Amen