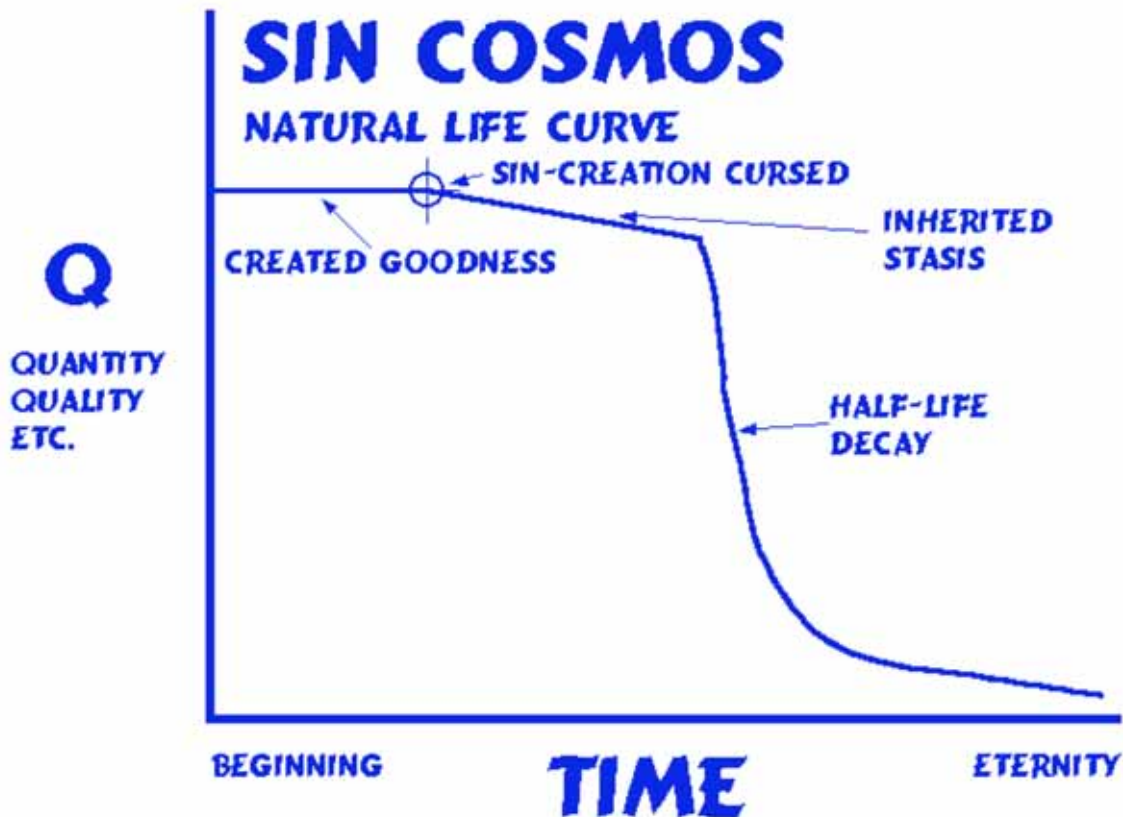


# Enterprise Symbiosis and no more gas!

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When I began writing this series I thought it was something that I should do but I really had no idea where it would lead, even though I had twelve points that I thought would help some people struggling within a worldly system, which by many standards has gone a muck. As we get deeper into this, even in secular presentations there are two different enterprise operating systems that are mutually incompatible. I used the terms agrarian and extractive, but another model would be those who are basically servants and those enterprises that demand to be served. This is especially true when it comes to the utilization of human capital. Our topic for this week is the Enterprise Symbiosis principle: **Everything eventually runs out of gas**. We will combine this with our **Sin Cosmos, Natural Life Curve**. . If you would be interested in reading that initial article, please follow the link below

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**Everything eventually runs out of gas**, is really a restatement of the Second Law of Thermodynamics and deals with entropy and is our second principle. Stated in a more precise way, everything gets all mixed up. Just as the principle states, eventually left in this current condition everything will cease to function because of entropy. However, in the concept of Enterprise Symbiosis, we are not looking at millions or billions of years. The appropriate time, rather than an evolutionary time scale, is more relative to burning a tank of gas. Somethings run out of gas after 300 miles, others will run for decades, but eventually things come to a halt for lack of forward momentum.

In an effort to personalize this into the human scale and to tie it to people, places and things in the Bible we will look at an illustration on how abruptly this could occur and some God-centered or centerless enterprise circumstances that may have brought this about. In Daniel Chapter 5 we have the story of Belshazzar the king and his feast.

Belshazzar was a king with great wealth, perhaps like many of the kings of industry and ecommerce today. During this feast he commanded that the vessels that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Jewish temple in Jerusalem be brought into the celebration.. Perhaps he thought, "Why let these beautiful utensils go unused, even though they were designed to be used in the worship of some god of the Jewish people, my Lords will think I am important, because I am able to use such a wonder collection of vessels in my own service.

As they continued to praise their gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone, a hand appeared and wrote on the wall of the palace four words, **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**. This of course was quite upsetting to the king and he sent for someone who might be able to decipher the text. The only person they could come up with who might be able to interpret the words was Daniel. After refusing any compensation for his interpretation and scolding the king for his pride, Daniel interpreted the words written by the hand upon the palace wall.

**MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it.**

**TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.**

**UPHARSIN: Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.**

The chapter concludes with: That very night Belshazzar, king of the Caldeans was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old. (Daniel 5:30,31) It is documented that this occurred in 539 BC.

So then in a period of a few hours a man and a kingdom went from the top of the world to be no more, except as told in stories. Belshazzar and his kingdom **eventually ran out of gas.**

What I would like to focus on in our concept of the enterprise is the use of vessels dedicated to God's glory, used in the promotion of self-righteous and arrogance of the individual. If this story is true, what more serious consequences could be install for those who use and abuse persons for personal gratification. The Bible says that man is created in the image of God, what fate awaits those who use other persons as servants to praise their gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

**The Bible clearly denotes two covenants ordained by God for all people.** One is the covenant of grace based upon the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ and his propitiatory sacrifice on behave of the sinful individual. The other is the covenant of the law that requires perfect obedience in all aspects. Those who reject the covenant of grace are bound by the covenant or the kingdom of the law.

As I look at myself, and I think if you look at yourself wisely, I see much of the time I treat people as vessels to praise gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. What a great gift it is to know that the gift of God, in His grace and for His glory, is a covenant of a kingdom where the king, the prophet and the priest are entirely righteous and that grace is made available as a free gift through God's only son.

As we look at this application of enterprise we realize that in that kingdom, that covenant of grace, the principle of running out of gas does not apply, but only in our worldly adventures. In visible manifestations, all too often we either see an outward moralism so often represented by fundamentalists of all religions, but perhaps more apparent in Christian fundamentalism. **"Well, we now all know what you can't do, would you please now tell us what you can do."** The other side of that coin is known antinomianism, usually proclaimed by something like, **"We are not under (the dispensation) of law, but under (the dispensation ) of grace. Therefore I can do whatever seems good to me."** **Both examples becoming just a form of elevation of self.** To make oneself better than another. It would be indeed great if the "writing was on the wall" that some of these types of persons would realize that one day when they least

expect it they shall learn: "God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it. You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians."

### *PRAYER PLANTS:*

As I write this we have upgraded the computer system enough to be able to utilize high speed access. This should help tremendously in being able to develop the website and related work. As I mentioned in the beginning, when I started this series, I was just following a path that I saw before me. Now, the dilemma that I see before me is since the abusive nature of human potential is so prevalent among virtually all forms of human enterprise, is it really possible for people to understand any more, that it isn't what you get but what you give that is important. Now that is well, and a good statement to make but how does it play out on the job, or in the office on Monday morning. There is really non-reconcilable differences in outlook between these systems, and it is apparent that it is God's grace alone that allows both systems to function together in some sort of culture and economy. Please pray that as I proceed that I may be helpful to those of you facing those conflicts, and solutions or adaptive insights may be freshly and clearly illuminated.

To that end, my real world interface seems to continue to be busy for the next week or so, and it looks as if I will not be able to get over and look at the properties on the other side of the mountains. Pray for the guidance on whether to make time, or wait and see if some of this work, eventually runs out of gas.