

# Chronicles of Diversity



*A Winter Metis Bridge*

## The Complete (Natural) Metis

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**There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1,2**

The lure of the common grace of creation continually draws people to admire her beauty and get a visual glimpse of God expressed in the art of His natural wonders.

It is natural law that causes these nature seekers to spend hundreds to hundreds of thousands of dollars to attempt to receive God's common grace on their own personal terms.

This was expressed in a most amusing way in David Brooks' "Bobos in Paradise" describing his quest in the REI flagship store in downtown Seattle. Having lived in this city of natural beauty these many years, and having a REI membership number with only five digits, I had to laugh continually as he discussed briefly the assets of 10 to 20 varieties of water filters and backpacking stoves.

I only have two water filters, but stoves I have a bunch, each designed to fit a specific niche in my wilderness or creation adventures. Only three, the backpacking models, did I buy at REI, two are propane/butane gas type models, a more convenient fuel source for fair weather adventures, which were upgrades from a previous white gas Seva 123 that is a pain to operate, but still fully functional.

Actually, the only stoves I use regularly, and the cheapest, are traditional camps stoves that use 16 oz propane bottles, both I bought at WalMart. I have one I carry in my truck in my camp box in summer, the other I use as my stove at my rustic cabin on the Kettle River.

I collect outdoor gear from before my era, that occasionally turns up in thrift and antique stores. I also have a collection of Bradford Angier books, with intriguing titles such as "We Like It Wild," and "How to Live in the Woods for Pennies a Day." Brad and his wife moved from New York City to Hudson Hope, on the Peace River in northern British Columbia, before it was dammed. They were probably one of the original Bobos beginning this quest for metis in the 1950's.

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I could go on with other equipment and references, but why bother you with the details. Needless to say, I am quite an authority on “The Complete (Natural) Metis” which is what this half breed article is all about.

Actually, this title was taken from the 1968, “The Complete Walker” by Colin Fletcher, now in its fourth update. Notice the complete is in the present tense, for the walk and the metis are never complete. It is only the character of the wilderness that changes, to which you must adapt your daily sojourn.

If you have the desire to be free from the condemnation of natural law (sin and death) the answer lies not entirely in your equipment, but in the fact that you live beyond yourself in the wilderness where God makes the rules. In the specific grace of God exemplified in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, is where you must always camp.

The right equipment will allow you to stretch the limits of your traveling security, but becomes of a secondary nature to the peace provided by the Holy Spirit, as the wilderness storms buffet your expensive but fragile tent. But not having that tent at all means sure destruction, and it is foolishness to test God in your natural circumstances, without carrying the equipment, knowledge, and wisdom He as given you by His grace.

I could quit here, Amen! But the goal of all preaching is to exhort you to experience unknown vistas that you never dreamed were possible. When you only travel through your vision of creation, from city to city in your air conditioned car, staying in motels with hot tubs and swimming pools, and eating in eclectic restaurants, perhaps there is something you miss by not trusting God. The complete natural metis life lies out beyond the security of the quiet desperation of most of mankind.

Last week, we found that the term metis had two very diverse roots. One of those came from the name of a Greek Titaness and the tension between knowledge and wisdom. We learned that knowledge you can gain all on your own, wisdom is an apprehension of Divine truth which finds its genesis in God alone. This wisdom can be apprehended either through common grace and natural law (creation) or through God’s specific revelation of the Bible.

We also learned that the Metis were a native people group of Canada, being descendants of aboriginal stock and Norse explorers. The generalized term half-breed we used to describe all people who seek to find a harmonious tension between their spirit and their natural nature. We see this discussion in the Bible verse at the beginning of this article. Romans 8:1,2 is a specific revelation of what we can now call “The Complete (Natural) Metis.” For those who truly seek personal freedom, they must walk the wisdom of this daily path.

In 535 AD it is thought that a large volcano erupted in the area close to where the recent tsunami killed about 150,000 people. There is no history from that region at that time, probably for obvious reasons now fully apparent.

History from Europe and China however, discuss the time as being really dark, with crop failures and difficult living conditions. A good time to be a complete natural metis even if you lived thousands of miles away from the disaster.

Flashing forward 1500 years and tying Europe again with southeast Asia, it is reported that the tsunami is the greatest disaster to hit the Swedish people in over 100 years. As of this writing 52 Swedes have been confirmed killed and 2915 still missing, and 14,000 other victims have returned to Sweden. This in a nation where the total population is just less than 9 million people.

Consider the impact that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack had on the United States, with approximately 33 times the population. Without making any other comments, it is quite apparent that the Swedish people have suffered a tragedy almost beyond comprehension. This thousands of miles beyond their homeland.

There is wisdom in living a life of moderation. Fox News has even made it their corporate slogan. Fair and balanced in normal times keeps you from the hazards of the extremes, it keeps you out of the ditches on either side of the road. However, there are times when life is not normal, and again it is wisdom that tells us when that time occurs. During those abnormal times it is the extremes that kill and the extremes that save.

The concepts of sin and death are not normal, or at least we try to assume that they are not normal. In that paradigm it is well known that Jesus saves, and the devil sends us to hell. In more orthodox Christian theology, you have the Christ and the Anti-Christ.

After his discussion of the REI flagship store in Seattle, in Bobos, David Brooks turns his attention to heaven on earth, Montana. Well Montana may be heaven, for a few years until the reality of winter sets in. What he forgot to mention, was the need to make a living the nine and a half months a year that are not the (tourist) season. Only in the Bitterroot and the Flathead valleys is there enough Bobo cultural presence, to hope to make an economic go of it, utilizing imported wealth and prosperity.

In that great concept of globalization, Sweden could be considered a Bobo metis heaven on earth, again except for the winters (and the socialism). After all, they have given us Swedish floor finish, Pergo, Ikea, Swede blue, Volvo and Saab automobiles, all great icons of the well adjusted moderate natural life.

If that moderation truly works in practice however, why do 17,000 Swedish citizens need to go sit in the sun in southeast Asia? Remember that is only Asia and does not include other resort heavens of the world. There must be something incomplete with both the natural metis of Montana and Sweden. Nature on its own cannot make us The Complete (Natural) Metis, which natural law continually shows us. This time, this tsunami application comes close to some of man's own smaller murderous expressions towards his neighbors.

Without a specific revelation of God, all one can hope to ever become is The incomplete (Natural) Metis. Considering there is an alternative, the incomplete seems a real half-breed idea. The scary thing about this incompleteness is that you are continually subject to all sorts of natural and man made disasters, which can quickly usher you into that eternal anti-God place, generally called hell. Just because you don't believe in hell, God has all sorts of ways to scare it out of you, if you are at all open to His grace.

There is a high percentage within the Christian community that God has scared the hell out of them, by truly unique ways. Others still come to that saving complete metis in more knowledgeable ways. No matter the course, the path has been ordained by God before the first atom of creation was formed.

The good news for The Complete (Natural) Metis is that no matter how God may choose for you to enter eternity, by the rules of God, including His law and His grace, you have nothing to fear in the absolutes of sin and death. When you die you actually win, big time.

So why do not more people take advantage of the opportunity to become The Complete (Natural) Metis, after all it is a free gift from God? Not only is this a free gift, it also carries with it a guarantee that in this life you will have the opportunity to start to become all you were created to be. You can do this all at your own pace. God won't hassle you much to get better, you will do better because it is such a prized way to live.

Some people, I think, like being low life, self indulgent, fearful human beings. However, I cannot understand why they would want such a life, when the alternative has such an everlasting, fulfilling future.

That is not to say that The Complete (Natural) Metis lifestyle is without it difficulties. Speaking from personal experience however, I find the most difficult part is what is generally known as waiting on God, and trying to live each day fully in the present. I can't speak for most people, but I have always tried to anticipate the future and make my decisions according to my schemes. This only works in The Complete (Natural) Metis life, to the extent God allows it to comfort your present insecurities.

Over the last year I spent much of the time in the land east of the coastal mountains. I have learned a great deal about how that part of the world really works and doesn't work. God has lead me from one learning situation into another, and has kept me from succumbing to my own ignorance except as a learning tool. What a blessing that year as been, even though I now don't see the future any more clearly than I did a year ago. However, I have learned if I am to become The Complete (Natural) Metis God wants me to be, that is not my problem.

Yesterday, I took encouragement from an email from Kris Repp who left at 3AM on New Years Day to spend the next 10 months ministering in 3rd world countries. That journey will take her to a previously planned conference in Thailand, Sri Lanka for relief work, then to Guatemala, and back to various countries in west Africa, before returning to the USA next November. The part of the email I found most comforting personally however, was a quotation from the Psalms. To me it is the ode to the wonder of The Complete (Natural) Metis, and the perfect God given conclusion to this message:

**Where can I go from Your Spirit?**

**Or where can I flee from Your presence?**

**If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;**

**If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.**

**If I take the wings of the morning,**

**And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

**Even there Your hand shall lead me,**

**And Your right hand shall hold me.**

**I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"**

**Even the night shall be light about me;**

**Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,**

**But the night shines as the day;**

**The darkness and the light *are* both alike to You.**

*Psalm 139:7-12*

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