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Creation College

Back in my days of working for a rapidly growing young corporation, outside my office window ran a small cascading stream. It probably hadn't been a cascading stream for most of it's life, but now due to the landscape plans of the complex developer, it had to look cool, and flow onto and off of the property as rapidly as possible.

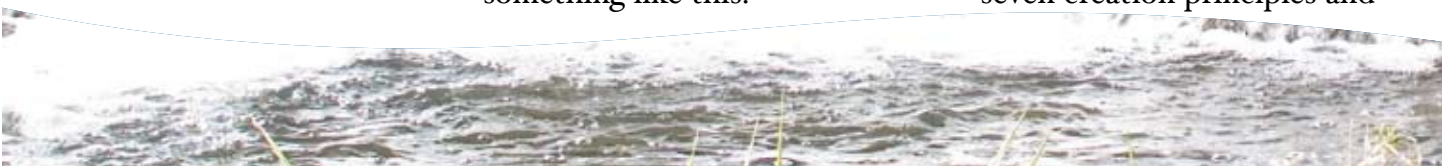
From inside my air conditioned office I ran my twenty plus, extremely complex projects, deftly with skill unsurpassed by others within our organization. Just between you and me, I was the one who managed all the company projects, therefore I was operating deftly in a universe of one.

We had recently hired an new environmental engineer, who had shared the same position with me at a Boeing facility. After being in this new job some months, she came into my office and started a conversation that went something like this.

"We both know that we are top notch engineers and scientists, and are at the top of our form in any endeavor we are called upon to undertake, but Jerry I was wondering where you got your business management skills. You didn't need them at Boeing, but I was surprised with the skill by which you seem to fit all these complex tasks into the big picture. Could you enlighten me on how you do it?"

At that point I showed Kathy the landscape outside my window and said, "All I am really doing is using the wisdom I learned in my ecological field studies and applying them to the business niche. If you make your business decisions using the model of nature, everything will always work out correctly."

It wasn't long before we were both onward to different things and different venues. However, I began formalizing the creation concept into a workable business model. I developed seven creation principles and



three growth curves to describe the workings of creation that would relate to business. I called this concept Business Ecology.

It dawned on me one day that my original determination, that creation modeled on business was wrong, and really the truth was that business modeled creation. It was then that I began to formalize that concept into a working model for training people about the way business really worked, by getting them immersed in creation for varying periods of time.

My first name for this endeavor was Creation College. However, when I went to see my lawyer about getting this organization formalized, he said the first thing I needed to do is to change the name. "If you use any name that refers to education you are going to come under all sorts of scrutiny. If you use some other non educational term, like institute, you won't have people telling you all the rules and regulations that you need to follow." The name I finally came up with was Ministry of Creation, which is the precursor organization to Wonder Springs.

Business Ecology in the 21st century is pretty much an oxymoron. Like deafening silence, we may know what it means, but it is difficult to get anyone serious about the concept because it immediately puts the person into the situation where they are not at ease in one or the other terms. If you are into ecology then business is the greatest evil on the earth. The corollary statement also seems true.

In order to correct that problem, a few years ago I came up with the term Enterprise Symbiosis. The updated principles of Business Ecology, reformed into Enterprise Symbiosis, are incorporated in a series of Chronicles articles on the www.createleaders.org website in the year 2000.

Chronicles of Diversity is also a term that comes from that original Business Ecology concept. Here is where the natural model tends to disconnect from our politically correct interpretation. Natural diversity is based on equality of opportunity, our modern urban definition is more appropriately described in the egalitarian, equality of outcomes.

Our latest Phylogenesis series was really not so much an attempt to add to the knowledge base, but to change the metaphysics, or the philosophy behind, man's enterprise as modeled in creation's paradigm.

Ho! Hum! This really doesn't apply to me!

But it really does, for we are the fruit of our training and education, as well as our heredity, and our environment.

I was not part of the hippie movement. While much of the youth of the '60s and the '70 were dropping out, protesting the war in Vietnam, and a whole host of other radical behaviors, I was in the Army, living in Europe, with a Top Secret Security Clearance.

The hippie movement was naturally brought about by the teaching of evolution in our schools. It would have happened earlier, but a couple of world wars and a depression got in the way. After these events ran their course, the peace and prosperity of the 1950's, brought an overhaul of our public education to fit the concept that we evolved out of the Slough of Despair to whence we shall continually return, along with the other forms of evolutionary progress. If we continue to evolve, and in the process don't nuke ourselves to death, along with the rest of the world we shall overcome some day, and understand fully the nothingness of this way of life.

The consequences of this rapid decline in to entropy is now completing its second generation, and we are beginning to educate the third.

If everything is going nowhere, the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:32b, quoting Isaiah are surely true: *If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"*

The evangelical church in its wisdom has countered with such great insight by saying if you eat and drink, and have sex outside of marriage, and are homosexual, and a whole host of other taboos, you are headed for hell. What the church has done, is lost the message that Paul does so carefully expounds. "If the dead do not rise!" Evangelicalism has evolved into a religion of laws, not a message of grace.

To put it more succinctly so that a modern evangelical Christian may understand. If you have

been trained from birth to believe that there is no hell, no god, no meaning at all for life, then how on God's green earth are you going to understand the concept of eternity, except by divine revelation. If that revelation doesn't come from the church, the only place it can come from is from creation.

The funny thing is while the church continues to harp "on the don'ts" most Americans of the educated classes don't and/or didn't. In terms of pure moral ethics they probably live a more pious life in their moral structure than the typical evangelical. Not only that, they did not need Jesus to heal the weakness of their moral infirmity, they just quit.

So then Christianity is viewed, not as the only paradigm that has the hope of eternal life and temporal meaning, but as a religion of the self interested, whose chief goal is accumulation of stuff without any regard to Mother Nature, science, or natural law and common grace.

This anti intellectualism restates the last part of Paul's quotation in more moronic terms, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will be raptured and then the earth will really go to hell, until we return with Jesus and we will lord over all the sinners, and show them just how we were right all along, and they were wrong nobodies."

The rapture should bring up a point illustrated in creation however, that is that the uniformity of events in evolutionary time are just flat out, not true. In creation you see sedimentary rocks on the top of Mt. Everest, the highest mountain on earth. You see the effect of huge geological disturbances everywhere. But if you are only aware of those events by watching National Geographic specials on TV, your concept of God is limited by the size of your television screen and its definition. Unless your On Demand, 42" High Definition, Dolby Surround Sound home theater contraption has not become one of your gods.

This brings us to the point of the Creation College concept I originally outlined in those first days. Evolution teaches, in its business model, that things will just get better and better over time, with only minor bumps in the evolutionary road. If you begin investing in your

retirement at an early age you will be able to put the kids through college and retire to some tropical island, while you travel the rest of the world in your leisure, all before you turn sixty.

That may take place for a very small minority of people. I could say I retired from corporate life when I was 35, but that doesn't make the rest of the program true. God has blessed my life outside that corporate scenario greatly, but none of my ensuing life has included any sense of uniformity, "Change is the only constant." One of the first principles of Business Ecology. Along with, "There is no free lunch," are the rules of this life. We all quickly learn that a life based on uniform principles does not exist. All life's problems are in one sense common to all, yet personally unique.

Therefore, the Phylogenesis, Business Ecology paradigm says, continue to look for the unexpected. That may be a good unexpected, or a not good unexpected. The unexpected gives our lives meaning, and removes the boredom, and forces us to continue to mature as we grow older. Sometimes kicking and screaming like young children.

They might give you some concept of change in business school, but you really need to live through a snow squall in July to have that severeness of uncertainty become part of your personality. Perhaps catching a fish on every cast would be another way to look at opportunity. Trusting in a nylon rope as you rappel off a cliff, changes your concept of faith forever. You can't quite gain these same understandings when you are cut off in traffic by some jerk engrossed in their cell phone conversation and oblivious to the world around them.

Oblivious to the real world around you. That is what we have really inherited by the evolutionary lifestyle. It sells lots of CD's and books in the world and in the church by showing you how to create your own reality, with you and your stuff at the center.

The question is can you truly live, if you spend much of your time running from, or ignoring the reality of truth? That is the old college question. Creation College never existed, except in my computer's memory, but Wonder Springs does exist, without the baggage of mundane evolution. Wonder Springs after the your well has run dry.

We are still trying to develop that learning atmosphere and it's campus, in a land where the creek flows, the sun shines, it rains and snows, and life goes on. All this in a common way reveals that there is a God, you are not Him, and knowing Him as your Papa, makes the difference between, the abundant Wonder Springs life, and evolutionary natural life of a shallow swamp.

In order to drain that swamp filled with alligators, everyone needs to look at life and the swamp as only part of creation, not our ultimate nest. If you embrace change as opportunity instead of stress, gifts of temporal abundance will allow you to advance beyond your wildest dreams outside of evolution's swamp.

Most of the best farmland on earth was once lake bottoms and swamps. Draining of those lakes and swamps was always looked at as catastrophic to the local inhabitants. However, dead organic matter is the source of a lot of that land's fertility, along with some complex inorganic components.

Paul's passage speaks as to today's present, but that is based upon the wisdom you gained or did not gain yesterday, and those two aspects determine your life or death tomorrow. Be, and cultivate good soil, instead of rocky ground.

Our last six Chronicles of Diversity articles:

Metis Economics: What did Jesus do?; PDF link: <http://www.wondersprings.com/2005pdffiles/metiswdjd4-6-5.pdf>

Metis Economics: Unconscious conscience; PDF link: <http://www.wondersprings.com/2005pdffiles/metisunconscience4-13-5.pdf>

Metis Economics: Dog Tales; PDF link: <http://www.wondersprings.com/2005pdffiles/metisdogtales4-20-5.pdf>

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