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The Kingdom is Yours, the power is Yours and the glory is Yours, forever.... (Matt. 6:13)

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The Chief Cornerstone



From Borrower to Lender

The Relationship between Lending and Giving

We all live on borrowed time. Time we didn't ask for; time we certainly didn't create. We don't deserve it. Someone was kind enough to entrust it to us. We live with borrowed breath⁽¹⁾ and borrowed energy. We come about borrowed innovations and ideas; they may be new to us, but that which is, is that which has been.⁽²⁾ After all there is nothing new under the sun.⁽³⁾

Let's see how to frame this:

- **What does it mean to live a borrowed life; and if we are borrowers; who is the lender?**
- **Life: A gift or a loan; which one?**
- **How then does one move from borrower to lender?**

What does it mean to live a borrowed life; and if we are borrowers; who is the lender?

In our own world we have an understanding of the position of a borrower. A borrower is one who is *indebted* to another; whether volitionally or involuntarily.

Volitional indebtedness is what comes with the purchase of a residence (or other property), provided that purchase price or some part thereof was attained via a

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Who Am I?

In our last discussion we addressed the question of, "Where do I put God?" We came to understand that it is not really a question about whether or not God exists (even among agnostics and many proclaimed atheists). The real question at hand is, "Where do I put God?" In terms of my relationship to the environment I live in, how do I choose to interact with God?

In this article we will consider another "age old" question, "Who am I?" We've probably all entertained this question (at some time or another in our lives). As we go from childhood to adolescence and then on to adulthood, we often ponder this concept. It is interesting because the concept of "me" can be quite puzzling. When babies are born they do not consider who they are. And for the first couple of years or so, babies don't realize they are beings separate from their parents or caregivers. They simply exist.

Then, as babies grow into toddlers they begin to understand that there is *some* separation between them and their parents. However, what they don't realize is that the world does not revolve around them. It is common for young children (and sometimes older children and adults) to perceive that their environment is supposed to please them (at least this is common in many western societies). So, we see that the concept of "self" exists, but not many people understand what it means. More importantly, we do not readily know how God sees the human "self." This is the conversation we want to embark on.

In Acts 17:28-29 (KJV) the scripture tells us that in God we live, move, and have our being. It goes on to say that we (believers) are God's children. Scriptures also teach us that when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we are baptized into the family of God. So, we find that our relationship to our spiritual Father is at once similar to and very different from our relationship to our natural parents. Let's take a moment and lay just a bit of groundwork. Who I

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Son of My Wisdom



From Root to Fruit – Part 2

All scriptures paraphrased from the KJV

Let's recap the prior article, in this series. There we explored the process of sin as explained in [James 1:14-15](#). We saw that it progressed from Desire, to Enticement, to Conception, to Sin, and lastly to Death. One word about "enticement;" let us not think that this is purely a negative term. We can also be enticed to do good things. But such was the Progression of Sin. There is, however, an alternative progressive process, the original progression. You recognize that the Progression of Sin is simply a perversion of the original progression; the Progression of Communion. Let's take a look at it.

1. Desire – the longing, or craving of something lacking
2. Entice – to be brought to consider
3. Conceive – to form a concept of, to conceptualize
4. Communion – intimate communication, an intimate expression of relationship
5. Life – a right relationship to truth/reality. The love of truth.

We saw in [Gen 3:6-7](#) that the serpent appealed to Eve's desires; her desires for nourishment, beauty, and wisdom. These desires were not bad in and of themselves. They were created by God. But the reality is that whatever is created by God has to be sustained by God, and when speaking of *desires* they must be fulfilled by God. We have needs that can only be fulfilled in God. The desire doesn't create the need; it simply expresses the need. The need actually is what creates the desire.

For instance, we need security. The need for security at some point expresses itself in desire. In a *baby* it expresses itself as a desire to be held. In a *child* it expresses itself as a desire for parental affirmation. In an *adult* it expresses itself as a

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A Journey to Intimacy

Wisdom Cries!!!!

The Journey Continues – The Voice of Wisdom

We're living in an age, where we probably boast ourselves to be the most technologically advanced of our predecessors. We are proud of our military prowess. We likely have the highest number of educated people per capita, as compared to our forbearers (especially with the education of women and other minorities). This side of five years ago, we prided ourselves on the strength of our currency and our Gross Domestic Product (GDP); off-shoring notwithstanding.

There were many ways in which we considered ourselves, in some sense superior among our contemporaries, albeit "humbly" so. But the scriptures teach that Wisdom is justified of her children.⁽¹⁾ Essentially wisdom is known to be present where the fruits of wisdom are borne. The struggles that we face today are not the unfortunate fruit of some unsuspected turn of events, as some would like to think. What we pull up in our fields today, is what we planted in them yesterday. The reason we know this to be true, is because the scripture cannot be broken⁽²⁾ and God will not be mocked, whatever we sowed then, we reap now.⁽³⁾ I know ... I know ... this is not what we want to hear, right now. But if you will bear with me, you'll see the beauty of the Wisdom of God. But let me do it this way. I want to share with you a real and recent scenario:

In my place of employment, there was a mandate handed down. In an effort to maintain propriety let me frame it this way. Our organization was assigned a new Key Performance Index (KPI). It was a reasonable, although currently stringent, measurement. And attached to that measurement was a factor (multiplier) that would directly affect our annual bonuses, if not maintained. Okay, so you're beginning to see the point (yah, me too). As one of our senior leaders shared this new KPI and explained its impact, I noticed something peculiar. In addition to the fact that it 1) had already been invoked and 2) had a retroactive effective date; the mandate affected every leader in our organization. Fortunately or

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Precepts in Practice



Make Me Do It! - II

Thanks for joining us again. Last month we began a discussion about breaking undesirable habits. We laid the foundation by admitting that our brains are wired to develop and maintain habits. It's a natural, God-given ability. We also understood that we have the ability to break or change habits that do not support the plan of God in our lives. This month we will go a little deeper and look at, "Who is in charge of this habit-forming brain activity?" It would be futile for us to engage in a lengthy discussion about how to break habits if we find we have little (if any) control over this cerebral function.

Medical doctors, biologists, scientists, and many others tell us that the human brain is the central processing unit (CPU) for the body. It runs much like a computer sending and receiving information to every part of the body. The brain is an interesting phenomenon. When we are born our brains come preprogrammed. However, as we grow, our brains are continually re-programmed by our human experiences. That is how we have the ability to learn.

As our brains take in stimuli or information we have not only the ability, but also the responsibility to tell our brains how to handle the new information. Many people (Christians included) do not realize that there is another component of the human being that gives directives to the brain. This is the soul. We, as humans, are tri-part beings. We are spirit, soul, and body. Just about any psychologist or psychiatrist will tell you that humans are not just biological. And, *we* know this to be true. As humans, we think and have emotions. These are not physical activities. We also have the capacity to believe things we cannot see (faith).

The physical body is just that, physical. It manages information via our five physical senses (sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste). Then, we have our intellect and emotions, along with the ability to make choices (the human will). These faculties reside in the soul. Finally, we have the capacity to have faith and communicate with God. This is the function of the spirit.

Now, let's get back to the question of, "Who is in charge of the habit-forming brain function?" We have already said that when the brain is exposed to information (i.e., I see someone put trash in a trash container), it stores this information in the memory. So, when a similar event occurs (I finish eating and I have trash), the brain tells the body what to do (put the trash in the trash container). If I don't learn anything

Love and The Truth



The Great Why - Part 2

Scriptures paraphrased from the KJV.

In this series, we have been dealing with "The Great Why." This article will of course be a continuation of the October 2009 article "The Great Why – Part 1".

We saw that Jer. 17:9 says "*the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked*". We also see in John 3:16 that *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish; but have everlasting life*. These are two very startling verses. If the first one is true; how could the second one also be true?

Herein we see the essence of "The Great Why." Lord, if our hearts are desperately wicked, and deceitful above all things; how could You so love us as to send your only begotten Son, in whom we may believe and have everlasting life? The Lord showed us, in the communicative aspect of His very nature, the purpose for which He created mankind. Relationship!

He also revealed, in Gen 1:26, that man needed at least three things in order to have right relationship with God: image, likeness, and dominion. This article will deal with image and likeness and what they do for relationship. Let us therefore seek that we may find.

Image and likeness establish ownership and authority. In Matt 22:19 Jesus says *show me the tribute money. And they brought unto Him a penny. And He said unto them, whose is this image and superscription? They said unto Him Caesar's. Then said He unto them, render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.*



Boot Camp Wisdom



Series: Worthy is the Lamb; part 3 of 7 on Revelation 5:12 (KJV).

In last month's edition (October 2009); the Lord showed us how we give our RICHES to the Lamb of God; by giving it to those in need. This month He'll show us how we give our WISDOM to the Lamb, Who is Worthy.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive POWER and RICHES and WISDOM and STRENGTH and HONOR and GLORY and BLESSING (Rev. 5:12 KJV).

This month the Father, will share with us specific details of how we receive WISDOM and how we offer it to the Lamb of God. That being said, let's look at this month's exercise routine.

Here are a couple of points that will help us frame an understanding of the topic.

- Who is WISDOM?
- How do we offer WISEOM to the Lamb of God?

Who is WISDOM?

That's right "Who" is Wisdom? Wisdom is a person, she abides in the presence of God.⁽¹⁾ Her biography is given to us in the book of Proverbs, with a nice introduction in chapter 8. Now since so much has already been shared concerning Wisdom, in the *Journey to Intimacy* column this month; Boot Camp will be brief, with a suggestion to read the *Journey to Intimacy*, if you haven't already done so. You may ask, "How can Wisdom be a person?" When I am able to explain the Triune nature of the Godhead, then I'll be glad to answer that question for you; but I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you (smiling). For me it is important to acknowledge the personification of Wisdom.

1) Because the scriptures portrays Wisdom to us this way. 2) Because I want to deal with

Living Waters



Why is My Life so Chaotic, Unstable?

Honestly, I wanted to entitle this article "Why is my Life so Raggedy?" But I wasn't sure if the word "raggedy" would translate. Now that you understand what I'm saying, I have a question for you.

"Have you ever asked yourself that question, or some variation of it?" Well, if you haven't, I'm sure you know someone who has. Give them a copy of this newsletter; I'd like to talk to them.

For many people who are professed Christians, their lives are incongruent, at times chaotic and unstable. It seems that the things that are supposed to be happening to them are not happening. And the things that are supposed to be happening to someone else are happening to them. You know, it's like getting some else's mail. Okay look, it's one thing to get someone else's catalogs. But when I begin to get someone else's bills, a trip to the Post Office is on my *List of Things to Do*.

If that's starting to sound a bit too familiar, don't raise you hand. Just wink at me. We'll keep this just between the two of us, okay.

Let's talk; maybe we can get at the source of this discomfort. Sometimes it's easier to identify a problem if we analyze it from the "third-person" perspective. Listen to Cecilia's situation.

Scenario: Cecilia has been newly married for about four months now. She married a nice young man by the name of Matthew Jacob Winters III. After four months of marriage, they were having some problems. Cecilia would come home after work at inconsistent hours, during the week. Sometimes she would be home by

loan transaction.

Involuntary indebtedness can come from many sources. One example would be the situation where Joseph was ruler in Egypt, during the seven years of famine. During that seven years of famine, the current generation of Egyptians sold their cattle, their land and themselves to Pharaoh, for food and seed.⁽⁴⁾ The current generation's transaction made the next generations of the Egyptian descendants servants or slaves of Pharaoh.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.⁽⁵⁾ The heavens and the earth are vital to our existence; that notwithstanding these are on loan to us. From this we can begin to understand our role as stewards over God's creation.⁽⁶⁾ Then God formed man out of the dust of the ground; and breathed into his nostrils the breadth of life⁽⁷⁾ (borrowed). And we know that it is borrowed,⁽⁸⁾ because when we die the breath of life, or the spirit returns to God, Who gave it.⁽⁹⁾

By this we see that we sustain a relationship of a "borrower;" and ought to have a real sense of our indebtedness to the God of creation; who is also our Lord and King.

Life: A gift or a loan, which one?

There is a sense in which God has *given* us life and salvation, these are gifts. In this specific sense, we cannot possibly repay, nor is it expected that we should repay these gifts. This is a choice that God, in His sovereign wisdom, elected to make on our behalf. Although we cannot repay these gifts, it is expected of us that we will discharge our duties regarding them (life and salvation) in a prescribed manner. Certainly we understand this principle in our own lives. We buy our children, spouses or friends gifts and other items. While we do not expect them to repay us (in many cases); we do have some expectations regarding them. We'd like not to find these items strewn across the floor and left abandoned in the yard.

With life (and salvation) they are both "gifts" and "loans."

That we were created is a gift. *That* we were created with the image and superscription of God stamped on us, is a loan. If you've ever bought a franchise, or know anyone who has, you'll see this principle very apparently in the franchise relationship. Let's say you buy a franchise from the McDonalds Corporation. You "own" the mortgage, the property, the equipment, and the incorporation. And you get to hire and manage the staff. But the name, trademark and image belong to the McDonalds Corporation. Therefore there are certain things that you are prohibited from doing with "your" business. Additionally, the product you sell and the procedures for preparing, storing and purchasing that product are all provided and copyrighted by the McDonalds Corporation. Such is the case with our lives.

We are obliged to be appreciative of His love and generosity. This appreciation is expressed in a life of gratitude, submission and humble obedience.

How, then, does one move from borrower to lender?

We see that our life, while a gift, is also borrowed. And we see that God is the gracious "lender," thereby we sustain a relationship of indebtedness, to Him. But then a peculiar proposition is made. We have the option to move into the position of a lender. Imagine that, a borrower becoming a lender too, hmm. How, exactly? For all intents and purposes, the concept of borrowing implies "deficit or need;" whereas the concept of lending implies "bounty and overflow."

Well, before we tackle the "How?" question, let's identify a few points of interest about becoming a lender.

- In an ideal sense, lenders prefer to issue secure loans; ones that will presumably be repaid.
- In the Kingdom, lenders hold a position of "favor and power." To go from being a borrower to one whose debt is paid in full is a blessing. But to go from a borrower to a lender is exceeding abundantly above what one would naturally ask or think.⁽¹⁰⁾

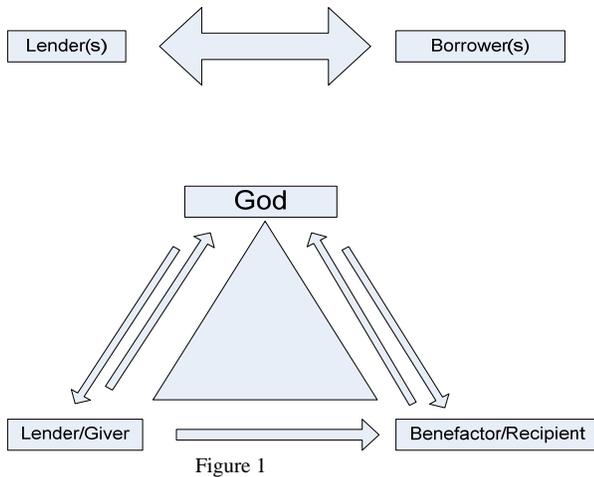
For those of us who actually want to go from being solely a borrower to also being a lender, read on.

Getting back to the question of "How, exactly?" In the Kingdom, a lender is in one sense truly a lender and in another sense, truly a giver. Are you beginning to see a correlation here? God has given us life; which is both a gift and a loan. We have the option of becoming a lender too. Like Father, like son. And this role of lender in the Kingdom performs both the task of giving and lending. In the Kingdom, for us, lending and giving are one and the same. But you'll want to note very carefully, how so.

In this world's system, lending and giving do not sustain a necessary correlation to each other. Essentially they are mutually exclusive. You either lend or you give; not both in the same transaction. However, in the Kingdom it is quite the opposite: giving is lending.

Here it seems necessary for me to enter a "qualifier" regarding the term "giving." For the purposes of this discourse, the object of the term "giving" is specifically the needy, the poor, orphans, widows, etc. The use of the term "giving" does not include giving to one who is not truly in need; or giving to one for selfish ends. For the most part these "disqualified" types of giving are not governed by this same Kingdom principle. Therefore, we do not intend them here.

In this world's system, the transaction of lending primarily includes the lender(s) and the borrower(s). Although these two groups may consist of multiple parties, they fall into one of the two sides of the transaction. The process is such that the lender funds the loan, with an expected return on investment from the borrower (strictly speaking).



However (and that's a big **HOWEVER**), in the Kingdom the transaction of lending/giving is considerably broader and more complex. There are three parties to each transaction: The lender/giver, the recipient/benefactor and God.

The process is far too great for my understanding, but let me try to communicate the transactional component of the relationship this way:

- 1) **The lender/giver gives to the benefactor/recipient** with no expectation of a return of any sort, ever.⁽¹¹⁾ This portion of the transaction is "free and clear." When we give, we manifest and expand the Kingdom. We show godly appreciation for having been able to both "hear" the need and to have been able to sow into that need.
- 2) **The lender/giver thereby lends to God**⁽¹²⁾ also with no expectation of a return of any sort, ever. This portion of the transaction is also "free and clear." The reason this portion of the transaction is also "free and clear," is because the lender/giver has not (and cannot) negotiate a loan contract with God. Nor are we in a position to give Him anything that doesn't already belong to Him. However God, being bound by the law of His nature, is pre-committed to bless a giver.⁽¹³⁾ So *He* calls it a "loan."
- 3) **God gives to the lender/giver a return on their investment.** Here's the amazing beauty of God labeling this transaction as a loan. According to our understanding, a loan is customarily paid back with interest. Now interest in this world is a

percentage of the principle loan. Essentially a multiple of a fraction of the base loan, you understand. Example: a loan of \$100 with a 25% simple interest rate returns to the lender in the amount of about \$125. In the Kingdom, God has committed to doing exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.⁽¹⁰⁾ One reason that God gives soooo much in return, is because He is blessing the giver. But He is also funding future giving transactions, thus the "exceedingly abundant" quality of the return on investment. Such is the wisdom of God.

- 4) Now what is happening on the other (right) side of this triangle (Figure 1) is that there is also a series of transactions between the benefactor and God. These transactions are not always known to the recipient; but they always exist and are ALWAYS known to God. What are these? **The downward transaction** is that when a benefactor/recipient receives a gift "free and clear" they are essentially receiving that gift from God; although it looks like they have obtained it from a lender/giver. The scriptures are very clear that EVERY good and perfect gift comes from God.⁽¹⁴⁾ Irrespective of what we understand is happening here; God sees the reality of the transaction and recognizes it as circumscribed by His law. **The upward arrow** represents when true, godly giving occurs in the earth, God is glorified. The scripture specifically says, "... that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."⁽¹⁵⁾ May I submit to you that whenever we give to honor God, it is always received by God as glory. Always. And that's a good thing.

In desiring to become a lender, some of you may be wondering (or not) where the scripture fits that says "...the borrower is servant to the lender."⁽¹⁶⁾ Certainly our intention is not to amass servants. Even so it is a worthy inquiry. Let's visit that briefly.

If the borrower is servant to the lender, then what of the person to whom we lend? Are they somehow our servants? These are all good questions; and very delicate ones at that. In this world's system, the reason the borrower is servant to the lender is because the lender is loaning what, in some sense, belongs to the lender; thus establishing a position of *indebtedness* on behalf of the borrower. The wisdom of God in revealing the powerful difference between the two systems (this world and the Kingdom) is at least two-fold. 1) We are taught to *give* to a person in need. Actually we are not directed to *lend* to persons in need. We *give* to them; and in so doing we *lend* to the Lord. Now, here is a mystery. The Lord can never truly be *indebted* to us; as everything we manage already belongs to Him, and is actually on loan to us (details given above). 2) When we are told that the borrower is servant to the

lender, it likely follows, in essence, the admonishment that we are to "...owe no man, but to love them."⁽¹⁷⁾ I know that this is a hard saying, because our current economic system in the U.S. is born of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. An economic system whose financial sector is founded on the propagation of debt is both unwise and unstable. I know that I'm not telling you anything new. The proliferation of debt is the antithesis of Kingdom principle of "being content with such things as you have."⁽¹⁸⁾

There is a sense in which we will always be a *borrower*, as we will always be indebted to God. This is a beautiful thing; by this the Lord enables us to remain humble and upward looking. However, we do not always have to be indebted to man, this we can and should rectify as quickly as possible. Either of these notwithstanding, we may also be *lenders*. To give to those less fortunate than you is to glorify God and to *lend* to Him. Now that is a "loan" that will certainly be re-funded. <CC>

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am is determined by the relationships I am involved in. Personal identity grows out of relationships. Think about it. When I gave birth to my daughter (Michelle), she came into the world with an initial identity based on several existing relationships. Her gender was determined by the interactions and relationship between her biological father's genes and my genes. Her nationality is also a result of her biological relationship to her father and me. Michelle's citizenship, socio-economic status, language, body type, hair, and many other features of her identity resulted from her relationship with her parents. And, as she grew her identity continued to change based on the various relationships she built.

Let's entertain another example. Some readers may have the vocation of school teacher. If so, this would be part of their identity. Someone could say (for example) I am a middle-aged, Spanish-American, elementary school teacher. I am also a New Yorker, grandmother, and avid cyclist. If you take a minute to review the identity components of the person described, you will see that each item named is a result of a relationship the person has with (or within) her environment. So, now we can get back to the spiritual component of our identities. If we profess to be Christians it is because we have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Hopefully, if we have done this we are actually walking in obedience (beginning at the heart level and carried out at the behavioral level).

So, to answer the question of, "**Who am I?**" one must look at his or her relationships. This is important because our relationships connect us to benefits and consequences. For example, if I choose to marry a drug addict, this makes me a wife. It also exposes me to the issues that go along with this lifestyle (even though I don't take drugs). Are you seeing where we are going? Our relationships create our identities and determine the quality of life we will experience. This is true in the spiritual and in the natural realms. If we develop a deep and intimate relationship with God, our quality of life increases. **As we discover who God is, He tells us "who we are."** He then speaks to us about the wonderful destiny He has for us. And He lets us know that we are loved and accepted. In addition, he guides us as we form new relationships.

As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, protect, provide, heal, deliver, mentor, and convert us, we will be able to experience life in amazing ways. We will experience God in ways we have never dreamed of. And, we will be able to have a positive impact in our environments now and for generations to come. So, "Who am I?" I am a Christian. This means I get my identity and experience life based on what God has said about me in his word.

Is this also true for you? ~LLI~

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For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a Great King over all the earth.

(Ps. 47:2 KJV)



search for God. Of course we usually don't know that we're looking for God. People will usually say they are looking for their purpose, or truth, or love, or wisdom. Note that these are all things that God has said that He is.

Purpose - God told us that He is the beginning and the end, and that all things were created for His pleasure. (Rev 22:13; Rev 4:11)

Truth - Jesus said "I AM the ... Truth." (John 14:6)

Love - the scriptures tells us "God is Love." (1 John 4:8)

Wisdom - "spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom..." (Isa 11:2; Rev 3:1, 4:5)

Of course this tells us how often it is that people look for God, while calling it a search for something else. Mankind, the atheist and the Christian alike is looking for God. The only difference is that the atheist is looking for god according to his/her own definition, and by his/her own means. The Christian however has come to seek God as God has defined Himself, and by God's own means.

So we have seen that each person has gone through the Progression of Sin, except Christ. But the Lord had for us another progression, which we shall call the Progression of Communion. It works like this. 1) We begin with the desire, for the desire was there from the beginning. 2) Regarding that desire we are enticed, which is to say, we are brought to consider the desire. 3) In considering, we form a concept of what that desire is. This time though we form a concept according to Truth. 4) The truth of this desire will always lead necessarily to communion, for the fulfillment thereof. For only in communion are we filled to overflowing. Only out of the communion that accords with truth, life is formed (personal beings). This is how man was created, and this is where babies come from.

So what does all this mean? This may be the hint. Ps. 37:3-5 "Trust in the Lord, and do good...delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you

the desires of your heart. Commit your way unto the Lord, trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." This is the whole of the matter. A life lived in God will express trust in Him. We trust that God is Who He said that He is. We delight in Him. He then (having given us our desires) will give us the right conception of what those desires are. Then as we commit our way to Him, in communion, in worship, in intimate communication, we find life. -SOMW-

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unfortunately, that included me. I'm okay with that, as I am part of the team. However, neither I nor my staff is responsible for (nor support) the systems for which the KPI was introduced. In the course of our business, we don't even use these systems. Effectively, we're just sitting on the sidewalk eating cotton candy and "watching the parade" (we don't have a float; we don't even march in it). So when our senior leader finished sharing this enlightening news, I asked a question. I should have probably heeded Eccl. 5:1 that says "...be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools..." Pray for me, some heads are harder than others.

This was my question: I said, "I can see the intent of this type of mandate. But what is the value of penalizing persons in this organization who could not help this situation, even if their very lives depended on it? Did the person(s) formulating this mandate, take any of that into consideration? Personally, I am able to take a hit like that (bless God) if it comes down to it. But there are other people in this organization who may not be able to take such a financial hit. Additionally, indiscriminate executive decisions, like this one, tend to betray our efforts to engender the loyalty and trust of our staff. We want them to trust that we make decisions that are right and best for all. It may be difficult to portray that with these types of decisions."

Caveat: Before you hand me the "classified ads;" you must know that this senior leader and I have a sort of mano-a-mano rapport; we talk

very candidly, yet very professionally and very respectfully. He understood, and agreed with the point, but somehow felt that his hands were tied. God bless my immediate leader. He said that after that meeting, he talked with Human Resources (HR) to see if there was a way to exempt non-contributing persons from this penalty. I explained to my immediate leader, that my goal was not so much intended to change the financial impact of the decision. Instead, I want us, as leaders, to see the importance of the need to make wise decisions.

Now that we've come the long way around that mountain, the moral of that story is that in life there are some (possibly many) decisions and events that will impact us, over which we have absolutely no control. H-O-W-E-V-E-R, there are many more decisions over which we have complete jurisdiction. These we ought to discharge wisely. There is a sense in which we (collectively) have gotten away from looking at, or dealing with, or handling the things in life that we are directly responsible for. Part of that "shying away" may result from the fact that we may not have been taught. I'll grant that. It's certainly true for me. Another part of that "shying away" may be the fact that it is often easier to be a *spectator* than a *player* in the "game of life."

It's very possible that if we understood how to make right and wise decisions, we'd be inclined to do so, more frequently. Wouldn't it be nice to have a resident Mentor or Counselor to help direct us in the art of making wise decisions? Well I've got great news for you. I'd like for you to meet someone. Le presenta a (may I present) ... Wisdom.

Mucho gusto (It is a pleasure to meet you), I am Wisdom. I've been waiting for you, come let us reason together. "By the way, have you read my biography?"

There are a number of different versions of my biography in print. One of the versions begins like this, "...The proverbs of Shlomo (Solomon) the son of David, king of Isra'el, are for learning about Wisdom and discipline; for understanding words expressing deep insight; for gaining an intelligently disciplined life, doing what is right, just and fair; for endowing with caution those who don't think and the young person with knowledge and discretion. Someone who is

already wise will hear and learn still more; someone who already understands will gain the ability to counsel well; he will understand proverbs, obscure expressions, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of Adonai is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise Wisdom and discipline. ⁽⁴⁾"

Over the next couple of months, search out the petitions of Wisdom, in Proverbs, and make them you own petitions. The scriptures teach that someone who has an intense desire separates himself and discovers or intermeddles with all Wisdom. ⁽⁵⁾ You should try that, turn off the TV; but down the romance novel. You will find that many of the things in life that previously seemed to be beyond your control or beyond your knowledge, will somehow humble themselves before you. They will somehow be laid open to you.

Because Wisdom never travels solo, she brings with her the council of Knowledge, Prudence and Understanding. But how does one approach Wisdom? Who is Wisdom really? I mean, how does one go about to *discover* Wisdom? Well, James says that if anyone lacks Wisdom, let him ask God, who gives liberally and freely. ⁽⁶⁾ The scriptures go on to say that Jesus Christ has been also given to us as an expression of the *Wisdom* of God. ⁽⁷⁾

Earlier on in this discourse, we talked about how that there were many of life's decisions that we have (and must maintain) control over. Very briefly, this is how it works:

- We are accountable to God, for ALL of our life's decisions that rest under our governance. Those outside of our control, rest with God. We must all give an accounting of the deeds that we do in this life. Up to and including accounting for every idle word spoken. ⁽⁹⁾
 - Given that a future day of reckoning (or accounting) is already scheduled for each of us. It might be helpful if we understood the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) of the Kingdom, so that we know what to expect. Now a comprehensive review of the GAAP principles of the Kingdom is far too great for this time and space. I believe that the Lord will provide

further disclosure on these principles, in next month's edition of the newsletter. At that time, we'll discuss the five W's (Who, What, When, Where and Why) of Kingdom GAAP. For the sake of this discussion, suffice it to say that we are accountable, to God, for our words and deeds.

- We can affect the decisions that we either directly control or indirectly influence. We actually have more control over the things in our lives, than we think. Quick example:
 - You are in need of something. You go to the store and find the shelf empty. You have a few choices: 1) you can leave and say "well I guess it's not for me to have it." 2) Or you can ask if there might be product in the warehouse that has not yet been placed on the shelves. 3) If not, you can ask when the next shipment is to arrive. 4) Or you can have them call another nearby store to see if they might have what you need. 5) Or you can check with a neighbor, if perhaps you might be able to borrow what you need.
 - Now take this same method of thinking into your life and into your relationship with God. An undesirable event takes place, over which you *feel* you have no direct control. You have a few choices: 1) you can throw up both hands and weep over your misfortune. 2) Or you can sit in the seat of the scornful, and accuse God of some oversight or misdeed (I STRONGLY advise against this route). 3) Or you can seek out the promises of God and request an audience with Him, in an effort to understand His wisdom in allowing this event, so that you may govern yourself accordingly.

Hint: You will find that the more you obey the dictates of Wisdom; the tables begin to reverse. Whereas, it seemed that you had very little control over the things in your life. As you grow in Wisdom,

you will find that there is very little that you do not have control over. Imagine that. Now, don't fret, reversing the tables is not something you have *direct control* over. The reversal process happens by a Law of Necessity as established by God; however you do have *indirect influence* over the timeline. The quicker we learn to cooperate with Wisdom; the faster the reversal takes place. We move from being solely a borrower in life; to becoming a lender (see Chief Cornerstone). We then begin to see that we can have control over nearly EVERYTHING and every decision that affects our lives. By this we begin to see the scope of our dominion. Such is the Wisdom of God concerning us.

In closing, it is imperative that we identify which decisions we are accountable for making. Especially, given that we must answer for them at some point. Wisdom says to us that she will help us in our decision-making. She has agreed to introduce us to Knowledge, Understanding and Prudence. They will teach us the GAAP of the Kingdom. <JT1 >

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In the beginning God ...

(Gen. 1:1 KJV)



different, I will basically follow this pattern. Why? My brain has saved this activity as a “habit” for me. How nice! But, we need to understand that the brain can only process information. It does not create it. As we interact in the environment our brains take in information and processes it based on previous programming (from birth to the current time). We understand also that our brains process information that has been taken in by our physical senses.

Likewise, our minds (intellect) processes information. We process thoughts and perceptions about our interactions in the environment. Then, based on the perceptions we develop, our minds signal our emotions to respond with feelings (i.e., anger, guilt, happiness, etc). Now, here is where our will or ability to choose comes in. As our minds develop perceptions and emotions, we can tell our minds how to perceive and respond to our interactions.

For example, let’s say my husband is away on a trip for one week. He calls me daily for the first three days. Then, the fourth day passes with no word from him. By the fifth day, my mind has begun to develop a perception of what may have happened. I might think he has been in an accident and is unable to call. If I think this, my emotions may respond with fear and anxiety. On the other hand, I may think he simply got busy and will call me by the end of the fifth day. My emotions may then respond with calmness. Do you get the picture? Whatever happens in the environment our minds develop perceptions about the events. Then our emotions respond to these perceptions (and it doesn’t matter if the perceptions are true or false).

We must understand that because we have a “will” we can (and should) tell our minds what perceptions to build. The will is where we make decisions. We actually can and do decide what we will think about and how we will feel. Many people don’t realize we do this. Again, it is a God-given gift – choice.

The relationship the soul has with the brain is this; the brain receives information from the mind, will, and emotions. It then sends these messages to various parts of the body. For example, in our previous scenario about my husband away on a trip, my body will respond to the mental, emotional, and choice activity that goes on inside of me. If I decided to worry when my husband didn’t call, and my emotions cause me to fear and become anxious, these messages are sent to my brain. When my brain detects fear, it signals the body to respond. I may experience shortness of breath, headaches, nausea, or any number of physical reactions. That is because the brain has processed the information it received from my mind, will, and emotions.

Let’s go back to our question, “Who is in charge of the habit-forming function of the brain?” The answer is “your soul is in charge.” In the realm of human behavior; the mind, will, and emotions are in charge (with the exception of some biological predispositions like illnesses related to

blood or genes).

As we bring this discussion to a close (for now), we can understand that while the brain is wired to develop and maintain habits, the mind, will, and emotions give directives to the brain. Therefore, we have the ability to over-ride and re-program our brains. This means that we are able to change habits that do not support our goals.

In the next issue, we will find out what we, as Christians, can do to re-program our brains to build positive habits. Until then, think about this. God will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are focused on Him because they trust in God (Isaiah 26:3 KJV paraphrased).

Be at peace as we continue our journey! ~PIP~

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Again, as our Lord Jesus taught us here in Matthew, image and superscription establish ownership and authority. To say that the money is “Caesar’s” expresses ownership and to say “render unto Caesar” expresses authority. Think about it. How do you know if you are buying a new car of the correct make/model? The car has the image and superscription of its manufacturer. It is the image and superscription that let you know that a product is the right brand.

So making us in Their “image” and after Their “likeness” established and communicated the ownership and authority of the Godhead over mankind. We therefore have no excuse. We know without a doubt that we are not our own.

In ownership and authority, though, we see yet another thing ascribed to God...responsibility. God has declared His responsibility over mankind by showing us His ownership and authority over mankind. But where exactly do we first see God taking responsibility for mankind? Well ... we see it first in all of creation, don’t we? We see it in the garden, the animals, the trees, the rivers, and the whole world. God provided everything that mankind would need to live. God created a place to stay, and fully furnished the place with food, entertainment, work, etc. He clearly expressed

his responsibility for mankind. Consider, when a company invents a new technology, they are responsible for how that technology affects the world. If a microwave oven is emitting dangerous radiation; then the company is responsible to fully test, and make safe their product before selling it to anyone. If they find out after the fact, they are responsible for recalls, or at least fixes to make the product safe. So the next time you see a recall, recognize that as representative of a company's responsibility over their product.

What should also be noted is that although God has taken responsibility for mankind, in Christ He has fulfilled that responsibility. He has also given us responsibility by means of dominion; which is the topic of the next article in this series. We will, therein, deal with dominion and its place in relationship. As we have seen here “image and likeness” are necessary in God's relationship with us, because they establish His ownership and authority. -LATT-

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truth, the way the scriptures deal with truth. Granting the personification of Wisdom, enables me to understand how she can say, “I love them that love me ... (2)” inanimate objects cannot “love.” The scriptures teach that when we fear the Lord, our relationship with Wisdom begins.⁽³⁾ Some of the things we gain from granting the personhood of Wisdom, is an understanding of how we can cultivate a relationship with Wisdom. We can learn things like how we can seek her; the import of heeding to her counsel. This has quite a different effect from trying to remember volumes of propositional statements of truth. Wisdom says that, those who seek her early will find her;⁽⁴⁾ whereas those who refuse her counsel, will find themselves in the dark places of life.⁽⁵⁾ Wisdom says that all the words of her mouth are in righteousness.⁽⁶⁾ Wisdom cries, speaks, counsels, leads and rewards.⁽⁷⁾ Hear her.

How do we offer WISDOM to the Lamb of God?

We talked at the beginning of the series (September 2009 edition) about our inability to give God anything that does not first come from Him. Everything God gives or receives MUST originate with Him (there are absolutely no exceptions to this rule). That being the case, we can understand how that God gives us WISDOM so that we may offer it to Him as a sacrifice. How does one do that? This is done, first by acknowledging our need for WISDOM.⁽⁸⁾ We then *receive* WISDOM from God; and *give* WISDOM to man. We give WISDOM when we make decisions with wise counsel. The scriptures teach that men see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. We give WISDOM when we speak in accordance with the ordinances and principles of WISDOM. When we give WISDOM we give that which belongs to God and that which comes from God. Essentially we *give* God. There's a pearl of great price. When a person receives from us wise counsel, or sees WISDOM in our decisions; they are actually receiving something of God, Himself. The scriptures teach that the entrance of God's words gives light.⁽⁹⁾ Light facilitates life.⁽¹⁰⁾ Life bears fruit.⁽¹¹⁾ Etc. By something as simple as an expression of WISDOM, God is able to bring forth a harvest to the souls and lives of those around us. We know this to be true, because this is exactly what Jesus did. Recall the conversation of Jesus with the women at the well.⁽¹²⁾ =BC=

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4PM, other times by 8PM without calling. She'd be out shopping with her girls most Saturday afternoons. She still cooked and cleaned like she always had; whenever it suited her. She hadn't gotten around to getting the name changed on her Social Security card or driver's license. Matthew was trying to be nice about it; as he sought to understand what was happening. But he was simply at a loss. After four months, Cecilia didn't know what Matthew liked for breakfast; or even if he ate breakfast. She didn't know his favorite TV shows or sports team(s) or if he preferred reading. She hardly knew what was going on in his life. No, she was not seeing someone else and she was not disgruntled with Matthew. What "pray tell" was the problem. They both agreed to see a marriage counselor.

After about 2 hours of discovery with each of them. The counselor arranged to meet with them as a couple. The counselor said, "It's not difficult to see the problem." They both looked on quizzically.

Counselor: "I'm going to be extremely candid with you. Cecilia, you haven't come to terms with the fact that you're married now. It seems that the only thing that you've done differently was that you have physically relocated your residence. Otherwise, all of your actions, behaviors, attitudes and postures of the mind have remained for the most part unchanged. I believe now you can see how continuing this course of action will result in increased frustration and may also result in the dissolution of your marriage."

Counselor: "Matthew and Cecilia, did you get pre-marital counseling?"

Matthew and Cecilia: "Yes, it's required."

Counselor: "Cecilia, what did you think of the pre-marital counsel? Are you using any of the advice you received?"

Cecilia: "I heard it; but I didn't think it really applied to us. I figured our marriage would be okay. I didn't believe that it would take all of that effort."

Counselor: "Cecilia, exactly how much effort do you think a marriage relationship requires?"

Cecilia: "W-e-l-l. I mean, I knew it would take "some" effort. But not as much as that marriage counselor said it would take. What? Are you telling me that now that I'm married, I can't have a life of my own? That's ridiculous, I'm still a person. I didn't stop being a person, when I got married. I need my time and my space."

Counselor: "Now ... now, Cecilia, most certainly you don't stop being a "person" when you get married. But your "individuality" finds its expression as part of a whole. You and Matthew are "*one*" now. It's quite different from two individuals sharing the same physical address. When you got married, spiritually you two became a different person.⁽¹⁾ You are no longer just Cecilia; you are now "Matthew and Cecilia." And your husband is now "Cecilia and Matthew." You are no longer your own individual personality; you are a collective personality, a collective individual. Critical question for you Cecilia; do you want this marriage to work?"

Cecilia: "Yes ... I do ... But I don't want to *lose* myself in it."

Counselor: "Quite the contrary, Cecilia, if you do marriage the way God has designed; you'll actually *find* yourself in this marriage. Here is a glimpse of the Wisdom of God. Cecilia and Matthew, when you were each single; you were a whole person, an individual. There is a sense in which you were "independent of another." But when you got married, you became a "collective individual." In this sense, you became "co-dependent in another." The "you" that you think you lose; becomes the "we" that you each find. As God has designed it, the power and ability of this new collective unit can give birth to nations. If you're willing, I believe that you'll find something very beautiful in each other."

Matthew and Cecilia (gazing like a deer into headlights): "Wow!! I'm willing." "Me, too!"

Cecilia: "I've never heard that before. I

understand now."

Allow me to introduce the characters:
 "Matthew" represents our Lord. "Cecilia"
 represents you (both male and female).
 "Counselor" represents the Spirit of Wisdom.

Does any of that sound familiar regarding your relationship with God? When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are espoused (or betrothed) to Him. But too often, we never come to terms with what this means or what it is supposed to look like in our lives. We make a confession of faith, and walk away fully intending to continue our present manner of life. We walk the way we've always walked. We talk the way we've always talked. We come and go the way we always have. Not much changes ... except our expectations of God. We expect that He will begin to relate to *us* differently. There's a sense in which He does; but much of this we miss, because we have not begun to relate to Him differently. Or sometimes we go away not having a clue what to expect from Him; or what He expects of us. And many of us live out our whole lives, not really having a relationship with God at all. We find ourselves disillusioned and somewhat frustrated with Him; as if this new relationship thing was supposed to "work itself out."

Somehow, we believe that He's not keeping His part of the bargain; although we can never quite detail the terms of this "bargain." We just know that God's not living up to His part. What's worse, we don't know what "our" part of the bargain is, either. Before long, we're in the divorce courts, pleading "irreconcilable differences." Or we leave for work one day and just never return home to Him.

It is imperative that we recognize that when we covenant with Jesus Christ on the grounds of salvation, we enter into a "marriage" relationship. While the opportunity itself is "free and clear" (at least to us it's free) the resulting relationship has terms and conditions that are applicable. God's love is unconditional, but this does not mean that He does not have expectations of us. ⁽²⁾ On the contrary, there are a great many expectations; as well there should be.

Let's say, someone gives you a house,

absolutely free of charge; there is no cost to you other than your willingness to accept the gift. Do you then assume that you will never incur ANY costs in the ownership and maintenance of that house? No, I dare say, you would not make such an unreasonable assumption. I believe that we all know that there are multiple cost factors to owning a home. In broad terms, there is the "cost of purchase" then there is the "cost of ownership." In our relationship with Jesus Christ, the "cost of purchase" has been paid in full, before the foundation of the world. The title deed was offered to us on Calvary. H-O-W-E-V-E-R, the "cost of ownership" is what we contribute throughout our lives, in relationship with Him. And what a sweet price it is.

Why are these costs necessary? Because once we are espoused to His Son, God (the Father) has (if I may say it this way) a singular focus on conforming us into the image of Jesus Christ. And trust me when I tell you that He will stop at NOTHING to have us conformed into His image. So when we covenant with Jesus Christ (accepting Him as Lord), God breaks out the hammer and chisel and begins to work on us. Ouch that hurts!!! Nothing of the "old man" is allowed to remain; you'll remember this is the person who hates Him. The "old man" prefers his own will to the things of God. This will not be tolerated. God will have us made new, if it kills **us**. It's a price He's willing to pay. The question you'll want to ask is, "Is this a price you're willing to pay?"

So, you ask, how does this have anything to do with my life being so chaotic and raggedy? Well, you'll want to check to see if you are still trying to live a self-governed life; while God is working to have you conformed into an image of His Son. Now, that's a recipe for chaos, if I've ever seen one.

You'll appreciate the impossibility of your trying to build a home on the same property that God is building a Temple. Your opposing goals and intentions will keep running into each other. You are trying to make a quiet little life for yourself, and God is intent on preparing a temple (in you) for His Son. It would help if you came to terms with the fact that you are "married" now.

Let's go all the way back to the beginning when you "made your decision for Jesus Christ." And let's review the terms of the contract, let's not miss the fine print this time. ⁽⁵⁾ If you want to be in a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ it will cost you the exact same thing it cost Him; E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G. You will have to give up your throne and your glory and take on the form of a servant, just like He did. ⁽⁶⁾

Jesus covered the "purchase price" of our salvation and we cover the "cost of ownership;" I believe that's reasonable. Remember a marriage is a partnership, no one partner pays it all. If we labor with Him, then we reign with Him. ⁽⁷⁾

What you don't want to do is, to come into this relationship thinking that the "purchase cost" is the only cost to be incurred. This would be a monumental mistake and will certainly contribute to an unstable, chaotic and frustrating life. That's not what God wants for you. *LW*

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Every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure.

(1 John 3:3 KJV paraphrased)



Are You Sure?

If you are not certain of your standing with Jesus Christ, I'd admonish you to consider a few things:

- 1) Every man has an appointment with death; after that the Judgment. (Heb. 9:27 KJV) Because He has appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness... (Acts 17:31 KJV)
- 2) We are required to love the Lord with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength ... and our neighbor as our self. (Matt. 22:37-40 KJV)
- 3) Every one of us will give an account of himself to God. (Rom 14:12 KJV) God will judge every man according to his deeds. (Rom. 2:6 KJV)
- 4) All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23 KJV)
- 5) God commands all men everywhere to repent. (Acts 17:30 KJV)
- 6) Jesus Christ has come that we might have abundant life. (John 10:10 KJV) And to save us from the wrath to come. (1 Thess 1:10 KJV)
- 7) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, whoever believes on Him shall have everlasting life. (John 3:16 KJV)
- 8) Repent therefore and be converted that your sins may be forgiven. (Acts 3:19 KJV)

Be Sure

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Your lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under your tongue...

(Song of Solomon 4:11 KJV paraphrased)



❧ SUMMARY ❧

The Chief Cornerstone



One reason that God gives sooooo much in return, is because He is blessing the giver. But He is also funding future giving transactions, thus the “exceedingly abundant” quality of the return on investment.

Son of My Wisdom



The need for security at some point expresses itself in desire. In a *baby* it expresses itself as a desire to be held. In a *child* it expresses itself as a desire for parental affirmation. In an *adult* it expresses itself as a search for God.

Precepts in Practice



“Who is in charge of this habit-forming brain activity?” It would be futile for us to engage in a lengthy discussion about how to break habits if we find we have little (if any) control over this cerebral function.

Boot Camp



Wisdom cries, speaks, counsels, leads and rewards. ⁽⁷⁾
Hear her.

❧ SUMMARY ❧

The Leadership Corner

If we develop a deep and intimate relationship with God, our quality of life increases. **As we discover who God is, He tells us “who we are.”**

Journey to Intimacy



Hint: You will find that the more you obey the dictates of Wisdom; the tables begin to reverse. Whereas, it seemed that you had very little control over the things in your life. As you grow in Wisdom, you will find that there is very little that you do not have control over.

Love and the Truth



Herein we see the essence of “The Great Why.” Lord, if our hearts are desperately wicked, and deceitful above all things; how could You so love us as to send your only begotten Son, in whom we may believe and have everlasting life?

Living Waters



Before long, we’re in the divorce courts, pleading “irreconcilable differences.” Or we leave for work one day and just never return home to Him.

The Debut of Our New Website, Still Forthcoming

It was our intention to publish the launch of the new Kingdom News website during the month of October 2009.

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