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Long Dog Days Of Summer

This writer has heard this saying for many years. Until today I do not guess I had known the true meaning as I know it now.

My definition, as I feel in my spirit, is that people are living their lives as people lived, as if they were still in the days of the gold rush, in gold rush towns, where thievery, lies, murders, slanderous activities and behaviors are expected.

There are people today that can not survive unless they are living in this atmosphere. They must have the hustle and bustle that this type of town offers. The night life, noise, actions above the level of the lying to themselves and to others, above the level of murders of others and of themselves and living, just a hair they think, above the level of the law and of morality.

These people are volatile in their ways and are as addicts when they are in need of the fix which has them in bondage. The drive in them, as in the addicts, is the same. They must have this fast paced, on the edge, always in a hurry and never on time, life! The only thing which, if you will, clams their life is living in this hustle and bustle life. This has never before been this evident in my life as it is right now, today!

Man's medicine, man's cure for this is for the person to be a pin cushion or a walking zombie with all the drugs, medicines, given to them. The natural cure for this is for this person to seek the cure in the natural, needles, medicine and or therapy. They know not the spiritual cure, or if they know, they do not desire to accept it, for one reason or another.

This little town that we are sojourning in is of the opposite nature of the hustle and bustle areas which pop up here and there. This little town, established in 1670 A.D. has roots and serenity with a set way about it. This little town is not necessarily better than the hustle and bustle areas in the

spiritual sense; but, it has an established way other than the lackluster way of the gold rush towns. The ungodly is everywhere and the Godly is evident in all areas. A person's own choice is his natural way of life or his spiritual way of life. This life is either in the quaint all together towns or in the expected make believe analytical town.

As man tries to analyze the situations around him and make 2 plus 2 to equal 5, man also tries to put the analytical pencil to figure out God and His spiritual ways in man's natural life. This happens in all of man's ways, life, and marriage and in raising their children. The long dog days of summer!

As man lives this analytical life in all areas, he tries in marriage and child rearing, as he tries to figure out God and what His next move will be, man puts his natural mind to work and tries to figure out these things ahead of time. God is analytical in God's world, not in man's world! God has created all things to work in harmony, smooth, easy motion and with one way dictating another!!!!

As man tries to figure out God, his marriage and his family analytically, man must know and remember that God is love and it is the same love, an unconditional love, which God has for us all, that we, man, must love God, our spouse and our family with. Analytically speaking, love, unconditional love, **DOES NOT EXIST!** Man can not pick God as man can not knit pick every little thing their spouse, their family or their children do. Man must take his family and spouse with this unconditional love also, overlooking each little fault. Man can not ride, ridicule or retort to the knit picking or each other. God is the constant, God is the love and love is the framework of a family, and the family is the constant of mankind and God is its Creator!!!!

The natural man, what God made upon creation, is what man is! The natural man in God's Bible to man, in Deuteronomy 34:7, speaking of the death of Moses, is the start of the natural man's description. "***And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eyes was not dim, nor his natural force abated.***" His natural force, what God had made, was **not** gone.

God's plan for man is for man, to use God's natural creativity, God's analytical prowess in man's creation, and to join man's spiritual self with God's Spirit and become whole, God's creation. But man has had different ideas and has sought his own ways; hence, man's sins, man's guilt. Man was built, this body, from the dust of the ground; but, what made man, was God's breath of life when God breathed, His own breath, into man and made him a living soul. God made natural man and man has sought the natural, not the spiritual natural part of himself. So sin and guilt as in Romans 1:24-32 says, has taken control over man. *"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."*

And Romans 11:21-24, *"For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"*

Man is doing and fulfilling man's natural desire, ***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*** 1 Corinthians 2:14-16.

Man is made, the natural body, to join the spirit of man with God's Spirit. 1 Corinthians 15:44-46 says ***“It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a quickening Spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; afterward that which is spiritual.”*** Because, ***“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*** 2 Timothy 3:1-7. ***“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious and brideleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is in vain.”*** James 1:23-26.

The natural man is doomed, as you have read. He has a chance though, he can still be grafted in and he can still become the whole creation that God made. But the natural man must join his spirit with God's Spirit and become one. His analytical ability must, his sins and his guilt must, his tongue must be bridled and he must die of the natural man's control and let God's Spirit be in control through his own spirit.

This to me has become man's long dog days of summer, man doing what is right in his own eyes, in the natural!!!!

**HUSTLE + BUSTLE = BUST
NATURAL + SPIRITUAL = LIFE**

“For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”
Revelation 22:15.

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