

Archetypes Part I

(Our discussion on archetypes will be in three parts)

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Col. 2:8).

One might ask, "How can philosophy or empty deception take anyone captive?"

Do not men have free wills?

Is not philosophy an inert, inactive thing?

How could it grab hold of anybody who didn't want it to?"

We used to think one could dabble in philosophies and nothing more than mental exercise would come of it. But in our generation, we have all seen increasing numbers of young people totally thought --- controlled by various cults, pinning flowers on people and badgering for contributions, accosting people in airports, parroting the jargon their controllers have pumped into them. **Free wills can be overcome. Minds can be "brain-dirtied"** (we refuse to say brainwashed). **People can be thoroughly thought-controlled. How? "In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see... the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4).** How does Satan block and blind? One way is by ancient archetypes in the mind of man, wielded by powers of darkness. We now purposefully reach outside biblical terms to borrow a term from Plato and Carl Jung. Too many differing meanings have been attached to such words as "traditions," "philosophies," and "empty deceptions." It seems easier to borrow a secular word and coin a new meaning for it than to try to launder these biblical words from present associations. Most likely neither Plato nor Jung would be happy with our use of the word, "archetypes." **By an archetype we mean a ruling way of thinking, feeling, and acting, built by mankind into the common mentality we share; an archetype, therefore, being a device built into the flesh of mankind generally which acts upon us to control us individually.**

Inside an individual, a habit or "practice" (Col. 3:9) can be developed until it has an automatic, autonomous life.

If, for example, the habit is jealousy, we may decide not to be jealous, only to find ourselves taken over and expressing jealousy anyway the next time we are caught off guard. That habit has obtained a life of its own in our flesh and does not want to die. It looms up and controls us whenever it is triggered, until and unless we break its hold. Some habits are so strong that fleshly will power cannot break them; and so we discover anew our continuing need for the intervention of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

An archetype is simply a habit or practice not inside an individual but in the flesh of mankind. An archetype (as we define it) is any developed way of thinking --- a tradition, a cultural norm, an "empty philosophy," an habitual way of emoting and rationalizing --- which can clamp upon individuals. Under the influence of an archetype, our minds become like preprogrammed computers, we develop tunnel vision, our wills are circumscribed, and our emotions are no longer those of our spirit or the Holy Spirit in us but they become outer-controlled, predictable and usable. The specific function of an archetype is to rob us of our free will, to prevent true conscience from enabling good decisions, to turn us into robots programmed to perform, manipulated by forces outside ourselves.

Just as a practice in our individual nature may be only flesh, but serves also as a house for a demon, so an archetype (a "practice" in the flesh of mankind) may only be flesh, or may also be wielded by a principality (ruling demon). **In the case of homosexuals the archetype always has a principality of delusion behind it.**

Before World War II, Hitler began to preach Aryan superiority to the German people. The archetype of racial prejudice had been built centuries before, active in culture after culture, history after history, teaching one nation after another to think itself better than others. That way of thinking was not an inert thing, like a silent rock, but more like an octopus writhing in the sea of thought, ready to wrap living tentacles about whatever foolish minds ventured near enough. **The moment the German people began to open themselves to that teaching, the powers of darkness could maneuver that archetype over their minds until whoever was not securely grounded in God's Word lost ability to think in any other**

terms. Hitler could then begin to preach the "divine right" of the Germans to conquer the world, to establish the great Third Reich. That moved the German people under another great, long-established archetype of aggression and war. Soon, men were proudly goose --- stepping into battle to destroy other men and take their lands. Christians who protested, such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, were put in prison. The German mind was controlled by "world rulers of this present darkness" (Eph. 6:12 RSV), through the ancient archetypes of racial prejudice, hatred and war. Recently, having shared this teaching in a meeting, I found it sadly confirmed when several who had lived in Germany prior to and during the Second World War came to me with tears in their eyes to exclaim, "Oh, you don't know how true your teaching was. We saw friends and neighbors taken over and controlled one by one. It was horrible!"

Have we not all grieved to see friends and neighbors, married ten or twenty or even forty years, who began to think of separation and divorce --- and suddenly our friends' thoughtful, balanced minds were deluded?

Overnight it seemed, they were confined to tunnel vision. They could not remember the good things of the past nor look to better days ahead. They could gain no perspective to look upon their problems in helpful ways. They began to spew the same half-baked sophistries and deceits of mind and heart our other friends did who went the same way. No longer could we have free and open discussion with them as we had in the past. They could not reason; they only emoted and reacted to "red herring" words and signals. Their free wills were gone. The hidden factor is an archetype. Men have long thought and built deceptions and lying ways to rationalize separation and divorce. That web of thought lies not merely like a spider web across the path but like a writhing, power-filled mesh of patterns of thought, a net (Ps. 25:15, 31:4, 85:7-8, 57:6, 140:5) cast by "... spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12 RSV). The purpose is to destroy what God would build --- the family! ♦ Source: Transformation of the Inner Man, by John and Paula Sandford

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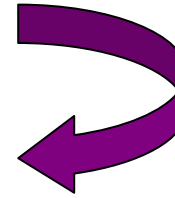
“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” --- James 4:7

“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” --- Rom. 6:11

- **Submit to God** --- Embrace defeat in your flesh. When old behaviors arise, immediately turn your attention to God and know that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Know that He shows you your problems because He loves you. (*Phil. 4:13, Heb. 12:6*)
- **Resist the devil** --- Take authority over the enemy. Renounce, rebuke, or reject the offending thoughts or spirits in Jesus' name. Pronounce that these sins are covered in the blood of Christ and no longer have power over you. (*Luke 10:19, 2 Cor. 10:4-5, Heb. 9:13-14, 1 Cor. 6:2*)
- **Reckon it as dead** --- Know the structures were crucified with Christ, and rejoice that by His stripes you were healed in those areas. (*Ro. 6:11, Isa. 53:5, 2 Cor 5:17*)
- **Occupy the land** --- Claim who you are in Christ Jesus. Accept God's encouragement that He will complete the work in you. (*Gal. 3:26, Phil 1:6*)
- **Walk in His ways** --- Abide in His presence daily to strengthen your spirit; have regular quiet time with God and ask Him to show you attacks before they come. (*John 10:27, John 15:4-5*)
- **Share your testimony** of healing with others and ask them to hold you accountable if you return to your old ways. (*Rev 12:11, Prov. 13:1, Prov. 17:10, Prov. 27:6*)
- **Avoid destructive life styles** and bad influences. (*2 Tim. 2:23-26*)
- **Talk it out with your brethren.** Don't let it build up. (*James 5:16, 1 John 1:9*)
- **Accept responsibility.** Stop blaming others. (*Gen. 3:11-12*)

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