

Archetypes Part II

(Our discussion on archetypes will be in three parts)

Have we not often been stunned by the change in a teen-ager, overnight it seems, when drugs begin to catch hold of him? Teen-agers naturally change like weathervanes, flipping in one direction and then another. **The key in discerning the presence of an archetype is loss of freedom to reason or to turn about --- as though the weathervane gets stuck pointing only in one direction no matter which way the wind of reason blows!** The influence of drugs alone is bad enough. More causal, however, is the power of the archetype. Long before mankind could write, men had begun to discover hallucinogens, and drugs for healing. **The archetype of drugs** is almost as old as the mind of man. Powers of darkness wield it to captivate and destroy the human mind. When one of our sons became involved with drugs, there was suddenly no reasoning with him. No matter how many scientific articles we showed him *proving* the danger and damage of drugs, he could not hear. When the grace of God brought change, he dropped the drugs. A few weeks later he could not imagine how he could have thought that way. Later he testified brilliantly to his cousins, warning them what happens when people dabble in drugs, and was astonished and stymied that now they refused to hear him --- already, only a few months older than they, he had become part of the "older generation"! **Archetypes not only blind and rob, the powers that wield them also invent and use catch phrases that have no real, logically defensible meanings. Archetypes thus hook into deep un-examinable feelings by such catch words to block meaningful thought and sensible conclusions.**

Dispensationalism (an approach to theology that holds that miracles, tongues, signs and wonders ceased about the time the biblical canon was established) has behind it another debasing archetype. Throughout history, whenever men have hardened their hearts and refused to hear God, rationalizations, false loyalties, idolatries, "feelosophies," "foolosophies," and fleshly theologies have been built to justify and secrete the deceptions of the heart. Not having the fullness of the Holy Spirit, men found reasons to justify rather than receive. That constant sinful proclivity to falsely justify in many areas has formed archetypes of clever unbelief which act upon stage after stage --- heresies, deceptions, circumcision, partyisms, Phariseisms, etc. --- all to block and blind. "To this day whenever Moses is read, a *veil lies over their heart*" (2 Cor. 3:15, italics mine).

Perhaps the most obvious archetype among Americans is what men have been attempting to break out of through the efforts of such leaders as Martin Luther King and such organizations as the NAACP. Having grown up in Missouri and

Kansas, I can testify to puzzling greatly as a child over the confused mentality of people. My spirit leaped to embrace black people as brothers (and still does today) and found itself darkened and bewildered by adult hatreds and silly prejudices. I am not unique. No one is born with racial prejudice. Every child is confused and made heartsick by the snide remarks, jokes, stories, and actions of brain-dirtied adults concerning black people in America. **Racial prejudice is a sickness kept alive by the powers of darkness through archetypes.** I hate it virulently (perhaps partly because of my American Indian heritage). I passionately hate such statements as, "I don't hate niggers, I just don't..." (followed by such statements as) "... have to like them," "... want to ride beside them in buses, or "... want them to marry my daughter." Another often-heard remark, "I want them to keep their place, that's all," is the essence of the function of an archetype, to lock people into places that are not their place in the Lord at all. I want to cry out, "Wake up, America!" Thank God that seems to be happening, if not so quickly as some of us want.

Some have asked me, "Could not sound doctrine and theology and even biblical teaching and the Word itself be archetypal too?" Men can fall into the flesh and use any holy thing corruptly. But whatever flows from God by His Holy Spirit sets free. ***"The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.... The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.... The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether"*** (Ps. 19:7a, 8b, 9b). Sound doctrine and the Bible are not of the flesh; they are of God. Flesh corrupts and ensnares. The Holy Spirit sets free (Gal. 5:1).

- **So long as the Spirit flows in us according to God's Word, what we preach and teach is no archetypal thing.** The telling mark is fruits. If we take ***"every thought captive to the obedience of Christ"*** (2 Cor. 10:5), paradoxically by that the mind and will are set free.
- **Whereas if archetypes act upon us, free will is trammled and independent thought is shut down.** Nevertheless, our fleshly theologies, doctrines of men, and religious traditions can be used by the flesh to become the most unyielding, captivating archetypes of all, destructive to the unity of the Body of Christ, hateful and more wounding to our Lord than all others.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this

darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). **How do the powers rule men?** Perhaps more by archetypes than by any other way. Principalities so wield huge archetypal forms of thought over the minds of men that wars, rebellions, racial strife, divorce, pornography, demagoguery, cultism, etc. move men like lemmings leaping off cliffs to drown in the sea. Through archetypes, powers of darkness polarize men and hurl opposites at each other, such as male chauvinism and women's liberation --- both more driven and controlled than either could suspect or admit. The real battle is not between capitalism and communism (though the battle exists and ought not to be minimized). We do not war against flesh and blood. Behind both **capitalism and communism** are ancient archetypes of greed, aggression, and control. Rugged **individualism** is an archetypal form by which principalities strive to prevent the corporate life of the Body of Christ. Truly, it is only "When a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:16-17 RSV).

Every Christian possesses power to defeat world rulers of this present darkness. We are given power and authority to bind and loose (Matt. 16:19, 18:18). Whether or not we are called as counselors, we are called to be intercessors (1 Tim. 2:1). We are all called to stand, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand *against the devil's schemes*" (Eph. 6:10-11 NIV, italics mine). We are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37). We are to overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

When we see the operation of an archetype on the minds of our friends, we are called to warfare. We need only bind the archetype by name, and command it to be still.

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Maintaining Your Healing

“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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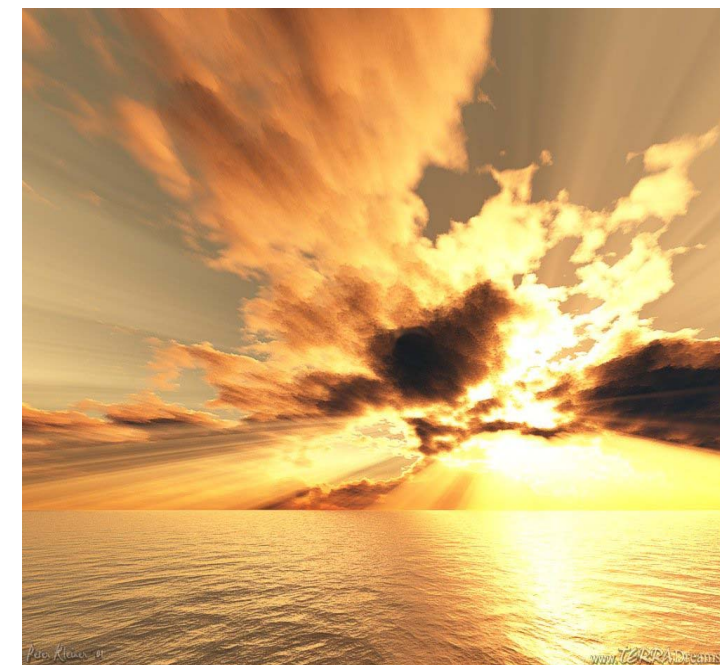
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