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From the Cathedral back to the House Church

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Yeshua Messiah came and changed religiosity to Relationships:

1. **Change from Jewish Jehovah to Loving Father:** He liberated Jewish Jehovah from the Holy of Holies in the temple and declared Him to be Father of all nations. The Jews wanted to kill him not only because he had broken the Sabbath but also called God his Father. John 4:21-5:18, 24; 20:17

Change of Venue: He destroyed the brick and mortar temple and shifted His residence back into the hearts and homes of the people. He changed the covenant written on the stone tablets and locked up in the Arch and rewrote it in the hearts and minds of the people. Now every place that we tread becomes the holy ground. He appointed elders in “every city” to minister to the whole city. The city elders are to minister not only to those inside the fold but especially to those who are outside the fold because Yeshua shed His blood for them also. Matthew 24:1,2; Luke 19:9; Acts 7:48,49; Hebrew 10:16; Titus 1:5; John 10:16

2. **Change of Priesthood:** He disenfranchised the monopoly of Levitical priesthood and franchised “Priesthood of all believers” to be a light to the Gentiles. Every follower of Christ is now a Royal priest to the nations. In the Old animal blood Covenant, God spoke only to the priests and prophets who acted as “go betweens” but now with Yeshua’s blood Covenant, He speaks to us directly and so do we. Both Jews and Gentiles need priests to mediate but not Christians. In the New Covenant we do not need a human priest (pastor) to mediate or pray for us as we now have a High Priest as our mediator with whom we can directly communicate boldly. Having a pastor as our priest violates our own priesthood as it leads to hierachization, compartmentalization and fragmentation and makes us lazy laity. Incredibly in the NT model there is no human person who is In-charge, just like the headless (Head office) and brainless (CEO) starfish, where the neural system is so decentralized that every severed member can replicate not only itself

but a completely new starfish. Priests do not lead worship but the Body of Brethren (Body of men, women and even youth) minister to each other. Here every member of the Body functions as equal (Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 14:26-31). This makes it chaotic but it is a fruitful creative chaos unlike the organized unfruitful controlling hierarchy in the traditional church. (1 Corinthians 12:25,27; Romans 12:4; Ephesians 4:7; 1Peter 4:10,11). This is a non-negotiable principle of the New Covenant. Priesthood is not an office or a title but a function. Yeshua forever changed the rules of the game. 1Peter 2:9; Revelation 5:9,10; Exodus 19:5,6; Hebrew 4:6,14; 7:22-28

- 3. Change of Worship:** The instruments of worship in the Old Testament were the sword, the fire and the sheep (Genesis 22:5-7). The instruments of worship in the New Testament are the double edged sword (the word of God- Hebrew 4:12; Ephesians 6:17); the fire (the Holy Spirit Acts 2:4; Luke 3:16) and the lost sheep (John 10:16). He redefined worship from offering four footed animals to offering two legged repentant Gentiles as spiritual sacrifice.

The best way to love God with all your heart and soul and strength is to make abundant disciples; the best way to love your neighbor is to make him a disciple and the best way to love your enemy is to make him a disciple. The guitar, the drums and the piano have never been the instruments of worship in the New Covenant but making abundant disciples has always been the primary form of worship which glorifies God. Romans 15:16; John 15:8,16; 1Peter 2:5,6,9; Psalm 51:17; Matthew 22:37-40; 5:44

- 4. Change from Gathering to Scattering:** He changed the temple-centric gatherings to scattering to the ends of the earth by pouring out His Spirit on all flesh to make disciples of all nations. The Holy Spirit led Yeshua in to the jungles to fast, pray and demolish the Devil. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit to heal the broken hearted, give sight to the blind and set the captives free. Invoking the Holy Spirit just to speak in tongues during a few minutes' of Praise and Worship on Sundays is miniaturizing Him. Many claim to be born again. They have tasted the Holy

Spirit but produced nothing (Hebrew 6:4-7). Anointing must lead to scattering and a burst of kingdom activities. The Ethiopian Eunuch, the Samaritan woman and Cornelius the Gentile could not meet God in the temple so He met them on the road, at the well and in their homes and declared their homes to be a house of prayer for all nations. Mark 11:17 Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; 2:17,18

1. **Change in Training for Titles:** He shifted the formal academic training of religious leadership dominated by the scholarly Rabbi in Beth Midrash (House of Learning) to informal training in the real life situations, on the street, the market place and the homes and produced world changers. He brutally attacked the pyramidal hierarchical religious structure, refused titles like Rabbi or Master, washed the feet of His disciples and established a flat horizontal brotherhood of absolute equality. Long time formal training leads to non-biblical “office-based leadership” with worldly power and authority, while calling and choosing is the work of the Holy Spirit and functions through empowerment to be His fruitful witnesses. Ministers are servants, not rulers. It has nothing to do with academics. However Yeshua Messiah is not looking for servants but for friends. He cannot share the mystery of the ministry with servants but only with friends. Mark 10:37; Mat. 23:8; Luke 22:25,26; Eph.5:21; Acts 1:6-8; John 15:15,16
2. **Change of Sabbath:** He superseded the Sabbath and practiced, “From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, offered incense (intercessory prayers) and repentant souls as pure offerings in heathen homes as the holy altar” Malachi 1:11. This resulted in daily addition of new believers and multiplication of multiple generations of new disciples and planting of new churches every day. Acts 2:47; 6:1; 16:5
3. **Change of Feasts:** He changed the Bath of purification with water (repentance) for Jews in Jerusalem only into baptisms with water and fire (repentance and being born as new creation) for all nations everywhere. Instant baptism after repentance became the symbol of righteousness (constitution of the New Covenant).

He changed the animal blood and body based Passover into His own blood and Body based Holy Communion. At that instant the Old Covenant for the Jewish nation became obsolete (Hebrew 8:13) and the New Covenant for all nations was ratified, signed and sealed with His own body and blood. The church is now the bread that must break and multiply. Anyone who takes the Holy Communion and does not go about proclaiming the gospel takes it unworthily. Going back to the Sabbath, circumcision, tithe, professional priesthood, professional music, sacred buildings and the rituals is going back to Judaism, the works of the flesh. (1 Corinthians 11:24-29)

He changed the Pentecost from the harvest of grains to the harvest of souls with 3000 souls being baptized on day one. The movement engulfed the city and then spread to Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. It is time to celebrate the birthday of the church, the Pentecost with thousands of baptisms.

4. **Change of Tithes:** He emphasized restored relationship with our brother before making an offering at the altar (Matthew 5:25,26). He replaced the legal tithing into voluntary extravagant giving, not to the church but to be put at the apostles' feet. He prioritized the honoring of father and mother above *Korban* (giving to the temple). Significantly tithing is not in the Ten Commandments but honoring mother and father is. In fact it is the first commandment with a promise. The Hebrew word *kabad* meaning *honor* includes making rich or abounding in, while the Greek word *time'* meaning *honor* actually means money paid. Biblical honoring is not eulogizing but liberally supporting old parents, widows, orphans and of course double payment to servants of the Lord. God is not fixated on tithing for your church's pet programs but He is certainly interested in your funding His pet project for reaching the uttermost parts of the earth. Apostlization of finances is the key to kingdom expansion and abundant living. (Mark 7:10-12; Exodus 20:12; 1Timothy 5:3; 17,18; Acts 28:10).

5. **Economics:** He radically changed the world economic paradigm by asking the rich to dispose of all their extra possessions, give it to the poor and follow him. In the kingdom economics there is no consumer culture of buying and selling for maximizing profit but only giving and receiving. There will be no Canaanites = Merchants. The only time Yeshua invited himself, was to a party of rascals, in the house of Zacchaeus the tax collector and declared that salvation has come to this house. He changed the financial dependence of the priests on the temple to volunteer system, *“With these hands I have provided for my own needs and for those with me”*. The church is to be run by bi-vocationalists who earn their living and also minister like Paul and thousands of modern day house church leaders and not by salaried Constantinian professional priests. The church must change from being an income generating multinational enterprise with local outlets to being a Bride without spots and wrinkles. Yeshua created new economics whose currency is love and sharing. Matthew 19:21-24; Luke 6:38; 19:1-10; Acts 4:34-37; Zech 14:21; Revelation 18:11-19; Acts 20:34,35; Ephesians 5:27

6. **Change of Culture:** He rejected Jewish exclusive culture and made it inclusive by eating and drinking Samaritan bread and water. He was called Galilean because He was from the Galilee of the Gentiles. He came as a great light to the Gentiles and commanded us to be light to the Gentiles for their salvation (Matthew 4:15, 16; Acts 13:47). He went around systematically annihilating the caste, class, race and gender divide by declaring that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, free or bond, male or female. He redefined murder as criticizing your brother and changed the hate paradigm of tooth for tooth and life for life and replaced it with the culture of love your neighbour and your enemies. A Jew had to commit cultural suicide to become a Messianic Jew. *“God has not left Himself without evidence in any culture”* (Acts 14:16,17). All we have to do is to incarnate Yeshua Messiah in that culture where He already exists. (Galatians 3:28; Matthew 5:44)

7. **Change from Religious Rituals to Kingdomization:** He came not only preaching the kingdom of God but he lived it out in His daily life and changed the stagnating hierarchical and oppressive structured religion into a dynamic, relational,

experiential and replicating movement that would change the political, social and economic systems and transform waste cities and wilderness into the Kingdom of God as modeled in the Garden of Eden. The church is no longer just a Sunday worship center but an agent of catalytic change in the community which enforces kingdom governance and values. Kingdom means a King+Domain where His Constitution operates. Our judgment no longer depends on our religiosity but on what we did for the hungry, thirsty, homeless stranger, naked, sick and the prisoners and by healing the brokenhearted, recovery of sight to the blind, liberating those in captivity and declaring good news of the return of Christ for judgment. Matthew 4:23; 25:31-46; Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Luke 4:18,19. The Old Covenant was broken forever (became obsolete) when the Jews sold Him for thirty pieces of silver and plowed it into a potter's field. The symbolism is that when a baked earthen pot is broken, it can never be repaired again. (Zechariah 11:10-13; Matthew 26:15; Hebrew 8:13)

8. **Change from Non-Reproducing Synagogue to Multiplying Simple Organic Church:** It required ten members to qualify as a Jewish synagogue. Yeshua trimmed the flab and slimmed the size of His Bride to where two or three congregate to eat, meet, gossip the gospel and multiply, as the authentic church because the Groom is present. Matt. 18:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; 1Cor. 14:24-26

9. **He Set Goals for Us and made us Purpose Oriented:** His heart beat is to see all nations, tongues and tribes to be gathered before His throne to worship Him by discipling, baptizing, equipping and sending them out to the ends of the earth, "As the Father has sent me so I send you." It is not a sit, soak and stagnate Sunday religion but an everyday perform or perish Commission and a command. Christianity is not about going to church on Sunday but making a covenant to be a light to the Gentiles and restoring the desolate land. Yeshua demolished the ceremonial priesthood. We are not just Sunday ritual priests but work site priests who minister in our work sites everyday of the week. Our job is to finish the unfinished Commission and possess the desolate earth with Kingdomization of homes, the work site, offices, the market place, the board rooms and the

parliament until the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our God and His Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Isaiah 49: 6,8; Revelation 11:15

*The changes mentioned above are not optional extra add-ons. The New Covenant (NC) replaces the Old Covenant (OC). We cannot revert back to David for our noisy instrumental worship, or Solomon to justify church building or to Aaron for temple priesthood (pastors) or to Moses for the tithe, for which there is not a single verse to substantiate in the New Testament. The NC makes the OC “**obsolete**” (Hebrew 8:6,7,13). Any deletion or addition is excess baggage and makes us a duplicate church full of hybrid Christians which fatally chokes kingdom expansion. The NC is the benchmark against which we must evaluate and measure the degree of hybridization in our church practices and then make the hard choice either to stay put and stagnate in the Old animal blood covenant or go about surgically removing the malignancy until we have returned to the Yeshua’s New blood covenant with its intended form and function.*

The Decade That Changed The Church: The longest lasting Revival in Church history took place during the Communist persecution in China from 1947 to late nineties. During this period the Christian population grew from one million to the present hundred + million without foreign missionaries, dollars, pastors, tele-evangelists, crusades, leaders, sacred buildings, Sunday worship service, guitars, Bibles or tithing. All these have sneaked back through the backdoor and succeeded in killing the movement.

“The early churches were strong in faith and grew in numbers daily” (Acts 16:5). There was both quality and quantity. But even in the first century, the seven churches of the Revelation of St. John were already lukewarm and corrupted. Then came Bishop Ignatius (Martyred AD 110) who ruled that the Bishop was to be treated on par with the Lord and that no baptisms or love feasts (Holy Communion) could be celebrated without the presence of the clergy, thus introducing the Reverend culture, killing the Body Ministry of 1 Corinthians 14:26 led by the Brethren (fraternity of men and women). This Episcopal decree

resulted in 1% of the clergy dominating as legislators, administrators and worship leaders and dehumanized over 99% of believers as laymen.

Then came the Roman Emperor Constantine (CE 272-337), a sun worshipping hybrid Christian who did a lot of good but also imposed the solar cross instead of the Menorah the lamp, as the sign of the church (Revelation 1:20). He built the first Cathedral, appointed professional clergy, declared Sun-Day as a day of worship, appointed himself the virtual Pope, banned the house churches and herded all believers in the brick and mortar buildings and called it the church and corrupted the Bride for 1700 years. However the authentic church survived in secret, often illegal house churches.

Then came Martin Luther's Reformation (AD 1545) who preached "Sola Scriptura and Priesthood of all Believers" but in practice further concretized church structures and the Reverend culture by banning house churches. With the voices of the apostles and prophets suppressed, the modern church has firmly planted herself in Babylon and sucked in the tide of the world. She has gone into the ways of the flesh and everyone is doing his own thing. Judges 21:25

The church has however, undergone cataclysmic changes, especially in the last decade, as had not taken place in centuries. With 80-100 million followers in secret house churches in China; 100,000 house churches planted in India; one million evangelical Latin Catholics now worshipping in Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC) and five million Americans in 30,000 house churches and several other countries reporting explosive growth, the return of the prodigal church back to the house church is a full circle reversal to God's intended original form and function. It seems that the 2000 years of incubation period is over and suddenly the green shoots are sprouting everywhere in the spiritual landscape to welcome Christ the King.

Of course, some of these are only recycling institutional Christians (IC) from the pews to the sofa without further penetration, but in many countries they are

changing the demographic profile. The house churches (also called simple church, organic church, biblical church, underground church, New Covenant church etc.) are scripting and dictating new rules and roles. It is not the location or the rituals but the Body life and replicatability that distinguish her. The house churches are a living room revolution and thank God that like the first century Jerusalem house church movement, they are mushrooming again. They are no longer a fad but a trend that is destined to fill the earth as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).

Vision: Our Lord had very clear vision: *“For this reason I came into the world”*, 1. To seek and to save that which is lost and to set the captives free (Luke 4:18; 19:10); 2. To destroy the works of the Devil (1John 3:8); 3. To give abundant life (John 10:10) and; 4. To be a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Then he set his face like flint and without wavering marched to his death on the cross.

Sadly many Christians and many churches do not even have a vision document, but fortunately some Christians are now seeing the big picture and turning into global thinkers and implementers of God’s end-vision that all nations, tongues and tribes must be gathered before the throne of God to worship Him. There is a growing realization that the harvest is actually ready and we should be busy reaping the harvest and bringing in the sheaves and not just be spectators. (John 4:35; Luke 10:1,2; Psalm 126:5,6)

The precipitous fall in the number of major (100,000 population or more) Unreached and Unengaged People Groups (UUPGs) from 639 worldwide and 345 List in South Asia to 170 or so in South Asia is a very encouraging sign (Matthew 24:14). But adopting and reaching UUPGs is not the end of the task as hundreds of millions remain Unreached and Unengaged with each major People Group (PG) requiring customized strategy to be discipled and mentored *“until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in”* (Romans 11:25). Our God is God of covenants. He made covenant with Adam, Noah, Abraham and David and many others. While the New Testament model of house churches make a covenant to fulfill the Great Commission of going and making disciples of all nations, to the ends of the earth,

the Constantinian church makes no such covenant and hence remains fruitless, directionless and therefore barren and worthless.

We are seeing early signs of traditional churches moving into house churches and the house churches moving into worksite, market place, board rooms, the parliament and eventually the United Nations. The biggest challenge for explosive growth and stunning multiplication is to infiltrate every secular job right where Christians work and earn their living. Fulfilling the Great Commission is not just a desirable option but is becoming a fundamental requirement to qualify as a Christian. Praise God that the Christian-centric church is rapidly becoming Gentile-centric, to a dynamic multi-cultural, multi-language and multi-ethnic tapestry. "Completion thinking" is rapidly replacing status quo mindset.

Prayer: *Proseuchomai* meaning prayer, includes making a vow (covenant). Prayer is no longer a private shopping list but covenanting with Elohim to bring His kingdom here on planet earth. Believers are increasingly praying kingdom prayers (*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth*), touching the very heart of God and transforming lives and nations (*Ask me and I will give you nations for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. Ps. 2:8*). Prayers for healing and deliverance, for unreached people groups, finding the man of peace and planting churches is rearranging paradigms and shaking the nations.

AD 2000 Movement birthing prayer explosion for the unreached 10/40 Window countries, is resulting in Saturation Church planting Movement (SCPM) all over the world. The knee jerk effect of 9/11 trauma precipitated a massive prayer response which is creating a huge turbulence in the Arab/Muslim world. Prayer walking, all night prayer, nation-wide and even global prayer events are taking place. Coupled with individual and corporate fasting and putting on ashes and sack cloth (repenting), is demolishing strongholds, shaking the very foundation of the kingdom of darkness, changing governments and rearranging religious landscapes. All great church planting movements are preceded and bathed by

great prayer movements. “Bless me” prayers are giving place to kingdom prayers, “Bless all the nations of the earth”.

The New Wineskins: The cerebrals (theologians) are taking the backburner (Institutional church). Movers and shakers are adopting cities, regions and nations (People Groups) and turning their world upside down. The little trickle from the pews to the living room sofas will soon become a mighty stream, unshackling millions out into the harvest field. The house church is not the destination but only a debriefing center and a transit camp for launching out into the enemy camp. The destination is not the elephant-sized church with Gideon’s army of 32,000 worthless members but finding the miniaturized army of 300 crack soldiers who are committed to possessing the land. The glory needs to go to Jesus and not to the crowd.

The very first wine of 3000 believers practiced four things.

Based on Acts 2:41-42

1. Apostolic teaching,
2. Fellowship (A relational household of God)
3. Breaking of bread
4. Intercessory prayer.

This resulted in

Based on Acts 2:43-47

1. Fear of the Lord on the people,
2. Signs and wonders,
3. Sharing of material blessings,
4. Going out to find the lost sheep,
5. Breaking bread from house to house,
6. People rejoicing,
7. And the result was, the Lord added to their numbers daily. Within a few days 5000 additional “men” (families) joined the church and soon it was a torrent of multitudes of disciples that could not be numbered. (Acts 4:4; 6:2,7).

All these components are growth accelerators and produce maximum yield with minimum persecution as people come rejoicing. As the house churches become

more and more like the New Testament model, daily addition becomes the benchmark. But daily addition is not the goal but producing an unstoppable momentum beyond human control through rapid multiplication. We bring a bride not to grow in size but to reproduce and multiply hence the focus must be on multiplication rather than church (Bride) growth. Acts 16:5

Biblical Leadership: Based on Titus 1:5-9

1. Character, one wife, not alcoholic, not greedy etc
2. Good manager of his own household,
 Otherwise how can he manage the household of God?
3. Integrity, Good steward of God's resources
4. Hospitable, person of peace. Luke 10:5-7
5. Sound in doctrine,
 which is the ability to convict those (non-believers) who contradict.

Leadership Ladder: There are three main levels of leadership operating now.

The Top Leadership has apostolic vision (resonating with God's will that none should perish), strategy, passion and the ability to clearly communicate and motivate people to buy into their vision and raise resources to fulfill that vision. They are great 'connectors' (networkers) and are secure enough to find an inner circle of advisers who compensate for their own weakness. They can prioritize issues that are important and stay focused and not get bogged down with micro-management. The more successful ones are "people persons", function as spiritual fathers/mothers and communicate their vision through modeling.

The insecure ones function as bureaucratic corporate CEOs. They do not empower their colleagues, control them through paychecks and other means and have no succession planning. Biblical leadership is not about position, power, perks, status and wealth but making a difference in other peoples' lives. The vision gets flawed when Kingdom building is replaced with personal empire building. The leader of leaders is one who births many leaders with the clear

understanding that, *“They will do greater things than himself”* (John 14:12). Yeshua is the King of kings because he is constantly birthing many new kings. Revelation 1:6

The Second Level Leadership: The master trainers build up the infrastructure (foundation) by teaching, training, mentoring and imparting skills to multiple generations of Timothies (2Timothy 2:2). They are messengers of the vision and have to be financially compensated as they are constantly on the move. Their competency depends on the degree of first hand exposure in the mission field as well as to multiples of cutting edge training programs they have received. They should not be evaluated only on the basis of their knowledge but in the ability of their trainees to bring in large hauls of fish. Poor performance at their level indicates poor leadership at the top, which needs to be rectified or changed. The larger the apostolic infrastructure of skilled fishermen on the field, the greater the yield. The ultimate purpose is to produce a spontaneous momentum of CPM which is out of human control.

The Third Tier: They are volunteers, the new believers who are real kingdom expanders. This is where the rubber meets the road. They have tasted healing and deliverance. They go and open closed doors and remove blindness through their testimonies, *“where as I was blind but now I see”*. It is a major folly to make them earn their maturity by sitting and stagnating in your church. They must be nurtured on site and sent out as witnesses like the Samaritan woman. They gather the seekers for the master trainers to come and train. Remember He has rejected the wise, the noble and the mighty and blessed the weak, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers and the persecuted to be inheritors of the kingdom. Matthew 5:1-10; Acts 1:8; Hebrew 8:11; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The cerebral Christians, like Paul’s synagoguans, play secondary role of maturing new believers in sound doctrines, as they do not have the competencies to disciple persons of another faith. The primary force for opening the frontiers are the new believers. Blind eyes and closed doors are opened by power preaching

through signs and wonders and through witnessing in their own culture and context (Acts 26: 18; Romans 15:19). These are the people that Yeshua was talking about when he said, “The harvest is ready but the laborers are few.” Academic theology is of little use in this phase. Luke 10:2

In the second phase, *“Scriptures are profitable for instruction, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and righteousness”* (2Tim 3:6). Just like in Yeshua’s ministry, the healed leper, the seeing blind, the hearing deaf and the leaping lame, it is the brand new believers, the Insiders, who are the real kingdom expanders. They are the ones who are re-painting the religious canvas of the nations through their powerful testimonies.

Yeshua rebuked the leaders, *“You are in error because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God”* Matthew 22:29. Without the proper balance of both these components, errors are bound to come. Sadly most Christians are biblically illiterate or at best semi-literate, (this includes theologians) and therefore do not know their authority, hence in error of not being wise enough for the salvation of others nor can they equip anybody in righteousness (2Timothy 3:14-17). Biblical literacy means knowing that you have power over all the power of the enemy and therefore have the ability to cast out demons. Additionally it requires the ability to deftly wield the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to convict those who oppose (Titus 1:9).

Thank God that this is fast changing as more and more “laymen” acquire keys of the kingdom, resulting in increasing number of saved souls. Jesus did not challenge us to be greater teachers or preachers than Him but to do greater works than Him (John14:12). There is no other work which is greater than saving souls. Most churches are being planted now as it was in the New Testament times, only after demon demolition, both physical and mental. Removing rampant biblical illiteracy, engaging cultural Christians and developing addiction to soul saving must be our top priority in the next decade. Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17; Ephesians 6:17; 1 Corinthians. 1:24; Matthew 12:29; 16:19; Hosea 4:6

Pew warming or sofa squatting is not the destination but possessing the God given domain is. While the brain dead institutional church is busy writing its own tombstone and marching into oblivion, the God's army is marching on her knees, advancing on mats on mud floors, to the ends of the earth, removing blindness, setting captives free and taking possession of her eternal inheritance (Acts 26:18).

The world is wicked place to live, not because what the Devil is doing but because Christians are not doing what they should be doing which is adding eternal value to the valueless people. *Christian* means *Christ Bearer* (Acts 11:26; 1Peter 4:16). *Yeshua* (*shua*=salvation) means *Yah saves* and *Messiah* means *anointed*. Every Christian must realize that he/she is permanently anointed with the name and the authority of Yeshua Messiah for every situation, whether at home, the market place or the worksite and the purpose is to save people. We cannot afford to have split personality, one for Sunday and another for the rest of the week and in neither situation are we saving souls. Thank God that this is slowly but surely changing as more and more unengaged Christians are becoming functional by recognizing their identity and authority in Christ and adding value to their own as well as into the lives of others. Isaiah 58:6-8; Luke 4:18,19

Mentoring Multiple Generations: This is going to be the buzz thing in the coming days. Disciples who rapidly replicate multiple generations of disciples, (2Tim.2:2) thus maximizing potential of every believer into a champion disciple maker, baptizer and equipper, is the key to hyper-acceleration. Boxed in Pastors and Evangelists are being empowered and changing into itinerant Apostles, Prophets, anointed Teachers and shepherds of the fivefold ministry gifted equippers. New believers have a burden for reaching their own *oikos* (extended family and fraternity). These new believers are not interested in ministry of resurrection of the dead churches (revival and renewal). They are redefining the church as an assembly of passionate Royal Priests (1Peter 2:9) and zealously taking ownership of their kingdom (king + domain), adding to the statistics, changing religious demography, enforcing kingdom values and kingdom culture. (Luke 12:32)

Knowledge is being redefined as knowing the power of God for unleashing Yeshua Messiah everywhere. Knowledge is no longer just grades obtained in an academic institution but skills to finish the Unfinished Commission (1Corinthians 2:5; 4:20). Neither Yeshua nor his disciples nor the Old Testament prophets ever went to any academic institution or leadership training program. If anything they retired into wilderness where God spoke to them directly as, *“He will not do anything without telling his prophets”* (Amos 3:7). Paul had to unlearn his academics before he could become an apostle. Leadership is no longer knowledge (academic) based but Christ based. Transition of power from the clergy to “no bodies” is the greatest change that is taking place. God is increasingly choosing foolish things of this world to confound the wise (1Cor. 3:11; 1:27). Leadership is no longer congregation or pulpit bound but dynamic and people bound. You do not have to be a theologian to be a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:3). The church is reinventing herself from inward centripetal force, “churching the unchurched”, to outward centrifugal force, “unleashing Yeshua Messiah everywhere”.

Baptized are getting converted into baptizers as basic requirement to qualify as disciples of Christ. The simplest way to precipitate a mass movement is to upgrade all your “baptized believers” into “baptizing disciples”. Remember, Jesus was a baptizer and He commanded each one of us to be baptizers. Contempt of this command delays kingdom expansion hence non-compliance can result in court martial for disobedience and attract serious penalty. Like the New Testament times, baptisms are reverting back from the church baptistry to pools, ponds, rivers and bathtubs. (John 4:1,2; Mat. 3:11; 28: 19)

Kingdomization: Metamorphosis of merely worship-centered churches into catalytic agents of holistic community restoration. Not just religious centers but that which bring abundant life to the whole community. Yeshua did not come to plant brick and mortar churches. He came preaching the kingdom as well as living the kingdom in His daily life in the context of the community. Church planting is not our goal (Math. 16:18) but only a means for Kingdomization of the community

and reconciling the whole creation (2Cor.5:17-20). The House church is not the only way but the Body of Yeshua Messiah has many expressions. Kingdom culture includes love, joy, peace, justice and abundant life with social, political, economic, health, educational and ecological transformation.

Kingdomization includes redeeming the professions, so that the worksites, offices, businesses, the market place, the board rooms and the parliament become outward authentic expressions of the kingdom of God. Demolishing anti-Christ culture and planting Godly counter-culture in our secular jobs must become a passion for us. Peter started his ministry in his boat, Cornelius in the army headquarter, Proconsul Sergius in the governor's residence, the Eunuch in the ministry of finance in Ethiopia, Pricilla and Aquila in their tent making workshop, Lydia while selling expensive purple clothes to the rich and powerful and Phoebe in Rome while conducting her multinational business. The real deal is to be fruitful, multiply, fill the industry, subdue it and have dominion over it, right where God has put us. Genesis 1:28

The congregation model is being replaced with community model. "Church culture" is being replaced by "Kingdom culture". Accountability (authority) structures are being replaced by relational equations (spiritual fathers and mothers). The colonial model of appointed (salaried) leadership is changing to self-supporting fruit bearing anointed leadership. People of other faiths do not respect paid preachers. Democracy (people's will be done: government by the people, for the people and of the people) where everybody does his own thing, is being replaced by Monarchy, where the kingdom laws (God's will be done) of the King of kings operate through apostles and prophets. The kingdom is an ever expanding concept and we the must keep on expanding it until, "*The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and His Messiah and He shall forever and ever*" Revelation 11:15. This depends on intentional strategy of liberally supporting our parents, making peace with our neighbour and loving our enemies. To achieve His objectives Yeshua bypassed the hierarchical religious structure and went straight to the people.

The Devil comes to steal and to kill and to destroy (John 10:10). The Devil is the Chief Editor of the media and the news papers which are his mouth piece, daily screaming about stealing, killing and destroying. The appalling Human Development Index (HDI) in terms of longevity, health care, education, and income in the third world is the direct result of the Dragon's demonic stranglehold. For this the church must recognize the true enemy. Throughout her history, the church has fought false wars with the visible enemy, the Jews, the Communists, the Catholics, the Nazis and even fellow Christians calling them heretics. The Deceiver attacks the mind's eyes with false mindsets, worldviews and ideologies. Christians are not exempt from this attack (2Corinthians 4:4, 1Corinthians 10:3-6). In fact they may be the primary object of attack. She must recognize the true enemy in the spirit world, the Dragon and his principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and his hosts and demolish them.

Whether you know it or not and whether you like it or not, you are at war. The Dragon, your accuser, has one point agenda and that is to destroy you. No contest will result in your ending up as mince meat. There are no soft options, so it is critical that you reposition yourself for a direct confrontation, lest you be vanquished by a dirty fighter. The house churches are the best places for learning to arm ourselves with the spiritual weapons and begin the demolition process? The real indicator of Kingdomization of the city is the change in the headlines in the media in terms of reduction in stealing, killing and destroying. The indicators of a successful church are not the membership and the offerings in the collection box but social, economic, environmental, political and spiritual transformation of the city.

Training: Neurological sciences have come to validate the interactive house churches. Research shows that sermons/lectures and tuitions especially by authoritarian figures like pastors and professors create dependency and produce oxymorons while interactive sessions produce creative challenges which develop problem solving dexterity. Toppers do not necessarily make the best problem

solvers. Harvard and Yale give first preference to home schooling over institutional schooling. This is reflected in diminishing role of seminaries which offer extensive and expensive classroom based education (transfer of knowledge). Years of interaction with Christians, by Christians, for Christians from Christian books written by Christians for Christians only creates a huge disconnect with the lost people of the world.

There is growing realization that seminaries train professional job seekers (pulpit orators and tithe gatherers) for the religious market and not disciple gatherers and kingdom expanders. Secular education is for climbing up the corporate ladder for personal gain but biblical training is to transform individuals, communities and the nation. Yeshua taught (not preached) his disciples from a floating pulpit and then immediately commanded them to launch out into the deep and helped them to catch a large number of fish. It is time to bridge the gap between the rhetoric from the pulpit and the believers being launched out into the deep as fishers of men. He never used the same pulpit again. Luke 5:1-5

Seminaries or Pilpeliya: There is increasing role of interactive house gatherings as equipping hubs for hands on practitioners to mentor champion disciplers, baptizers and equippers to fulfill The Great Commission. The Jewish Beth Midrash or the house of learning also means house of interaction. Unlike our tame and boring seminaries, the Midrashas are called *Pilpeliya* (hot pepper) because of the hot interaction (literally yelling) that takes place there. Yeshua interacted all day long in the synagogues, houses and conducted highly interactive, daily road shows. Paul reasoned, persuaded and disputed with the Jews right inside their synagogues (Acts 17:2,17; 18:4).

Orthodox Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Jews will not be seen dead or alive inside the colonial model of a traditional church. Very few come to Christ through intellectual discourses. Those who do come are not experiential but intellect based and therefore shallow. The objective is not to catch stray fish here and

there but to create a mass movement by incarnating Yeshua Messiah in their hearts and minds and redeeming their culture.

Vast majority of new believers come through power manifestation such as healing and deliverance and increasing numbers, especially Muslims are coming through dreams, visions and direct revelation, just like Paul did (Romans 15:19; Acts 9:1-22). The birth of Yeshua Messiah and the church was marked by a burst of dreams, visions, and prophecies with angelic hosts joining in. Sadly, it has all been replaced by a burst of programs led by professional event managers. The Devil's strategy is to keep you so occupied with programs that you have little time or the inclination to seek and to save that which is lost. The world does not need event managers but worksite ministers. Every Christian must know that he is carrying the name of Christ and his authority wherever he goes. He should be trained to be an expert seeker and saver of the lost sheep until there be no more lost sheep in his/her God given domain. The lost sheep are our eternal inheritance.

John 10:16; Luke 19:10; Psalm 2:8.

The church is not just healing and deliverance ministry but the conscience of the nation and must speak prophetically to the community about the judgment that is coming. The role of the prophetic church is to reconcile the nations through her prophetic acts and utterances before the judgment takes place. She must reconcile the lost and thus prepare the nations to receive her King. The church of Yeshua Messiah is a reconciling community of believers. To actualize this, every member must jump out of the spectator seat and into the arena and play his/her own ambassadorial role. Acts 2:17,18; 2Corinthians 5:17-23; 1Corinthians 14:1-5; Ephesians 2:19-22

The Mismatch: There is a total mismatch between Yeshua's dialogical style and the way the modern church functions. Leaders are equippers rather than sermonizers. Long term formal training prepares pulpit orators for the faithful, while interactive house churches prepare fishers of men for those outside the fold. Not the Sunday anointed sermon but continual contextualized discipling

provides connectivity with the people of other faiths and is the key to church reproduction and multiplication. Theological training has been reduced to the ability to recite textual knowledge. Bible schools have become textbook recitation centers with no training in fishing skills. Ministers trained in this paradigm, unlike Yeshua and Paul; do not have the skills and therefore courage to indulge in dialogue and dialectics. There is an urgent need for opening up the church and unshackling equipped laymen and sending them as worksite ministers into the lost world.

However, there is a wind of change blowing and the content of the training material and teaching activities are being filtered through the Great Commission grid and kingdom framework. Producing bookish scholars, with the Great Commission buried under a pile of books, is no longer the preferred destination but mentoring champion disciple makers, baptizers and church planters. Shift from the safety of the pulpit to the risky business of interacting with the lost people should be the destination. This is the way forward in the next decade for dealing with the lostness of the world around us through worksite ministries.

Performance evaluation: is on the basis of soul winning skills (fruit bearing) rather than oratory skills (John 15:5). Not academic qualifications but past performance is being recognized as the best predictor of future accomplishment. Yeshua, Peter, John and even Paul were “achievers” rather than orators. Quality of worship, academic excellence, gadgetry, large crowds, big budget, churning out large number of seminary graduates or impressive numbers of missionaries on the field are no longer the benchmark but the number of diptisms, number of villages and People Groups reached and effectiveness in changing the religious demographic landscape. Not increasing your workforce but optimizing their effectiveness is the way forward. The primary objective of teaching, training, coaching and mentoring is for embedding the DNA of passion for the Great Commission. This requires planning, execution, financing, training and guiding to accelerate and translate a local movement into a global movement.

Stability and sustainability are no longer the buzz words. Mobility, flexibility and multiplicativity are the key indicators. God will not give you 100,000 souls in a

hurry unless you first make an apostolic covenant (to be blessing to all the nations) and then build a credible apostolic infrastructure of competent fishers of men who are “disciplers, baptizers, equippers and senders”. They must have the capacity to mature and multiply multiple generations of disciplers to bring forth thirty, sixty, hundred and even thousand fold fruit that remains (Isa. 60:22). The larger the apostolic net of “skilled fishermen”, the bigger the catch.

Raise the Bar on Diptisms: History teaches us that charismatic leaders brought thousands into the kingdom who then melted away into nothing for lack of follow up teams. The delinquent church must delete divisive denominational practices; stop speaking with forked tongue and start preaching and practicing networking so that there are no holes in the fishing net. This will help the Body to catch large number of fish. Yeshua baptized more than John (John 4:1). Peter opened his account with 3000 dips on day one because he had a team of 120 Pentecostal baptizers. We must raise the bar on the number of diptisms to catch up with the birth rate of the nations (180K dips per day worldwide today to one million per day) just to break even and plan even higher trajectory to catch up with the backlog.

Yeshua did not command us only to go and get baptized but to be baptizers (Matt. 28:19). If Christians were to become obedient to this one command, the world would be different place today. Alas! the Satan has used the church tradition to steal this birthright of every single believer to be a baptizer and thus robbed them of their eternal inheritance, “*Ask me and I will give you nations for your inheritance*” (Psalm 2:8). Despising The Great Commission of our Lord is despising Yeshua Messiah Himself. Even if your church stands on 90% truth and the Deceiver mixes only 10% untruth, then it is a counterfeit church. “*Thy word is truth*” and the church must stand on absolute truth. John 17:17

The strategy that our Father has given to us, “*the little one shall become one thousand*”. All you and all your disciples have to do is to diligently disciple just one person into the kingdom every month and you will become one thousand in ten

months. If all the two billion Christians of the world were mobilized to do this, then the remaining four billion people of the globe can be evangelized in just two short months. More realistically if 90% Christians were considered dysfunctional, the remaining 10% can still bring back Christ on earth in our own generation. (Isaiah 60:22).

Money multiplication: Wealth is not silver, gold, money in the bank, stocks or property. Wealth comes from an old English word “weal” (well being) and “th” (condition), meaning “the condition of well being”. God is not fixated only on your financial health but wants you to prosper in all things including you health, soul and business (1John :2). But before He fixes your finance, you might have to offer something that is very precious to you. By offering his son Isaac, Abraham became a friend of God. By offering her last morsel, the widow of Zarephath multiplied her oil and flour. By pouring out her most expensive nard, Mary Magdalene became the first evangelist to carry the good news of resurrection of Yeshua to his disciples. The rich young fool did not dispose off his earthly goods and follow Yeshua and lost the kingdom. Today thousands of professionals and business men are using their professions and businesses to partner with God to expand His business and in the process seeing their own spiritual and financial health flourish.

Economics comes from Greek word *oikonomia* meaning “the management of household”. If our households are managed biblically then we will not be subject to consumerism, market manipulation and meltdown orchestrated by god Mammon but the economy will be kingdomized which means that there will be honesty, transparency, moral integrity and equitable distribution of resources. It is time the church redefined the world economic order and assured abundant life for all. Encounter with Yeshua resulted in total transformation of Zacchaeus through redistribution of wealth. House churches are the key for changing the economics of the world. (1Timothy, 3:3-5; 1John 1:2,4; John 10:10)

As it is, just 5% of the families own 90% wealth of the nations while we all work for them. This is because they know how to make the money work for them. Even

though we are called to be the head and not the tail and lend to the nations, Christians remain the tail because the church does not teach sound biblical financial principles other than *ad nauseum* and *ad infinitum* teachings on tithing from Malachi 3:10,11. The church must realize that the whole world is the stakeholder to whom she is accountable. God owns it all and we are called to be His wealth managers so that there is equitable distribution to all.

Millions entering the house churches are ravaged by poverty and its devastating consequences. It is not the governments, multinationals or the rich people who will change the financial profile of the world. They are part of the problem and not the solution. Tens of billions of dollars have been wasted in building unscriptural church buildings, their maintenance, degree dishing theological seminaries and manipulative glitzy media evangelism which could have been used for training skilled fishers of men, ameliorating poverty, health and educational needs of the 10/40 Window countries.

Through biblical principles of money multiplication, wealth management and job creation, new believers are turning into entrepreneurs, which is giving them abundant life and also making them rulers over 5/10 cities (Luke 19:11-27). *“The earth is mine and all the silver and gold is mine and all the cattle on the thousand hills are mine; says the Lord. The heaven and the highest heaven belong to the Lord but the earth He has given to us”* (Haggai 2:8; Ecclesiastes 10:19; Psalm 115:16). Subduing the earth includes subduing wealth.

Apostolic finances generated by the future house churches will be economic powerhouses fueling spiritual, social, political, environmental and economic revolution. Multiplication of disciples includes money multiplication. The church must change from economic tail to economic head (Deut. 28:12,13). Making money through ministry is out but making ministry through money has always been in. Prosperity culture with self-seeking selfish motives has been exposed to have demonic connivance. Acquiring filthy riches is not the destination but acquiring abundant fruit through our own resourcefulness is the agenda.

Apostlization of resources through the house church movement is destroying the rich man + church nexus and radically changing the financial face of the church in our generation. Deuteronomy 8:17, 18

Donor Agencies are increasingly leveraging outcome oriented ministries rather than traditional ministries, which is rapidly expanding the kingdom. Short term funding however leads to donor hopping by the mission leaders which takes their prime time from the mission field. Asking zillions of questions (in the name of reporting) after laying the gifts at the Apostle's feet is not biblical. It is a sign of controlling spirit and shows lack of trust. It also encourages funky leaders lusting for Yankee dollars and leaves behind the real performers on the field. There is an encouraging sign that there is greater openness among donors. They are increasingly getting together, consulting each other and prioritizing ministries. House churches function without external support. Transitioning from salaried pastors to bi-vocational volunteer church planters is a very healthy trend. It is the training of the church planters that needs the money. Finding alternative sources of funding for training from the harvest field must be our priority.

Cultural Indigenization: There is a huge tension between Westernized Christianity and the indigenous cultural expressions of ecclesia. There has been a massive cultural invasion and colonization of the indigenous church from the west. Modern Christianity is just another name for Western culture and needs to be addressed just as Judaizers and circumcisers had to be dealt with in the New Testament times. It is not necessary to be called "Christian" and go to church to connect with God. Hindus and Muslim followers of Christ will be in heaven while maintaining their cultural identity.

Our goal must be to incarnate Yeshua Messiah in the hearts of people within their own heart language and cultural context. Reaching the unreached requires a completely different syntax than what is used from the pulpit and in the Christian circles. Institutionalized Christianity dismantles new believers' cultural and socio-economic moorings. To precipitate exponential growth among the Jews, Paul

circumcised Timothy in broad day light and instantly! *“The churches were strengthened in faith and grew in numbers daily”* (Acts 16:1-5). For qualitative and quantitative growth, circumcise (debug) church vocabulary and redeem cultures in which they understand their spirituality, morality and identity.

Finding the “Hidden treasure” and making known the “Unknown God”, just as Paul did in Athens, is being increasingly used as bridges to reach people of other faiths. Paul did not take Christ to Athens; He was already there in their sacred texts, poems, stories and culture. By all accounts Paul was a failure in Athens with no miracles, no baptisms and no churches planted. But he had sown the seed and in due course of time, Athens became the capital of eastern Christendom. Similarly the present day pool of influential crypto believers will greatly swell until it goes critical and explode.

Initially Yeshua taught his disciples to launch out into the deep and catch boat load of small fish. Later he upgraded their skills to cast the net in the shallow waters (He did not say launch out into the deep this time) and catch 153 great big fish (Luke 5:4; John 21:6). Governor of Cyprus, treasurer of Ethiopia, Cornelius the Centurion, Lydia a seller of purple and Phoebe a multinational business woman were great influencers. It is time for the church to shift from fishing in muddy waters of low caste untouchable Dalits (crushed) and move to the next level of catching high profile intellectuals, business people and high caste priests, the big fish, who are influencers of the society. The church does not need colonial garb, she needs fishing gear. She does not need the pulpit, she needs to become pedestrian. Acts 6:7

Theory and Practice; There is problem both with orthodoxy (theology which does not focus on the apostolic agenda of fulfilling the Great Commission); as well as with orthopraxis (church practices like the church building, the clergy, the Sunday service, sermons, music, ritualized sacraments, tithing, hierarchy, programs, televangelism, mega-churches, Christmas, Easter, Good Friday etc.). All these are being recognized as institutionalized merchandization of faith and exploitation of

the gullible. The world cannot change until the “Laymen” suffering from grasshopper syndrome, take their butts off the pews and recognize that they are Kingfishers (Royal Priests) to their friends, neighbours, colleagues and clients in their neighborhood, worksites and businesses.

At the Jerusalem Council, the Apostles and the Elders only imposed four laws; abstain from idolatry, fornication, strangled meat and drinking of blood. They did not impose church buildings, pastors, Sunday worship or tithing. Later on Peter, John, James or Paul, did not even remotely suggest these things to the Gentile church. Imposition of any of these things tantamount to Judaism making the church cursed under the law. We are now under grace and not under the Law.

Mercifully many are shifting into “best practices” of the New Testament pattern of house churches such as becoming participatory, breaking bread from house to house and celebrating Good Friday as the Day of Sacrifice, Easter as the Resurrection Day and Pentecost as a Day of Harvest of souls. (1Cor. 14:26; Acts 2:46,47)

“Systematic” theological training for boxed in ministers is being replaced with “menu based”, live, interactive, real time customized training, delivered on site, for converting grasshoppers into kingfishers. The absolute minimum anyone with a Christian label must do is to go out and make a small difference in the world s/he lives in, as a fitting tribute to Yeshua Messiah. It takes four years of seminary training to produce orators with tithe gathering skills and a vision to reach the pulpit while four days of church planting seminar imparts skills to become fishers of men and vision to reach the ends of the earth.

The New wine is gathering in new wineskins, which not only looks radically different but behaves and functions differently. It is a foolish army general who plans a prolonged war on a long term basis. Quick victory must be the objective. Yeshua Messiah commanded us to reap the harvest now and not four months later (John 4:35). Church is becoming more relational (household of God) and

vertical hierarchy is giving way to the horizontal. The House church is not just a shift of venue from the pew to the sofa but is a nodal agency with an apostolic agenda for replicating the Garden of Eden model all over the earth. Like the Hall of Tyrannus, the house church is becoming the focal point for trumpeting the gospel all over and going global. We need to have minimum of organization and maximum of organism (Acts 19:9,10).

The Women have played a key role in the spread of the gospel from the inception of the church when Mary of Magdala, a reformed prostitute, carried the good news of the resurrection of Yeshua to his disciples. Lydia, Priscilla, Phoebe, Junia an apostle (Romans 16:7), Mary the mother of Mark, Apphia, Nympha and many other women opened their homes which became discipling hubs. All the house churches mentioned in the New Testament were facilitated by women. The modern day Pentecostal church of Azusa Street in 1906 was founded by a core group of eighteen Afro-American women. Thanks to women that the Pentecostal/Charismatic church is now the largest and the fastest growing church with 500 million strong membership, even as gender benders continue to oppress women based on distorted versions of Paul's statements.

Kitchen church continues to be the fastest growing church today. Non-literate and non-theologically trained women are not lusting for upward migration to the pulpit but downward to the lost people. They are fulfilling Rebecca's blessing, *"You will bear tens of thousands of children who will possess the gates of the enemy."* (Gen. 24:60). Empowerment of women to go and make disciples, baptize, equip and send has been the single most significant factor that has made the face of the church more like a Bride in this decade.

The Youth: There has been an alarming exodus of the youth from the traditional church. They have tried many things including electronic music etc but it has not really worked. Lucifer was the choir leader of the heavenly music team. In our interactive house churches, interestingly it is mostly the young people from other communities who are becoming followers of Christ. Because of persecution, there

has been diminishing role of loud music of any kind. While the “qualified” but culturally misfit youth (clad in jeans and T shirt) passing out of Bible schools look for paid jobs, the “unqualified” rural house church product reaches out to his/her *oikos* (friends, family and the community) without expecting monetary gains. The time for professional Reverends is over as the volunteers take over. The time for gathering around the pulpit is over and the time gathering from house to house for breaking bread and sharing the whole counsel of God is here. Acts 20:7, 20, 27

In the meanwhile infant mortality rate, especially among the girl child has gone down substantially. Millions are now going to schools while many more millions are still grazing cattle. Some missions are doing a commendable job of introducing Christ through literacy classes. This 4/14 Window GenNext is undergoing cultural hybridization and more open to the gospel and ready to change. Reaching this population segment is the biggest challenge of the decade. However, it would be a folly to focus on youth in isolation. In the east, seminary trained youth are not accepted as spiritual leaders by the village elders. Biblical model is inclusive and involves the whole household.

Fatherlessness: Rapid urbanization in search of quick prosperity is destroying fatherhood like nothing else (James 4:13,14). Almost 40% of children do not sleep in their biological father’s home. Even where they live together, the children rarely have any fellowship with the father, as he leaves early in the morning and comes late and brings back work. Any free time is spent on the mobile phone, watching TV or provoking children at the dinner table. Fifty years ago a child could reasonably expect to spend his youth with family. No longer is this true as the father has put his tent in Sodom of prosperity cult and worships Babylonian Mammon (James 4:13). The fatherless children suffer from rejection and naturally drift into alcohol, drugs and sex to fulfill their craving for love.

The house church based on Deut. 6:1-14, (diligently teach your children while they are sitting, lying or walking so that they may not go after other gods), is the Magna Carta for restoring relationships in a dysfunctional family. A father has to be a priest to the family first before he can be priest to the nations (1Timothy 3:5). Glitzy church programs are not the answer but healing broken hearts and homes and wiping every tear is the challenge. Children below the age of twelve

years (Bar Mitzvah) were not allowed in the temple but Yeshua Messiah reversed it by commanding, *“Let the little children come unto me”*.

It is time the church took the children’s ministry more seriously than just sending them to Sunday school. Fathers need to prepare their children so well that they can intelligently dialogue with elders just as the boy Yeshua did. John the Immerser’s primary ministry was to turn the hearts of the fathers to their sons and vice-versa before he could straighten the path for the coming Messiah. If the father/son relationship is not restored then God will smite the earth with a curse. Matthew 19:14; Malachi 4:5,6; Luke 1:17

E-Blasting: Internet is rapidly shrinking the world as a global village. Teaching, prayer requests, information and host of other things can be blasted to the members of the network in a jiffy. Christians are far behind Muslims who are already planning e-Jihad (suitcase nuclear bombs which can be exploded though the internet). Mean while a segment of the younger generation that literally lives in the cyber space. To reach them we have to plant cyber churches.

Mobile cell phones are now ubiquitous. Bible and teaching materials can be loaded as a very convenient learning tool. Instant short messages (SMS) can be sent to inform or send instant prayer requests. Power point presentations and e-learning on interactive digital platform is substantially reducing the learning span and increasing the information highway. Even though the electronics can never replace the one on one discipling, the church must seriously train techno-evangelists to reach those who live in PC environment and cyberspace. “Virtual church” through blogging, video-conferencing and Skype is already a reality. Muslims are already running a very effective, round the clock user friendly interactive program on “How to convert to Islam”. It is time to wage full scale “air war” through radio and internet against the prince of the power of the air. Ephesians 2:2

While God is working to a plan and keeping His schedule, most churches lack strategic visionaries and planners who bring direction and purpose and save the

church from fruitless programs. Flawed vision at the top is rampant and road to disaster. When Communism collapsed at the Berlin wall, the church was not ready. Now that Islam is on the boil and Hinduism and Buddhism are in turbulence and Mammon (money) worshippers are suffering meltdown, the church is the only institution that is not ready. Naturally the radicalized and hawkish leadership is filling the vacuum. Verbal bombing from the pulpit must give birth to action plan otherwise it is just a noisy gong.

Internet is a fantastic tool for short-circuiting distances and conducting a live two-way training in global leadership in sound doctrine, best practices, strategic planning, management, innovation and entrepreneurship. This is possible even in turbulent environment to those who are already in the ministry as well as to those who are holding secular jobs and wish to be involved in ministry, in the privacy of their homes. The church needs to be defragmented, rebooted and launched into the space to reach tweeters, bloggers and other netizens living in the websites and face books and gather cyber harvest. Galatians 2:2; Obadiah 1:4

Most programs of the churches, such as Bible study classes, prayer cells; women's, youth and children's programs working in isolation in Christian homes and church campuses, are fruitless stuckages. The secular and sacred dichotomy must be deconstructed to allow the true church to function in secular worksites, to fulfill her ambassadorial role (2Corinthians 5:20), so that all engines can start firing simultaneously to dethrone the kingdom of darkness and enthrone the kingdom of light. Today the structured church is the biggest stuckage in the expansion of the kingdom. Deconstructing the church and removing "stuckages" is the key to acceleration.

Orality: All great religions and cultures have been sustained through songs, poems, drama and storytelling. *Haggadah* or "telling" was the most important component of Jewish feasts where the elders told all the great things *Hashem* (The Name) had done for them. A sermon however anointed is soon forgotten,

but a story is not only retained but replicated. Yeshua taught through parables and without parables He taught nothing (Math. 13:34). All his disciples were oral communicators who went and changed the world. If it worked for him then there is no reason why it should not work for us. Four billion people of world belong to the oral culture. The Bible is the story book of God. While the big churches are busy marketing themselves and in the process mongrelizing brand Jesus into merchandise, it is the simple story tellers who are turning the world upside down in favor of Christ today. Sniggering at the illiterate barefoot evangelists is changing into admiration as the real fruit-gatherers.

Research and Information: We depend both on revelation (Spirit) as well as and on information (mind) (1Corinthians 14:6,15). Gone are the days of haphazard evangelism. Mission agencies are now systematically researching Nations, Tongues and Tribes, their geographical locations and cultures and so on and reaching them intentionally and proactively. Spiritual mapping is helping us to locate and destroy strongholds through intercession and prayer walking. Global tracker mapping significantly increases velocity of movement in unreached areas because the strategy is based on information. Monitoring tells us whether we are achieving our goals and objectives but more importantly the task that remains to be done. Dynamic data base helps in making strategic course correction. But before we do all that, the first thing we have to do is to research the degree of lostness within the community and take steps to rectify it.

Apostolic Gardens: God commanded humankind to *“be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over it”*. This is not just a biological command but implied in it is the mandate to replicate the Garden of Eden model and fill the earth until the whole earth becomes a Garden where God can come for a walk during the cool of the day. This commandment has never been abrogated. We still have to subdue the earth and impose God’s kingdom (King + dominion).

God is not looking forward to the earth getting filled with concrete church buildings but breaking land curses and transforming wilderness into fruitful

gardens and reconciling the whole creation dripping with milk and honey. The house church must ramp up “Green faith” with organic farming, water harvesting, biodiversity, food grain banks, handicrafts, market linkages for local produce and declare villages free of hunger, indebtedness, illiteracy and exploitation. All this must be done strictly with locally available, affordable and acceptable resources and community participation, ensuring abundant life for everyone. The most enduring signs of peace, security and abundant life in the Scriptures, is a man sitting under his vine tree drinking herbal tea made with healing leaves from the tree of life with his neighbor (Zechariah 3:10; Revelation 22:3). The brick and mortar concrete church is slowly but surely meandering into green and clean Apostolic Gardens and having a picnic.

Persecution is often the result of unbiblical methods. The noisy churches wake up the sleeping wolf and hence subject to self inflicted persecution. The biblical methods followed by the disciples, the new believers came rejoicing (Acts 2:46-47). Often it is precipitated by conversion from the kingdom of darkness into kingdom of light. It is inevitable as the Dragon does not like to lose its captives. It will increase both in severity and frequency. Consequently Christianity will leap frog in the predatory (persecution) environment. It will also go below the radar and meet in micro-mini groups and multiply rapidly as it happened in China (Matt. 1`8:18-20). Non-predatory environment produces come, sit, soak and stagnate churches. “Speaking” in unknown tongues is shifting to the next level with “listening” to what the Spirit is saying and the Spirit is revealing to the church that the Gentiles must become part of the Body and partakers of the eternal inheritance (Ephesians 3:5,6). Inheritance is two dimensional: 1. Land and 2. People. Psalm 2:8; Genesis 15:18; Luke 12:32

The mushrooming house church movement of the global south, mired in poverty and persecution, is increasingly unleashing Christ everywhere with a holistic paradigm. The church is becoming more organic and less institutional. Traditional church castrates them into nonperformers while persecution mutates them and puts them on the run and on the fast track. Persecution from within and without

results in exponential growth of the authentic inheritance oriented, land grabbing and people possessing church. It is time for the holy cow (the church) to stop ruminating and start producing babies and the milk to feed them.

The priests come from “religious class”, doing religion from morning till evening and produce nothing except more religion. Hindus, Muslims, Heathen and sadly institutional Christians require a professional priest to lead the worship. In spite of much hype about Yeshua getting up early in the morning and going up the mountain to pray, mentioned only once in scriptures, which he did in connection with the recruitment of his disciples (Luke 6:12,13), Yeshua did not enjoy early morning leisurely bed coffee and devotion followed with breakfast of un-kosher bacon, sausages, cornflakes and buttered toast, all washed down with orange juice and then head for the office and the internet. But he and his disciples started ministering to the crowds even before they had time to brush their teeth.

Yeshua came from a working class background. He rejected the parasitic consumer class religious priests and chose self-employed working class people from fishing and farming, “food and commodity producing” background as his disciples. These people do not start their day with early morning devotion but clean up the dirty mess and milk the cows or haul up the smelly fish and head for the market. They interact creatively with the land, water, animals, seed and the nature every day and express their gratitude to God all day long.

He did not choose anyone from servant class either. There are good, bad, corrupt and indifferent members in the church and all cannot be painted with the same brush but by and large most of them are afflicted with the virus of timidity and at the slightest threat to their security by Goliaths of the secular society, they are easily intimidated and ready to submit to the Philistines. They need a hefty dose of Joshua’s prescription, “Be strong and courageous” (Joshua 1:6-9), trained to use slingshots to hit the bull’s eye and skills to use the enemy’s own sword (sacred texts of other faith communities) to slay them.

Servants and entrepreneurs live in two different paradigms. While the servants work for wages and depend on others to make decisions and take risks, the self-employed people have aggressive spirit and take ownership of their domain. They make decisions, take risks, make mistakes and develop problem solving skills. Facing insecurity and threats is common for entrepreneurs. They are also free to shut shop at the drop of a hat and go for ministry wherever needed. While the consumer class consumes without regenerating anything, and the servant class are job seekers, the entrepreneurs not only produce food and commodities but they are also job creators. John and James had servants working in their Zebedee and Co. fishing industry. Mark 1:19,20

Dividing the church into authoritarian religious clergy and disenfranchised layman produces exploiter and exploited or manipulators and the manipulated community. The institutional church thrives on the theology of inequality, so necessary for the sustenance and survival of the clergy. That is why all these years the history of the church written by traditional church fathers, the history of the house church was relegated to oblivion. The house churches represent spiritual democracy which is diametrically antithetical to the hierarchical institutional church model. The hierarchical structure suppresses freedom of expression, revelations, powerful testimonies, dreams, visions and prophetic voices within the church, so necessary for the growth and maturity of the Bride.

From the time of Constantine, the history of the house church has been swept under the carpet. Even though the authentic church survived in the house churches, the history of house church is no history at all, as if they never existed. Even today it finds very little space in the Christian literature, whereas in truth, the happenings in it should be dominating the pages of Christian books and magazines. The time has come to lift the carpet off and change the reference points from the temple and its hierarchy to the house church as the primary discipling hub for reaching the ends of the earth. The soul destroying historical nexus between clergy-ism and laymen-ism must be dismantled and both be handed the sickle to go and reap the harvest.

Only a decade ago the concept of house church was being laughed off as absurd. A little later they began to accept that there might be some truth in it. Interestingly the adversaries are now vehemently claiming that they discovered it. Praise God that the organic house churches are now firmly in focus and increasingly being recognized as the authentic biblical church which has the capacity to finish the unfinished commission and reach the ends of the earth.

With 100,000 salaried pastors suffering from burnout and another 1500 quitting every month in the USA alone, for multiple reasons, in the next decade we will see many more bi-vocational self-employed leaders who earn their own living and also invest their time and resources into church planting movements, *“But if any one does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever”* (1Timothy 5:8). Paul a theologian turned in to a tent maker. Yeshua is looking for laborers for the harvest field and not religious scholars.

It is time we gave up shouting, “Give us a king” and start functioning as royal priests. We need to shift from a “led” model to a “sent” one, more relational than organizational. Before the professional missionaries took over, the gospel reached Persia, China through Silk Road, Africa and India through petty businessmen. Even early missionaries like William Carey were self-supporting conduits of the gospel. As is happening already in the house church movement, most the future church movement will be driven by entrepreneurs and rarely by people with servant mentality. 1 Samuel 8:6; 1Peter 2:9

Armageddon: The white races have reduced the procreative act to acrobatics and a mere act of lust and are not being fruitful and multiplying. Their birthrate has come down alarmingly (1.6) which cannot sustain their gene pool (absolute minimum 2.5 per family to sustain a population). In the meanwhile Muslim’s (M’s) are rapidly reproducing (Europe 38 million; USA 2.5 mil.). The terrorists will not

come from outside. They are being bred within. The World War III, the mother of all wars, is not in the future. It has already begun.

To defuse this demographic time bomb, the white people not only need to be obedient to God and become fruitful and multiply but they also must urgently learn ways of turning the sword of Islam into plowshares and making the sons of Ishmael, the followers of Isa al Masih. This is not difficult once you know “how to”. All this is only possible in the context of house churches as the orthodox M’s will not be found dead or alive in a traditional church. They must be diptized not only to keep pace with their birthrate but a higher trajectory must be set to catch up with the back log of 1.6 billion Ms. God is not shifting the 20th century church forward but firing retro rockets backward to the first century model.

The Bible lands are on the boil as Arab Muslims in the lands of Abraham and Esther, like Joseph and Daniel are seeing dreams and visions and coming to Christ in numbers unprecedented. They can be matured only in secret underground, below the radar house churches by culture specific trained leaders. The noisy Western model needs to be deconstructed as it is not only unsuitable for them but downright suicidal.

Allah has revealed ninety nine names to sons of men so that they may worship Him, but the one name, the one hundredth name He has revealed it only to the camel; and the camel, he is not talking. (A Muslim Proverb)

Christians (the camels) need to tell them that the name of Isa al Masih is already in their holy book Quran, 96 times.

Jews are the most persecuted people on earth. Ever since they said that let his (Messiah’s) blood be upon us and our children, thing simply got worse. The Romans, the governments, the Catholic Church including Martin Luther, the Crusaders, and the British, Germans, French, Spaniards, Russians and just about every European nation murdered them by the millions. Things will get worse and

Yeshua will not return until the Jews say, “*Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord*” Math. 23:29. There are already about 100 Jewish house churches worldwide, of which 10 are in Israel. This is alarm signal for us as the times of Gentiles will soon be over and the second coming of Christ will become imminent. We must complete the task before the ingathering of the Messianic Jews begins (Matt. 21:24,28).

Europe, which contributed so significantly in terms of men, money and materials for centuries for the expansion of the kingdom, is now under siege. It is living in Post-church era and is a matter of great concern. To be a practicing Christian is like becoming a second class citizen and an object of ridicule. The Bible is being daily criminalized. The Dragon’s claws are daily tightening and at this rate soon Christianity will be relegated to the back pages of history books. Something needs to be done and done urgently and house churches can be the only answer. But first we must pray for men of peace who will take country-wise ownership of post-Christian Europe. The good sign is that according to reliable sources there are now 12,000 house churches scattered throughout Europe.

Literature, tools and Transport: One decade ago there were hardly any books on the House Church but today there is a plethora of well researched books and training materials. However, all these books on discipling are useful only after the blindness has been removed and the doors have been opened. There is hardly any material available on how to remove blindness, demolish the gates of hell and open closed doors. Appropriate tools, technology and literature are essential for *Motivating, Mobilizing, mentoring and Managing Momentum for a Mass Movement (7M’s)*. Picture books, radio, VCD and other devices in their heart language, are being developed for a largely non-literate clientele. Although many donor agencies are shy of providing transport facilities, gone are the days of barefoot evangelist with a shoulder bag; bicycles and Hero Honda motor cycles are putting the gospel on the fast track to remote villages. Multiplication of mature disciples depends very much on multiplication of necessary tools and transport.

Changing role of Cross-cultural missionary: On the 7th of February 09, Pope Benedict proclaimed that the house churches are authentic churches as Saint Paul sent greetings to them (1Cor. 16:19). All the functions of the church including baptisms and the Eucharist can be served by the local leaders without the presence of an outside priest. He further added that this is the way forward for the Catholic Church in the third millennium.

Cross cultural missionaries played a dominant role in the past but now there is increasing realization that they are only a rocket that launch the satellite into the space and must disengage. If they do not then the satellite will malfunction.

The very first thing God preached and practiced was delegation, *“Let them”* subdue the earth and have dominion over it. Even though it does not matter whether the cat is white or black as long as it catches the mice but hyper-parenting will nearly always make the sons of the soil dysfunctional. The sooner we recognize that God can hear anyone without the intervention of a professional priest and that he understands all languages and not just the church grammar, the faster the unfinished commission will be finished. The clergy must stop over-mothering and instead harness the fervour and synergy that is already in the pews and the pulpit and release them to turn their nations to Christ *so that all nations, tongues and tribes can eat, meet and gossip the gospel in their own heart language* and be made worthy to stand boldly before His throne and worship Him. Revelation 7:9,10

The Devil knows that his time is short and it is time that the church realized that her time is also short and took steps to see that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Messiah. Revelation 12:12; 1Peter 4:7

We praise God that the come, sit, soak and stagnate Cathedral church, Made in Rome by Constantine, is slowly but surely getting out of Alice in blunderland and imploding like Humpty Dumpty in innumerable pieces and shifting into

motivating, mobilizing, managing, mentoring and maturing believers in House churches for a for mass movement (M7).

Shalom,

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