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Conformed or Transformed?

Facts about heaven:

- God laughs from heaven at those who oppose Him. Psalms 2:4
- God's throne is in heaven. Psalms 11:4
- Heaven declares the glory of God. Psalms 19:1
- Heaven was made by the word of the Lord. Psalms 33:6
- The Lord watches from heaven. Psalms 33:13
- The heavens declare God's righteousness. Psalms 50:6
- There are doors in heaven. Psalms 78:23
- All the heavens belong to Almighty God. Psalms 89:11
- God's word is settled forever in heaven. Psalms 119:89
- God's will is done in heaven. Matthew 6:10

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



I know we've all seen these verses, read these verses, but it's time to realize that every human that has ever been alive has either been conformed or transformed by the two opposing forces in existence.

Definition of CONFORM

transitive verb : to give the same shape, outline, or contour to : bring into harmony or accord <conform furrows to the slope of the land> intransitive verb

1 : **to be similar or identical**; *also* : to be in agreement or harmony —used with *to* or *with* <changes that conform with our plans>

2 *a* : **to be obedient or compliant** —usually used with *to* <conform to another's wishes> *b* : **to act in accordance with prevailing standards or customs** <the pressure to conform>

Definition of TRANSFORM

transitive verb 1 *a* : **to change in composition or structure** *b* : to change the outward form or appearance of *c* : **to change in character or condition** : convert 2 : to subject to mathematical transformation 3 : to cause (a cell) **to undergo genetic transformation**

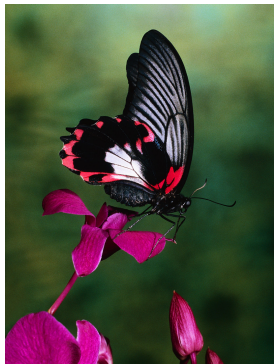
Synonyms: alchemize, make over, metamorphose, transfigure, convert, transmute, transpose, transubstantiate

The world demands conformity. The world's thinking is democracy or some other man made government is the way we should live. We have heard about democracy so long we think it's the ideal way of doing things, but what happens when the majority or those who rule are wicked?

Proverbs 29:2 2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

We can't force the wicked to come to God, but we can change what we do and how we think about things. We can choose to study the word of God, reject the thinking of the majority in favor of the way of God, and allow the word of God to transform us. OR we can be like cattle and lemmings that follow every trend or "wind of doctrine (teaching)" that comes across our TV screens. I'm not just talking about religious doctrine, but the teaching or knowledge of mankind.

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For those who have chosen Yeshua the Messiah we are supposed to be transformed or changed into His likeness. We are supposed to first allow the transformation to begin on the inside, in the spirit. Then it is SUPPOSED to continue as the mind is renewed to God's thinking. His thinking is always filtered and borne of love and pure compassion. All other thoughts are supposed to be cast down and brought into obedience. Believers don't sit and think about scary, negative, ugly, death filled or freakish things. Believers think about lovely things, things full of love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, meekness, temperance and faith. Believers don't meditate on the undead or sinful ways of adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, or a million other things that today's media portrays as "normal". Those things are just as wicked as they ever were. A person who thinks about any of those things will eventually do those things. Focus on righteousness yields righteousness; focus on wickedness causes conformity to it.

Conformity speaks of pressure, peer pressure. Transformation speaks of a change that begins on the inside and works its way to the outside. You decide. Do you want to be pressed into the likeness of something you aren't and weren't designed to be or be transformed as you voluntarily submit to a loving all seeing Father? It's up to you.

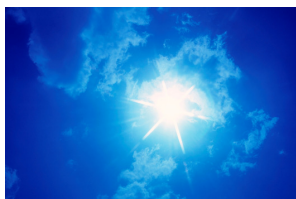
Philippians 4: 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

"...as the days of heaven upon the earth."
"God hath given me rest on every side..."

Heavenly Days!!!

I love to think about heaven. When I have days that seem hellish I remind myself that God has promised we can have "days of heaven upon the earth".

Deuteronomy 11: 21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.



Heaven is a peaceful place. After all, God lives there and chaos can't stand in His presence. It is a healthy place; sickness can't exist where He is. Heaven is a place where fear can NOT abide, God is love and perfect love casts out fear. Heaven is a holy place; sin can't live where God who is perfect light lives! Heaven is a high place where no lowly thing can thrive. Heaven is a place of abundance and no lack. God uses gold to pave the streets! The trees have 12 kinds of fruit on them. No one is laboring for heaven abides in the seventh day! God abides in the seventh day and the seventh day is a day of Sabbath rest.

I know King Solomon had days of heaven for he told us so: *1 Kings 5:4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.*

It's exciting for me to read these words, for these are the words he spoke just before he began to build the temple! God is building His temple in men these days.

There is a time in the not so distant future when we shall all see heaven. God is bringing it to earth.

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I'm not sure HOW He will do it, but that's OK because He's God and He's the best one for the job. I don't need to know how He will actually accomplish this supernatural task. He does much I never understand and the world hasn't come to an end just because I don't understand it all. I do know He has said He will do so and in my small scope of experience He is ALWAYS good to His word. In the meantime I shall be satisfied with my days of heaven upon my earth. If I believe for them by faith, I have confidence that I shall see them!

Filled With His Spirit

When we hear about the spirit of anti-christ we can react in a myriad of ways, but it helps to understand the term BEFORE we make any sort of decision or response.

Anti-CHRIST is a spirit, an evil pervading spirit, but a dead spirit and one that is short lived. There were anti-christ spirits on the planet when Yeshua/Jesus was here, and there will be such "dead" or separated from God spirits when the Lord returns. Until the adversary is cast into the lake of fire we shall deal with these spirits, pure and simple. Let's dissect the word for understanding and clarification?

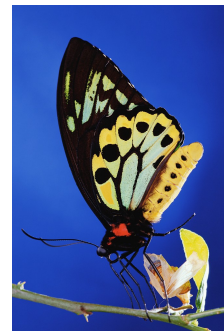
Webster defines it as "one who opposes", but what is this spirit opposing? The next part of the word is "christ". I've long been somewhat curious as to why the translators chose to translate some words into English and others they left in Greek? First of all "christ" is NOT our Lord's last name. His adopted earth father Joseph wasn't Mr. Christ. He wasn't Greek so of course that would NEVER have been his last name. If we translate the word into Hebrew it would have been "mashiach" or "anointed messiah".

Isaiah 10: 27 *And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the **anointing**.*

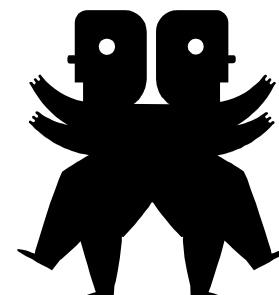
The word here we see is anointing and it's exactly what Yeshua/Jesus was when he submitted to the will of God, was baptized and the Holy Spirit came down upon him. In Luke we read exactly what that anointing was for.

Luke 4: 18-19 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath **anointed** me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

He is quoting from Isaiah in this passage. I dare say his audience knew which passage he was quoting and ran it through their heads as he was saying it. The spirit of anti-christ was immediately at work when he finished speaking. How do I know? Because of the response that he received...They were filled with wrath and wanted to throw him off the cliff! The problem with that is God had bigger plans for him and it wasn't his time. God's plan was to destroy the works of the adversary and that could only be done on the cross at Golgotha.



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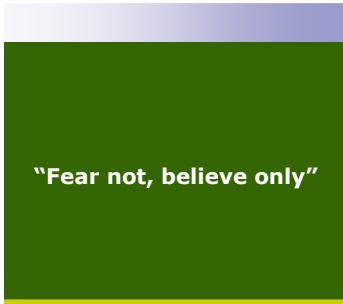


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Today we are supposed to carry that anointing as well. You don't see many people walking in it. You see lots of churches, you hear lots of preachers, but you don't see many people laying hands on the sick, casting out devils (those spirits I spoke of earlier) or any of the other things that the Lord told us to do IF we believe. The spirit of anti-christ is pervasively working in the organized religions of the world. Unbelief is everywhere, but it most certainly isn't a surprise to God. It was at work when the Lord was on the planet. The anti-christ or against the anointing that destroys the yokes of bondage spirit is at work. The lying signs of the adversary are natural or physical signs that God's word is not good.



Mark 16: 15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*



If we believe we would **do** these things. If not we walk in fear of rejection of man, then fear God as an overlord and walk away from the free gift of righteousness and walk in condemnation instead.

The Lord could do NO mighty works in his own hometown because of their **unbelief**. Even after many miracles were done in Betsaida they didn't turn from their ways to God. The Lord actually had to take a blind man outside of the city walls of Bethsaida in order to heal him. The pervasive spirit hindered faith so strongly that the Son of God couldn't heal one blind man. Like a wet blanket it had covered the minds of men (and women) of that town and smothered the flames of the anointing.

Luke 18:8b...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

I have to believe that the Lord will find faith when he returns. At least until I die or until those I know who are filled with his spirit are all taken from the earth. I have to believe that we will hear his voice and be daily filled with his spirit and obey the voice of the spirit. We believers don't give up; we don't get drunk with the cares of the world or with actual wine so as to be numb to the evil around us. We choose to be filled with the Holy Spirit of Compassion or the agape spirit of God our Father and do the things contained in Mark 16.



Yes, the spirit of anti-christ (against the anointing of God which destroys yokes) is in the world. It will be here until the Lord casts him (the adversary) and his minion into the lake of fire. The enemy is insane. He was defeated at Calvary, but the very nature of deception keeps the enemy at work when he is without any power but that same power to deceive. The word of God is spirit (life's breath). You can't see spirit, but you can sure tell when it's gone from a body. The word is seed and takes time to produce. Through faith (in God's word) and patience we inherit the blessings of God. We must continue in His word and act as disciples of the Lord. We can't be distracted by the spirit of anit-christ in the world today. Fear not and believe only. It's not going to be easy, but it's a must in these last days.

Answers to Prayers

“.....In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.”

We want always to give glory to God when it is due Him. In the past few months we were trusting God for a replacement vehicle for Jeff and for several others in our ministry. In one week's time four of us received the wheels we needed! We are so thankful to God for speaking to the hearts of people to help Jeff get the gospel out by providing transportation. He needed a specific type of vehicle for his ministry needs and it was exact including the color (which he never has mentioned to anyone but me.) We thank God for speaking the very details of his needs to a family and for their ability to hear and obey the voice of God. It was a sacrifice of love and within a week's time they had a vehicle of their own.

Along with these two needs being filled a single mother caring for a houseful of people received a brand new car. Another young women much in need of a power chair received hers (hot pink). It's such a blessing to have the natural needs met so we can focus on the spiritual needs of the body. We love to pray for needs, so do call or email your needs in and we will pray the prayer of agreement. If you are a sower you should be a reaper! Thank you heavenly Father for meeting the needs of your children!

Five Kinds of Prayer

There are multiple kinds of prayer in the word, but I want to focus on the five we use in ministry each week. All of these must line up with the written word for faith to come and for the Lord to confirm them with signs following.

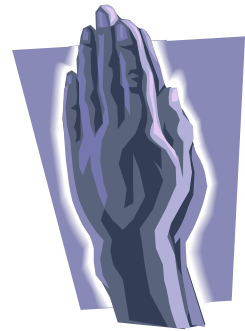
AGREEMENT: 1 John 5:14 is our bedrock for this sort of prayer. Agreement with the word assures us of answered prayer.

AGREEMENT WITH EACH OTHER: Matthew 18: 19-20 tells us to come in agreement with another brother/sister.

STANDING: Ephesians 6: 10-15 When you ask for things of God they must be received in the spirit and stood for until they manifest in the natural realm. Everything in the spirit realm moves at the speed of light, but here on earth things move much slower. When you pray you must believe you have received in order to have. That requires faith AND patience. It's yours when you pray, but just like seeds have to go into the ground and be worked on by the soil and fed by the rain and sun, so must your words of prayer be worked on in your heart (spirit) and bring forth like fruit. Prayers are made up of words and words are called "seeds" in the bible.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT: In Ephesians 6 praying in the spirit is one side of a "two edged sword". The written and living word is one side and praying in the spirit is the other. Yeshua/Jesus told us that his words were spirit and they were life. Spoken into any situation long enough for faith to come in those words, they can change the worst situation. Jairus' daughter was dead and faith in the Lord's words was enough to raise her from the dead. When we pray in the spirit we also tap into the power of God's word. We speak words that supersede our understanding, but which bring us rest and refreshing (Isaiah 28). We are able to utter words that will change our understanding and will bring understanding of mysteries to us. 1 Corinthians 14:2

PRAISE: The Lord has promised that He inhabits the praises of His people. This should be enough to make us praise Him on a second by second basis. Never underestimate the power and value of praise. Psalm 22:3 The Lord also told us to thank God IN everything. He can work when we are thankful.



1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.



Words are seeds and must be given water, (understanding of the word) nutrients and the son for them to sprout.