

The Quantum Psychology of Self-Imposed Curses

Commentary on the Biblical Episode of the Twelve Spies

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From the quantum perspective, observation and perception structure the forms of reality that becomes materialized around us. Therefore, what we chose to see, and how we chose to understand it, defines for us our reality.

Essentially, we are not casually and objectively observing what is there. On the contrary, we are skewering what is there and making it take the shape that is primarily first in our minds. As this is true on the quantum level, so too it is true at the human psychological level. Essentially, it is we ourselves that create our own blessings and our own curses.

With regards to the Biblical episode, recorded in Numbers 13-14, of the 12 spies sent by Moses to spy out the Holy Land, we find a very clear application of seeing is believing, and that believing is what forms reality.

The Biblical narrative is simple. Moses sends twelve men to travel throughout the Holy Land for a period of 40 days, to ascertain what was the then present condition of the Land. Upon return all the spies report the same observations, however, ten of the spies draw conclusions from those observations that the Land cannot be conquered, and that they were far too weak to handle the jobs ahead of them. Two of the twelve, while agreeing with the observations of the other ten, strongly disagreed with their conclusions, and interpretations of what they saw. Here we have two separate groups, each observed the same objective phenomena, and each drew conclusions directly opposite of one another.

We might just conclude from this that each was expressing their own individual opinions, which is true. However, opinions can be like a wild fire, they can spread rapidly, burning and destroying anything in their path. What proved fatal in ancient Israel was that the negative opinions of the ten spies took root in the hearts and minds of the masses, whereas the positive opinions of the two found no such welcome.

Because observation was skewed into the negative, an entire people embraced that negativity, and by doing so embraced a mind set that disabled them from seeing any other alternative other than the negative one that they themselves had already adopted. Essentially, the people locked themselves into a self-imposing prison in their own minds, creating fear, and the inability of action. With this, God was very much not pleased.

The purpose of the exodus and the giving of Torah at Sinai was specifically to teach a single nation the values of freedom, and how freedom begins first in the mind, before it can ever materialize into any form of political, social or economic liberty.

When the nation of Israel succumbed to the negative perceptions tacked on to the objective observations of the ten spies, they essentially contradicted the entire purpose for which they were redeemed and brought to Sinai. By doing so, we can now understand how God, in His Divine displeasure ordained that the entire generation who embraced the mind set of negative submission be subject to the exile and death that they themselves had believed was their fate.

Essentially, ***before God ordained for the people to spend the next 40 years in the wilderness, the people themselves had already brought this self-imposed mental prison (and punishment) upon themselves.*** And once a perception, is locked in place, it can no longer be returned to its quantum state of non-locality, to again realign itself into another form of reality.

Perception is a powerful prison for the mind. What we embrace in our minds creates the realities that we experience. If we think positively we can turn what appears to be the most cursed of circumstances into a blessing. Then again, on the contrary, if we perceive opportunities as being obstacles, then indeed the very opportunities for blessings will be transformed, because of our personal negativities, into cursed obstacles. This is what the children of Israel did in the wilderness by their embrace of the negativity of the ten spies, as opposed to the positive report of the two.

Psychological constructs always lead to physical actions. Actions always create consequences. Regardless of intentions, actions take on a life of their own. Expressions of our emotional states are even more consequential than are our actions. Actions, however consequential, can be redirected, and maybe even repaired. However, expressions of emotional states run with deep currents in them. They are not easily withdrawn.

Earlier, the children of Israel erected a Golden Calf and worshiped it as their God. Needless to say Divine wrath was evoked. However, in that case, Divine wrath quickly subsided. In this case, the people's choice of an idol was not due to any emotional insecurities, but rather due to a mistake of the intellect. They did not realize what it was that they were doing. Therefore, when they regretted their actions, for the most part, the incident could be put behind them, enabling them to move forward.

However, with regards to the spies, the issue here was not one that was simply an intellectual mistake. Rather, here the nation was swayed by the emotional component of the perceptions of the ten spies. Rather than merely confuse them, this influence poisoned their souls, and solidified psychological rigidity in their hearts and resolve.

Intellectual mistakes can be corrected, Emotional despair, and loss of resolve, cannot be easily corrected. This is why, the nation could move on after the sin of the Golden Calf, but were psychologically and emotionally paralyzed by their embrace of the negativity of the ten spies.

Ancient history is one thing, but the lessons we learn from the ancient past are archetypal, universal and eternal truths. We too are subject to quantum influence and random flux. We too are all confronted with perceived objective realities. How we interpret them defines for us both our individual characters and our collective fates.

We too, whether we like it or not, ride the roller coaster of history. Our decisions decide for us the momentum of the ride we take through our lives. Sometimes, some decisions cannot be easily undone. Sometimes, we are forced to live with the consequences of the actions that we have decided to perform.

Long ago, our Sages warned us to be cautious, deliberating and careful in making decisions. Nature never seems to rush along, but we human beings always seem to have a problem with letting our emotions run wild. Far too often, we commit ourselves quickly, and for the long term, to a course of action and its consequences, that if given more time to deliberate, maybe we would have decided to have acted differently. Yet, once the quantum reality has solidified into construct form, we are stuck with that reality.

As it was in the past, so too is it today. There is nothing new under the sun. There is only what we have to remember from the past, so as not to repeat its mistakes in the future.

We do not need God to create for us Heaven or Hell. We do a good enough job of doing this ourselves. When God blesses us, and out of fear or weakness, we throw down our blessings, what right have we to pray to ask God to bless us again? God gives us strength to perform great deeds. When we reject the strength, then who is to blame for our failure?

One with resolve sacrifices all, and gives all, to accomplish his set task. Our archetypes for this are Joshua and Caleb. This explains that why, in the End of Days, we are to have two messiahs, one from Joseph, from Joshua, and one from Judah, from Caleb. These two stood out in the past, and they will again stand out in the future. Their reality is different from the rest, and they make no secret of it.

In the past, the Joshua/Caleb reality was rejected, and the nation paid the price for its lack of insight. In the future, the Joshua/Caleb reality will dominate, and the nation, and the world will benefit thereby. ***In the future, strength will reign triumphant.*** Quantum reality will turn towards blessing, and no longer towards the curse. In the future, we will make the right choice.

There is only one question left to ask. ***When does the future begin, today or some distant tomorrow?***