

## The Master Plan 2

One of the jobs I was fondest of in the park was to mow grass. Usually this was accomplished with the use of a riding mower with a six foot wide mower deck which had three two foot long blades under it. These tractor mowers were diesel powered and generally had sufficient power to cut through very heavy spring time grass, and do so fairly economically with a minimal use of fuel. Another advantage was that once the operator got started mowing and got the mowing pattern set up, there was no need to stop mowing for any reason. I usually mowed through lunches, stopping only to “answer mother nature’s call” as it were.

Setting up the pattern was done by outlining the area to be cut by blowing the cut grass inside the cut so you would be re-cutting the old grass. This was done to prevent leaving cut grass all over the trails and shelters around which you were mowing. Usually doing this for the first three passes was sufficient, then reversing direction of the mower so that the grass was exhausted away from the cut, was the accepted norm. This was so that the mower was not re-cutting old grass all day. This would save on fuel use and wear on the mower. Once the pattern was set up and all the hazards noted, you were good for hours or days on the field, or fields to be mowed.

This obviously required mowing in a circular pattern which continued in ever tightening circles until the area to be mowed was finished. The mowing was finished by ending up in the middle of the field. The mower operator would then spend hours in the seat of the riding mower as he/she cut the grass. This allowed much time to be spent thinking up “master plans” like this one which follows this introductory statement. It was precipitated by the very circular pattern I was following.

The circular mowing pattern reminded me of the right hand rule in Physics which says basically that if the thumb of your right hand is pointing in the direction of an electric current flow, the curled fingers of your right hand are going in the direction of the magnetic field.[1] To that end, if the current determines the direction of the magnetic field, the direction of the magnetic field should determine the direction of the current.

With that in mind, in my studies of biology I found that biology is replete with studies of the stimulation of nerve cells into action with the application of an ultra low grade electric pulse. So, I reasoned that a comatose person, whose cranium was tightly wound with copper wire, could have a broad spectrum stimulus of the cerebral hemispheres by a pulsation of a current of low voltage electricity through these wound wires, and, if pulsed with the beat of the patient’s heart beat, it might generate a somewhat parallel situation to the stimuli generated by physiological situations. I then thought that the comatose person might be awakened out of a coma, if this procedure is followed.

Not everyone who mows grass has a brain which gravitates to such mental endeavors while mowing; arguably there is ample opportunity to do so, if the mowing equipment and mental equipment is properly functioning. Other people might dream of their own “master plans” while mowing or solve their own crisis situations....Others may put their minds in neutral and think of mowing, or think of nothing at all. I pity them.

Life in Christ can be a bit like mowing grass. We can just hop into the seat and blithely go through the motions until a situation occurs when we need to quickly be in touch with Christ to help us through the situation in question. When the disciples were in a boat crossing the lake they were face to face with such a situation when a storm arose. Panic stricken, they cried out for the Lord to save them and He calmed the Storm[2]. The solution to their problem was immediate and certain. In another situation, Peter saw Jesus walking on the water of Lake Gennesaret, and asked the Lord to bid him to come to Him if, indeed it were He. He bad Peter to come to Him and when He did, Peter walked on the water to the Lord. Yet, upon the realization of the wind and the waves he began to sink in the lake. He cried out to the Lord to save him, and He did.[3] In each of these situations the prayer to the Lord was short and to the point. The request was to be saved from the situation in which the appellant(s) found themselves. The salvation was quick and sure. Such is the deliverance of God for those who call on Him in Faith.

Life today is much more technological than it was in days gone by. While the story told in the Book “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelly was an unbelievable horror story in its time, today it is somewhat common place with the organ transplants of modern medicine. The story of a nuclear powered submarine in Jules Verne’s 20,000 Leagues under

the Sea is now common place as well. Early man in his rebellious self serving attitude decided to build a tower to reach Heaven and built a tower to reach this goal. God confounded his speech and forced man to move away from one another to inhabit other areas of the earth as was His original Divine Intent.[4]

From the physical Tower of Babel to the medical organ transplants to the space explorations man has begun a sort of “self glorification “quest which began, sadly enough, with someone’s ill conceived master plan. The Book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the futility of a self serving quest for wisdom, wealth, pleasures and advancement.[5] We are reminded that we, like all animals have the grave as a common destiny.[6] The only thing we can do, Solomon says, is to “fear God and Keep His Commandments.[7]

We, as followers of Jesus Christ, are not ended here. While we all have sinned and fallen short of God’s Glory,[8] and are concomitantly doomed to death as a result,[9] we need have no fear of condemnation because we are in Christ who has paid the penalty of sin for us.[10] We, therefore, must choose between salvation through Christ, where we present our bodies a living sacrifice to God who sent His Son to die for us, becoming our redemption, reconciliation and propitiation for these sins; or, we can come up with our own “master plan”. This master plan of ours will fail. Jesus said no one comes to the Father but by Him.[11] God the Father has the only true Master Plan....Jesus Christ.

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[1] Shortley and Williams, Elements of Physics, Prentice-Hall pp180 & 670; Physical Science Study Committee, DC Heath, pg 530

[2] Matthew 8: 23-27; Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8: 22-25

[3] Matthew 14: 22-36

[4] Genesis 11:1-10

[5] Ecclesiastes chapters 1-7

[6] Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

[7] Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

[8] Romans 3:23

[9] Romans 6:23

[10] John 3: 16-17; Romans 8:1

[11] John 14:5-14