

God's point of view versus man's point of view

When the Kingdom of God has been restored - **Acts 1:6** - Jesus will rule supreme on the throne of David - **Luke 1:32**. But Christ will be more than King - from his baptism he was called The Teacher, and those who espoused his teaching were called his disciples or students. That function of Jesus continues while God gives him *"as a light to the nations"* - **Isaiah 49:6**. At his return Jesus will distribute his rulership among those faithful disciples - **Daniel 7:27**. We can expect that in each nation the Minister of Education and character building will be one of those who are God's *"royal priesthood"* who will *"proclaim the praises* (Strong 0703: virtues, moral excellence) *of Him who called them out of darkness into His marvellous light"* - **1 Peter 2:9**. They will teach the people *"that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord"* - **Deut. 8:3**.

At that time the current man-centred education system will be replaced by one which is centred on God's point of view. The disciples of this humanistic system who are taught that man is the highest form of intelligence are told that the fate of this earth depends on human activity. In response, the intelligentsia are planning a Utopia in which man has harnessed the atomic fusion power of the stars - www.iter.org, and proposes to take control of the human genome to eradicate disease and extend his life-span - Wikipedia, *Human genetic engineering*. *"God is not in all their thoughts"* - **Psalm 10:4**.

God who made this earth, has revealed that he made it with his own goal in mind - *"the heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth He has given to the children of men"* - **Psalm 115:16** - a permanent population of incorruptible men will inherit the earth. *"Truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord"* - **Num. 14:21** - God will be recognized with gratitude by all. *"The dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God"* - **Rev. 21:3**. By the end of Christ's reign - **1 Corinthians. 15:24** - all men will have the same direct communication with God as the angels now have - **Mat. 18:10**. In this way God will realize his goal of enjoying the everlasting service and fellowship of those who have been prepared for it by becoming students of Christ the Teacher.

We humans should have little difficulty in understanding God's point of view in this matter. If a man were to construct a beautiful estate with much planning and great expense, he would also want to populate it with a qualified staff, with the requisite skills for care and maintenance. But they would also need to be the sort of personality which the landlord would be happy to associate with - people whose joy is to perform their lord's will and to follow his directions. Now while suitable candidates are gradually being assembled, how would the owner feel, if meanwhile temporary workers paid no attention to instructions, made a mess of his estate, and generally ignored him? - He would want to get rid of these undesirables and replace them with those who have been properly prepared - **Mat. 21:41**.

God in fact is Lord of that estate, which is his own earth, and he has been gathering the sort of people he wants in the permanent population - **John 11:52** - who will serve him. These, like Abraham, have submitted to His training in their mortal life, and many have died in faith, not having received the promises - **Heb. 11:13**. They are awaiting the resurrection, when Jesus at his return will *"gather together in one the children of God"*. There will be joyful celebration - **Rev. 19:9** - when these are organized into the new legions of immortals - **Mat. 26:53** - under the command of "the Lord of Hosts" - **Mal. 4:3**.