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Synergy

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The interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.

Whether for good or ill, cooperation increases, sometimes exponentially, the effect. When the intent of the cooperation is the common good, wonderful effects abound. One of the most inspiring passages in our bible is found in Genesis chapter 11 where, at that time, the cooperation was in direct opposition to GOD. The LORD had commanded that mankind should spread out and re-populate the earth, but Nimrod defied that command and decided to build a tower to heaven and take over. The LORD made an observation that still to this day, puts me in awe. He said, "they all speak the same language and now nothing they purpose to do will be impossible for them". Understand we are not talking about some motivational guru. This is GOD's view of humanity. They were on the same page, even if it was the wrong page. They had this common goal they were working toward, and while they were not able to accomplish their original goal, their actions did produce one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The statement made there by the LORD, reflects the difference between man and the rest of GOD's creation. The fact that we are made in GOD's image, is what puts the exponential in our cooperation. We are given something nothing else in creation receives, a spirit that originates from HIM. We are HIS offspring according to the apostle Paul in Acts 17. It is like we can trace our spiritual DNA and intelligence right back to the source. We are HIS children. There is no denying the paternity of the tremendous human intellect.

When we become one, united, each of us contributing our own divinely gifted spirit and intellect to the cause, it is possible to become partakers of the divine nature. (2Pt. 1:3) We are given a piece of GOD's immeasurable intellect and the more of these pieces we combine for the common good the more we approach that divine nature. Less and less becomes impossible as we cooperate as a single unit, becoming exponentially more than our individual parts. I remember one occasion where an individual had a very specific and extremely unusual need. I immediately let it be known in our own network of folks and it wasn't five minutes later we had the answer with what was needed. I stand amazed at how solutions come out of nowhere. The person who had the need was astonished and asked me how it was possible, my response; we have a very influential father. Can you imagine how many doors would automatically open for you if your father was the president of the United States. Well just know our Father not only has connections, He made the connections. Part of the marvel of our Creator is the synergism that both our physical and spiritual worlds are based upon. In the natural world they call it an ecosystem. Our Lord Jesus prayed in John 17 that His disciples would all be one just like He And His Father were one. He wanted them to

experience the same harmony, the same unity He and His Father knew and practiced together. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church that they should all agree, speak the same thing and have no divisions among them. In other words work together, have the same goals, be on the same page; the right page. Paul describes the church as the body with all its interdependent parts. Some seem, as the horse to the bird, to be more important. In 1 Corinthians chapter 12 the apostle Paul tells us that the foot cannot say, because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body. Every part has a role, a position to fill, and in its moment, the most important. Picture if you will, a person walking. As the person walks the eyes watch and the mind chooses where each step should be placed, while other members of the body fulfill their role in the task of ambulation. Arms swing to give balance, while legs reach forward to cover whatever distance needs to be covered. The legs place the feet over the spot chosen for each step and the feet bear the weight of the body. Each leg takes its turn in bearing the entire load as do the feet then the last part to touch the ground and bear the whole load is the big toe. If at any time during this task of mobility, any part fails, the entire system is crippled. Perhaps the task can still be completed, but it certainly will not be as easy or efficient. Synergy is at work in nature and the spirit world, the church or the kingdom of GOD. Wouldn't it be fabulous to have that kind of harmony in our national and world politics? There would be no wars, no terrorists. The world would be like the crocodile laying on the bank of the Nile with his mouth open and those little birds standing in his mouth cleaning his teeth for him because his legs are too short to do it himself and the birds need the food. Perfect harmony. Have you ever seen a horse in a pasture whipping his tail around and smacking himself on the hindquarters? Horseflies, called that for a very good reason, love to congregate on the horses rump and bite him, so he swats them with his built in fly swatter. Like the crocodile he has his limitations, his fly swatter is too short so sometimes he calls in a pest control expert. Some types of birds will station themselves on the horses back and, all of a sudden the flies are no longer a problem. At least there is no more tail swishing, evidently so as to not drive away the birds. Just a short time ago I saw at least a half dozen of these birds lined up between the horses withers and tail. They were standing guard while trigger was dining. Very unlikely allies. Who would think a small bird could do anything for such a giant animal? Only in our GOD's world of reciprocity. Seemingly unrelated systems most certainly connected and interdependent. HE created us so that we cannot reach our potential without recognizing our need for each other, giving up our selfishness and empty conceit and working together, filling others needs and they filling ours. Synergy: becoming more together than we add up to separately