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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Harmonic Convergence ~ January 16, 2014

This world can't satisfy the soul's longing for spiritual power. Christ does.

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“Look at this!”

My family and I would periodically hike into the wilderness surrounding Sedona, AZ which is fabled to be one of the world's twelve “power points.” Other rumored sites that spark an ethereal experience are Stonehenge, Mt. Olympus and the Great Pyramid. Sedona, however, is attractive for its unique red-rock beauty and its superstitious “energy vortexes.” From Native Indians to New Agers, Sedona is believed to be a conduit to the spiritual side because it has vortexes—places where highly concentrated energies merge together like the whirlpool that forms when bath water converges into a swirling motion as it's drawn down the drain.

Which is why, on a hike into the back country of Sedona, one of us (I forget whom) cried out: “Look at this!” Some soul had perched himself on a pinnacle overlooking a small canyon, and had made a mystic design of sea shells, coins and brilliantly glossy colored rocks on a flat rock. My guess is that this was to serve as spiritual magnet, attracting the energy of the vortex to converge and to amp up their spiritual state. Believers in this metaphysical power claim that this convergence can affect a person positively for days afterwards.

How sad. Here are people seeking a mystical power to positively energize their lives, and they're missing the original “harmonic convergence” displayed at Jesus' baptism.

Jesus didn't need the baptism that John the Baptist was performing at the Jordan River as he prepared the crowds to expect that soon the Messiah would announce his presence. After all, Jesus is God who took on flesh and blood and so he was always perfect, holy and sinless. So if he did not need baptism, why be baptized? Because, when Jesus was baptized, he was publicly stepping into the role as our Substitute. In other words, he was being baptized in our place, so that someday soon, he could die as our perfect Substitute. In a sense, by his righteous obedience Jesus was “pre-loading” the “gift card” of baptism with his gifts of forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Notice how Jesus explained his own baptism: “it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). *Think “pre-load.”* Now study how Peter preached at Pentecost: “Be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children”

(Acts 2:38-39). *Think of the convergence of Christ, the Spirit, forgiveness and children.* Let these two Scriptures harmonize, and we see that Jesus was baptized in order to pre-load baptism with his Spirit and forgiveness. This is why, when the “gift card” of baptism is used with a person like you and me, this baptism offers forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Here in baptism is true spiritual energy, but not coming from the earth. Here in baptism is a harmonic convergence, but not dependent upon a human being in a select magical place. Here in baptism Christ gifts a person with forgiveness, delivered by the Holy Spirit. Here in baptism is a God-given sacrament that’s available for all people, yes, even our young children!

Now look again at the one who pre-loads baptism. For when we look at Jesus as he’s baptized we see the true “harmonic convergence” this world is dying to find. This is the harmonic convergence of the Spirit of God descended like a dove and lighting on Jesus, the Son of God. And we hear the presence of the Father who thundered: “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matt 3:16-17). In this harmonic convergence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is heaven’s stamp of approval upon Jesus, as he “pre-loads” the “gift card” of baptism to be all that John Baptist and the Apostle Paul teach that it is.

People looking for spiritual power don’t have to travel to Sedona. And they don’t have to magically arrange sea shells, coins and glossy rocks into a mystical design. *Look at this:* plain water and the promise of Jesus echoed in words that describe these simple actions, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Learn more about this topic from the sermon [“Jesus Was Baptized?” delivered on January 12th.](#)
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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

