It's About Time

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Dimensions of Time

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The concept that there are unfamiliar dimensions of time is most easily approached by way of those dimensions with which we are already familiar, those of length, height, and breadth. These, in turn, are best approached, quite literally, from a starting point, which, geometrically speaking, has a location but no dimensions. It does, however, relate to figures with dimensions in the following way:

If a point is moved through space, it marks a line, with the one dimension of length. If a line is moved through space, it traces the figure of a plane, with the two dimensions of length and breadth. And if a plane is moved in space, it traces a figure with the three dimensions of length, breadth, and height.

We can also work backward from a three-dimensional body and find that the cross section of the three-dimensional cube is a two-dimensional plane, that the cross section of the plane is a one-dimensional line, and that the cross section of the line is a dimensionless point.

From this we can infer that a body of three dimensions is the cross section of a body of four dimensions and that a three-dimensional body, when moved in a certain way, will produce a body of four dimensions. Then comes the question, of what sort of body could a three-dimensional shape be the cross section? And in what sort of new direction could a three-dimensional shape be moved to produce one of four dimensions, since a movement other than up and down, backward and forward, or side to side would simply produce a larger figure, not one of a different dimensions. The answer, of course, is the feature duration. For as soon as something ceases to endure, it ceases to exist. To the three familiar dimensions, then, we should add duration in time as a fourth dimension. Ordinary three-dimensional bodies should there fore be properly described as four-dimensional, and a body with three dimensions must be defined as having only length, breadth, and height but no duration. Is such a thing possible? It is, but only hypothetically. For, in fact, the point, line, and plane do not truly exist as such. Any line that can be seen has breadth as well as length (and duration), just as any physical plane

has a certain thickness as well as length and breadth. What movement, then, must a figure of three dimensions undergo to produce a body of four dimensions?

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As we said, it must mean movement in a new direction, not up, down, or sideways. Are there any other kinds of movement? For a start, there is the movement that the earth's rotation imparts to everything upon it and that puts even apparently motionless objects in motion. We can thus say that a three-dimensional body is the hypothetically motionless cross section of a real body whose fourth dimension, duration, is inseparable from the motion that the turning world inevitably imparts to everything. Further inevitable motions are that of the earth around the sun, of the sun around the center of the galaxy, and, perhaps, of the galaxy itself around some unknown point. Since any perceptible body is, in fact, undergoing all these motions simultaneously, we can say that everything has these dimensions, though in a way that is ordinarily imperceptible. Because motions and the dimensions they imply are only perceptible in a framework of time, they can be referred to as dimensions of time.

If duration is one aspect of time, what might the others be? Among several possibilities, we can suggest appearance and disappearance, change and recurrence. Of all possibilities, only duration is perceptible. When we say that something appears, we mean that we suddenly note its existence; when something disappears, we note its lack of existence. We perceive no intermediate condition of "appearing" or "disappearing". In the same way, we talk of change but actually only develop the concept, as we perceive aggregates of characteristics that exist-or cease to exist. And so we infer, but do not observe, the recurrence of sunset and sunrise, the passage of seasons, the growth of a child.

And yet, things really do appear and disappear, change and recur, although not actually perceived to do so. They are, so to speak, hypothetical to us and must have their reality in other dimensions of time, just as the hypothetical three-dimensional body becomes real, that is, perceptible, in the dimension of time we call duration.

If access to higher dimensions of time belongs to one body, it is at least theoretically possible that it belongs, though invisibly, to all bodies. We can further assume that such access is by way of unfamiliar modes or levels of consciousness-and that the name we give to one of these is prophecy. (Mysteries of the Unexplained: Reader's Digest Copyright 1982).

Lets break this down as the Holy Spirit did for me and poured out scriptures as I read this explanation of the dimensions of time. This revelation came in 1998. The first scripture that was brought into remembrance when I was reading was what the Bible says about some of the different aspects of time.

And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: (Revelation 10:6 KJV).

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (2 Peter 3:8 KJV).

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually (Hebrews 7:3 KJV).

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: (Luke 1:70 KJV).

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times (Matthew 16:3 KJV)?

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10 KJV).

As you can see by these scriptures that time can be manipulated by God or done completely away with. In the Kingdom of Heaven time is irrelevant. Time is not made of molecules and actually doesn't exist without any way to measure it. Let's continue breaking down this concept of dimensions of time. I will separate each paragraph and follow it with scripture.

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Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand (Revelation 1:3 KJV).

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy (1 Corinthians 14:1 KJV).

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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever (Hebrews 13:8 KJV).

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time (Luke 4:5 KJV).

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from <u>him which is, and which was, and which is to come</u>; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; (Revelation 1:4 KJV).

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty (Revelation 1:8 KJV).

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; (Revelation 1:19 KJV).

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That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the <u>breadth</u>, and <u>length</u>, and <u>depth</u>, and <u>height</u>; (Ephesians 3:17,18 KJV).

These, in turn, are best approached, quite literally, from a starting point, which, geometrically speaking, has a location but no dimensions.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1:1,2 KJV).

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<u>For the prophecy came</u> not in old time by the will of man: but <u>holy men of God</u> spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21 KJV).

From this we can infer that a body of three dimensions is the cross section of a body of four dimensions and that a three-dimensional body, when moved in a certain way, will produce a body of four dimensions. The Holy Ghost changes the natural body (three-dimensional) into a spiritual body (four-dimensional: glorified body). The Bible refers to this transformation as the quickening.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead <u>shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit</u> that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11 KJV).

If you are truly in Christ, then you are in the resurrection (quickening)!

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (John 11:25,26 KJV).

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (1 Corinthians 15:42-49 KJV).

Job looked for this change to come:

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come (Job 14:14 KJV).

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24 KJV).

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But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) (Romans 10:6,7 KJV).

The answer, of course, is the feature duration. For as soon as something ceases to endure, it ceases to exist.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Matthew 24:13 KJV).

To the three familiar dimensions, then, we should add duration in time as a fourth dimension.

But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment (Psalm 9:7 KJV).

Ordinary three-dimensional bodies should therefore be properly described as four-dimensional, and a body with three dimensions must be defined as having only length, breadth, and height but no duration.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22 KJV).

Is such a thing possible? It is, but only hypothetically. (Authors note: Hypothetically means it can be done but we just don't know how to do it yet). For, in fact, the point, line, and plane do not truly exist as such. Any line that can be seen has breadth as well as length (and duration), just as any physical plane has a certain thickness as well as length and breadth. What movement, then, must a figure of three dimensions undergo to produce a body of four dimensions? (The Holy Ghost creates the movement of depth).

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: <u>for the Spirit searcheth all things</u>, <u>yea</u>, the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10 KJV).

In fact, the Bible says that the temples made with stone are just figures (three-dimensional) of the true (four-dimensional).

<u>For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands</u>, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: (Hebrews 9:24 KJV).

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He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing (Job 26:7 KJV).

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If duration is one aspect of time, what might the others be? Among several possibilities, we can suggest appearance and disappearance, change and recurrence.

Appearance

And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias (Matthew 17:3,4 KJV).

After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen (Mark 16:12-14 KJV).

Disappearance

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesar (Acts 8:38-40 KJV).

Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by (John 8:59 KJV).

And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way (Luke 4:28-30 KJV).

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight (Luke 24:31 KJV).

Change

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, <u>And was transfigured before them:</u> and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light (Matthew 17:1,2 KJV).

Behold, I shew you a mystery; <u>We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,</u> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51,52 KJV).

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come (Job 14:14 KJV).

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, <u>are changed</u> into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV).

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV).

Recurrence

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you (Joel 2:25 KJV).

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In the same way, we talk of change but actually only develop the concept as we perceive aggregates of characteristics that exist-or cease to exist. And so we infer, but do not observe, the recurrence of sunset and sunrise, the passage of seasons, the growth of a child.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (Genesis 1:14 KJV).

And yet, things really do appear and disappear, change and recur, although not actually perceived to do so. They are, so to speak, hypothetical to us and must have their reality in other dimensions of time, (authors note: Even the Bible says that this present world in which we live is not reality).

Through faith we understand that the worlds (plural) were framed by the word of <u>God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear</u> (Hebrews 11:3 KJV).

Just as the hypothetical three-dimensional body becomes real, that is perceptible, in the dimension of time we call duration. If access to higher dimensions of time belongs to one body, it is at least theoretically possible that it belongs, though invisibly, to all bodies.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16 KJV).

We can further assume that such access is by way of unfamiliar modes or levels of consciousness-and that the name we give to one of these is prophecy.

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience (1 Timothy 3:9 KJV).

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10 KJV).

I had never really thought much about the concept of time before this revelation because it was something that I thought couldn't be altered. But in the Kingdom of Heaven any thing is possible. Isaiah prayed that the Lord would backup a sundial ten degrees.

And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz (2 Kings 20:9-11 KJV).

The Lord also held the sun in place for a day for Joshua.

Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day (Joshua 10:12,13 KJV).

The concept that past, present, and future could exist simultaneously in another dimension brought up some more interesting ponderings. Did God give our minds the ability to alter perceived time? A good example of this was in a magazine article I read that was done about police gunfights in New York City. They studied testimony from law enforcement officers that were caught in gunfights and they stated that during the gunfight, everything went into slow motion. There is even a scientific name for this phenomenon. Also underground, people seem to lose track of time, as well as drugs slowing down perception of time. Do we "bump" into this spiritual dimension where time is irrelevant every once and awhile? The French call it "de jevu". What about people's whole life flashing in front of their eyes?

We know that the mind is capable of bringing the past of someone's life into the present with a thought, along with every fear, pain, pleasure, and emotion of the past experience all over again. This is called a "memory". Using the mind that has been

moved by the Spirit, you can also bring the future into the present just as easy. This is called a "prophecy".

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. <u>Howbeit</u> when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: <u>and he will shew you things to come</u> (John 16:12,13 KJV).

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:12-16 KJV).

This is what the prophets did through out the Bible. The Christian has this power to transcend time also because of the Spirit of Christ in them. The angel explained this power of operating in the future (prophecy) to John.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10 KJV).

The Bible says, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever". If the born again believer is "in Christ", then they are also in the past, present and future.

<u>For in him we live, and move, and have our being</u>; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring (Acts 17:28 KJV).

Jesus used the term "I am" to refer to Himself. "I am" is a term for the present. By using this term, Jesus was saying I am present in the past, I am present in the present, and I am present in the future.

<u>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it</u>, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, <u>Verily</u>, <u>verily</u>, <u>I say unto you</u>, <u>Before Abraham was</u>, <u>I am</u> (John 8:56-58 KJV).

Remember that the Christian can operate in this spiritual dimension because he is "in the Spirit" also.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9 KJV).

The Christian learns through the Holy Spirit how to apply a spiritual solution to a natural problem and uses spiritual law to overcome natural law. For example: If you toss a rock into the air then the law of gravity will cause it to come back down to earth, but the principle of lift or aerodynamics that a airplane uses overcomes this law of gravity and stays in flight. The principle of lift or aerodynamics that a plane uses does not do away with the law of gravity; it just simply overcomes it with a greater law. This is what the prophets did in the Bible. There are many instances of this principle in the Bible. We call them miracles. There is a story in the Bible about how an ax head fell into the water and sunk to the bottom, which was natural law in action. Elijah touched the water with a branch and made the ax head float (2 Kings 6:5-7 KJV). Elijah simply applied spiritual law to a natural problem. Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit could walk on water, turn water into wine, walk through a closed door, etc. I wonder if Einstein ever read a Bible? Einstein said:

A problem cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created it.

Albert Einstein

Ask the Lord to reveal this revelation on natural law vs. spiritual law to you next time you pray. Let's now take a look at how the holy prophets and apostles operated when they were in this world. Could they transcend time and overcome the natural laws of this world? Let's see what the Bible says about them.

The Bible says the prophets were around when the world began.

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: (Luke 1:70 KJV).

As we can see by the precise accuracy of the Bible in it's prophecies, and the fact that the prophets and apostles were taken somewhere and showed these things, and returned and wrote about what they saw, proves that the future has to already exist somewhere at this present time and the past also in another dimension. When John saw the multitudes of saints worshiping Jesus Christ around the throne. He was looking at me as one of the multitudes worshiping Jesus. So that would mean that right now in another dimension, a part of us are already seated with Christ where He is!

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (Ephesians 2:4-6 KJV).

The main problem that the present world has, is trying to take a knowledge that has come from a different world where time is irrelevant and tries to force it to fit in a world where time is relevant. Remember Jesus said that this world is not his world!

Jesus answered, <u>My kingdom is not of this world</u>: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delievered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence (John 18:36 KJV).

And he said unto them, <u>Ye are from beneath; I am from above</u>: ye are of this world; I am not of this world (John8:23 KJV).

<u>The way of life is above to the wise</u>, that he may depart from hell beneath (Proverbs 15:24 KJV).

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1-3 KJV).

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: <u>but because ye are not of the world</u>, <u>but I have chosen you out of the world</u>, therefore the world hateth you (John 15:19 KJV).

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:12-14 KJV).

In fact, Jesus said he came to free people from this present evil world.

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father (Galatians 1:3,4 KJV).

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