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The Star over Bethlehem

This week in the Church calendar (a church business model) we celebrate Epiphany. Epiphany is where the world “had an epiphany” at the time Jesus was born. Their epiphany was caused by a star that shone over the little town of Bethlehem (for an easy to read description of this star, see this link to my favorite historian James Kiefer that proves the history of the [Star of Bethlehem](#) or the Star of David). It was actually better than a star. Brighter than a star, it was a special alignment of planets, both predictable, and provable. For example: they knew it was coming over two thousand years before; and (assuming those same stable orbits) over two thousand years later we can prove mathematically that it happened on that night right over Bethlehem.

Strategic Entities for an Epiphany

Very much like a business model, to understand the world’s Epiphany some strategic entities must be defined. God designed that star to shine over Bethlehem that day. Before time began, God designed the universe, so we can know the event called Epiphany. Strategy is like making war on a map, and (just like a business strategy) to understand God’s strategy, we need some definitions. We need to understand some relationships on Gods strategic war map:

- 1) The Zodiac
 - a. A circular belt of stars that surrounds Earth, including
 - b. A set of the 12 star constellations we can see at night.
 - c. The Sun’s Planets (as seen from the Earth) seem to move around the Zodiac. Because of the Earth’s special wiggling movement, there are also times when they to move backward on the Zodiac.
 - d. Like all of his creation, the Zodiac is a creation of God which he wants us to study. We call that study Astronomy. Astronomy is not evil, but when our interpretation of his creation (our Astrology) corrupts his meaning of creation, we have evil.
 - e. I believe God created the Zodiac for us to see his meaning, the Gospel.

- 2) Planet Conjunctions

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- a. Viewed from the Earth, Planets circle the Zodiac at different speeds; and therefore periodically pass each other.
- b. These passing events are called conjunctions. Together, they appear brighter than the sum of the parts.
- c. Conjunctions are like business relationships between entities of the same type at the same location. In other words, conjunctions are two entities of the same type at another entity type called location. Some products, if you separate them you sell less than when they are together.
- d. Can you almost see the graph mapping products that help each other shine (wines and cheeses), by location?

3) Planet Conjunction Meaning

- a. The Planet Jupiter
 - i. Planets each have an assigned meaning (we do not know who assigned that meaning, but it could easily have been God when he created a complete Adam)
 - ii. Jupiter was regarded as the royal planet, the sign of kings.
 - iii. Therefore a Jupiter conjunction would have been taken to indicate a royal event (such as the birth of a king).
- b. The Planet Saturn
 - i. Saturn was regarded as the special protector of the God's people.
 - ii. Therefore a Saturn conjunction would have been taken to indicate a Jewish protector.

4) Location

- a. Each of the constellations of the Zodiac is assigned to a location (called a house) in the Mediterranean world.
- b. Pisces is the Zodiac house for the large area of Syria and Palestine (therefore the house of Jerusalem and Bethlehem).

5) Time

- a. Our Planet Earth is in each house on the Zodiac for an age of about two thousand years (like our current Age of Aquarius).
- b. Time is measured by the position on the Zodiac. Thus we are in the dawn of the Age of Aquarius, Jesus was born at the dawn of the Age of Pisces, and Moses was born at the dawn of the Age of Aries (the house before Pisces on the Zodiac).
- c. Time is required to measure cause and effect. God's design and creation caused that star to be over Bethlehem on that night.

6) Triple Planet Conjunctions

- a. Triple conjunctions are like three separate business relationships between same entities at the same time and place.

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- i. There are times when the slow wobbling of the Earth causes planets to seem to move backward on the Zodiac causing Triple Conjunctions.
 - ii. Triple Conjunctions are three passing events in the same time period for the same planets.
 1. One planet seems to pass the another, then
 2. It seems to fall back passing in the other direction, then
 3. It seems to pass the planet for the third time in the original direction;
 - iii. Each of the three conjunctions looks like a bright star.
- b. Triple Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces over Bethlehem
- i. First of the three Conjunctions: May 29, probably seen from Babylon – they got ready to go to the star over Jerusalem.
 - ii. Second of the three Conjunctions: October 3 Yom Kippur – They probably set off for Jerusalem.
 - iii. Third of the three Conjunctions: December 4 over Bethlehem – It would have led them from Jerusalem the six or seven miles to Bethlehem.

Owner's Control the Definitions

Do those definitions help you understand the facts of the Epiphany? And, do you see how important it is for the owner to control the definitions? Business Models allow the owner to control the definitions.

Takes time to Measure Cause and Effect

Like our model of Epiphany, when business modeling we collect facts by historical time period. They are also recorded in relation to the owner's design. That design is found in the way he has set up the reports he uses for decision making. Like our model of Epiphany, the owner needs time periods for his people to see cause and effect.

Facts for Teamwork Measurement

Those facts are functional reports from functional teams; but they are designed for use by decision makers, especially the owner. Because of their focus, those reports come from systems that by design will never be integrated. Some of those facts are focused on people and planning for the future, like payrolls that show us organizational facts. Some are focused on places and things in the present, like the production, sale and distribution of a quality product or service. Some are focused on the past, like measuring cause and effect using financial relationships or like using historical industry relationships for standards. In this document we want to show how we organize historical facts from all these systems into a special measurement, teamwork measurement.

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Cross-functional Team Facts

Our teamwork measurement goes beyond the teams we see in the org chart, the functional teams. Here is a simple definition of a team: A team is someone helping someone else with the help of others. In other words, with teamwork we combine strengths and hide weaknesses. Because we are combining strengths to help each other, by definition most of our teams are cross-functional. The structure for these cross-functional teams is found in the functional reports, but the information from those reports has to be combined to see those teams. Our special key will unlock those relationships so we can show you the facts of your cross-functional teams.

Teams and Supporting Team Networks

Hidden in the reports you have already created, we will show you the cross functional teams you have defined and their measurement. From the simple team definition above, can you see the fact that teams have a network of supporting teams? Understanding teamwork means understanding how people help each other. It is like we are free agents and those teams are (independent) associations. We can recognize those associations when we combine your reports.

Save and Integrate Facts

For understanding, teamwork measurement is very powerful. The facts we collect that define our teams also define our lives and help us communicate with each other. The more people see this, the more they will want to record these facts in all their functions. Like the functional databases provided free with Microsoft Access, we have attached free tools for that too. Since I believe people will also save time doing that, I believe they will begin using personal databases.

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