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One of the unique expressions of God's creation is the "corporate mind." You may well ask, "What is the corporate mind and what has this to do with our Christian life and walk"? If you place heart cells from different people in a Petri dish in a laboratory setting all of them will beat with beat of their own original heart; but soon, as if an unseen hand is guiding them, a miracle takes place and gradually all hearts beat with the same rhythm. This same miracle applies to five million flying starlings that are able to make incredibly fast course changes as though they were one bird.

What is the unseen hand that makes them move as one? Schools of small fish confuse their large predators by flowing in the same miraculous way as the birds, but where is the conductor of these brilliant manoeuvres? Huge herds of animals migrate across the African plains as though driven by herdsmen but with no leader or organisation. Millions of monarch butterflies travel thousands of miles as though hearing the call of some distant destiny. What is the unseen hand that makes them move as one? Human beings rage in mobs of violence, striking terror and destruction in their path as though guided by one angry hand. Who drives this ride of death?

One hundred and twenty souls waited in an upper room for a promise of an encounter with God that would change the world; "one accord in one place." They experienced a divine encounter enabling them to fulfill the great commission of Christ of making disciples of all nations.

In the natural kingdom scientists are at a loss to explain this ability of multiple numbers of creatures acting as one mind, but for Christ's body the church, God gives us the key. The "one accord and one place" orchestrated by the Holy Spirit is the uniting of God's sovereign timing of Pentecost and the unity of men.

A reporter from the London Daily newspaper visited the Welsh Revival in 1904 and wrote of his experience noting that the recognised leader Evan Roberts appeared not to be leading. "The last person to control the meeting in any way is Evan Roberts. You feel that the thousand or fifteen hundred persons before you have become merged into one myriad-headed but single soul personality..." "Repentance, open confession, intercessory prayer, and above all this marvellous musical liturgy - a liturgy unwritten, but heartfelt mighty chorus like the thunder of the surge on the rock bound shore... And all this vast quivering, throbbing, singing, praying, exultant multitude intensely conscious of the all-pervading influence of some invisible reality... They call it THE SPIRIT OF GOD." We recognise and to varying degrees experience this corporate mind when we flow together as we "sing and pray in the Spirit."

The first expression of this "oneness" is the revelation of God (Elohim) as being triune, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus prayed for His disciples "that they may be one as we are one; I in them and you in me. May they be brought into complete unity to let the world know that you sent me." I believe the world has yet to see that prayer fulfilled; the church moving as one, the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" NOW.

Paul urged the church in Ephesus; "Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit."

I am praying, working, seeking, knocking, thirsty, hungry, desperate, so that I may do my part to be in one accord, in one place for the Sovereign timing of God; to have my heart cells beat with heart cells of others who beat with God's heartbeat; to all who have His heart for each other and the lost. "I pray that they may be one, even as we are one." Shalom.

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