



Lesson 7

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Quorum of Apostles: The worldwide church is guided by the Quorum of Apostles. Ideally this quorum will number 12 individuals, both men and women, but is less at this time due to our small overall membership. The Apostles will all be Adepts, meaning they have great experience using the powers of Celestine Light. They must also be married or have been married, to insure they will have the insight to help guide married members of the church based upon personal experience.

Apostles, shortly after they are called, are expected to gain a “*Special Witness*” of Celestine Light and Yeshua. This is to insure they have an unshakeable testimony and church members can fully trust their guidance when they speak at conferences or visit local meetings around the world

The Quorum of Apostles decides by unanimous agreement after prayer, who among them should be the Prophet or Prophetess and head of the Quorum of Apostles. The Prophet/Prophetess has a special calling to receive revelation from Elohim and the angels of Elohim, regarding matters that will affect or benefit all members of the church. They are the only person that can receive such

revelation.

The Prophet in turn will call two of the Apostles to be his or her counselors to help in the day-to-day running of the church and organization of tasks and stewardships for the Apostles.

Vivus 26:2-3 *As they traveled, Miriam walked with him, and one time when the others were trailing far behind, she asked, “My Lord, when shall you reveal the greater secrets of the Celestine Light to the disciples you have called to follow you?”*

Yeshua answered her, saying, “They are still like babes upon their mother’s breast. They must continue with milk before they can tolerate the substance of that which is greater. And there are others I must call, and there must be a Quorum of Twelve before I will speak of the fullness of the Celestine Light to them.”

Vivus 43: 44-45 *Yeshua called Cephas next. Cephas came and knelt down before him, and Yeshua laid his hands upon his head and said unto him, “Cephas, you are the rock of the Celestine Light of Elohim upon the earth, and upon this rock shall the Children of Light always find inspiration to hold fast against the world. With the authority of Elohim and by the power of my word, I do ordain you to be my Apostle and call you to be the organizational head of the Quorum of the Twelve while you remain upon the earth.*

You are granted all the rights, privileges, power, and authority to perform on earth whatever you shall deem necessary in wisdom, virtue, and righteousness for the Celestine Light of Elohim

Vivus 43: 64-67 *When one of you passes from this life, let those remaining form a quorum and, with a confirmation of prayer, unanimously choose another from among the Children of Light to replace he who has passed.*

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In your choice, consider well women who are worthy and capable, for though men are more often in situations allowing them to travel and preach, it pleases Elohim when sisters of power are not overlooked, but called upon that the Children of Light may benefit from their light.

And upon all that you shall call, lay your hands and confer the same powers and authority I have given to you.

Vivus 43:67 *“Finally, the day shall come when the last of you, my original twelve, will no longer be upon the earth. After that day, when there is no longer an original Apostle upon the earth who can speak as an authoritative witness to my life and teachings, let there be no new Apostles until the restoration of all things that shall come in the Epic of Promise to generations unborn.”*

Local Congregations Leadership: The head of each local congregation is called by the Quorum of Apostles to be a **Pastor**. They will also be ordained as a High Priest if they are not already one. The Pastor in turn will call two other High Priests to be his or her counselors. This group is called the **Pastoric**. All decisions about local congregations and members will be made by this group of three. While the church still has few members, a Pastoric may cover a large geographic area.

The Pastoric will also be responsible for calling members of their congregation to positions to help in the administrative function of the local church, such as records clerk, or tithing clerk. If there are financial expenses needed for the local congregation, the Pastor and counselors are authorized to disburse funds or seek additional funding from the Apostles if the funds they have on hand are insufficient.

Priesthood Quorums: Each priesthood office, other than Acolytes and Deacons, have their own Quorums

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exclusive to those that hold that priesthood. These Quorums include the Priesthood offices of ***Priest/Priestess, Seventy, Evangelist, High Priest/High Priestess, Healer & Master Healer, Pastor Seeker*** and ***Seer***.

Some of these offices have very small numbers, such as Pastors, Evangelists and Seers, which will only have one for every 500-1000 members. So, when our church is young and small they will have a large geographic area of stewardship and their Quorum will be worldwide. Even as our membership increases, it will take wide geographic areas to have enough Pastors, Seers or Evangelists to form the minimum 12 member Quorum.

Other offices such as Priest/Priestess will have numerous members and can have a local or geographic Quorum as soon as they have 12 members.

In every case, a Quorum can be formed when there are at least 12 members holding that priesthood, in however wide a geographic range that needs to be included. As new members continue to be ordained and the Quorum grows to 24 or more, they may be split to form two Quorums covering smaller geographical or local areas.

Each local or geographical Quorum will have a Presiding Member, such as the Presiding Master Healer or the Presiding Priest or Priestess. They will have been called to their position by the Pastor over their area. They in turn will call two members of their Quorum to be their counselors and the three of them will be responsible for leading and conducting the activities of their Quorum.

Segregation by Sex: Though most priesthood meetings are mixed sex and are based upon only the priesthood office held, there are occasional segregated Women's Priesthood Conferences and Men's Priesthood Conferences. These are held at least once a year on a worldwide basis and address issues that are particular and unique to men and women

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respectively. They may be held more often if desired, including on a local level.

Katahs, Shanars & Q-Roms

Katahs are a group of priesthood holders between 3-5 members.

Shanars are a group of priesthood holders between 6-11 members.

Q-Roms are a group of 12 priesthood holders or more.

Unlike Priesthood Quorums, which are focused on church callings and activities, and are mixed sex and only contain members holding the same priesthood. Katahs, Shanars, and Q-Roms, choose their own members based upon a harmony between all of the members. They may be the same or mixed priesthoods, mixed sex or exclusively the same sex. They may only have single members or only married members, or even only married members with children still at home. They may be all heterosexual or all gay, or a mixed group. They may be all Republicans or all Democrats.

The purpose of Katahs, Shanars and Q-Roms is to get together often with other Celestine Light Priesthood holders they have a very close affinity and harmony with, to practice and improve their paranormal abilities and other Celestine Gifts. Frictionless group harmony is essential for success of their purpose.

COMMUNITY HISTORY & STRUCTURE

From the time shortly after his marriage to Miriam of Magdala until the time he ascended from this physical plane, other than the couple of years he and his family lived in Egypt, Yeshua lived with his family in Capernaum, a small town at the north end of Lake Gennesaret. Residents residing around the lake would have had quite a chuckle to know that people in the future would call it

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the Sea of Galilee. With a vast real sea, the Mediterranean, not far away, their modest lake of only 33 miles (53km) circumference, with a length of 13 miles (21km) by 8 miles (13km) in width, certainly was not considered a “sea.”

Capernaum was one of four small towns clustered closely around the north end of the lake. The four towns were Gennesaret, Chorazin, Capernaum and Bethsaida, which was the hometown of Cephas and some of the other Apostles that were fishermen by trade. Initially Gennesaret was avoided, but soon became one of the four Celestine towns after the communities bought large acreage around the town for growing their agriculture products.

None of these towns began as Celestine towns and none of them ended that way, but as Yeshua and his apostles traveled widely converting more and more people to Celestine Light, Yeshua encouraged them to move with their families to one of the towns on the north end of Lake Gennesaret so they could be around other Celestines.

As new Celestines arrived, they settled into one of these towns, and during the last years of Yeshua’s time on Earth, they became populated with over 400 Celestine adults and many children.

The Celestines mingled amicably with the long-time residents and started several profitable businesses that employed locals, as well as every Celestine that needed work, especially when they first arrived.

The most prominent business was vineyards that produced “Celestine Wine.” This was a very low alcohol, sweet wine that became much sought after all through Israel, and as far away as Egypt, Greece and Rome. It was incapable of getting people drunk, but it tasted so good they didn’t care.

Celestine’s also grew multiple fields of many flowers and herbs and made potions for healing that were used both

in their own medical interventions and by many non-Celestine healers in the surrounding lands. They were greatly respected for their purity and potency. The herbs and flowers from the cultivated fields were augmented by Celestines that wild foraged for herbs of greater rarity.

When a rare herb from a far off land was required for a potion, or goods and wares from Celestine businesses needed to be marketed abroad, Lazarus of Bethany, brother of Miriam, Yeshua's wife, was turned to. His family sent caravans every year to Egypt and traded at eastern Mediterranean ports with boats that traveled to seaside cities as far as the pillars of Gibraltar at the west end of the Sea.

Keeping bees was a natural accompanying business to having fields of flowers. A variety of berries were also grown for the bees to gorge upon the nectar and pollen. The Celestines learned how to insure that different colonies of bees favored certain species of flowers and flowering berries. They each produced a distinctive flavor of honey that was sometimes further enhanced by mixing honey from one flower or berry hive with honey from a different field of flowers or berries.

Before Celestines started producing their flavored honeys, wild honey was all anyone had tasted. Because the bees in the wild went to any variety of flower they found, their honey was a mix of many nectars that all blended to have a similar taste. Once again, like with Celestine Wine, Celestine Honey was widely sought in the world beyond the Celestine Communities on the north end of Lake Gennesaret.

The other significant Celestine business was fishing on Lake Gennesaret. Many Celestines were vegetarians. But Cephas and some of the other Apostles had pre-existing family fishing businesses on the lake before they ever

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became Celestines. Cephas had six good sized boats that plied their trade every day. Most of the fish were sold at markets in Tiberius, a prominent town midway down the eastern lake shore that had easy access to all the major cities of Israel.

Though the Celestines did not live in a single community, their close proximity allowed them to work, worship, fellowship and friendship together. Because they met together as a single group at least once a week and had joint planning for all business and community life, Yeshua called Cephas and asked him to form a council to guide the communities and arbitrate problems. That this structure would be in place when it was needed, Yeshua asked Cephas to organize it, even when there were few Celestines yet gathered to the communities on north end of the lake. How Cephas handled this is educational, a bit humorous and eventually enlightening. More importantly, it is the same structure we will follow as we set up Celestine Light communities today.

To read this account please read Vivus chapter 34.

Being able to live in a Celestine Light community is so helpful to the happiness, and so many other benefits of Celestines, that one of Yeshua's last acts before ascending, was to make a telepathic link with every Celestine around the world and asked them to come and live in the Communities of Light. This is part of what he admonished in

Vivus 99:16-23

"This is my call now to every Child of Light upon the earth, wherever you may be: come to the Communities of Light upon Lake Gennesaret in the land of Palestine.

"Come to the place where your brothers and sisters dwell.

"Come to the place where the Celestine Light of divinity

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glows on every face and the darkness of the world can find no place to cast its shadow.

“Come to the place where harmony reins, where your belly will be full and your life will be fuller.

“Come to the place of Celestine Light where you will become more than you are and more than you imagined you could be.

“Where the divine fills your heart and mind, guiding the lives of everyone to greater happiness, health, knowledge, longevity, and spiritual fulfillment.

“Come to the place where you will be given secret knowledge and the mysteries of all things shall be revealed; that with this knowledge you may go forth in the world but not of it; in it but no longer fearful of it; in it but greater than it.

“Come to the place of Celestine Light where you will learn the secrets of longevity, where the life of a Child of Light may exceed those of the children of the world tenfold, as does the knowledge in their minds and the empathy and love in their hearts.”

Though we are still in the early stages of our own church growth, we seek to follow the example of creating Celestine Light communities shown to us by the example of our brothers and sisters of light 2000 years ago; self-sufficient, spiritual, happy, secure and profitable places to live and work is what we are working on achieving in the near future. Perhaps you might like to join us.

After reading this lesson, please contemplate it deeply and follow the Admonition of the Apostles to pray about it that your heart and mind can testify of the truth.

“Therefore, we would ask that when you read these things, which the spirit of God has led you to read, that you would not blindly heed the exhortations of men.

“But go in humility to seek out God, in a quiet place of

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solitude, in the brightness of the Sun. And upon your knees, with palms together, with an open heart humbly desiring to know the light of truth, lift up your face to the warmth of the Sun, and in the name of Yeshua the Messiah, ask to know the truthfulness of our words...

“And if you shall ask with a humble spirit, with an open heart, and in all sincerity desiring to know the truth, the spirit of God shall flow into you.

“And you shall know the truth and the truth will set your spirit free; and with an overflowing joy in your heart and a clear knowing in your mind, the Holy Spirit of God will testify to you; whereby you may know the truth of all things.”

Nexus 2:6-9