



SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE CREATES ATMOSPHERE

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"**Culture**"...**Webster** defines it as "the totality of socially transmitted behaviour patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought typical of a population or community at a given time."

Where Are You Living?

The Kingdom of our Father is a supernatural Kingdom. **Supernatural Kingdom also means supernatural experiences, supernatural love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**...supernatural righteousness, peace and joy (**Rom. 14:17**); supernatural boldness and courage and supernatural compassion, wisdom, as well as supernatural power.

ENVIRONMENT or CULTURE

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- Atmosphere that is sustained creates **Climate**.
- Climate that is sustained creates **Strongholds**.
- Strongholds sustained determine **Culture**.

⁸*And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward in Eden. And there He put the man whom He had formed.*

¹⁵*And Jehovah God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

Genesis 2:8, 15

Culture shift

The fastest way to change or SHIFT, is simply to change your CULTURE.

1. Response to **Spiritual influence** creates **Atmosphere**.

The principalities and powers in the spirit world seek to influence humanity. They can't make us do anything, but they try to gain an advantage over us by getting us to respond to their spiritual influence. That response creates a certain spiritual atmosphere.

2. Atmosphere that is sustained creates **Climate**.

Just as a sustained response to a particular spiritual influence creates an atmosphere, atmosphere that is sustained creates **climate**. A climate is stronger than an atmosphere.

3. Climate that is sustained creates **Strongholds**.

The relationship between a negative spiritual climate and the hardness of human hearts, creates a stronghold. Strongholds have to do with the way people think.

For though walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh.

For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

4. Strongholds sustained determine *Culture*.

The culture we live in is determined by the mindsets that control the way we think.

Collectively as a Church, the strongholds of our mind shape the beliefs, assumptions, values, customs, ethics, and morals of our society.

All these spirits try to influence, but someone must respond. If enough people respond to a spirit, an atmosphere is created that, if sustained, grows into a climate and then a stronghold that can keep generations of people in bondage. That's when the spirit begins to take influence over entire cities.

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