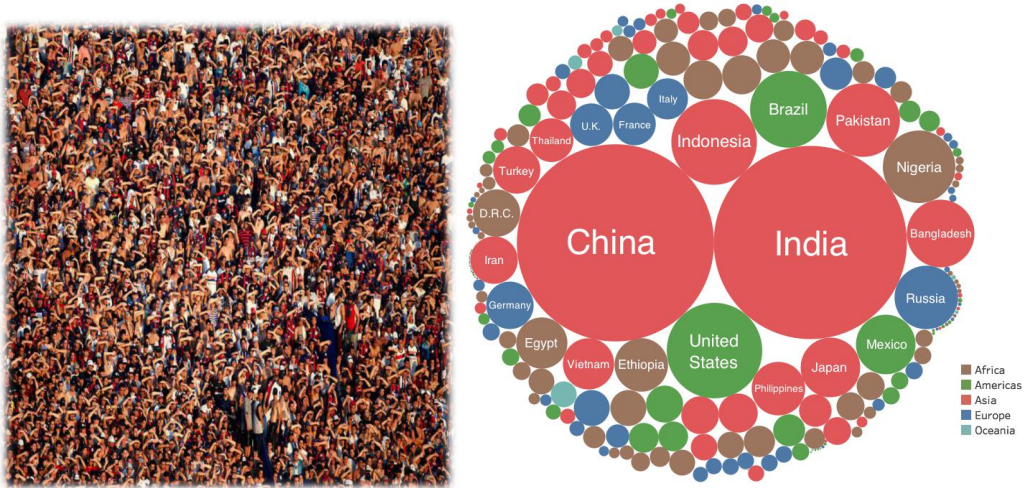


COPYCAT: 'THE' MODEL OF LIFE AND LOVE



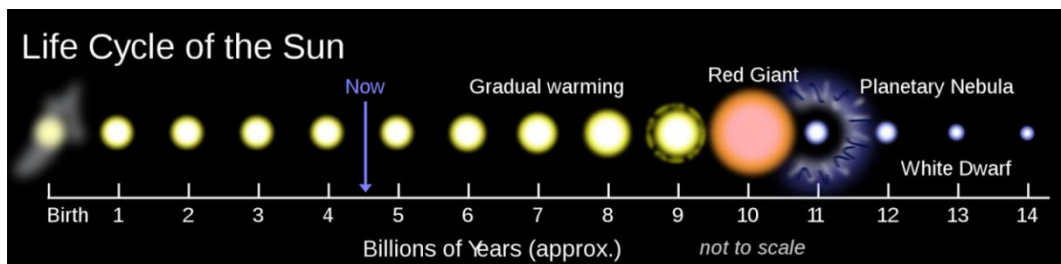
7.7 Billion People as of September 2019 are currently living on the Planet and no two people have the same fingerprints. We like to think of ourselves as unique, original, and the first to...*to think, to feel, to love, to act, to discover, to suffer, to live and to die.* And each generation thinks that they have evolved further than the previous generations. The reality is that although mankind's **technology** may have **advanced**, **we** as a species **have not**. The wise King Solomon stated long ago:

All things continue the way they have been since the beginning. The same things will be done that have always been done. There is nothing new in this life. Ecclesiastes 1:9 ERV

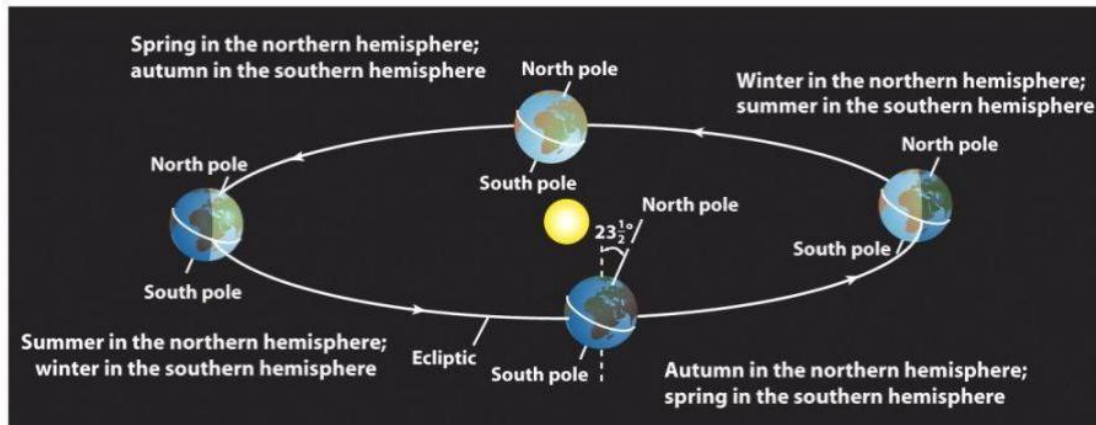
Through thousands of years of human history, Solomon's observation is still true. People continue to repeat the same behavior as previous generations and All Creation continues on its Cycle.

The Cycle

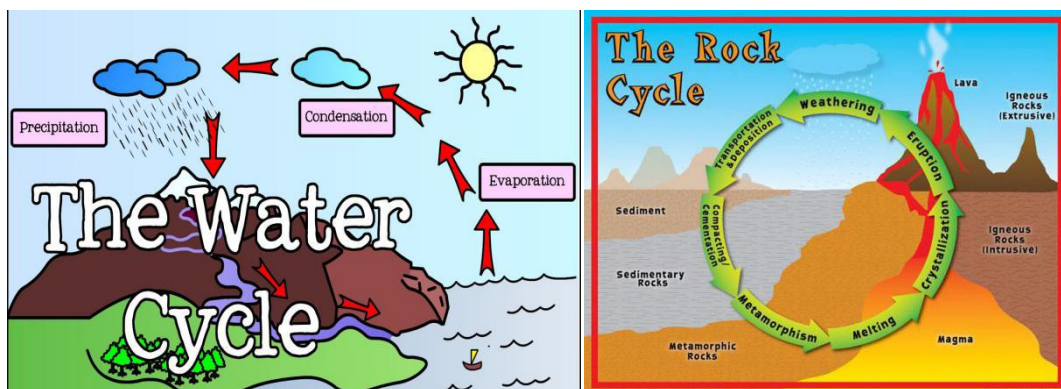
Everything in Time and Creation **has a cycle**. From stars like our Sun:



To the Planets like our Earth that have an orbit Cycle around the Sun and periodic tilt on its axis that gives us our seasons.



To our vital elements like water and rock that are key substances of physical life as we know it.



To Humans like us. Approximately 108 billion of us have lived on the Planet so far...360,000 births and 151,600 deaths occur worldwide each day. And no matter when or where you lived or how unique you perceive yourself to be, you follow the human maturity life cycle for the time you are here on Earth.



And from the very beginning of our life cycle we learn...we learn our society's way to eat, rest, value, work, interact, reproduce, worship and more. Although we all learn something, we don't all believe the same

with the life lessons we learn. And these **fragmented beliefs** have led to the **buffet of belief systems** that we have today...and our fragmentation has also distorted our view of the important elements that all humanity have in common. So how does a person truly learn anything???

Copycat Behavior



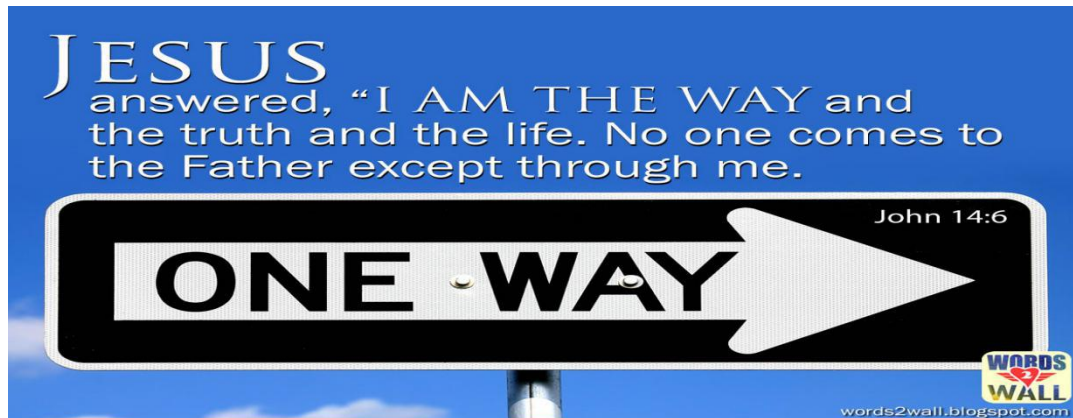
Monkey see, Monkey do is a saying that appeared in American culture in the early 1920s. The saying refers to the **learning** of a process **without** an **understanding** of why it works. Another definition implies the act of mimicry, usually with **limited knowledge** and/or **concern for the consequences**. Sadly, this is how most of humans throughout history have learned our view of life's important elements. Sometimes we add incremental changes to a thing and call it original, but overall it is just something that has been here since the dawn of human history. We simply **Copycat Behavior**. And that learning approach may be okay if the model is correct, but if the **copied model is incorrect**, so is the **output** of the **flawed** Copycat Behavior. Regardless of belief system, there are many **Copycats** that have **no real understanding** of what they **believe**. In modern society there are many flawed models that seriously affect billions across the globe daily. You may recognize and be affected by flawed models that contain elements like these:

- Purchasing products using credit and building debt
- Consuming food without nutritional value
- Jumping in and out of physical relationships without commitment
- Using devices that drain our time & separate us from people
- Practicing Religious Congregations without Love
- Degrading of the family unit (including lack of child-care and elder-care)

There are too many elements of flawed models to list. Whether they have developed recently or over millennium, they all lead to **bad output** when

copied. Should we continue copying current bad models...should we make our own models...should we just quit trying to figure things out...is all Hope lost...is there a “**Right**” model?

‘**The**’ Right Model



Whether you are a Believer in **Jesus** as the mankind’s Saviour or not, His words and behavior model are **like no other**. And knowing the confusion and disillusionment that historical belief systems and models have caused Mankind, Jesus made the bold proclamation in John14:6 that **He is The Way** to follow. **The Way** answers mankind’s most perpetual questions: **life origin, life purpose, and afterlife**. Jesus words and life are **The Model** to lead mankind to the greatest treasure of all, **The Creator of Everything**. **And by accessing and knowing the Creator, we can understand our purpose for being and living in this life and beyond.**



Some behaviors of Jesus worth modeling are:

- ◆ Feeding the Hungry
- ◆ Spending Time with Family & Friends
- ◆ Demonstrating Love to Children & Sinners
- ◆ Praying

- ◆ Embracing Suffering for Others
- ◆ Encouraging Followers
- ◆ Teaching the Word of God Correctly
- ◆ Training Disciples
- ◆ Giving Warnings
- ◆ Exposing False Teaching/Practices

Think my brothers and sisters....think hard on **what Jesus did**. For there are many things that have crept into the lifestyles of Christians over time that were not in Jesus' lifestyle. Over time *professed* "Christians" have aligned their lifestyle metrics to copy the lifestyle metrics of other people. But the behavioral elements of Jesus are the core to **"living" a fruitful life** that is **pleasing to our Creator**....and thereby endowing us with the richness of His blessings. What could be greater than receiving rich blessings from the owner of Heaven and the Universe? And why don't we receive?



Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

Romans 12:2 ERV

Sadly most people throughout history haven't known or followed the behavior model of Jesus. Christians & Non-Christians alike have followed other people & models that are unlike **The Model** that Jesus spoke & demonstrated. No offense to the Bible Patriarchs & current ministers, but they are only flawed prominent contributors that should point us to Jesus. We are to learn from them but follow **Only Jesus & His Model** through the guiding of the **Holy Spirit**. Even Jesus himself stated that his words are those of the Creator & his desire was to **live & demonstrate** these words for the **Creator's glory**. This is **The Model** that we should follow. Why follow **The Model**? What's in it for us?

Enjoy The Cycle



The **Time** that we have here on Earth is a **blessing** from our Creator, but our **time is limited**. Wrong models keep us **stuck in a time loop** spinning our wheels, and **our time is our life**...some never escape the wrong loop. As discussed earlier, everything in Creation is on a **cycle** which includes **our lives**. **The Model** of Jesus gives us **Joy, not happiness**, as we progress through our life cycle. This **Joy** cannot be attained by the methods and models that the people of the world employ. **Fame, fortune, power, success, possessions**...can only produce **temporary happiness**. This temporary happiness leads to an ever greater desire and an ever decreasing supply addiction causing depression, disillusionment, destruction, and death. **You can't beat the Cycle!!!** And any behaviors or models that suggest that people can beat the Cycle are flawed.

The Model of Jesus teaches us how to enjoy every phase of the Cycle with **Joy, Peace, and Love**. Jesus demonstrated his own words (John 15:13)... *"The greatest love people can show is to die for their friends"* by suffering and dying for all mankind. **The Model Works** because the Creator designed it to work from the very beginning. So let us: **Study The Jesus Model**...**Recognize** our flawed models...**Submit** to the Holy Spirit for change...and **Copypat** Only Jesus. **The Model** is beneficial to ourselves, others, and all of Creation. It also gives us Hope for eternal life with our Creator beyond our earthly existence. **How Great is That!!!**

FOLLOW JESUS ONLY

