

The Grey Men
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Matt 13:33

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Ἄλλην παραβολὴν ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς·

ὅμοία ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν ζύμη,

ἣν λαβοῦσα γυνὴ ἐνέκρυσεν

εἰς ἀλεύρου σάτα τρία

ἕως οὗ ἐζυμώθη ὅλον.

Another parable He spoke to them:

“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,

which a woman took and hid

in three measures of meal

till it was all leavened.”

Okay lots of good Greek here. “Another” is allo- as in allotrope. You recognize “parable.” In line 2, the vocab is first-year mostly. You may perceive *krypt* in “hid,” as in “encrypt.” “Measures of meal” is color-coded. Not too hard to follow, right?

The kingdom of heaven is leaven, that permeates the whole lump. It works its way invisibly through the whole thing—the earth—until there is nowhere that the kingdom is not present. The leaven is “hid”—“encrypted,” “cryptic.” Inconspicuous. Imperceptible. And yet ubiquitous.

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Decades ago I remember reading a one-page piece in a mag like Newsweek that was entitled “The Grey Men.” The basic argument was that there are people who live in the shadows, who are pulling the strings controlling the course of history. Perhaps these are the G7 or the G20, who make decisions that affect us all. Do they decide how much money will be available to our economy? Do they handle the economy of the world and we all are subject to them, whether we know it or not?

Or perhaps the Grey Men are bosses in the Democratic and Republican parties. Imagine them scheming in smoke-filled rooms, laying out their plan for where they want to take the country. Is there a trajectory of our culture that isn't just meandering or random—but intentional and managed?

Did you [know](#) that the keys—literally keys—of the kingdom of the Internet are held by only seven people in the world? Some say that these are the most powerful people on earth.

Who are the Grey Men? The Deep State? Big Media? Big Data? George Soros? International corporations? Freemasons? The Bilderberg Group? The Military-Industrial Complex? The Russians?

C.S. Lewis imagined a fictional organization called the N.I.C.E., who had planned all the wars that were to take place in the 20th century, to advance their world-domination agenda (see *That Hideous Strength*). In his novel, it was really Satan and his demons who were behind the powerful, arrogant, and successful human movers and shakers. The book of Revelation provides a biblical basis for this idea. “Babylon” will hold sway for some period of time before being defeated by God and his hosts.

But humanly speaking, who are the Grey Men? I'll tell you who I think they are—the actual people who are working behind the scenes, orchestrating the course of history to create their own vision of the future. The ones who influence what happens globally and subtly manipulate civilization. The men behind the curtain. The true Grey Men, in my opinion, are the Christian agencies that send missionaries around the world to bring the gospel to every part.

The apostle Paul was one. He brought the gospel to Asia Minor and Europe. It took centuries, but those areas eventually left paganism altogether and named Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Grey Men after Paul eventually brought down the Roman Empire; it was replaced by Christian civilization. They then targeted areas outside Roman boundaries and metamorphosed the northern barbarians. Missionaries have done their work all over the world and are still tirelessly laboring to reshape the world. Today the church is alive and growing in places that it had never been before. And this not by accident. Mission boards strategically send agents to where they are most needed at the time.

The ultimate Grey Man is, of course, Jesus of Nazareth. He is the one man behind the scenes, who invisibly grows his kingdom. It cost him much, and now the tireless work of subverting the world's existing spiritual power structures is under way. And when he has finished with this campaign, he will reveal himself, and everyone who is currently oblivious to what is really going on will then be quite surprised. Haha, if the news outlets knew what was important, they would report where the gospel was advancing throughout the world, instead of majoring on marginal matters like national politics.

How should we then live? We are part of the inside group. We are the invisible leaven that leavens the lump. We are the Grey Men and Women, the ones playing the long game. You have your marching orders. All that is needed is for you to do your part in this under-the-radar movement.

Work for him to transform the world! And keep praying!