



“But of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in her”; And the Most High Himself will establish her. The LORD shall count when He registers the peoples, “This one was born there.” Selah. Then those who sing as well as those who play the flutes shall say, “All my springs of joy are in you.” Psalm 87:5 – 7

The Census Bureau, under the auspices of Constitutional mandate, is required to take the numeric and demographic picture of the nation at predetermined times. Their task is to paint a broad portrait in hard numbers of the fabric of the nation’s population. As their work is finished, and the statistics are compiled and tabulated, the finer nuances of the culture begin to emerge. Median ages, typical jobs and wages, marital and family makeup, mobility and affluence, the percentage of the native born, the immigrant, and the alien – all of these myriad details begin to take their place amidst the canvas of the regional and national landscapes. We begin to see how people come and go, some returning to their native homes, others never fully assimilating in the new found land. We see others make the transition, wholly flinging themselves into the new culture, the new language, and new traditions.

The Kingdom of God is really no different. We find that many only want to visit. They may come out of curiosity or even out of a felt need, but eventually they return to that realm at which they feel at home; for us, their destiny is best left determined by God rather than our meager and often biased judgments. There are also those who come to the Kingdom but they find a new home. They settle in, enjoying the new found liberty and opportunities to grow spiritually and intellectually. Some however, are never able to make the transition to a completely new culture – they hold on especially to their past, their old way of life, their family heritage and their language. Some even long for the “leeks and onions of Egypt” – the habits and haunts of their former manner of living. Again it is best for us to leave their destiny to the Father’s heart. Lastly, there are those born to this Realm. It is in their nature, their appearance, their tongue and their passion! Heaven is in their heart and on their minds. They long for the appearance of the King. The Spirit bears witness within their hearts that they don’t belong to any earthly kingdom, but their rightful place, their rightful home is in the heavenly Kingdom and their cry is ever upward, “Abba Father!”

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