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John 16:7 - King James Version - Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

This statement made by Jesus was of some confusion to those who heard it, but it reveals a truth that most today overlook. Why didn't Jesus just remain on this planet and continue to teach after his resurrection? Having a teacher who demonstrated perfect understanding through miracles should remove all doubt as to the Truth he spoke for a much larger portion of the world. What if he continued to live from generation to generation--never aging--and if anyone attempted to kill him, their attempt could just be as though nothing even happened? This should convince those who were reluctant to believe in him. We would have a world completely united behind one all-powerful living being.

Instead we have a world full of different beliefs, and the majority do not even believe Jesus to be the person he said he was to those closest to him. Most of his followers appear to have a view of him similar to the one described above--according to the flesh. Unfortunately, this is the very view that GOD has attempted to prevent. It is a self-serving view and is focused on how the person or object of that view can satisfy a self-serving desire. This is a very difficult view to eliminate from our belief system since the self-serving view is the way we tend to view all things in this world before we believe in GOD or Jesus. When we begin to believe in GOD and Jesus as the one sent by GOD, we tend to only change the object(s) of our self-serving view. This is Satan's final trap! Matthew 7:22-23 is likely to be the final result if that view remains. We really need to understand the Truth revealed in such Bible verses.

Wait a minute! How else can we view Jesus if we do not view him as a living person who once walked this planet teaching and performing miracles? Well, it is okay to view Jesus in this way because it is true, but we must realize that Jesus, the individual who was sent by GOD and lived as described in the Bible, is not anyone's savior. Jesus's message, though, is everyone's savior if it is lived. His message is a way of life, and Jesus's life on this planet was a living allegory of what happens in all of us as well as a demonstration of the resulting way of life. If an unbeliever in Jesus--through ignorance or cultural circumstances and belief systems--grows in his way of life, then that person is as much a Christian as a believer who grows in his way of life.

It is the message that is more important than the messenger. As important as Jesus was to GOD and the world, the message, revealed through him, was much more important. In no way does this view reduce the sacrifice made by Jesus. His sacrifice only magnifies the importance of the message.

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From Conflict to Peace

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World Peace is a worthy goal, which would require many complicated situations to be resolved. At this point we cannot envision World Peace to occur anytime in the foreseeable future. What is the next step? How do we take that step? Understanding how to answer such questions begin by understanding the beginning aspects of the situation. In other words we go to the very root of the situation--the most basic factors that determine the condition of the situation we desire and the situation as it is. This discussion will attempt to do just that. (DLS)

Basic Concept 1: Any relationship is at peace when there are no internal or external factors that limits its ability to accomplish the relationship's **purpose** of the moment. Therefore, all components of the relationship will use their ability to contribute to the relationship without intentional limits, and all external factors that may inhibit the performance of the purpose can be overcome without hesitation. The level of Purpose the relationship is capable of accomplishing is limited only by any limited abilities of its current components and external factors that it cannot overcome without hesitation in the performance of its purpose.

Basic Concept 2: When conflict occurs, it is because the relationship cannot accomplish its purpose of the moment for either of the two reasons stated in Concept 1. There is a desired purpose of the moment that cannot be accomplished without some kind of change in the relationship. Either the relationship needs additional components or some internal components must increase their abilities. Therefore, there is one or more factors that are preventing the manifestation of the accomplished purpose. This conflict occurs because of an internal need (desire) that cannot be immediately satisfied.

Basic Concept 2 readily points the way all conflict must be resolved or overcome. Living entities form the most complicated types of relationships, but their ability to accomplish any purpose of the moment must be in the same way the most basic of relationships must accomplish their purpose of the moment. Concept 2 points to the growth of intellectual understanding of the factors involved in manifesting the purpose of the moment, the **laws** that are involved in manifesting the purpose of the moment, and how to utilize those **laws** to manifest the purpose. Therefore, the spiritual growth of a living entity depends on understanding the laws in the manifestation reality that are involved in accomplishing the purpose of the moment.

Intellect is the third step of spiritual growth ([Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth](#), [Word Picture](#)). Intellect is **without emotion** and is motivated by the desire for a purpose believed to be needed to resolve an internal conflict as defined by Concept 2. It stands to reason then that a relationship formed by living entities

would create laws that promote the ability of the relationship (larger living entity) to manifest the highest purpose imagined, which provides the greatest level of peace within the relationship. It is important to recognize that inner peace of any higher relationship is promoted by laws that define the manifestation of the relationship as a unity--not its individual components. Each sub-component of the higher relationship has laws that promotes its ability to manifest the most it can for the benefit of the relationship of which it is a part. Therefore, there are laws within the sub-components of a relationship that promotes the manifestation of the sub-components individuality (unified oneness) and support the laws of the higher relationship (oneness) that promotes the manifestation of its highest purpose.

Let's now look at a couple of conflicts we find in the news today and determine how these conflicts should be resolved because the only resolution possible will utilize the basic concepts stated above. This means all of the potential components of a higher relationship must function under laws that promote the manifestation of the highest purpose for the higher relationship. *The only emotion in the equation is that of a desire for unity of purpose within the higher relationship. All other conflict resolving activities must be intellectual--void of emotion.*

The gay marriage question: A living entity is not complete if it has not obtained the level of spiritual growth necessary to fulfill the entity's highest purpose. In growing spiritually the entity will develop *life-styles* that work together to accomplish the purposes the entity has desired in the past and learned to love. Some of these lifestyles may not be of any value in any higher relationship. This does not mean the entity is all bad; it only means the entity is not prepared to function toward the highest purpose of a higher relationship because of a misdirected life-style. The higher relationship must create laws that promotes the accomplishment of its highest purpose. To do otherwise is self-defeating. It should be obvious that the gay life-style--*and it is only a life-style*--serves no useful purpose in a higher relationship. *Try to name one useful purpose relative to a higher relationship!* The gay life-style should never be legitimized because it can only weaken the higher relationship's ability to accomplish its highest purpose. Naturally, those who *choose* to live according to this life-style are going to work to get that life-style legitimized--weakening themselves relative to their ability to serve in a any higher relationship--including the body of Christ. To support any such life-style may result in the person's rejection as a member of the eternal, spiritual body of Christ. Eventually, the life that expresses this life-style must perish. It is better that it perishes, and the soul of the individual is saved than allowing it to live while the soul of the individual perishes. This choice must be made by the individual expressing the life-style. The individual expressing the life-style must change if that life-style has become so much of who they are that to lose it will result in the loss of their soul. If they change to where that life-style is unimportant to who they are, then their soul can be saved according to the life-styles that are important to them and the body of Christ.

The Middle East question: The two primary conflicting nationalities in the Middle East are Palestine and Israel. They have been in conflict for centuries. Obviously, both must have useful life-styles to contribute to the body of Christ, or GOD would have let one or both die out by now. The fact that they exist speaks loudly of the fact that they have the potential of contributing to HIS Purpose. The Bible gives us many examples of the redemption of misdirected life-styles (remember unclean animals entered Noah's Ark also). The ideal situation would be for both to recognize this fact and begin the intellectual process of building a mutually beneficial relationship, which can then contribute to an even greater

relationship. Both currently have some form of relationship with other nations. In this sense both have recognized the value of a World unity and their part in it. It is unfortunate that there is not really a strong World government at this time. The United Nations is only a shadow of the kind of World government necessary to create the laws that promote unity among all nations. Therefore, we see what we see. Emotions play a big part in maintaining the conflict because both parties appear unwilling to change to the intellectual approach with a true desire for peace.

With an understanding of the basics for moving from conflict to peace, we can better understand what is happening in our lives daily. We should also be able to better recognize any opportunity for resolving the conflicts that may occur between ourselves and those with which we may form relationships.

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Unconditonal Love: What Does It Mean?

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The statement "GOD Loves us unconditionally" is something I have heard for as long as I can remember, but this statement has always troubled me. Why?

1. The phrase "unconditional love" is never used in the Bible.
2. Several of Jesus's parables deny any such statement.
3. It just sounds ear-tickling, and this always makes me cautious. It usually means a form of the truth has been distorted to appeal to the self-serving nature. Distorting a form of the truth, or using a form of the truth to support a lie, to justify harmful and useless lifestyles, mislead others, and many similar techniques is one of the most common practices we see being practiced by the self-serving nature of Man--Satan.

If one of our children was a drug addict or practiced some other lifestyle that we saw as harmful to their greater good, we would still feel we love them; but is this love unconditional? In truth, they are a drug addict. They know they "love" the drug of their choice. More than likely they will lie, steal, and do many other things to support their drug habit. They see themselves to be a person that we do not love. We only love the person we see them capable of being. When they use the word "I", they are talking about the drug addict. When we say their name and feel love, we have a much different view of the person we love. We see the person we love as being sick and desire that they become healthy again. Unconsciously, we know the universal truth: Good is the beginning of all things--even people. Therefore, everyone can return to their "roots" and grow from there--be born again. Each person can be like a diamond that begins collecting useless dirt until it grows into a large ball of hard, dry, mud. Wash away all the mud, and set the beautiful diamond in a beautiful setting with other diamonds, and all become much more valuable than the sum of the parts. Therefore, we love the diamond inside our straying child--the pure essence of who they are without all the useless lifestyles that feed on the good life essence given them by GOD in the beginning. That essence is buried deep under the useless lifestyles that feed on it.

Now if that is our view of our children who have strayed from their higher path, isn't this view magnified and greatly purified when GOD views us. HE created us in the beginning to serve a very high purpose. HE gave all of us gifts and abilities to develop until we are mature and ready to serve that high purpose forever. When I say GOD Loves me, I KNOW that the person HE loves is not all that I am or the person I currently see myself to be. HE loves the person HE created me to be and only that part of me that is uncorrupted by the self-serving nature. The chances are high that the two views of who I am are very

different. Until I know I can walk on water, raise the dead, and do many other things Jesus did, I will continue to believe that the person I can be must continue to grow while much of the person I am must diminish and die.

For the above reasons, I am troubled when I hear someone saying "I" am saved--GOD loves "me". I know that this is a **form of the truth**; but based on the way the statement is made, I feel the person making such a statement sees the person who is saved and loved as the person they see themselves to be. I consider that view as a distortion of the truth. Many times the person making such a statement will also state that they cannot be perfect--denying GOD's ability to perfect them and assuming that HE accepts something less than perfection. Will GOD give Christ an imperfect body when HE has an unlimited amount of time to accomplish perfection? The other problem is that when we feel we have accomplished a goal, we are unlikely to seek as diligently ways to grow beyond where we are. Why should we? Therefore, I feel such an attitude will reduce the sensitivity we have toward what we do daily and how what we do expresses the life of Christ in us. Instead the life of the self-serving nature has found a way to maintain and feed its life.

Yes, GOD loves all HE has created. That includes the essence of you and me, but I do not consider that love unconditional. For me, it is very conditional on my seeking the path to my becoming the person HE created me to be. Through my seeking, HE will reveal the path as I am ready to walk it; and I will progress closer and closer to becoming the person HE knows and knew from the beginning. If I do not do this, then I become as the servant who buried his coin until his master returned.

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The Gift of GOD--Romans 6:23.

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Romans 6:23 - King James Version *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Consider what Eternal Life means to you. Does it mean "to not die"? Does it mean "living forever"? Before you read further, stop and think about what this gift of GOD means to you. We receive many gifts from GOD. After all, HE is the ultimate CAUSE, and anything that we have come into our possession from something HE has given us. We may have used HIS Gifts in a *good way or a bad way*, but only through HIS Gifts do we have anything we have.

Most of GOD's Gifts come to us because we use HIS smaller (initial) gifts in the proper way. Eternal Life is the highest gift of GOD. It is the measure of Eternal Life in us that determines our place and purpose in the body of Christ--the reason for our creation. Only the life in us that is eternal when we leave this life will be "saved". Therefore, it is very important that we consider carefully anything we love--because that love comes from the life in us. If we develop a primary "life-style" that serves no purpose in the body of Christ; when we leave this life, we could lose most of what is important to us--essentially losing our soul. Consider this idea while reading the parable of the talents and similar parables.

Eternal Life is **not** a period of time? *It is a state of being!* Eternal Life always existed and always will exist. Therefore, the only way we can obtain eternal life is by our life becoming what eternal life is. Therefore, even though we are *not* eternal because we had a beginning, who we are (our soul) will not die after our life becomes what is eternal. Eternal Life is loving all things that produce the highest spiritual unity.

Since Eternal Life is an all-encompassing life-style, the Bible reveals it to us through stories of real and allegorical individuals according to the way they approached life situations and the results they received from such an approach--you reap what you sow--with the most perfect example being Jesus. In the same way, we should pray and meditate on how to grow in Eternal Life and observe the "way" we respond to life situations while being mindful of how we believe Jesus would have responded to the same life situation. We must be diligent in seeking the highest and best way of responding to life situations as they occur. *The importance of maintaining this heart and mind focus cannot be overly emphasized.*

May GOD search our hearts and reveal any darkness that lies within. Then let the desire in our heart to only do HIS Will result in our seeking and finding the way to allow GOD to fill that darkness with light. When we leave this life, may the only thing we lose be small and unimportant to us. GOD Bless!

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What Does a Balanced Life Mean?

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Over the centuries, Mankind has developed many theories for ways to better understand themselves and others. I will use Ayurveda Medicine as an example. Part of this old system of health care is the concepts of the five elements from which come three doshas or life-energies-Vata, Pitta, and Kapha. Individuals are then classified as Vata, Pitta, or Kapha based on the way they live or respond to life situations. In the same way there have been other theories that attempt to classify individuals in one way or another.

I believe that all theories, attempting to categorize individuals into personality types, come from the observation of the unbalanced way individuals may live and respond to life situations. Yes, each of us may tend to live according to a particular personality type, but it is not the ideal except during small slices of time. We may even take a test to find out our personality type and feel proud that we express certain qualities that define that personality type; such as Idealist-conscientious, sensitive, vigilant, and dramatic; Traditionalist-leisurely, serious, self-sacrificing, and devoted; Rationalist-aggressive, idiosyncratic, inventive, and solitary; Hedonist-self-confident, adventurous, mercurial, and artistic. How many of us would not consider all of the before mentioned characteristics of the personality types as desirable?

I do become concerned when we focus too much on what is considered masculine (such as intellectual) and feminine (such as belief or faith) qualities, and view our approach to living as one or the other. The reason for my concern is described below.

The Yin-Yang Principle (www.bibleseek.com/onyinyang.htm) holds that all objects or phenomena in the universe can be understood as limitless pairs of essential opposites. We experience the apparent validity of this principle daily. An important aspect of this principle is that all opposites must maintain a balance. If one becomes excessive, it will consume the other creating problems corresponding to the excess or lack. When we consider the seven aspects of an individual (www.bibleseek.com/individual.pdf), we see that each living individual has a masculine and feminine side of their being with each side functioning on all three time levels. It is these two sides (with three aspects each) that GOD joined together spiritually to create the Soul (individual). The purpose of this union is to promote spiritual growth for service in the body of Christ. This spiritual growth can only occur if both sides of the union do the part for which they were created in the way they were created to do it. If it was possible to take only the intellectual approach to resolving life problems, the feminine side would not grow; and we would become less intuitive when

the need arises. If it was possible to take only the belief or faith approach to resolving life problems, then spiritual growth would not occur because we would only be expressing what we already are. Why is this?

The belief approach is basically an intuitive approach, which implies that whatever is required to solve the life problem already resides within your heart. To change our heart it is necessary for our feminine side to go through the masculine side because that side deals with the external reality--the temporary physical reality. The physical reality is where all things are tested to see if they actually work before the living qualities they become a part of what is in our heart. This is how we learn. The masculine side intellectually manipulates the outer manifestation until the feminine side feels the created relationship meets the original need. We have then learned the "what" and "way" of meeting that need whenever it occurs again. Since the "what" is in the temporary physical reality, its knowing resides in the masculine side as intellectual understanding; and the "way" of its creation resides in the feminine side as a loved relationship to be expressed as faith for the same life situations.

When similar or more complicated situations occur that have not been previously experienced through understanding, the masculine and feminine sides work in the same way except the feminine side expresses a belief instead of faith. This belief gives the masculine side a possible way to satisfy the need based on past experience--the intuitive process. After the relationship is formed in the outer manifestation, the feminine side then tells the masculine side whether or not the relationship satisfies the need. If not, the search for the correct "way" continues with the feminine side providing the way it may be done and the masculine side providing what must be done. If the need is satisfied, then that "what" and "way" becomes a part of the "what" and "way" of the Soul--resulting in spiritual growth.

The above explanation briefly outlines the functioning of the masculine and feminine sides of our heart when the feminine side desires correct purposes. What happens when the feminine side desires incorrect purposes? The basic functioning between the two sides is the same; except now the masculine side should not allow the forming of relationships known to be incorrect--i.e. GOD's Law ([see onsin.htm](#)). In the Garden of Eden Allegory, this concept is taught by showing that Eve (Life) was tempted and desired something forbidden (ate), gave her need to Adam (Intellect), and then Adam (as described above) formed the incorrect relationship (ate) what was forbidden. This resulted in sin (knowingly experiencing evil), which results in evil growing in the heart as a loved relationship. Only Eve could be tempted (only Eve has feelings), but Adam should recognize the act the temptation required as wrong and not allow it to be experienced.

The third possibility is experiencing evil innocently. Our masculine side does not know better and allows the feminine side's desires to be experienced producing evil in the heart. This evil then creates life problems and limits spiritual growth until the feminine side begins to desire a better way, and the spiritual growth process begins as described above.

Since the masculine side deals with the temporary outer manifestation, the intellectual part of us (Adam) will return to the dust from which it came when the spiritual part of us leaves this body. Obviously, if the masculine side's spirit was correct (truly seeking GOD's Purpose), then that part of the masculine side

will be accepted by GOD; and our Soul will be maintained eternally.

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Why Leviticus 20:13?

Leviticus 20:13 - King James Version If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

A Stand Against the Gay Life-Style and the Reasons Why!

Suggested by: RLC

It is very surprising to hear in the news recently that a religious group has legitimized the gay life-style in their church by appointing an individual openly practicing that life-style to a high leadership position. It is surprising because the Bible is considered the Word of GOD for any Christian church. Yet this church is proposing the blatant disregard of what they consider the Word of GOD. Why does the Bible state that the gay life-style is an abomination (additionally Leviticus 18:22 as well as other Bible verses)? The answer may seem to be somewhat long, but please bear with me.

Writings on this web site have stressed over and over that the Bible's purpose is not to give us a set of rules that we follow ignorantly. Instead its purpose is to give us the reasons for such rules by teaching us what we need to know to understand the purpose they support (their intent). GOD did not create Man to be a computer that obeys a set of instructions that run when called to do so. For this reason, everyone should understand why the gay life-style is worthless to any society.

The heart of Man contains what we love. To love we must give something value for a particular purpose; then we give what we value life through us. To love anything we must recognize qualities it has that make it capable of serving the purpose we desire. We then learn how to utilize what we value in accomplishing our desired purpose. Once this is accomplished, we begin expressing the qualities we love in life situations to accomplish (manifest in the physical reality) the purpose we desire. If the purpose we desire is all or in part GOD's purpose, then this process is called spiritual growth--receiving the gift of eternal life.

Now it should not be too difficult to see that it is the relationship between the masculine and feminine aspects ([see the aspects of an individual](#)) with in us that produce the spiritual growth. ***Without both aspects, there is no soul!*** The feminine aspect desires a new purpose. The masculine aspect understands the laws that govern relationships in the physical reality. The masculine aspect begins creating the relationship in the physical reality that will satisfy the feminine aspect's desire. When the relationship is complete, the feminine aspect determines whether or not the relationship does in fact satisfy the desire. If so, the spiritual Seventh Day is reached, and the love for the relationship becomes a part of our heart. Essentially, a new life-style has been conceived. This life-style can now mature until capable of contributing in higher spiritual relationships used to form even higher relationships--producing the spiritual growth and filling our heart with eternal life. ***All living relationships must express both the male and feminine aspects to be of any value in a higher relationship.***

It is important to realize that this physical reality (manifestation) is determined by and representative of spiritual relationships. The spiritual relationships are of a different nature than the physical relationships, though. Consider the numbers on a piece of paper used to solve a complicated mathematical problem. The relationships of those numbers represent understandings that the individual manifesting them loves to some degree. Essentially; it took many seven step spiritual growth cycles to develop the understanding necessary to solve the problem. **All** manifestation represents a corresponding spiritual activity (expression), which is manifested as a life-style ([see below](#)) in the physical reality.

Life-styles: Our heart contains many "life-styles"--the **way** our Spirit manifests the desires of our heart. Two people can attempt to accomplish the same purpose in different ways; therefore, they each have different life-styles for that particular kind of purpose. The maturity of any life-style is determined by the level of purpose we can manifest (or the level of sophistication and strength of the resulting relationship). The purposes we desire reveal our "life-styles" as we work toward manifesting the desired purposes in the **way** determined by our particular life-style. Ideally, each life-style will contribute to a higher physical relationship in positive and relationship strengthening ways. In this way we have families, churches, states, countries, and the world--each capable of forming a higher unity. There are individual life-styles that strengthen the higher relationships, and there are those that weaken, or take away from, the same relationships. Each individual should desire with all their heart the highest relationship possible and work within any smaller relationships in a way to strengthen the highest relationship possible, of which the smaller relationships are a part.

In the Bible, the highest spiritual relationship possible for the created reality is Christ the Omega--GOD's Purpose; and Man in unity is Christ's body. If many individuals work together toward a common purpose of producing automobiles in the physical reality, their spiritual life becomes the spiritual body of the automobile company; and the company is manifested as any living entity can be. Even in this case, there are masculine and feminine aspects at work that make the company a living entity to all external living relationships. In the same way Man in unity can pursue the purposes of Christ in the correct way--becoming the body of Christ. Now if we, as individuals, are working to satisfy the good needs of society through our job or other types of relationships in the correct way (life-style), aren't we also contributing to the unity of Man and, therefore, the body of Christ. Consider Jesus's statements about those who take small responsibilities seriously being given much greater responsibility after Judgement Day (Matt 25). Consider how Daniel worked in a corrupt nation in good ways and grew spiritually while surrounded by evil.

Will GOD accept less than perfection? Why should HE? HE has a billion billions of years to accomplish perfection if necessary. Is HE going to give Christ an imperfect body? I am certain HE won't. Whether HE accomplishes this through rebirth after rebirth, or some other way, it really doesn't matter. **Perfection will be the final result!!** Therefore, it is very important for us to desire purposes that contribute to the long-term unity of Man and express the life-styles that serve that body accordingly.

All that is good contributes in ways to produce growth and strengthening of the relationship. Smaller relationships have the ability to contribute to higher relationships, and etc. One necessary factor in the

strength of any living relationship is the ability to reproduce the smallest relationship forming the foundation of the higher relationship as needed (*i.e. the family*). For us that is a man and woman producing children. Our body parts also have ways of serving the highest relationship possible, and to knowingly use them for purposes other than the highest purpose for which they were created is definitely a sin. This sin weakens our society; and as any society accepts (legitimizes) the resulting life-style that society will grow weaker and weaker.

The masculine and feminine spiritual aspects within each of us are only suppose to have one child--that part of Christ we were created to be. There are many life-styles we should express though to be that person. Each of these life-styles begin small (are born) and then develop as we grow in the abilities we were created to have. In a sense, each of these life-styles are like physical children in that each must be carefully nurtured to fully develop. This spiritual view of an individual is mirrored by the family structure in the physical reality. Consider this concept carefully because it is the reality of the way of GOD's Creation. To consider any other form of family structure is truly an abomination because it eats away at the very foundation of a healthy society.

The claim that individuals are born to manifest certain aberrant life-styles is ridiculous. A child molester has a preferred life-style also. Is he/she born that way? No, he became what he is through incorrect choices just as we all do when we desire purposes that result in life-styles that detract from eternal purposes. All of us do have relationship weakening life-styles; but, hopefully, only through ignorance rather than rebellion. If ignorance, then GOD will eventually reveal the truth to us, and that life-style will become *worthless* to us.

We only have two choices in life--contribute to the body of Christ or the body of Satan (*all life that is not of Christ*). The Bible clearly tells us that the body of Satan will eventually be destroyed. For now, it is necessary for that spiritual body to live so that *the wheat may not be destroyed along with the tares* (if you destroy the individual or group of individuals because of a recognized evil life-style, you destroy the good life-styles in them as well). In the end, the separation will be made and the tares will be destroyed while the wheat is saved. When we recognize that we do have false life-styles in our heart as well as good life-styles, the truth in this parable becomes apparent. Since we will eventually lose any worthless life-styles, it is important that they not be the center of who we believe we are. If they are that important, we will die when they are destroyed--i.e. all will be taken away from him who has little (parable of the talents and etc.).

The highest purpose for body parts used to initiate the reproductive process is very apparent. Therefore, using those body parts improperly in relationships for a similar purpose is nothing more than rebellion against GOD. It matters not that the same individual has many beneficial life-styles as well as the gay life-style. This in no way justifies the gay life-style--legitimizing it. All detrimental life-styles must stand on their own and be condemned without mercy along with any individual or organization that promotes that the life-style has any value at all. **The gay life-style has no value in any society and is totally worthless in the body of Christ!!** Neither is there a race of individuals called "gay" in the same sense as we might call a black or white individual of the black or white race; it is only one of many possible life-styles that contribute to the body of Satan. Such statements are nothing more than Satan attempting to "masquerade

as an angel of light". *With a hope for repentance, may any individual or organization that works in anyway (actively or through **inaction**) to legitimize this worthless life-style receive some serious consequences in this life, by the direct intervention of GOD, before they definitely receive the final consequence in the next.*

Individuals believing they are currently prone to practice the gay life-style should live in the same way as all unmarried individuals **should live**--in **total abstinence of intimate relationships** until they grow spiritually and are capable of forming a properly legitimized (by GOD) male-female family unit that is the foundation of any strong society.

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What About the Big Bang?

Suggested by: RLC

Over the past several years the science of astronomy has made great leaps in understanding our universe (physical reality) relative to what is happening in what we call space. Of course the further astronomers probe in space the further they are looking into the past. They now have ways of measuring the speed stars are moving relative to our Solar System and many other facts that are of interest to astronomers. My interest lies in what they have concluded from scientific data they have collected over the past several years.

Most of us probably think of space as being a void that can be occupied and when not occupied it is a nothingness. I know I did less than a year ago. That concept of space has been proven incorrect based on what astronomers have concluded from the scientific data they have collected because of one primary observed fact.

If you cut a perfect rubber band and pull on each end, it will stretch uniformly throughout its length. If you now place the rubber band on a flat surface, stretch it only slightly to make it straight, and then place marks on it that are an equal distance apart, you can observe what happens in any single direction in space as you stretch the rubber band. Assume each mark represents a similar area in space. We will stretch the rubber band by fixing one end and pulling on the other. We will assume that we stretch the rubber band in a way that the end being pulled moves at a constant speed during the period we stretch it. Observe that the mark closest to the fixed end moves at a particular speed, the second mark moves twice as fast relative to the fixed end, the third mark moves three times as fast relative to the fixed end, and etc. This is exactly the way objects that have not had other forces acting on them since the beginning move in space relative to each other. Stars become one of the easiest objects with which to make this observation. If we draw a line through our solar system back to the point where it appears everything began, the star closest to our solar system on that line is moving away at a particular speed, and we will call its distance one unit. Any other star on the line will be moving away at a speed that is equal to the number of units it is away from us, assuming it has not had another force act on it. If it is two units away, then it will be moving away twice as fast as the star closest to us. Of course in space, this stretching is three dimensional instead of one or two.

I remember hearing the term "fabric of space" from somewhere in the past; but I never really thought of space as a fabric. Astronomers have observed, though, that space acts exactly like a three dimensional fabric that stretches or expands at a particular rate. It is not a nothingness. It is something in which energy and matter move according to the laws governing each plus the expansion of the something we call space. The way all matter is moving and has moved in the observable past indicates a point in the far distant past when this physical reality came into existence similar to a big bang. If this big bang had occurred in a nothingness, then all objects would be moving away from each other at a constant rate relative to the direction they began their travel. The distance between objects would tend to remain at the

same angle as they were shortly after they began their journey. Neither would we see the rate of speed between two or more objects on a straight line as being greater the further away they were from each other..

Therefore, our universe did not come from nothing to become something. Rather it appears to have been created in the far distance past from something that existed at that time. It now continues to exist in that something and that something is growing larger and larger.

As our knowledge expands of the physical reality, it is becoming more and more difficult to be an atheist and truly be a seeker after truth..

Compare the above facts with many of the statements made in the Bible about GOD and Christ. Also go to the [find question and answers page](#) on this web site and compare statements made in various writing to the facts discussed above.

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Temptation: How Should We View It?

Suggested by: RLC

One of my favorite sayings in the past was, "I can resist anything but temptation?" I steer away from such statements now because I attempt to take temptation very seriously. Unfortunately, though, I have heard many statements made in the Christian community implying that temptation is a necessary part of being human; and we shouldn't be overly concerned when we are tempted as long as we do not act on it. Is this really a good and healthy way to view temptation?

What is it that makes any thing or situation a temptation? First we must believe that it is wrong based on what we are taught or may have read in Scripture (*an intellectual understanding--masculine aspect*). Secondly, a life in us views the thing we recognize to be wrong as desirable (*a feminine aspect*). Thirdly, we intellectually recognize the conflict between what we know intellectually to be wrong and what we desire. If we actually fulfill the third factor in temptation, then *temptation is really an opportunity* to grow spiritually.

Growing spiritually is the process of bringing the masculine and feminine aspects of our being into harmony. Essentially, the life in us does not desire anything that we intellectually recognize as harmful or wrong. With this state of being, there is no temptation. Please realize that the masculine aspect of our being cannot be tempted because it is without feeling. It only interprets and grows in understanding of the laws of the manifestation reality. Something works or doesn't work as expected. If it doesn't work, why? If it does work, why? Once all the factors involved in why something does or does not work is properly interpreted, the laws of the manifestation reality that make it work or not work are understood. Where the temptation lies should, therefore, be obvious.

Just not acting on the temptation does not change the life in us. The temptation is actually a mental picturing of the results we desire and the satisfaction we will have when we obtain what we desire. Therefore, this mental picturing can "feed" the incorrect life in us until it is strong enough to make us act on it and manifest what we desire--commit what we see as sin. The only way to change the life in us to be so committed to the correct purpose that we find anything that doesn't support that purpose as worthless and place high value on anything that does support it. If anything is worthless to us, we will not dwell on it in anyway. We will only recognize it for what it is intellectually.

Consider what a drug addict may go through. To feed their habit, they may lie, steal, cheat on a spouse, and do many other things that they intellectually recognize as wrong or harmful. Therefore, their masculine and feminine aspects are continuously in a state of disharmony. There will not be change in the life in them, though, until their situation becomes so undesirable that the feminine aspect begins desiring change. Their full recovery will depend entirely on the level of the desire to change. If it is only a weak desire, then they are likely to return to the old ways as soon as things improve enough that they feel they can control the habit without succumbing to it. As the desire to be drug-free increases, the

desire to use drugs will decrease accordingly.

We could go on cataloging many such human flaws, but they all occur because at some point in time something wrong was experienced by mental picturing or physical acts either innocently or on purpose to create a life in us that then desires that situation or thing. For recovery it is necessary for that life to die and be replaced with a life that only desires what is good and correct in various living situations.

Definition: Life Style (used below)

The expression "life style" is used to denote the tendency of an individual to act in a certain way (manifest certain physical actions) for certain situations because of the nature of a life in them. If a person almost always lies to protect themselves from a perceived undesirable consequence, then that is their life style. Obviously, this would not be the type of life style that would come from a life worthy of being in the body of Christ. The use of this expression goes way beyond what many might think. Remember that a life style does not represent the total life in a person. It only represents a fraction of the life in the individual. Everyone has a life style that is not correct and should find themselves being tempted when living situations occur that relate to that life style. As we grow spiritually, the occurrences of temptation should decrease accordingly.

We do see in our world today several activist groups that prefer changing the law of the land to support the practice of *life styles* that are really weakening factors in the unity of Mankind. Anytime any life style replaces a life style that is necessary to the strength of any society, that life style is completely wrong--not just partially wrong. When you consider that there is always one best way in all possible areas making a society as strong as it can be, then anything but the best way is unacceptable except as a temporary step on the path toward the best way. If even one person decides to practice a life style that is not the best, then that society is weakened accordingly. When we *legitimize* wrongness, we are only condemning those practicing such life styles to more and more suffering--or even the eventual loss of their souls. Legitimization is one way to by-pass the opportunity to change because the consciousness of error (resulting in temptation) may be eliminated in the manifestation reality. Legitimizing anything as right in the manifestation reality when it is wrong in the spiritual reality is very dangerous indeed. The manifestation reality is destined to be in harmony with the spiritual reality--i.e. "*Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven*" If we desire to be a part of that harmony, then neither should we quietly sit by while the legitimizing process is occurring. We are not necessarily safe just because we are not practicing the life style ourselves. Is there anything we can do to make even a little difference? Most likely there was and is; and it may mean voting against a politician who would help us financially. Moral issues are permanent while financial issues are temporary.

Observe how those who want to legitimize improper life styles focus on getting judges elected who support their view. This is all part of the legitimizing process, but it also means that we should take every opportunity to do our part to prevent the electing of such judges. Unfortunately, politics does play a part in the morals of any society. If the laws of society say an evil is okay, many of the children in our future are more likely to accept that life style as okay. Slowly over many years what is evil becomes the way it is and normal. Compare movies of several years ago with those produced today to see one illustration of this fact.

To become sensitive to what is happening in our society that works against the "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven" we must first be sensitive to our thoughts and any temptations that occur. As we grow spiritually, so will we become more capable of discerning the finer points of good and evil and what can be done to correct it.

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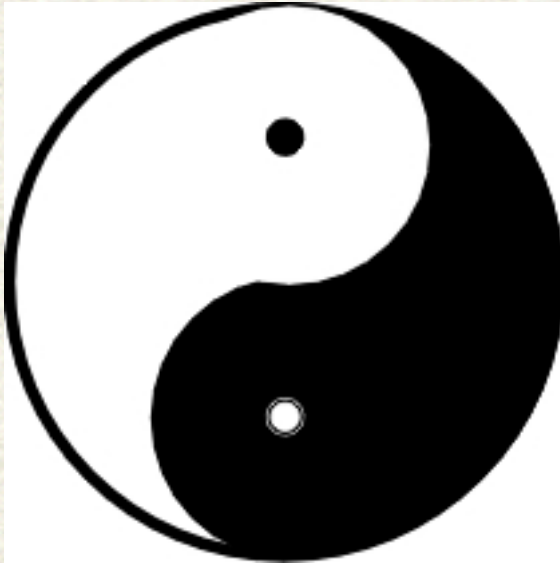


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The Basics of Yin-Yang

Suggested by: RLC

The Yin-Yang Symbol shows Yin as the dark eye in the white fish-shape that is Yang and conversely.



The principle of yin-yang is to describe the essence of all that we see--exemplifying the metaphysical approach of describing Reality with one all encompassing concept. Although some may claim to not believe in yin-yang, the terms are merely a way of describing easily observed processes: day changes to night, youth into age, heat into cold, light into darkness, and etc. When you realize that the principle of yin-yang is all encompassing, though; it is possible to grow in a greater understanding of Reality that would be impossible if we view yin-yang as having no real value.

No matter what we call the Yin-Yang Principle, the Principle does operate in our daily lives in all things we do. This important Principle should then be used to increase our ability to be successful in accomplishing our good purposes.

The Six Divisions of Yin-Yang are: Heat/Cold, Excess/Deficiency, and Exterior/Interior.

The Yin-Yang Principle holds that all objects or phenomena in the universe can be understood **as limitless pairs of opposites** which interact according to the following principles:

The Source of all opposites is that which is unified and unchanging

Although yin-yang denotes change and separation, their source is unchanging and unified.

Therefore, a Chinese philosopher stated, "The Great Ultimate is Unmoved." The Bible tells us, "I am the Lord; I do not change."

The Yang principle is active while the Yin principle is passive; yet nothing is purely yang or yin.

This fact is illustrated in the symbol above by the black eye in yang and the white eye in yin. Chinese wisdom states that in order to understand anything we must first consider its opposite.

See the example application below.

If either Yin or Yang predominate, the one in excess tends to consume the other.

If we work long and hard in the heat (yang) without drinking fluids (yin), we will become overheated. How many times have we displayed extreme emotion and then regretted how we acted afterward. **See the example application below for another application.**

Example Application: Understanding the Yin-Yang of GOD's Love (Agape)

Considerable effort has been spent explaining GOD's Love through other writing on this web site. The following aspects of HIS Love have been explained:

Love is the aspect of living individuals that unify them.

This is even partially true for self-serving love. With self-serving love, the use of unity is used loosely because the unity is superficial only and most likely short lived.

Love is always expressed toward a purpose--not individuals or things with one exception.

This may be a difficult concept for us to understand, but attempt to explain how any kind of love can be expressed for an individual. What is it that produces unity? It is the sharing of a specific purpose for which we may see the individual or individuals we "love" as necessary in accomplishing the purpose. Therefore, the focus and expression of our love is for the purpose--not the individual or individuals needed to accomplish the purpose. Yes, it is a common practice to define this **need** as love; but the expression of love results in activity (yang), An expression is away from its source. A need is **not** active, but receptive or passive (yin)--drawing toward the emptiness. It is a void that must be filled. Recognizing the difference is important in understanding GOD's Love. A need produces the desire that moves us to accomplish the purpose we love. Once the need is satisfied, the unity is maintained by a continuing desire by all for the purpose they love.

Love requires the ability to make freewill choices.

No one can be made to love another. There must be a common purpose that each Loves.

GOD's Love (Agape) is the purest expression of Love.

GOD's Love is for the highest Purpose possible. What purpose can an infinite entity have who encompasses all that is? HE is already totally self-sufficient, but one of HIS Main Aspects is Love. Love must be expressed toward a purpose to exist. The highest purpose possible is another individual like HIMSELF except for the fact that such an individual's existence will depend on GOD (see [Word Picture](#)). This individual will only lack self-sufficiency. This individual is who we call Christ, the Son of GOD. To Love, Christ must grow through freewill choices from the Alpha to the Omega. Agape does not have a self-serving aspect. The expression is totally self-less. Since Christ is an individual and the Purpose, Christ is the one expectation mentioned above for both GOD and Man.

Yin is feminine while Yang is masculine. Love is a feminine aspect, and Spirit is a masculine aspect. Spirit is the beginning or onset of all change, but it is Love that determines the focus or purpose of Spirit by expressing the need.

Love as yin expresses a need and Spirit as yang produces the desired changes . The opposite of Love is hate. Love is also feeling or a **living** quality. We become what we love (* [see below](#)). It is not an intellectual quality except in a small way. How then must we hate? For hate to be yin and produce balance, it must be without feeling or life? In this way Spirit never allows hate to produce change or be expressed with feeling. What we hate is merely seen as having **no value** for the purpose we love.

Therefore, what we hate is only recognized intellectually and then rejected. To attach feeling to what we hate is to become that what--as we see it to be to us. Such feeling produces a life in us that "needs" what we hate to continue to live--therefore, giving it value to us. We have all done this in the past, therefore, what we hate becomes a part of who we are.

** Naturally we do not become the individual or thing. We actually become part of a relationship with that individual or thing. The life in us is the qualities needed to produce and maintain our connection with the relationship. If we form a relationship with a thief, then we must contribute to acts of thievery to remain in the relationship. If we enter the relationship of the body of Christ, then we must seek his Purposes to remain in his body.*

Consider how we can use the yin-yang principle in understanding what we see daily, our meditations, and improving our ability to grow spiritually. Recognizing the yin-yang principle in various situations daily can be a very good habit to practice.

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Why Pain and Suffering?

Suggested by: RLC

The question of pain and suffering has been asked by many and answered in one way or another by many. Unfortunately, the answer rarely comforts the one who is suffering from a recent loss of a child, pet, or some other situation that produces the mental anguish we call pain and suffering. A visitor to the web site recently asked, "How do I answer someone when they ask me, 'Why does GOD allow my pet to die?'"

My answer is below, but I am not certain I would attempt to answer the question if it was asked of me by someone who was experiencing a loss. At that moment, I would feel they need sympathy and comfort more than the truth, which can appear cold and totally unsympathetic to the one feeling the pain.

The answer to this question is not a one liner, and I doubt that the answer, by its self, would comfort anyone.

GOD created the "laws" of this reality in the beginning. The physical reality is a shadow of the spiritual reality, which is a reflection of GOD's Nature. All of the aspects of GOD's Creation serve a good purpose--even death. Since this reality is a temporary reality, all things must die in one way or another. The natural way is old age, but there are many other ways as we well know. Many of those other ways are the direct result of decisions made by Man, whether through ignorance or on purpose. This reality was created as a medium for Man to learn and grow until the purpose of Man is fulfilled in the body of Christ. During the learning process Man will get bad results when he does anything incorrectly and good results when he does it correctly. This is the only way any reality can really work.

The example I consider when I contemplate pain and suffering is that of gravity. We readily recognize that gravity serves a good purpose. It serves this purpose according to the good purpose it was created to have. Therefore, there is the law of gravity. When we understand the law of gravity, we can then use it for good purposes in our daily life; but, if someone takes a little baby to the top of a building and throws it off the roof, GOD does not change the law of gravity to save the baby. The law of gravity acts on the baby's body to pull it to the ground at high speed; and that body will be damaged beyond the ability to support life after it hits the ground. The baby dies. Could GOD have prevented this evil from happening? Certainly! Was GOD the ultimate cause of the baby's early death? Yes, HE was because HE created the law of gravity.

The above concept permeates the entire Creation. If someone doesn't do the things that produce and maintain a strong immune system--whether out of ignorance or just laziness--that someone could become very ill from a bacteria or virus that someone with a strong immune system easily destroys without even getting ill.

If a pet dies from an unexpected illness--instead of old age, a possible reason is that Man did something in the past that weakened the ability of the pet to fight the bacteria or virus that produced the illness. Perhaps the mother drank some polluted water while she was pregnant, and the pollution changed the normal development of the fetus enough that the pet was born with a weak immune system. Who is to say? But, there is always a good reason.

As a child I begged my parents for a puppy until they let me have a mutt that a neighbor was giving away. I was deliriously happy. After only a few days, the puppy followed me down to the street when I carried the trash out just before school. My step-father drove down with my step-brothers and sister in the car to pick me up to go to school. I told him I wanted to take the puppy back and put him in the back porch. He told me to get in the car because the puppy would go back on his own. As we drove away, I looked back with fear filling my heart. I watched as the puppy stood poised on the curb, seeming to wait as a car approached. Just at the right (wrong) moment the puppy ran out under the front wheel of the car--fulfilling my worse fear, the very one I had envisioned in my mind. Who caused the puppy's death? Was it my step-father? Now, I believe it could have been my fear as much as anything. Perhaps if I had pictured the puppy going back to the house with love in my heart instead of running under the wheel of the car through fear in my heart, that would have been the result. We are to love not fear. Was this an early lesson of that fact? I certainly believe it is a possibility. I only know that the puppy did exactly what I pictured would happen in my mind through the fear that was filling my mind. He even waited on the curb until the perfect time arrived for what I feared to happen. Fear can freeze someone on the railroad tracks when they have plenty of time to get out of the way--fulfilling their fear and causing their death. Incorrect emotions can ruin our health and result in many other problems; so I do not consider it all that far-fetched that my fear killed my puppy.

*Side Note: In a Natural Medicine class I was in recently, the instructor requested a woman to come to the front. The instructor asked her to turn her back on the class and extend her right arm straight out from the shoulder. The instructor then asked the class to think good things of the woman when the instructor put her thumb up and bad things when she put her thumb down. The woman never knew which way the thumb was turned, but she was stronger when the instructor's thumb was up while pressing down on the woman's hand and weaker when the instructor's thumb was turned down. It was a quick experiment that worked in that instance. **Is this the power of group prayer?** When we pray should we do it from the love in our heart, or the fear? Will prayer have any chance of working if we do it from the fear in our heart? **There are spiritual laws that we can use correctly or incorrectly also!***

Many things happen that we may not want to happen, and sometimes we do not know the reason. There is always a reason, though; and that reason is good relative to GOD's overall purpose for Man. We should seek to understand the reason because in that way we grow in understanding GOD's Nature and HIS Purpose.

GOD Bless.

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The Concept of "Right & Wrong"

Suggested by: RLC

Statements will be made in the discussion below that assumes the reader has an understanding of the foundational concepts revealed in other documents on this web site.

Prologue: Over the centuries there have been many mystics, such as Rumi, who have made statements or created writings to convey spiritual concepts. Modern Man has interpreted some of these writings in a way to imply that there is no "right or wrong". Basically, this interpretation implies that "right & wrong" is relative to the individual. One extreme example would be similar to a recent story in the news. A man kidnaps a young girl from her bedroom, molests her, and then kills her. One aspect of the concept of no "right or wrong" states that neither the parents of the young girl nor anyone else should view these kind of actions as wrong (make a judgment); because for where the kidnapper is on his/her spiritual path, it is right for him/her. This view is necessary to support the concept of the immortal soul, which contradicts Jesus's statement (whom they see as another mystic) that we can lose our soul (Matt 16:26). Therefore, each soul must move along a path to their highest destiny from where they are. Another aspect of this concept is that when the parents or anyone else who make judgments that certain actions are wrong, they are creating a barrier between their soul and GOD that blocks, at least partially, HIS Presence or Love from shining through them-or some similar concept. Such judgments are considered "attachments" to what is only temporary and making such "attachments" create barriers to our soul's maturity.

Opinion: Putting the believed concepts in a nutshell probably doesn't do the belief system supposedly supporting the above concepts justice, but this writing is not designed to deal with all the beliefs in the system-only the "right and wrong" concept. There are several shadows of the Truth in the belief system being discussed as there probably is in every "religion" in the world. BUT, isn't that what we see all around us. If the self-serving nature wants to justify a belief, wrapping it in or supporting it with the Truth in some way does it-i.e. unborn babies are aborted to support the woman's right to control her body. In this world we must use an unwrapping or digging process to get to the Truth-assuming we cannot currently receive a direct revelation from GOD or Christ whenever we desire it. Therefore, we should not discount any belief system from anyone as totally "wrong", because that view would be totally wrong. If we look hard enough and dig deep enough, we will find Truth. Our problem is to not allow our self-serving nature to wrap or bury the Truth we find. In my opinion, the self-serving nature has done its work in the belief system being discussed just as much as we see it in other common belief systems in the world. My conclusion is that if mystics similar to Rumi were true conduits of GOD's revelations to Man, then over the centuries the Truth they revealed has been wrapped and buried by the self-serving nature to produce a belief system that is somewhat distorted from the original-as happens in today's Christianity.

Important Definitions:

1. **GOD's Purpose** - is Christ the Omega of which **Man**, as *a living unity*, is the body of Christ.
2. **Man** - any and all living entity's capable of self and GOD awareness

3. **A Perfect Living Unity** - a relationship of all of Man utilizing all of their fully developed gifts and abilities toward the highest purpose possible for all
4. **Right** - anything that strengthens or maintains a relationship's ability to accomplish its *highest purpose*
5. **Highest Purpose** - A purpose that utilizes all of the fully developed gifts and abilities of the entities creating the relationship
6. **Wrong** - anything that weakens a relationship's ability to accomplish the highest purpose possible for it. All lasting error or wrongness comes from the *self-serving* view. Error through ignorance will be corrected once the undesired results are recognized. Self-serving error produces the desired results, at least temporarily, and remains uncorrected. If the long-term results become undesirable, the original error is not usually recognized as the cause of the new undesirable state-spiritual blindness.
7. **Self-Serving** - viewing all things as they relate to self rather than the highest purpose. No entity does this completely. Unfortunately, when error occurs and is sustained, it limits the level of Truth that can be obtained (see "The Search of Truth"). In Christianity as I interpret it, Satan is the self-serving nature-the anti-Christ; and Christ is the GOD serving nature growing to Christ the Omega.

A Brief Explanation.

It is interesting to listen to the proponents of the "no right or wrong" concept attempt to explain how we grow spiritually. To do this they must point out conditions, states of being, or other factors that must be obtained or discarded (right or wrong). When I recently pointed this out in a class situation, the instructor stated that what must be discarded "just is". My question is, "From where did this 'just is' come?" Did GOD create it or did the self-serving nature?

There is a reason the Old Testament is much larger than the New Testament. When wrongness or error occurs the possibilities become almost infinite as compared to the one, straight, perfect way of Truth-as Jesus stated in Matthew 7:13-14. The Bible at least teaches us that there is right and wrong and even states many high order spiritual concepts with the negative frame of reference to illustrate this point-i.e. Thou shalt not kill. It is really the Spirit, or intent, of such laws that is important, though. Spirit is the cause behind all purpose and is, therefore, the beginning of all spiritual change that results in GOD's Love in our heart.

Can you imagine learning mathematics without following a legalistic path (right & wrong) first? It is the legalistic path that reveals the math principles to us-or Spirit and intent.

Can you imagine learning how to play tennis without following the legalistic path? It is the legalistic path that teaches our body and mind to work together in a way to produce the desired results.

Each of the above examples results in spiritual change. The process for that change is fixed because of what and who Man is.

The legalistic path is necessary because we must learn in small steps from where we are. Imagine attempting to learn Calculus without going through all the small steps leading to a full understanding. Each small step changes a part of the life given us (living water-life without a given purpose yet. Virginal) and prepares it to be unified with other parts of our life to form one life that "knows". Therefore, each small step becomes a building block for the whole. When any life "block" is error, then it must be returned to its state before the error and be retrained. This training and retraining process is the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth in action-the first part of the process is legalistic.

One of the main aspects of the legalistic process is to prevent error or wrongness from becoming a part of our life. If our Spirit is seeking GOD's Purpose, all we can obtain to do our part in accomplishing that Purpose will determine what we love (viewed as having very high value). Each small step's results will be compared to the highest ideal we can envision from where we are. If the results are not as desired, we will view that small step as worthless and seek a better one-we will not enter the Seventh Day. Once we find the steps that satisfy the correct desire, we will enter the Seventh Day, and it will become a part of the life in us. Naturally, a better approach is to learn from someone who already knows the correct order of the steps leading to what we desire-i.e. the purpose of teachers. Since it will be unlikely that we will find the perfect teacher for all things, we must select our teachers carefully and weigh all revealed to us according to GOD's Purpose to the extent we are able to see from where we are. Naturally, as we grow closer to our highest destiny, we will have a clearer view of what that Purpose is. Not being able to see the Purpose to the extent we were created to see it should not limit us from utilizing all opportunities and resources we can to grow closer to who we are to be in the body of Christ, though. As we do, self will become less and less as our ability to be one with all that is matures.

This process, when followed correctly, accomplishes the purpose of not forming attachments with what is temporary and does so without denying the reality of right and wrong. I consider the recognition of right and wrong to be absolutely necessary because to do otherwise is to create a barrier that prevents the following of the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth. Remember the servant who was given the single talent (Matt 25:20-30).

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What is the Nature of GOD's Love?

Suggested by: RLC

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The word "love" is used in many ways in relation to many things today. I have always felt that we use it a lot but have very little understanding of what love actually is. The following discussion will attempt to intellectualize love to a degree; and, hopefully, in the process it will help us to better recognize when we are truly expressing GOD's Love ourselves. Although 1 Corinthians 13 offers an excellent explanation, I prefer an approach that reveals the aspects of love by beginning with an intellectual evaluation. (DLS)

The first and foremost concept to consider is that love cannot be directed toward an object, thing, or entity-living being, or even GOD. It is always directed toward an envisioned purpose. Think about this carefully. If you believe you love another individual, it is because you envision a purpose for which both of you are required to utilize your gifts and abilities toward accomplishing that purpose in unison. This concept is true for any living entity--even GOD. GOD Loves a Purpose; and HIS Love for Man is according to the needs of that Purpose. Man was actually created for that Purpose.

Unfortunately, when our view is self-serving, we will always seek self-serving purposes. It is still love, but the purpose we love is self-serving. Such love is not GOD's Love. If two or more people enter a relationship for self-serving purposes, one result is that at some point their purposes are likely to diverge. When this occurs, problems will occur. Another result is that even if they enter the relationship for the same purpose, eventually, one or the other's purpose will change-creating the divergence of purposes and the resulting problems.

All spiritual growth results in GOD's Love in our heart. This Love is much more than a burning desire for HIS Purpose, which can also result from the self-serving view. It comes from an awareness of the very high value of that Purpose that is separate from self, except in how we can contribute to the Purpose. Therefore, the intellectual process described in the [Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth](#) writing must be followed to develop the needed awareness. There is a difference in commitment when we know as compared to believing. The spiritual growth process produces a knowing. This knowing then produces the commitment and certainty toward GOD's Purpose-see [individual.pdf](#).

Our low spiritual level in relation to GOD does not distract HIM. With GOD's Love in our heart, neither will we be distracted by the evil other's may be manifesting. Such evil has no value in GOD's Purpose, but each individual does have qualities that are of value to GOD's Purpose. Those qualities are what we will see in them. The evil they express will be seen more as cancer is seen in our children. We will Love our enemy accordingly and leave any punishment they need to turn from their ways in GOD Hands until

we know the "what and way" we may help to turn them. If we know the enemy is dangerous to our life in this world, it becomes even more important that we understand the situation completely relative to GOD's Purpose. Believing we must be the Hand of GOD, can harm the very Purpose we Love. Such a belief is most likely self-serving.

Consider that conflict with others, when we are striving to produce peaceful unity, is one of the highest tests of the purity of the Love in our heart. Since we believe we know the way of peace and believe in it, any remnant of our self-serving nature will attempt to control our antagonist in some way. Control does not produce Love in his/her heart because he/she must also follow the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth. Didn't Jesus state that he could call an army of angels to defend him? But he didn't.

Consider the Nature of GOD's Love carefully with full dedication. There is a reason it is the highest goal of all spiritual growth.

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What is the Meaning of Baptism?

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In John 3:5 Jesus states, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (King James Version)." Hopefully, anyone reading this discussion has read and understands the foundational concepts in the documents listed under "The Basics" on the main download page.

A portion of Matthew Henry's Commentary is as follows: *"The regenerating work of the Holy Spirit is compared to water. It is also probable that Christ had reference to the ordinance of baptism. Not that all those, and those only, that are baptized, are saved; but without that new birth which is wrought by the Spirit, and signified by baptism, none shall be subjects of the kingdom of heaven."* Basically, he states the traditional Christian interpretation of the meaning of baptism. Another portion on the same subject states, *"It is a great change made in the heart of a sinner, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It means that something is done in us, and for us, which we cannot do for ourselves."*

Although a few churches consider physical baptism essential for salvation, Matthew Henry's commentary considers it as not being essential--in a slightly misleading way. The work of the Holy Spirit is also compared to the cleansing action of water rather than water being another component in the process of being born again. This goes directly against Jesus's statement "of water **and** of the Spirit." Finally, the commentary implies that the work of the Spirit produces changes in the heart of the sinner that bypasses his/her freewill. This is totally incorrect. Any change in Man's heart that occurs without understanding all the consequences of that change and acceptance as a result of that understanding bypasses the individual's freewill. This is the way the self-serving nature (Satan) works but not GOD. The self-serving nature deludes Man into believing many lies resulting in false understanding and acceptance through ignorance--producing the changes in the heart that results in a sinful nature. GOD does not work this way. HIS Spirit teaches Man, producing understanding, and then acceptance based on knowing the Truth--i.e. John 8:32 - American Standard - "and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." No one can be led by the Spirit and remain ignorant of spiritual concepts necessary for his/her spiritual growth.

Utilizing the foundational concepts explained in the Information Kit and the Tutorial, we know that the "water" is another component of the salvation process. It is the "living water" Jesus mentions in John 4:10-14. It is also the water in Genesis 1:2. The seeking Spirit in Genesis 1:2 is given a revelation from GOD (Light) revealing the first step in growing spiritually. The Spirit then continues the Seven Steps of

Spiritual Growth to bring what GOD revealed into existence.

"[Living water](#)" is the essence of all spiritual growth. It began as virginal life in Genesis 1:2. Only the Spirit of GOD can produce the spiritual growth in "[living water](#)" so that the resulting life is in Christ.

Physical water baptism is a symbol of this rebirth process. The sinner confesses their sins through true repentance. Publicly commits to the new purpose in their life. Demonstrates their understanding of the rebirth and spiritual growth process by going through the physical baptism process--knowing that **only** spiritual baptism can save them. It is true that someone can be in the body of Christ without being physically baptized and still die in a saved state; but as their understanding grows, their desire to be baptized is likely to occur. As Jesus stated, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him." (Matthew 3:15 - King James Version). The statement of commitment through physical actions is a very important part of beginning a long term relationship. Physical baptism is the statement of commitment GOD has given us to begin our relationship with HIM through the life of Christ growing in us. But someone being baptized in physical water and publicly accepting Christ as their savior is no assurance that spiritual baptism has even begun.

The Spirit's purpose is to seek GOD's Purpose in all situations. Therefore, a child of GOD will seek GOD's Purposes in all situations encountered daily. Unfortunately, Man is infected with the self-serving nature and can believe they are seeking GOD's Purposes when they are actually doing it for self-serving reasons (Matt 7:22-23 and Matt 16:23 as examples). This is the final trap of the life of Satan in Man. Consider that a math problem only has one correct answer, but there can be many incorrect answers. In the same way the self-serving nature has many paths it can follow to keep Man from the Salvation path and maintain its life (Matt 7:13-14).

We should view the self-serving nature as we would cancer in our physical body. We do not view cancer as a part of what we can be when healthy. In the same way, the self-serving nature is a part of our spiritual being but not a part of who we can be when spiritually well (John 14:30). We must strive to grow in the fruit of the Spirit without fear knowing that as GOD's Spirit directs more and more of our actions the self-serving nature will be dying. If we diligently seek GOD's Purpose and endure to the end, GOD will lead us to our highest destiny [through our freewill](#). The Spirit directs our actions more and more as we grow in an understanding of more and more of GOD's Purpose and accept it in our heart, which results in Christ's life growing in us.

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How Can a Soul Be Lost?

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In Matthew 16:26 Jesus states, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (KJV)" Some versions change the word "soul" to "life". I consider the KJV to be the more accurate. Matthew Henry's Commentary makes the following statements for Matt 16:21-28 as part of its commentary:

"the soul and its state of never-ending happiness or misery! Thousands lose their souls for the most trifling gain"

"The dying transgressor cannot purchase one hour's respite to seek mercy for his *perishing soul*."

"Whatever is the object for which men forsake Christ, that is the price at which *Satan buys their souls*."

Do you see a contradiction between "never-ending happiness or misery" and "perishing"? How can anything be "never-ending" if it is "perishing"? This commentary is written in support of the common belief of *"infinite punishment for finite transgressions"*--making GOD something HE isn't. The commentary does correctly point out that there are only two "owners" of our soul--Christ or Satan. Unfortunately Man has built up the belief that this ownership is like the ownership of a dog. In one case the master is loving, and the dog eagerly serves in loving happiness. In the other case the master is cruel, and the dog is trapped in a miserable but submissive situation. *This belief is completely false!* In both cases the soul is viewed as "physically and spiritually" separate from the individuality of Christ or Satan. *Again this is totally false!*

Our Soul is who we are--our **"I am"**. It is the person we see ourselves to be even if we do not know who that person is. See the [Word Picture](#). Your Soul is the person looking through your eyes right now. Your Soul is that part of you that is always in the present because all things are seen relative to it. Relative to your Soul other things happened in the past, are happening right now, may happen in the future, are close by or far away, are desirable or undesirable, and etc. Your Soul is self-aware and **can** be GOD aware (faith). The Soul is that part of us that never seems to age although its "possessions" change throughout this life. When we look in a mirror, we may see an old person; but that part of us looking at the reflection does not feel old. The Soul's true possessions are stored in the life side of the spiritual heart of the individual. We were given certain possessions to start as gifts and abilities, and then we began collecting other possessions through our life experiences. The collected spiritual possessions are what we truly love *and have been able to obtain*; and we become what we truly love and have obtained whether it seems

that way or not. To obtain certain physical possessions it is necessary to experience the life qualities reflecting the way to obtain and keep those possessions. In the process we gain the spiritual gifts and abilities reflected by what we experienced in the physical reality. If we do not obtain the spiritual gifts and abilities reflected by the physical possession in the correct way, we will eventually lose the physical possession we gained. Therefore, our Soul matures in either good or bad ways depending on what and the way we seek physical possessions (*note: any physical relationship is considered a possession also--i.e. job, marriage, children, and etc.*). Divorce is a typical example of not having the spiritual gifts and abilities in the heart to properly maintain a physical possession (relationship) by the individuals involved in the relationship. Most likely the relationship was not developed in the correct way, therefore the spiritual qualities necessary to maintain the marriage were not obtained by the individuals involved. So it is with all things we strive to obtain in this physical world.

We should now recognize how important it is for us to seek the correct purposes because when Christ is the Omega (becomes complete) all things that are not in Him will become nothingness--*as words in sand dissolve back into the sand over time*. If the Soul is seeking possessions that are not eternal when the physical body dies, then all that Soul sees as "I am" will become nothingness. Consider Matt 25:14-46. *Side Note - Verse 41 appears to support the concept of :infinite punishment for finite transgressions. Since this would lower GOD in my eyes, I will not accept it literally as I have treated other such Scripture and later found an unifying spiritual interpretation that maintained GOD's Glory in my eyes. The purpose of good punishment is to turn individuals from improper ways--not eternal revenge. Revenge serves no good purpose. GOD is only Good. Also Christ the Alpha and Omega means "the first and last". Therefore, any Soul not in His Body will not exist when the end of the physical creation comes. I consider this verse, like many other verses in the Bible, to be interpreted according to Man's literal understanding of what Jesus was saying rather than what he actually was saying spiritually. Jesus's teaching was not only misunderstood in his time. Literal contradictions mean a spiritual interpretation unifying the contradicting verses is necessary or the source of the error must be found. Man has also corrupted Scripture according to their beliefs--see "[Will GOD allow Man to Corrupt Scripture?](#)"* Note that the good possession the slothful servant had was given to another.

As supported by foundational concepts explained in other documents on this web site, the truth is that we are either in the spiritual body of Christ or Satan depending on the purposes we are seeking. If we are seeking self-serving purposes (*even in the name of Christ--Matt 7:21-23*), we are in the spiritual body of Satan. If our body in this world dies while we are in this state, our soul will eventually become non-existent again because the good possessions given us will be given to another and what defined our Soul will be destroyed. GOD creates everyone with the gifts and abilities (possessions, fruit) necessary to express a freewill Soul. We begin self-aware but *not* GOD aware. Thereafter our Soul is defined by the spiritual possessions resulting from our seeking Spirit. If our seeking Spirit produces possessions (fruit) that are eternal, so are we--increasing our awareness of GOD (faith). If our Spirit seeks possessions that are not eternal, the good we have will be given to another; and we lose our Soul by returning to the non-existence we were before GOD created us.

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Satan: The Enemy Within?

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Christianity offers the best chance for an individual to grow spiritually, but I believe Paul's statement in 2 Tim 4:3-4 is very prevalent in Christianity today. Even so, I would not like to see a world without Christianity. Of course, Christianity is certainly not the only religion that has fallen prey to this malady because Mankind has just not realized the nature of Satan--who he is and from where he operates. Christianity is just the one that draws the most concern from me. The reason for my concern will become apparent as the who, what, and where of Satan is revealed in the discussion below.

At times it troubles me to see the way the Christian religious community separates the spiritual reality from the physical reality we call living. One reason this is done is to support the Christian interpretation of the Bible that considers this world and even the Universe to only be 5000 to 6000 years in age based on the generations of Man leading to the birth of Christ. Science, on the other hand, states that Earth and the Universe are billions of years in age. Scientists have also found bones and other artifacts that have been scientifically dated to be millions of years in age. Christianity's differences with Science are then justified by what is called "faith" (which is actually in the accepted interpretation of Scripture) as though faith has no verifiable support in the physical reality. Faith then becomes the means for each Christian to believe what "**tickles their ears**" relative to their salvation, Jesus Christ, Satan, and other similar concepts. This opens up the door for all kinds of belief systems that further divide rather than unify. Jesus becomes the Son of GOD who always existed with GOD, the Father, and never had a spiritual mother. Satan becomes a totally evil created being of GOD with god-like capabilities whom GOD has allowed to corrupt Man from the beginning--resulting in the loss of most souls to a place called "hell" where each soul is punished forever, infinite punishment for finite transgressions. Therefore, GOD created living individuals without their permission and then punishes them forever because they did not do what HE wanted during a very short span of time. And so we could go on and on with the many ways the Christian religious community has used Scripture to actually serve their purpose rather than GOD's. Jesus Christ becomes the means for a church to grow its membership rather than the church to truly serve the needs of Christ as his body.

The Word Picture ([wordpict.pdf](#)) on this web site unifies all of Reality with GOD being the Cause Reality, the created spiritual reality being the Expression Reality, and the created physical reality being the Manifestation Reality reflecting the conditions in the Expression Reality. This Word Picture is the result of the allegorical interpretation of Genesis 1 ([7-days.pdf](#)) and reveals the Cause, Expression, and

Manifestation levels of each reality as well as GOD's Seven Main Aspects and how Man is in the image of GOD. It shows that the level of faith we have is **dependent** on the level of GOD's Truth we have in our heart ([onfaith.htm](#)). It also reveals the 7 Steps of Spiritual Growth ([7steps.pdf](#)). The Garden of Eden Story then reveals the two main aspects of any living being (masculine and feminine), how they function together, and how they can go wrong. In Genesis 1, Christ was born (becomes the Alpha) when GOD created the Heaven and earth, and Christ began his growth from the Alpha toward the Omega, when GOD said "Let there be light". In Genesis 3, Satan is introduced as a serpent. Christianity believes that GOD allowed a mature evil being in the Garden (the sanctuary HE created for HIS children) to corrupt Mankind and cause pain and suffering for all the generations of Man as well as the loss of most souls. **What a way to slander GOD!** The allegorical interpretation of Genesis 2 - 3 ([garden.pdf](#)) reveals that Love (the Seventh Step) can only exist through freewill, and the serpent and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represented the freewill possibility of the self-serving nature. Satan is, therefore, not a creation of GOD, but a creation of Man. He is the summation of the self-serving nature being expressed by all of Mankind (any entity capable of knowing the Truth of GOD whether on this world or another [many others--would a farmer with 10,000 acres use only one square foot of land to serve his purpose?]). Satan is viewed by GOD as we would tend to view cancer in one of our children. The cancer must die without killing the child. The death of Satan in each individual must be accomplished through their freewill to save their Soul.

Man's Purpose is then revealed as the means GOD is using to grow the Christ child from the Alpha to the Omega (first to the last--[rlc00402.pdf](#)). Man is then revealed as the brother, sister, and **mother** of Christ when we do the will of GOD--Matt 12:50, Mark 3:35. In the same way we are the brother, sister, and mother of Satan when we **purposely** do not do the will of GOD--**purposely** express our self-serving nature (Matt 16:23, Mark 8:33).

The information on the bibleseek web site actually unifies Science and Christianity, helping us to understand what we see going on around us. We recognize Satan as "the enemy within" in the form of our self-serving nature. He is the anti-Christ because while we are expressing our self-serving nature we cannot express Christ. He is the life that buries the life of Christ under self-serving beliefs and purposes producing a totally evil life living on the good life in us. Therefore, when we repent we must "be born again"--return to the level of life in us that is of Christ and grow spiritually from that point forward. The body of Christ must be pure without one speck of the life of Satan in it (John 14:30). It must and will be totally perfect.

Many organizations in this world grow through appealing to the self-serving nature--including religious organizations. Recognizing the truth about Satan, helps us to see how individuals can be indoctrinated until they are willing to sacrifice their life to further the terrorism purposes of an organization or similar kinds of evil. Recognizing the truth about Satan should make us very cautious about our beliefs because if they sound self-serving they are most likely of Satan, and our purposes will be self-serving ([rlc00102.pdf](#)). Eternal life is very appealing to the life of Satan in us. He grabs on to the idea and deceives us in anyway possible to maintain his life. The life of Satan in us is who we see ourselves to be much of the time if we are not very, very careful, and that life will not want to die.

When we view Eternal Life as a period of time, most likely we are viewing it in a self-serving manner. Eternal life is not a period of time, though, but a state of being. It loves all that produces unity, and it always existed. It is the only life that will be saved. We can only grow in what already is because Eternal Life had no beginning and will have no end. In the end, there will only be one life in our reality--Christ the Omega. Each individual will only be in the body of Christ to the extent that we take on his nature--become what GOD created us to be. **AND THIS IS NOT EAR TICKLING!**

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How Does the Truth Make You Free?

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Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?", and did not receive an answer. Can you answer Pilate's question? I have never heard an answer given that is useful in understanding GOD, our Reality, and the Bible. The way truth is understood, and used by most, is according to the dictionary's definition of "the body of real things, events, and facts"; but is this the full meaning of GOD's Truth--one of HIS Seven Main Aspects? Jesus stated that he is the way, and the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Therefore, there is a spiritual quality of Truth that helps explain what we see manifested in the physical world around us as well as some of GOD's actions in the Bible. What is this spiritual quality?

All things, whether living or inanimate, are defined by two aspects--Principle and Truth. The Principle aspect defines the unchanging qualities of the thing while the Truth defines the "way" the thing responds to its changing environment or to changing situations--i.e. water's molecular composition never changes for it to remain water, but its state changes according to temperature. *This concept is very important to understanding our reality and interpreting the Bible.*

GOD's Principle and Truth are unchanging, but GOD's response changes in living situations according to all the factors **currently** in the situation. HE always deals with a situation according to its state at the moment of HIS response--not what it was two minutes before. Therefore, it appears that GOD changed HIS mind in a few Scriptures--i.e. Exodus 32:6-14 and Numbers 16:41-49 where it appears that Moses reasoned with GOD to change HIS mind in one case and used symbolic actions to change HIS mind in another. A part of Bible interpretation is to **not** believe the obvious if it may lower GOD's Glory in your mind. It would lower GOD's Glory in my mind to believe that any Man could reason with GOD to change HIS mind as though GOD was not already aware of all the possible consequences to HIS actions. The only other possibility is that there was a change in Moses when he realized that GOD would destroy the nation of Israel totally. His Love for GOD and his people produced a deepened commitment to the task at hand, and that deepened commitment produced a different response from GOD because of the changed situation. Moses's apparent reasoning with GOD was only the thoughts he had to go through to produce the deepened commitment within himself. To believe any Man changed GOD's mind is slanderous in my opinion.

The second example (Numbers 16:41-49) illustrates Man's actions as supposedly changing GOD's mind. Again the change actually occurred in Man, and the change resulted in GOD again responding to the

changed situation differently. It is the same way when we pray. Our prayers will never change GOD's mind. All our prayer's can ever do is produce the change in ourselves that results in GOD responding according to our changed state. To believe GOD does not do miracles today because we have the completed message in the Bible (as leaders in a church I attended stated more than once) is slanderous of GOD. If the faith is there, what is asked will occur--period (Matthew 17:20). When our prayers do not appear to be answered immediately, it is because we did not have the faith necessary for GOD to respond accordingly. The level of faith we have is totally dependant on the level of GOD's Love in our heart, which expresses HIS Truth--resulting in faith ([wordpict.pdf](#)). Was there ever a delay in answering Jesus's requests? What was true for him is also true for us because if we do the Will of GOD we are Jesus's sisters and brothers (Matthew 12:50). Jesus was not sent to reveal what we could not do, but who and what we are to be.

Therefore, the Truth that makes us free is the expression of GOD's Love in our heart. We are not attempting to make situations meet our self-serving desires and continually struggling against the natural order of all things. We are in agreement with GOD, therefore, what we strive to accomplish is according to HIS Will, and HIS Will will be done. If what we want is according to GOD's Will, we will receive what we desire, and we will always be at peace with our environment. ***This is freedom indeed!***

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How Do We Recognize GOD's Hand in Our Life and the Lives of Others?

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What does a homeless woman, dogs in animal shelters, criminals in prison, and handicapped individuals have in common? They all felt the hand of GOD in their lives to improve the condition of society by dealing with a very troublesome problem handicapped individuals have.

Several years ago, probably in the 1970s, Pauline Quinn was a homeless girl who had run away from a rather abusive family life. She was picked up off the street during her time on the street by a policeman who raped her. She had a child, and gave the baby up for adoption. She also purposely hurt herself by putting lye on her arm. Not many individuals get to such a low point in life. Then she came across a stray puppy, and they befriended each other. After a short time she began training the puppy to do simple tasks. This interaction with the dog gave her purpose in her life, and she began desiring more for her and her dog. Around this time she probably came across an outreach mission run by nuns, went under their care, and eventually joined their order.

In the early 80s Sister Pauline Quinn recognized the problem handicapped individuals have getting assistance dogs. Most have to wait years before they get to the top of the list for a trained dog. It takes a year or so to train one dog, and the expense to pay individuals to train the dogs is quite large. The training also requires almost constant and loving attention to the dogs to get them to the level of performance necessary to assist handicapped individuals.

Sister Quinn also became aware of the unused potential in the prison system. She approached a warden with the idea of letting prisoners train the dogs. Each dog, which she sometimes obtained from an animal shelter, had to live with its trainer day and night. Sister Quinn then taught the prisoners how to train the dogs for the desired purpose. Some of these prisoners were very hardened criminals considering themselves without hope just because of the serious mistakes they made during a short period in their life.

Interestingly, the prisoners who trained the dogs became better prisoners-more loving to themselves and others. They wanted to turn their lives around and do something worthwhile for themselves and society.

It was difficult for most of them to give their dog to another individual after one year, and that giving became a true sacrifice from the heart on their part. If and when they were paroled, they had a very important occupation and a strong desire to put it to work to serve society.

The above story was a recent movie, "Within These Walls", on Lifetime Network. I found information on the Internet at the About.com website. Part of the information can be downloaded [here \(PDF format\)](#).

As this story illustrates, we can recognize GOD's Hand in our lives by the way all things come together for the good of all. Through their giving each gains what they need. Notice also that the change begins when a higher good is desired and a commitment is made to reach that goal. This story also illustrates that the first step of the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth-GOD's Spirit-is necessary for a good change to occur. We must be seeking GOD's Purposes-not our self-serving purposes.

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Predestination - Is Our Salvation Determined Before We Are Born?

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Bible verses similar to 1 Cor 2:7 and Eph 1:4-5 imply that GOD determines each person's destiny in advance. Therefore, we cannot change our ultimate destiny. If we are doomed for hell, that is where we will go. If we are pre-chosen for eternal life, than that is where we will end up. There are even a few Christian churches whose doctrine is based on predestination type statements. What is a more likely interpretation of such verses? Let's use the foundational concepts revealed on this web site to gain a better understanding of the apparent predestination statements made in the Bible.

1. The Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth

- a. This web site reveals the 7 Steps of Spiritual Growth with Love being the 7th Step.
- b. Love cannot exist without freewill.
- c. Predestination would appear to go against the concept of freewill.
- d. We will assume Man has total freewill with in the bounds of the laws of this Reality in our interpretation.

2. GOD is First Cause

- a. GOD is the ultimate Cause of all that happens. Just as gravity is the cause of a baby's death if someone uses the law of gravity and throws a baby over a cliff. GOD created and maintains the laws of this Reality. They can be used for an evil purpose easier than the intended good purpose in many cases. It is always easier to find ways to do evil than good. We see examples of this concept daily. When we do good, we must understand the factors involved in creating a good relationship. It is easier to destroy an automobile than it is to build one.
- b. GOD is unchanging and the laws of this Reality shadow his unchanging qualities of Principle and Truth.
- c. GOD as First Cause appears to support the concept of predestination.

Considering the foundational concepts outlined above, what is an interpretation that maintains each person's freewill to be in the body of Christ? Is there one?

Many Bible students overlook one very important concept used by the Bible. The Bible does not talk about individuals as unique in time, *but more as a type*. When the Bible talks about the children of

Abraham, it is talking about a type of person-not only physical descendents (*consider John 8:39*). Jacob, David and many others were types. Nations were types also. Each had a way of living that was either seeking GOD's Purposes or their's. At times Israel sought self-serving purposes instead of GOD's. When Israel did this, they became a nation likely to produce other types of individuals. When this happened GOD punished them to turn them back to HIM--*make them a nation bearing good "fruit"*.

With the concept of type and the foundational concepts listed above in mind, let's interpret the Bible relative to predestination. Consider the following allegory.

A farmer wants a particular kind of corn. He knows in advance the characteristics of the only kind of corn he wants, and he knows the factors necessary that have the best chance of producing the corn he wants. He, therefore, plants his corn in a field prepared in advance to favor the growth of the corn he wants. Now he has predestined the corn he desires for a particular purpose as a type--*not as individual ears of corn*, and all other types of corn he doesn't want are predestined to have another fate. When the corn is ready for picking, he selects the type of corn he wants from all the corn grown and perhaps grinds all other types of corn up to use as fertilizer for next year's planting.

In this Reality, GOD has done the same thing. HE has created a Reality that has all the factors necessary to produce the "fruit" HE desires in advance of the planting of the "seed". That "seed" is then left to grow of its own freewill-resulting in Love. When all the "fruit" needed is complete, then Christ the Omega will be; and this Reality will end.

In the New Testament Bible verses mentioned at the beginning of this writing, the people mentioned have become the type GOD predestined to be a part of the body of Christ the Omega. Their salvation occurred, though, by GOD's work through their freewill-producing the Love in their heart that HE desires. ***NO ONE IS BORN WITHOUT HOPE!!***

The above explanation should also reveal the necessity of our Nation having an environment that promotes the growth of good "fruit". If we don't our children have little chance of being saved (Ezekiel 14:14-16).

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How Do We Accept Christ--Is It All Faith and No Works?

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Was everything done for us by Jesus on the Cross? If so, how do we accept the gift? **How do Faith and Works relate?**

As stated in other documents on this website, the **only** way to accept Christ is by following the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth over and over again. Each time we complete the Seven Steps our life will have grown in Eternal Life--the life Christ is. The Seventh Step is Love (**agape**). The person we are always results from what we love--whether it appears that way or not. If we truly consider the many evils in Man and how the individual committing those evils grew to be that person, we will recognize the truth of this fact. The opposite is equally true.

It is troubling for me to see how the religious community teaches salvation in a way that tends to produce a view of Christ separate from the new Christian--according to the flesh. Emphasis is put on Jesus' death on the cross rather than his life's resurrection in our heart. Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection **3 days** later was a confirmation of GOD's symbolic message revealed in Genesis 1--revealing the tremendous importance of that message among many other important factors. We do not accept Christ by believing Jesus is our Savior because we desire Eternal Life--a self-serving view (a similar view as expressed in James 2:19). In the end there will be only **one** Life--not billions or more separate individuals worshipping another separate individual with their mouth. Instead we must Love the qualities Eternal Life are, so that those qualities become whom we are as we follow the Seven Steps--becoming a small part of that one Life (a "*cell*" in the body of Christ). Life always takes on the characteristics of what it loves, as previously stated.

Biblical faith comes from the Truth expressed by our heart (see the Word Picture of Reality at <http://www.bibleseek.com/wordpict.pdf>). It cannot be based on a lie. It is a direct result of following the Seven Steps over and over again. Such faith does not result in good works because we feel they are necessary to receive Eternal Life. Instead the good works are a natural response of the Love in our heart to a life situation that needs to be resolved for the good of all concerned. In the process of resolving the need from the Love in our heart, our faith is expressed. The level of faith we have will determine the kind of needs we can resolve (*that GOD resolves through us*). The Pharisees did many good works for the

wrong reason; and they also had little, if any, faith. Jesus was continually revealing the nature of their misapplication of the Law and the resulting works. Unfortunately, our self-serving nature tends to make us modern day Pharisees. Recognizing this and working to follow the Seven Steps will starve that nature in us--not immediately, but over time. As we resolve smaller needs, our faith will grow allowing GOD to resolve greater needs through us.

Works of Faith are good works that come from the desires of our heart when our spiritual food is doing GOD's Will. Good works done for other reasons do not change the evil in our heart. Instead such works is only the self-serving nature (Satan) masquerading as an angel of light.

Jesus never stated that salvation was easy (Matt 5:48, 7:14, 19:24, and similar verses). Just striving to follow the Seven Steps of Spiritual Growth will reveal to us just how difficult it is because of the interference by our self-serving nature, but that is how GOD works to produce HIS Life in us. After true repentance, the burning desire to accomplish HIS Purpose in our heart is only the beginning. The goal is Love, which requires free will; so the changes occurring in our heart through GOD's work is always with our conscious and willing participation.

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What Makes Sin Sinful?

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Why does GOD select one thing as holy and another as sin--good or evil?

Sin is usually spoken of as an act committed in violation of religious or moral law. Is this completely true? Do we consider a young child who innocently violates a religious law as sinning? I do not believe so. I consider sinning to be an act of rebellion against GOD--done knowingly. The act is committed even though we consider it wrong whether it be from religious beliefs, law, our conscience, or just the fact that we would not want it done to us. All sin comes from a life in us created by our self-serving nature.

Matthew 7:12 is a simple statement of moral law "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Notice though that Jesus's statement is not expressed as a negative but a positive. If law states, "Do **not** use copyrighted software except according to the copyright statement" but says nothing about copyrighted music. Anyone copying music and giving it to others to use is not actually breaking the law of the land if music is not mentioned (as in this example). Would they want music they had copyrighted used by thousands of individuals for free, though? This is the problem with law expressed negatively. All examples must be covered. When moral law is expressed in the positive as Jesus did in Matthew 7:12, it is easier to recognize the intent or **Spirit** of the law, *which covers all instances of a similar nature*.

Unfortunately, when anyone's purpose is self-serving, it is necessary to address their actions in legalistic statements. This is basically the condition of Man the Old Testament addresses until the Spirit of the law is recognized and the individual begins striving to obey GOD's Law according to **purpose**--repents. The truly repentant individual then strives to understand the purpose of GOD and lives according to that purpose. Although the life created by the self-serving nature still lives in the individual, that nature will never be expressed knowingly; and the sinful life will slowly die as the repentant individual grows in an understanding of how to "live" the purposes of GOD. During the period of transition from mostly self-serving to totally GOD serving, the individual does not sin in the eyes of GOD when their self-serving nature is expressed innocently because their purpose is correct--*the blood of the lamb is on the door of their conscienciousness*. They are in a state of transitional perfection and their innocent errors are overlooked.

GOD's Purpose is Christ the Omega, and Man (**any** entity capable of knowing the truth of GOD--*on this*

world or another) is the tool through which HE is accomplishing this purpose. As Man grows in the life of Christ, Christ is growing closer and closer to being the Omega--complete. GOD, therefore, has determined what is holy or sinful relative to this One Purpose. Anything that would weaken the unity Christ is becomes sin when knowingly experienced; and anything that strengthens the unity Christ is has always been holy because those living qualities (eternal Life) have always been in GOD.

To reveal the sinful life, GOD has used Law. Law points out actions that are expressed by our self-serving nature and reveals the intent or Spirit of the Law--revealing GOD's Purpose. Law is similar to three points (the Law) in space determining a plane (the Spirit of the Law). The Spirit of the Law then defines an almost unlimited set of actions that are good or evil. This is why it is not enough to just obey the Law (the three points on the plane). We must actually obey the Spirit of that Law (all the points on the plane) totally (i.e. Matt 5:20). To do this we must become the life (eternal Life) that can only express actions according to the Purpose of GOD. When the Life in us is correct, we cannot sin against GOD--or even innocently error--because it will not be in our nature to do so. These facts should reveal to us the necessity of always acting according to GOD's Purpose in all we do and changing our actions as GOD's Spirit in us reveals them to be incorrect. At the same time GOD's Spirit in us will recognize more and more of the sinful desires we have before they are expressed and not follow them. In this way the life desiring such actions will not be fed and will slowly die as it is replaced with the correct life.

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Eternity: What Will I Do?!!!

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What will each of us be doing for all of eternity in the body of Christ? Do you really know?

Singing praises to GOD forever is the only thing I have heard as what I would be doing for all of eternity. Since I am not all that fond of singing (occasionally--yes, but forever-no), this was not something I could picture myself doing forever. Neither could I see my GOD creating beings for that purpose. Can we really know what we will be doing in eternity? *No, but what we will be doing in general has been revealed to us.*

First we will be a part of the spiritual body of Christ. Where we will be in that body is unknown to us; and if we look at this life, we will see that we are being trained for that purpose. In this life, we serve a function in one or more relationships--friendships, a family, local organizations (such as church), our employer, state, country, government, and others.

Now if we serve in these relationships for the greater good of the relationship toward its highest possible purpose in a higher relationship, we are growing in the life of Christ. If we are serving in these relationships for self-serving purposes, then we are still being trained because our actions will weaken the relationship of which we are a part relative to its higher purpose; and we will probably see the eventual demise of the smaller relationships of which we are a part. Marriage and divorce is one of the more common examples. In larger relationships, we may eventually be fired or dismissed from the relationship. If our purpose is self-serving, then we are growing in the life of Satan--the anti-Christ. Yes, it takes two or more serving the relationship rather than themselves for any relationship to grow toward its highest purpose. Therefore, Jesus said, "Matthew 18:20 - King James Version - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When more individuals in the relationship are pursuing the correct purpose, then the stronger the relationship will be.

We can also serve a smaller relationship to the detriment of the higher relationships of which it is a part. This is also a normal state of the self-serving nature. When we see the smaller relationship as a means to our envisioned highest goal, we may be willing to do harmful things to individuals outside our relationship to gain some immediate goal of our own. There are militant religions in the world who claim to serve GOD while they are harming others outside their religion. Of course religion is not the only way this is practiced. We see it happening everywhere, including governments. This is why our focus must be

on serving GOD, first and foremost, who has the best interest of all in HIS Purposes.

Consider the factors in any perfect relationship, and we will begin to see the reason for the teaching in the Bible. GOD is the highest perfection possible with infinite capabilities relative to what is possible. Anything that can be done, HE can do if it is necessary to further HIS Purpose. HIS Purpose is Christ becoming the Omega--complete. Man is the tool HE is using to accomplish this purpose as we grow in eternal life--Christ's life. When all beings capable of knowing the Truth of GOD has grown in eternal life to where Christ is the Omega, then this physical creation will end. We will then be a part of Christ's spiritual body according to the eternal life in us when the end of this physical creation occurred. Just as the sea turtle learns to swim by crawling across the sand to the sea, we learn to serve the body of Christ by living this life focused on the needs of one or more relationships rather than self-serving purposes. Our employment is one type of relationship that tends to lead us to the proper attitude even if our view is self-serving. If we don't serve the relationship properly we will probably end up losing our job. This tends to make us more careful in our relationships within the company. Note how we serve in the relationship--doing a prescribed job while others do the same according to their abilities. With all working together, an *entity is given life* (a company) and has a purpose greater than the sum of all in the relationship. So is it with churches and similar organizations. *It is also the same with the body of Christ.* Consider how any relationship takes on the personality of those forming the relationship. *Therefore, we must take on the personality of Christ to be in the relationship he is!*

As you can see it is what we are in the end that counts, **not** what we claimed to be. Take a serious look at this life and what we can do to improve each relationship of which we are a part toward the Purposes of GOD. Only GOD will know when every "*cell*" in the body of Christ is complete--**the end!**

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- facilitate communication and learning among member organizations
- educate the public to the benefits of these programs.

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