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Is GOD Masculine?

One contradiction I find in the literal interpretation of the Bible relative to my own concept of GOD's highest perfection is the emphasis placed on the importance of the male form of Man as compared to that of the female form of Man. Until I began relating the form of the relationship revealed between men and women to their corresponding aspects in the spiritual reality, I was unable to resolve this contradiction, though.

If we recognize that all physical forms in our physical reality shadow an aspect of themselves in the spiritual reality, then it is only necessary to recognize the functioning purpose of a spiritual aspect to find the highest purpose of the corresponding form in the physical reality. Now I am a long way from recognizing what spiritual aspect a particular insect may shadow, but it is somewhat easier to recognize what spiritual aspects the male and female physical forms do shadow.

We view ourselves as male or female because of the form of the physical body our spiritual being inhabits during this life. Our spiritual being is essentially both, though. Each of us has a Spirit (intellectual, male) aspect and a Life (feeling, female) aspect of our spiritual being. These two aspects are in a spiritual relationship creating who we are. Both has a purpose according to the functioning capabilities of each.

Our Spirit or masculine aspect's major purpose is to perform all functions external to the relationship, while our Life or feminine aspect's major purpose is to perform all functions internal to the relationship. These major purposes can then be divided into many smaller purposes. Our Spirit will seek for the external factors that satisfy the relationship's internal needs and provide those factors as they are found to be obtainable while our Life will inform our Spirit of what is needed and utilize the factors to satisfy the internal needs of

the relationship. The needs range from those that improve the individual's ability to function at the highest level possible in a greater relationship with others to those needs required to allow the individual utilize their GOD given abilities to contribute to the highest relationship they can. Let's apply this explanation to a real life situation.

Assume GOD has given an individual the innate abilities where their highest level of fulfillment would be when they are functioning as an accountant in a large corporation. The beginning Life in the individual would tend to desire needs that build on the beginning Life (spiritual growth bearing fruit after its kind) to produce a Life that brings the individual closer to becoming an accountant. The Spirit aspect in the individual, at the prompting of the Life aspect, would then seek the experiencing of external situations that build on the beginning Life. At first others may only see this as an interest (from the Spirit) and a love (from Life) for math concepts. The individual would then continually seek opportunities to form math symbols into relationships that produce the understanding and Life in them those related symbols represent. As each level of "math concept Life" is completed in the individual, they would be ready to produce higher levels of "math concept Life" (bearing fruit after their kind). In the same way the beginning Life would desire the other abilities needed to be an accountant. If followed correctly, the individual would eventually reach their highest fulfillment and become an accountant in a large corporation.

All discussed above had the purpose of showing that Spirit and Life have different purposes, and one can't attempt to do the other's purpose without weakening the relationship drastically. We should notice that Life doesn't directly interface with anything external to the relationship. This is because everything external to the

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relationship requires some form of interpretation. Only the Spirit aspect has the capabilities of such interpretation. Our Spirit aspect must interpret the laws forming various relationships in the physical manifestation. The resulting relationships are only symbols of the needs of Life--i.e. as we described the use of math symbols to grow Life's capabilities relative to solving math problems. Once our Life has grown in any concept, Spirit carries out the proper steps in the correct order in creating that symbolic relationship under the guidance of Life without relearning for each new problem. Thus, our Life aspect becomes our Spirit aspect's helper.

Summarizing: During the growth phase our Spirit aspect seeks to satisfy the needs of our Life aspect through the forming of relationships external to our being. After our Life aspect has grown in a concept, our Spirit aspect is the means through which our Life aspect utilizes the learned concepts by helping Spirit create the relationships without relearning. Thus, in both cases our Spirit aspect interfaces with any external relationships, and our Spirit aspect is the masculine part of our being by definition.

Recognizing the truth of the purpose of each aspect should help us to understand why GOD is spoken of in the Bible as masculine and why the female aspect is instructed to be subject to the male aspect. GOD has created us in HIS Image, and HE wants us to understand that image to better grow as we should. HE can only reveal HIMSELF as male to all external to HIMSELF because that is the Truth of the way it is.

As long as the female aspect in each of us is growing, that aspect must be subject to our male aspect because of the reasons mentioned above. When we let our female aspect react emotionally in non-love ways to factors external to our being, we are not growing in Truth but stagnating at the current low state of our spiritual level. If our male aspect allows our female aspect do this, then neither is our male aspect serving its proper purpose. Instead our male aspect is approving of our female aspect's low spiritual level. Our male aspect has been given the responsibility of properly growing the female aspect in us to the highest level possible with the guidance of GOD.

We should also see the great responsibility given to parents in raising their children. Ideally, they should strive to recognize the GOD given capabilities of their children at as early a stage in their growth as possible. They should then encourage the child's use and development of those abilities into good and worthwhile directions. This can best be done when each parent accepts their purpose in the relationship according to the pattern GOD has revealed to us in the Bible. This has the potential of producing the strongest family structure that accomplishes the highest goal of a family. One of these goals are children who are motivated to function in the relationship of GOD and Man to the best of their ability. Through the proper family structure, fruit tends to bear fruit after its kind also.

Unfortunately, we live in an imperfect world and are all infected with the self-serving nature. For this reason a wife may not be able to remain subject to her husband because he is not truly being a husband. All of us have our first responsibility to our own spiritual growth. We can only bear fruit within ourselves. Thus, men and women must first subject themselves to Christ and be led by His Spirit. Through the life of Christ in us we can recognize how our physical form can best be utilized to help us to truly bear fruit. It may be that a wife must remain with a not so perfect husband because she is not so perfect either. Her very example may draw her not so perfect husband closer to being led by the Spirit of Christ. I truly feel the Spirit of Christ will rarely lead any of us to divorce, if at all. I only know I wasn't being led by the Spirit of Christ during either of my two marriages, and the last was a total disaster because I had drifted further and further from where I should have been.

If you watch how men and women relate to each other in their relationships, you will recognize many of the same ways we allow our male aspect and female aspect relate to each other. After all what is in the physical reality is only a shadow of what is in the spiritual reality. If Man grows until the spiritual reality is correct, we will find that the physical reality is also correct.

The "How Do Sea Turtles Learn to Swim" story on our WEB site is also a living example of what has been discussed.