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Interpretations

Section 02

## Concepts to Aid in Spiritual Growth

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### The Two Natures

Each of us at some level of our being has a foundation of Eternal Life--the godly nature. The nature through which we normally view life, though, is the self-serving nature. It is important that we recognize the differences between these two, and only two, natures. In this way we can diligently strive to express our godly nature to the highest level of our ability during our daily "living".

#### Concept 1: Eternal Life is a State of Being.

**Eternal Life** is not a period of time. It is a state of being--a way of living. For anything to be eternal it must have always been and will always be. It never had a beginning and it will not have an ending. Eternal Life cannot be gained by desiring it. Instead we must **Love** all the qualities (living factors) of Eternal Life that produces the way of living it is. This concept cannot be overly stressed. We must learn to view Eternal Life in this way because our self-serving nature can only see Eternal Life as a period of time and desires it accordingly as a means of escaping death, which is impossible.

#### Concept 2: Purpose is All Important

We gain Eternal Life when our state of being changes from viewing life through our self-serving nature to viewing life through our godly nature--born again. We then desire what GOD desires and seek HIS Purposes in our daily activities. We cannot knowingly do anything against GOD's Will because doing HIS Will is our food. We may do something in the wrong way because of our childlike spiritual understanding, but we will **always** do it for the correct purpose. We may even express our self-serving nature innocently while striving to accomplish what we see as a good purpose. This is one of the main differences between the two natures. The self-serving nature may do the correct thing, but it will always be for the **wrong** purpose (Matthew 7:22-23).

Purpose is all important. If we envision a good way to

improve a relationship; do what we believe will accomplish that purpose; and then we get incorrect results, we will strive to understand why so we can improve the next time. This is spiritual growth. If we innocently express our self-serving nature, then the purpose will not be accomplished; and we will again strive to understand why--revealing our self-serving nature to us.

In contrast, the self-serving nature would do what it believes GOD desires to improve or accomplish a particular relationship; and if the results are incorrect, that nature is likely to utilize a form of self-justification for the results received. To the self-serving nature the actions are what is important and purpose may not even be recognized. Therefore, spiritual growth never occurs.

We must seek GOD's Will according to purposes--**not actions**.

#### Concept 3: GOD's Primary Purpose is Perfect Unity

All of GOD's Purposes relate to his primary purpose of perfect unity of all. Recognizing this fact allows us to meditate on the **factors or qualities** that produce the highest (perfect) unity--i.e. eternal life. Each of the qualities in a relationship of two or more individuals will strengthen that relationship by supporting all other strengthening qualities in the relationship. Any quality that enters the relationship that does not strengthen the relationship is useless. Such qualities would weaken the relationship because resources must be utilized to maintain the quality in the relationship. A perfect relationship does not have any useless qualities in it after perfection is obtained. Perfection is the ultimate goal of unity because a perfect relationship has the highest capabilities possible.

#### Concept 4: Love is the Highest Goal for Creating Perfection

To create a perfect relationship all of the individuals in the relationship must **Love** (agape) all of the qualities necessary to perfect the relationship according to their purpose in the relationship. Thus, GOD is Love because HE does Love all of the qualities for the complete relationship. We can only Love those qualities necessary

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for us to fulfill our highest purpose in the Relationship. Therefore, HIS Love is infinite and ours is finite.

## Concept 5: Freewill is Absolutely Necessary for Love

Freewill is absolutely necessary for Love, and to allow freewill in another without control is one of the highest expressions of Love. The self-serving nature strives for control or power--control of situations and others. One of the most used qualities of the self-serving nature is fear through the use of force or manipulation of perceived weaknesses. Utilizing perceived weaknesses to serve our own desires is called "looking on another's nakedness" in the Bible. The idea of "nakedness" is first introduced in the Garden of Eden Story and relates to the recognition of spiritual nakedness more so than physical nakedness. [Understanding the idea of spiritual nakedness and not utilizing the spiritual weaknesses in others to serve our own purposes is very necessary in our efforts to grow in GOD's Love.](#) There are so many ways of committing this error **daily**, and it is almost a natural expression for us in our relationships with others. It is always an expression of the self-serving nature, though. It just may be the most difficult expression of our self-serving nature to overcome when we are actually striving to do GOD's Will.

When we compare our strengths to another's weaknesses, we should remember that the thumb is strong and can easily damage an eye; but which do we see as the most important to us. In the same way, when we look upon another's weaknesses; we may be looking at someone who is to be an eye in the body of Christ while we are to be a thumb or even a little toe.

When motivated by Love, though, force is at times necessary. Finding the fine line between Loving force and controlling force is a goal we should continually be striving to obtain.

## Concept 6: All "Feelings" Come from the Life in Us

It is important that we realize that the feelings we express come from a life already in us. Therefore, we must be diligent in observing the feelings we have and the life situations to which we attach feelings. In the latter case, we are feeding or creating a life in us that needs similar life situations to maintain it. Understanding this concept is very important; therefore, consider the following life observations as examples to illustrate the concept.

Daily we see people who use their differences to enhance their image of themselves--more than likely we do it ourselves in some small or great way. This is just a common manifestation of the self-serving nature. Whether it is the color of their skin, their favorite sports team, their religious beliefs, their country, their position in society,

or hundreds of other possibilities, the result is the same. An obvious difference possessed by one or more persons is used to glorify their belief about their importance and reduce the importance of those who do not possess the difference. Basically, this is nothing but a prejudicial life view of reality, and such views are only self-serving. Anything that is only self-serving will eventually die.

GOD created many differences that are to be utilized for the good of all. The differences GOD created are necessary to create all of the qualities necessary for accomplishing a purpose. Each purpose then contributes to a higher purpose. This process of unification continues until the final purpose is accomplished--Christ the Omega.

It is unlikely that a child will properly refrain from attaching emotions to incorrect life situations. If a parent regularly punishes a child by spanking and then follows the punishment with hugs and kisses, the child is being put through strong emotional swings. First the pain and then the pleasure. This procedure will most likely result in the child purposely doing something to get a spanking in order to get the hugs and kisses. In the meantime a life is growing the child that needs these kind of situations to be "fed". When the child becomes a parent, a role reversal will most likely result; and the actions of the first parent will continue to "bear fruit after its kind".

When I began school, I was left handed. As I did my homework on the floor of the family room, my stepfather would ridicule the way it looked as I wrote. For some reason I decided to change and began writing with my right hand around the age of seven or eight. My teacher almost had a fit, but she refrained herself when she realized my determination. Eventually, I was doing almost everything right handed except throwing an object. Almost anything new, I learned right handed--such as bowling. The result was that I was never good at sports, and the change may have contributed to the deterioration of my eyesight.

When my first child was born, she appeared to have a proclivity toward being left-handed. Before she was two, I would pick up something she wanted. If she reached for it with her left hand, I would not release it. As soon as she reached with her right hand, I would release it. Before long she would pick up everything with her right hand. She appears to be right handed now without any consequences of which I am aware. I will not say that what I did was right because she may have developed to a higher level in some area if her natural proclivity had been allowed to develop. I just didn't want anyone ridiculing her because she was left-handed. So what my stepfather initiated in my early years eventually affected my daughter's life--essentially bearing fruit after its kind..

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The importance of intellectually dealing with outer situations and only attaching feelings in a way that the correct life grows in us cannot be over emphasized. **This is the main reason Eve is subjugated to Adam.**

The self-serving nature has produced many life-styles in our world that should be viewed as worthless and without any feeling whatsoever. How does a murderer become a murderer? How does a child molester become a child molester? How does a rapist become a rapist? We could go on and on, but all began by attaching feeling to an incorrect life view and then feeding the resulting life until it had matured. The most insidious worthless life-styles are those where our society is beginning to accept them as legitimate just because they do not appear to directly affect anyone else. Are we to say that they are born that way? Is a child molester born that way? **No!** Does GOD create people to be evil--practice worthless life-styles? **No!** When we **accept** the argument that people are born to practice certain life-styles that are worthless to society and only serve self, then we are allowing GOD to be slandered at a very high level of our being indeed.

We all practice worthless life-styles to some degree. Some are just more obvious than others. So all of us are spiritually sick to some degree. This never gives us the right to slander GOD to justify the illness we desire because of the worthless life-style in us. Instead we should view such illnesses in ourselves and others as an illness but separate from the individual GOD created who has a valuable purpose in the body of Christ. Feelings of hate should never be directed toward those we intellectually recognize as practicing worthless life-styles. GODly hate of the life-style, yes; but feeling hate, never. GODly hate has no feeling whatsoever. It just intellectually recognizes a particular life-style as worthless without attaching any feeling.

If we have a child with cancer, we do not see the child as the cancer. Instead we see them as who they can be without the cancer. We see the cancer as worthless relative to who they can be. So should our view be with all worthless life-styles.

When we attach feeling to anything, our view of it becomes or is a life in us. Therefore, it becomes a part of what we are. We must strive with every fiber of our being to only attach feeling to what is good (eternal) in the eyes of GOD. To do this we must continually be on our guard and rely on GOD's Spirit in us to reveal what is good and what is worthless to us. If a worthless life is already in us, then we must not feed its evil desires until it starves to death.

## Concept 7: Peace of Mind Tunes Us with GOD's Spirit

Jesus told his disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they

had received the Promise--Spirit (Acts 1:4). Jerusalem means "vision of peace" or City of Peace. A city is symbolically an individual's whole consciousness. Therefore, Jesus was telling his disciples to develop and nurture peace of mind until they received the Spirit.

Each of us have a "measure" of GOD's Spirit or we would be totally evil--always seeking worthless things. As demonstrated in the Bible, there is a point where the measure of GOD's Spirit we have is such that we are consciously aware of HIS Presence to the extent that GOD can do miraculous acts through us that further HIS Purpose. I consider this state of being to be similar to what some religions call "enlightenment". When it occurs, it will be similar to searching for the way to solve a math problem, then having a **realization** where all the correct steps and purpose of each step is realized. The state of being will change from one of believing what is true to knowing with absolute certainty. Realization occurs during the 6th step of spiritual growth and results in peaceful rest--the 7th day (see the Seven Days of Creation in the Tutorial).

In Galatians 5:22-23 we are told that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Although peace is listed as an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, all of the other aspects of the fruit contribute to peace of mind if we practice them diligently. Since all are the fruit of the Spirit, it should be obvious that as we successfully practice each, we will be drawing closer and closer to tuning ourselves to accept a higher measure of GOD's Spirit.

## Concept 8: Giving is Essential to Spiritual Growth

Through out the Bible, the concept of sacrifice and giving is presented as absolutely essential. Sacrifice relates more to our giving up our favorite life-styles that come from the self-serving nature, but giving is an expression that should come from the heart. It is counter to the self-serving nature's normal way of expression. The self-serving nature may give money and time because it recognizes the requirement, but it is done more as a form of works--**not** a true expression of that nature. The self-serving nature usually loves to give of its understanding--usually in an ear-tickling or fire and brimstone way.

We can only give from what we have already received from GOD--whether it be money, time, or understanding. Our motive should spring from an inner desire, or even hunger, to further the unselfish purposes of GOD--desiring nothing in return. Most of us are going to have to grow substantially before our motives are completely pure. Recognizing our impure motives is certainly a step forward, and giving of our money and time will certainly test them.