

Misperceptions

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Imprisoned by Self-will

There is a perpetual cycle of abuse when thoughts and emotions are off balance due to a detachment of not coming together. In this state of a divided mind, things are left to confusion as “A double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways and let him not think that he shall receive anything from God.” While a mind is confused during a focus that mixes looking out of darkness to light and then back into darkness again, the mind remains in this world and of it. There is no peace for a sound mind here, as one cannot grow while remaining in darkness, whether by known or unknown choices.

On the other hand, when a soul focuses out of the darkness only, it finds the path to fill a soul eternally and walk in the light to become a part of the kingdom of light. Walking in the freedom of the light allows us to be whole people while trusting in God. This displaces the dark because we are now in the world as soldiers of light and no longer a part of its darkness.

During this transition, a renewal of the heart and mind takes place. For they come together at the gate of our mouths because our actions and spoken words yield a power for creation towards a sound life without any variables while before the Lord. When thoughts and emotions are tightly knit together cohesively, we have full and honest feelings that are in conjuncture with God’s light. We can sense when something is off with great sensitivity. For as the mirror reflection of God’s presence, we know when something dark attempts to land on us by the Holy Spirit of God’s light. This is not to be confused with removing the mind from our emotions, as feelings go numb here. We get detached from them by freezing our emotions;

we are not whole people, and this throws our judgment off and impairs it as our choices in life become affected.

As an ex-Buddhist, I can say that Buddhism is a religion that refutes redundancy, therefore freeing us to be one with everything. Filling a mind in repetition with anxiety did not seem applicable to completing my tasks during this time. When my mind was full, I couldn't learn anything as fresh and new in life. I did not want to become a repetitious parrot tasting the stale existence of a life and knew that I had to try something different to break this cycle. Later in my new discovery, I became so busy keeping any emotional dust from settling on the mirror of my mind, free from all emotional debris, that I didn't realize that I was emptying my essence out of my soul. Into a nonexistent deceptive nothingness I went so that I could encounter the truth of becoming one with everything. Thank God for His mercy during this dangerous time because I could have been locked outside my body and possessed by demons to use me at their will to suit their purposes.

However, I did learn that when our minds of flesh are in control, we pride ourselves in being the center of everything while at one with everything because we take on the role of God. It is very hard to let go of unhealthy patterns that have brought us comfort as letting go of something that brought us security is a scary thought. For we take pride in protecting ourselves from being whole when emotions are deemed unsafe from past hurts. This is off balance and skews perceptions. Here, we do not trust God as the Father of all to complete the task of keeping us free to be whole in the strength of His power, making it hard to love when facing adversity from others as well.

The fallacy of reaching the state of Nirvana is that I started out as something to achieve nothingness, but yet I came from something

so nothingness did not make any sense. Yet when I understood the scripture, "If you lose your life for My name's sake, you will find it," it allowed me to see that I was supposed to end up as someone and not a non-person. The fact that we've been created to make a difference in this world attracted me more than being nothing. It also told me that if I was created to be something, then why would I want to commit spiritual suicide by yielding myself to a lie of becoming nothing in existence when I was something?

The fact that everything is created for the divine purpose of love tells us that we are not only something but special in our maker's omnipresent gaze, for He is the one who is apart from us and yet joins us at the same time from the centrality of everything. He is the One who is in control of all within Himself. In control enough to have a foundation that He has laid out for us to have the free will to join Him in an embrace of eternal love or be cast out of His presence by our own choice.

Make no mistake. "Unless you have the [Innocence of] faith of a little child, you can in no way enter the kingdom of God." Healthy religion allows for a loving, creating Father God to take care of His children, for why join Himself to us in the conception of fashioning us before we were born in our mother's womb without purpose? "You knew me before I was conceived in my mother's womb" is written in Psalm 139 for a reason.

Healthy religion also allows for sacrifice for the greater good of everyone else. "All of creation testifies of God." Does everything not die as a resource in the chain of creation to support the crown of it, mankind? Is this not the message of the divine: creation dies so that the crown of it may physically live?

As we now have a bloodline that dies, the regenerative eternal bloodline has to be provided for us "...on earth [spiritually] as it is in

[an eternal] heaven.” Physically as well. Jesus Christ, as the Son of the living God, lives forever, proving that His blood is an eternal resource of a life that does not die. The Son of God is the only one who has fulfilled this requirement for all mankind, for He is forever alive with an eternal life that reproduces after its own divine kind. Jesus said, “Unless a grain of wheat dies and falls into the ground, it cannot reproduce after its own kind.” Jesus gave up His flesh and blood for this divine purpose. All who believe that Jesus Christ has come in His flesh and blood can partake of His kingdom and join Him with His Father in the circle of His resurrection love. Yes, through Christ, we are God’s offspring.

Satan's Advantage

When a serpent goes hunting, it doesn't go after the older, more knowledgeable prey who have wisdom but the young and unlearned who are unknowledgeable. The elderly, the infirmed, and those who wander away from the group can be picked off as well if not for the keeping power of God's mercy by the avenue of His grace.

Now, I want you to understand that "The demons know scriptures, too, and they tremble." Therefore, we must be leery of who God brings into our lives and of misinterpreting scripture. Peter warns that Paul's teachings can be difficult to understand and that "We can wrestle the scriptures to our own destruction." So, those new to scripture should find what they enjoy doing and serve the Lord with it first as unto Him. I have faith that He will shape you into the rest of what is to follow.

So, practice only what you understand, "For though an angel comes down from heaven and preaches another gospel, do not receive it." The Pharisees were ever-learning and never coming to know the truth. Jesus said, "You search the scriptures for in them you thought there was life, but those scriptures testify of Me." Anything that is not of God's character is not from Him. If it does not look like Jesus, it is not from God.

The devil wants to put a bad taste in your mouth toward Jesus in any way that he can. I have been through many different kinds of churches and studied a few religions, using my biblical background as a base to study and compare them as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The most significant thing I've learned is the attitude behind the pastors and those in the congregation. Are they sincerely loving, or are they abusive? Would I want to play with them as a child, or would I get up and walk away? Yes, we are to "Pray for those who

despitefully use us," but we do not have to stick around while God works on them.

If you don't understand something, ask questions till you get sound-minded answers. If they're not to be found, then move on because you're in the wrong place. Remember that "Jesus is the tried stone, the tested stone, and the cornerstone of the church." However, no perfect church exists as people are not perfect, so "Study to show yourself approved." Meditate on how all creation testifies of God and read His word in the Bible daily to understand how time and eternity are entirely interrelated. This keeps the mind sharp while we grow in the breadth. Remember that "It is the Holy Spirit that leads and guides into all truth." So look to the doctrines of what your church believes, and if your sanity holds with the peace of a clear mind, you are in the right place for that period of time.

Do not be slothful, "For as iron sharpens iron, so does the countenance of a good friend." A dull blade is good for nothing, so ensure you're being sharpened to grow in your church. "Be diligent, be sober-minded, for the devil is a roaming lion seeking whom he may devour."

Now, when it comes to feeding your spiritual appetite, "To the pure, all things are pure, but to the impure, all things are impure." Yet, be reminded, "We can partake of all things, but not all things are profitable," in growing in a relationship with God. Now, "Unless you trust as a little child, you can in no way enter the kingdom of God." In this way, "We become wise as serpents and harmless as doves" because when we are childlike in our character, we disarm others while God imparts wisdom to them. For we can enjoy the Lord, who is our strength, while before all humanity. In this way, we let God be in control spiritually and are no longer ruled by Satan's kingdom of the flesh. We truly rest from all our works here, for we have entered

into a sabbath rest that no longer relies on ourselves but trusts solely in the Lord.

I want to state that there's a delicate balance when it comes to hearing God's voice discerningly as a trusting child because something is off when our peace is not in line with the eternal kingdom. "We are to do everything as unto the Lord," for this is what a trusting child who loves His father does. Keep in mind that we have to meet people where they're at who are in this world and of this world, the way Jesus did, while we are in it and not of it as well.

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