

Thoughts on Duality....

As I set out to complete Lesson 2 of the Tabernacle study and prepare it for return, I noted how meticulous I am at searching out the validity of EVERY author's claims. For instance, it's not enough for someone to tell me the Strong's full definition of a word, I have to look it up and 'see it' for myself. That started me considering the concept of 'revelation.'

I've heard it taught that the heart and soul are one in the same, or that the term 'heart' in scriptures is often used interchangeably in reference to the spirit and the soul, but is this true? Could it be that what the scriptures refer to as heart is actually the spirit AND soul JOINED in oneness of perception and function?

One can 'believe' a truth firmly in the INTELLECT, yet that belief, no matter how strong, yields no FRUIT – no real CHANGE – the REALITY of that truth is not made MANIFEST in that life. Yet often, if that one continues to reach for that reality, there comes a point where it seems some kind of 'connection' is made deep in the essence of one's being. Some call it rhema, some call it revelation. It's like walking into a dark, yet familiar room and turning on the light. You are already familiar with the room, its layout, content, yet you cannot 'see' it or move around in it freely until you turn on the light. Could such moments be one of those moments in our continued progression toward full restoration, in which, by God's amazing grace, one of the 'gaps' separating soul and spirit is closed with UNDERSTANDING? That corner of consciousness, now fulfilling its purpose EFFECTIVELY as being the bridge (intercessor?!) between the spiritual (the REALITY/essence) and the MANIFESTATION in the natural (the LIVING Word made FLESH)?

This thought came about as I considered the role of the intellect in the gaining of understanding and revelation. In some circles of Believers, intellectual understanding and knowledge is the highest objective, for they believe (erroneously, as did the Jewish scholars and theologians of Yeshua's day!) that through such accumulated knowledge will come the knowledge of salvation. On the opposite end of the spectrum are those who believe themselves so enlightened as to totally discount the role of the intellect altogether in favor of the role of meditation, calling the intellect of no account in God's plan of revelation within the heart of man. But from MY view, the two must perhaps work TOGETHER as one, toward one common goal, to be wholly successful in effectively transforming a man from one state of being to the next level. Neither should be discounted, nor should either stand alone as the lone vehicle, as God's purpose is to use BOTH for the purpose for which each was conceived in the heart of God. Just as total redemption embraces the re-joining of the spirit (Eternal; Essence) and soul (Intercessor, joining with spirit to produce....) the Word made flesh (manifestation/expression of the Eternal Essence).

It's sort of like the right brain, left brain theory – the right brain being the intuitively inclined (spiritual), the left being the logically (intellectually) inclined. For one's personality to be drastically unbalanced in function in either direction results in a very unbalanced personality with very limited abilities in certain areas. One must learn to call upon the resources and strengths of BOTH sides for a full and balanced function. It is only as the TWO work together as ONE that true wholeness is made manifest.

In the two extremes mentioned above, I see the dangerous concept of that 'duality' of perception creeping in that was discovered in that Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil – in which the original ONE consciousness divides into two separate and competing entities, each working against the other to achieve its own agenda. The irony is that the TRUE agenda of these two is the SAME, and the only way for either to achieve it is for the TWO to once again operate as ONE!

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