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# SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS On

- **The Creation Of Man's True Self**
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God created all things out of the spiritual, living Blood of His only Begotten Son Who was slain from the foundation of the world or, as we read in Hebrew, "On the *day* that God began the creation of the seed world [*taybale*]." (Revelation 13:8; I Peter 1:20; Titus 1:2).

In the beginning, no *one* or no *thing* existed but the eternal Unbegotten God, the Father. Then, God begot His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in spirit and soul form.

Next, God the Father offered up His Son as a sacrifice. From this spotless sacrifice flowed the Blood-Life of His wisdom and knowledge, the creative substance of all things. God the Father, through His Son and by the Blood-Life of His Son, caused all things to exist which never had existed before (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16).

Creation began with a stir, a throb, a vibration, a sound rising from God's Spirit that activated His Word, joining it to His Spirit.

**IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. **And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters** (Genesis 1:1,2).

"In the beginning" there were all the following things:

- God's unformed, omnipresent, unmanifested, omnipotent energy of His Spirit activating His Word, causing it to go forth and create the worlds.
- God's Word and Spirit: His individual nature (image and likeness).
- God's transcendent Being — (Manifested to man through His creation and through His threefold Being: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The "many" becoming "one" does not negate the divine "One" becoming "many.")
- God's force — of all existence and non-existence.
- His effulgences (which means to shine forth, radiant splendour, brilliance), emanating from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to produce form.

In the beginning, God created the wheel of the nature of man's being so that it was perfect in its symmetry, beauty, organization, and pattern or form.

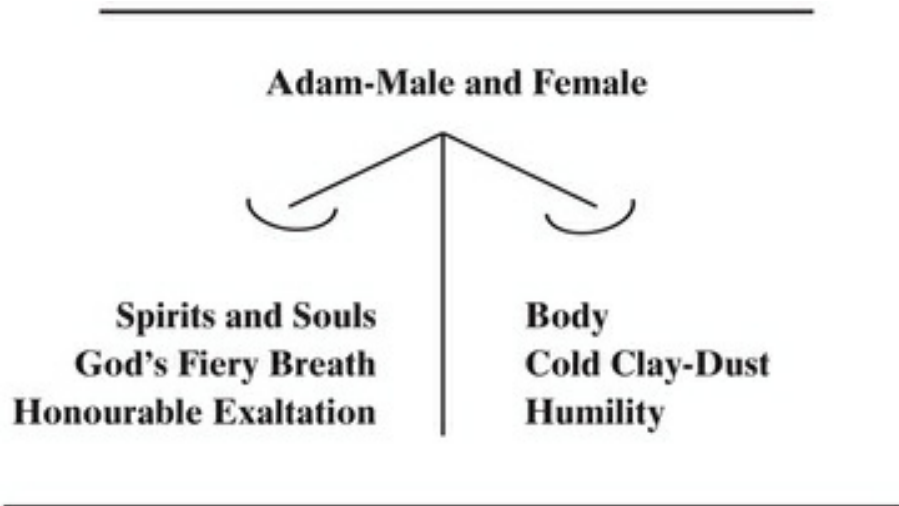
The panorama of God's creation in Genesis, which includes man who was made in God's image and likeness, is the most sublime that can be found, and it is eminently worthy of God and His Son. Thus, God is the author of ALL existence. He made all things, which included man, in perfect, beautiful order, and He made them for His Glory and

for His pleasure

*Unconsciousness* is the true, original form of oneself. The distinct, individual self that was created in the image of God dwells in the unconscious part of man's being. However, since Adam the First sinned, this self is encased in an outward corrupt form called sin. Therefore, the sinful shell or corrupt form that corrupts the *true self* and holds it as a prisoner *shall be* and *must be* broken and changed.

All creatures have a consciousness of their own and are endowed with an instinct and a desire to preserve themselves and to possess all they see and touch. Their knowledge-desire to preserve themselves is spread over the channels of all their senses. Man is clothed with sinful desire which controls the "I," "My," and "Mine" until Christ Jesus liberates and set him free.

The LORD God formed man with great exactness and great accuracy for *His* pleasure and for *His* service. God joined Heaven and earth together when He created man. Man's souls and spirits came from Heaven through the LORD's hot and cold breath. Man's body came from the cold clay-dust of earth. Hence, man originally was a union of exaltation and humility.



The LORD's Spirit was the flame that quickened Adam's body of cold clay-dust. The flame of the LORD's Spirit is kept burning by the pure intake or inhaling of His Spirit through praise and prayer and through the pure perceptions of His Holy Word reaching into the *consciousness* of a person.

After man's fall into sin, his spiritual perceptions became tainted by his corrupt senses and sense objects. Now, by man's exclusive separation unto God — which is accomplished by the Blood shed on Christ's cross, by the Holy Ghost and Fire, and by the Waters of Truth — true sanctification is wrought in man's senses.

The LORD God created man with a Holy "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome so that man could say, "I am my LORD's, and He is *my* ruler, and His Word is *mine* to govern and to guide me."

God created and formed man's humility, cold clay-body before He breathed into man his honourable, exalted souls and spirits in accordance with His "humility before honour principle," which is mentioned in the Book of Proverbs. "The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and *before honour is humility*" (Proverbs 15:33).

God has ordained that humility is the only suitable foundation for honour and exaltation. However, when Adam-female and Adam-male sinned, man's Holy "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome became perverted from the use God had intended. Instead of the "I" being exclusively surrendered and dependent upon the LORD, the owner and master, man's "I" became arrogantly independent from God, or so man thought. The "I" took on the corrupt nature of fallen Lucifer who previously had made these remarks:

- "I" will ascend into Heaven.
- "I" will exalt my throne above the stars of God.
- "I" will sit also upon the Mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.
- "I" will ascend above the heights of the clouds.
- "I" will be like the Most High.

Lucifer's "I" never once said, "I will *descend* into the low place of humility." Instead, his "I" stoutly and continually maintained that he would ascend and exalt himself.

Likewise, when man took on Lucifer's proud arrogance, his "I" became estranged from God; therefore, he immediately *ascended* to his proud throne of deceit in order to try to defend himself against the Truth. When the LORD God called unto Adam after he had sinned, Adam said:

- " 'I' heard Thy Voice."
- " 'I' was afraid."
- " 'I' was naked."
- " 'I' hid myself."

Sin made Adam afraid to show his fallen "I" either to himself or to God. Furthermore, Adam-male tried to blame someone else for his sin. "'I' did eat because of the woman Thou gavest me."

Fallen Adam-female reacted in the same way as Adam-male. She tried to blame someone else. She said, "'I' did eat because the Serpent beguiled me." Neither one of the guilty pair admitted the Truth. Their proud "I's" were clothed with blindness and deceit. Consequently, they, like Lucifer, never humbled themselves to descend to the low place of humility Truth and repentance.

The corruptness of the "I's" of Adam-male and Adam-female was manifested immediately in Cain, their offspring. Cain's "I" hid from the LORD, as he tried to exalt himself into a state of innocence through deceitful lies.

After Cain had killed his brother Abel, the LORD asked him where his brother was. Cain said: "'I' know not." "Am 'I' my brother's keeper?" Cain, like Adam, was afraid to descend to the low place and show the true nature of his "I" either to himself or to God.

Likewise, mankind continues on in this same arrogant deceit concerning the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome, fearing to show himself either to himself or to God until he comes to Christ and receives enough of Christ's illuminating grace to see the light.

God did not leave man bound in the darkness and dungeon of his corrupt "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome. He sent the LORD Jesus Christ to set the example and to redeem the "I," "My," and "Mine" from man's sinful, corrupt shell and to loose him from his prison house so that he could return to the LORD and fulfill His Master Plan and Purposive Will for man.

Jesus is man's example. He witnessed about the humility *dependence* of His "I" and His holy union with His Father.

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.... I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father** which hath sent me (John 5:19,30).

Jesus Christ, the Second Adam, was diametrically different from Adam the First. Jesus willingly showed Himself to Himself, to God, and to the whole world and proved that His "I" was completely dependent upon the Father and His Purposive Will. His "I" could not and would not do anything except what He saw His Father doing.

Because Jesus lived by the Father, feeding on the Word and His Will, He could say the following:

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For **I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me** (John 6:35-38).

In eternity-past, Lucifer proudly *ascended* into the Heavens to make His selfish "I" great. But, Jesus *descended* from Heaven, selflessly, to give His holy flesh as the Bread of Life for the world. Jesus *descended* from Heaven to be *lifted up* on a cross.

And I, **if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me** (John 12:32).

The LORD desires to deliver man from the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome by healing his blindness and by crucifying the "I" so that man can be separated from his pride and so that he can enter into the union with God and the Lamb which God intended that he have in the first place.

The LORD God Who created all the universes is the same LORD Who, in the history of mankind, also was responsible for the redemption of fallen, sinful man.

On the seventh day, as recorded in Genesis, the LORD God rested from His creative works, and He entered into His activity as the divine preserver of all things, blessing His creatures and instituting a weekly day of rest for the spirits, souls, and bodies of His creatures.

God breathed, and man became a living soul. When the LORD breathed His hot, fiery breath into man's cold clay-dust, man's *nephesh* soul was born. Man possesses three souls: the *neshamah* soul entered man through God's hot, fiery breath; the *nephesh* soul was born out of the union of God's breath of fire with man's cold, clay-dust; and man's *nediybah* soul was a result of the other two souls, the *neshamah* and the *nephesh*.

Isaiah the Prophet confirmed the Truth that God's breath is fire.

For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it deep and large*: the pile thereof *is fire and much wood*; **the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it** (Isaiah 30:33).

The breath or the *neshamah Spirit-Soul* of the LORD is like a fiery stream of brimstone. And, the fire of God's breath is what kindles Tophet, which is a poetical name for the Lake of Fire.

God's breath also contains ice.

At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, **hail stones and coals of fire**. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and **the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire** (Psalm 18:12,13).

When the LORD God, the Heavenly Father, came to resurrect His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, out of Death, Hell, the Bottomless Pit, and the grave, He came with the ice and fire of His breath.

Breath signifies breathing or the respiration principle of inhaling and exhaling. All creation breathes; this includes both plant life and animal life. Creation's breath is filled with the LORD's fiery breath.

Fire signifies burning, in both the spiritual and natural realms. Burning brings life through the consuming of one's substance. For example, in the natural realm, animals and mankind eat organic substance; then, the fire principle God has placed within them begins to consume the organic substance with the help of oxygen, just as fire consumes wood in a stove. Through this burning process, animals and mankind exhale carbon dioxide which the plants inhale so that they can continue their burning and, hence, continue growing. On the other hand, plants exhale oxygen which animals and mankind inhale so that they also can continue their burning and, hence, continue growing. All growth comes through burning. Through the destruction of one's substance, new construction is brought to birth. Burning brings new life!

Likewise, in the spiritual realm, life comes through the annihilation of man's carnal substance. As the believer inhales the fresh, fiery breath of the LORD in prayer, and as he feeds on Christ's quickened Words of Truth, he receives an increased supply of the LORD's spiritual fire, which consumes the wood, hay, and stubble of his "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome. Through the burning of the believer's ugly substance, he reaches a higher realm of beauty in Christ's spiritual stature and in his own moral development. As the believer breathes or inhales fresh thoughts from Christ's Truth, His Truth consumes the old thoughts of error and falsehood in the believer's old heart. Thus, the believer receives new life through the annihilation and crucifixion of the self in his old heart.

Through the burning principle, God destroys the old "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome, by which the believer becomes "I am crucified with Christ"; and He constructs the "new syndrome," by which God and the Lamb become the Great "I AM" in the believer's heart and life. Thus, a person is able to endure through the night season by knowing that Christ is the Great "I AM" and that "I am crucified with Him" and that He continually clothes the new "I" with His cold, humility light. Thus, the new "I," "My," and "Mine" knows nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified (I Corinthians 2:2). After the "I," "My," and "Mine" learns what it was created for, it joins with the bridal song sung in the Song of Solomon: "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies" (Song of Solomon 6:3).

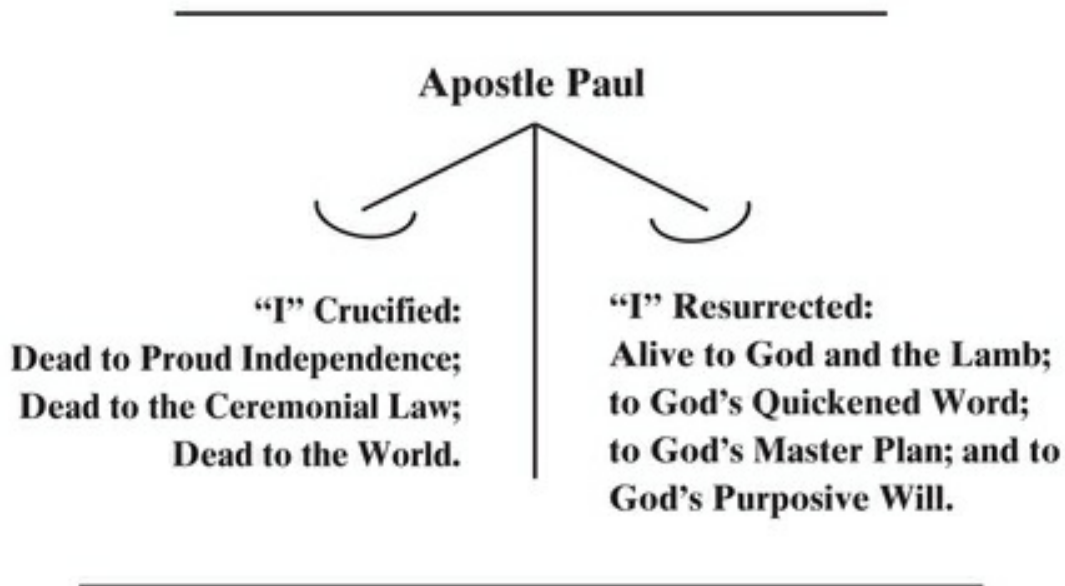
The new "I" then enters into a new realm of exclusive surrender to the LORD's Purposive Will and goes forth to share Christ's "daylight" and knowledge with others.

*I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.* Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved (Song of Solomon 7:10-13).

The Apostle Paul experienced Christ's crucifixion of the "I."

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).**

Paul revealed the mysterious new life of his crucified "I." It is *crucified*; yet it *lives*.



Paul's "I" experienced crucifixion and death with the crucified Christ and enjoyed the resurrection and life of the resurrected Christ. Then, Paul used his new "I" to draw into a closer proximity to Christ and into a more intimate spiritual union with Him.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus** (Philippians 3:13,14).

Paul's aim was not to be deceived and blinded again by dwelling on past corrupt thoughts, feelings, and deeds of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome. His new aim, with his new, resurrected "I," was to reach forth to the goal of His spiritual education and moral development so that he could lay hold of the prize of being in Christ's Bride.

There can be no exclusive surrender to God in the believer's life until he allows Christ Jesus to teach the "I," "My," and "Mine" to descend with Him into His humility and to go out with Him to His cross and down with Him into His Death.

Remember, purity of intake leads to purity of being. Thus, the ever-wakeful heart shines with the pure, clean Truth-flame which fills the cavity of the heart; hence, the Truth-flame becomes the inner guide to lead believers to the Bridegroom.

**The entrance of thy words giveth light;** it given understanding unto the simple (Psalm 119:130).

The LORD's divine flame of light shines through the open doorway of His Word, just as the light of the natural sun shines through the open doorway into one's house.

In the purity of nourishment lives the purity of being.

The LORD's divine Truth-flame from His Holy Word provides all the food necessary for believers to stride forward in their spiritual education and in their moral development. The mystery of the divine flame of Truth is awesome! It becomes both "the eater eating and the food eaten." Through its shining *shekinah* glory-strength, the LORD's divine flame eats up errors and falsehoods, thereby annihilating evil in the heart; and the heart feeds on the strength, glory, and life of the divine flame. Thus, the eater eats, and, at the same time, is eaten, without being consumed. What an unparalleled mystery!

The thunderbolts of union with the Bridegroom's Truth display the measure of the believer's spiritual strength

and spiritual stature. The Bride and the Bridegroom are joined through the eternal, divine flame of Truth and the eternal, divine humility glory of the *Shekinah* Dove.\* The knowledge of Truth is the fierce fire ever burning in the cavity of the cleansed heart, which feeds the springs of the consciousness and the unconsciousness in the spirits, souls, and bodies of men.

The flame of Truth burns out the incessant, trivial mental activities which the false form in the old heart says is a healthy state of mind. However, God cannot reveal and quicken His precious Word to the believer's heart until his mind is brought to rest from its incessant, trivial mental activities.

By the new breath of fire from the Truth and from the Spirit, a force of concentrated awareness is created in a person's waking state, transforming his consciousness into a spiritually cleansed, clear state. This new concentrated awareness of the Truth leads the soul into new realms of Sabbath rest and delight. By constant rejection and detachment from the false forms of deceit, without and within, the believer enjoys a new consciousness of the Truth-form in his ego, so that he can say, " 'I' am the LORD's, and He is 'Mine,' and this is *all* that matters." By abolishing all deviation from the Truth in his thinking and in the cavity of the old heart, the believer can create an empty place into which the LORD's Spirit and Truth can descend. Subsequently, peace, light, and delight in the Bridegroom are brought into the old heart.

Mental activities are born in succession, one from the other. The endless activity of the mind — one thought leading to another thought — must be given to the *Shekinah* Dove's fire and the flames of Truth, Who, together, put an end to all the rising, untrue thoughts as they spring up in the mind, by swallowing them up in their flames.

The fiery *Shekinah* Dove and the flames of Truth are the vessels that carry believers' souls and spirits across the oceans of spiritual "births" and spiritual "deaths" that they experience in growing up in the spiritual stature of Jesus Christ.

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# SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS On

- **Man's Corrupt Ego**
  - **Man's Pride And His Ignorance Of Christ's True Wisdom, Understanding, And Knowledge**
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The light of Jesus Christ destroys the darkness that is born out of man's inherited ignorance from Lucifer, and it destroys man's selfishness. No one person is without the selfishness which proceeds from the possessiveness of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome.

So-called *respectable selfishness* destroys a person's spiritual thoughts, feelings, and desires.

The uncrucified "I," "My," and "Mine" selfishness fills a person's heart with petty jealousies, fears, and uneasiness when his possessions are at stake, and selfishness hides Christ's infinite generosity and infinite perfections.

Just as the rivers are lost in the sea, so are Christ's virtues lost in the selfishness of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome.

The "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome makes a person try to become all things to all men; thus the person who serves his own selfish desires and goals is prevented from being a doorkeeper for Christ.

The "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome is the root and heart of all evil, and it causes men to seek only themselves. The "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome is the old *fretting leprosy* of all ages. It attacks in infancy and continues its loathsome selfishness to the grave, unless it is thwarted by finding crucifixion in Christ Jesus.

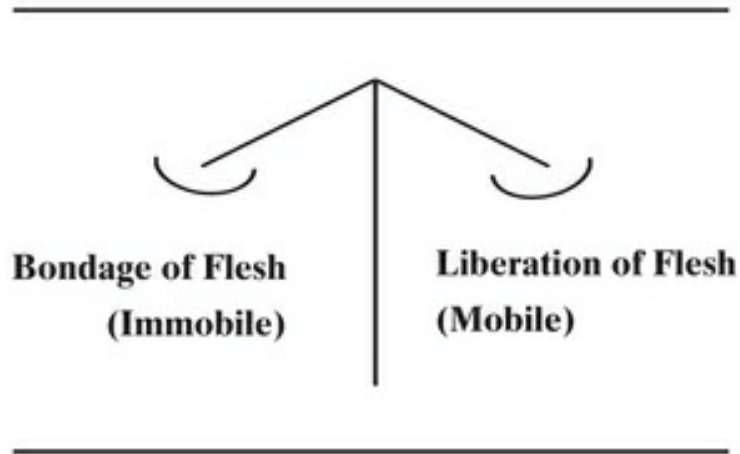
Man's "I," "My," and "Mine" notions proceed from ignorance and selfishness. His ignorance is like the anvil of a blacksmith — static, immovable, and firmly established.

Ignorance is unformed energy. Ignorance is mere privation or lack of Christ's true wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; therefore, nothing of value can be produced from ignorance. **The greatest malady of man's soul is for him to be ignorant of his ignorance of Christ's Truth.** It requires a revelation from Christ and His Truth in order to make people aware of their inherent ignorance. Proud ignorance causes a person to assume the *most*, although it knows the *least*. Pride and ignorance are an "incestuous family," and they mutually beget, in the heart and soul, a large family of "children of darkness" who war against Christ and His Light. **Ignorance is the greatest of all infirmities, and when it is self-justified, it becomes the greatest of all follies.** Proud ignorance teaches men to be presumptuous toward God.

The high calling of God in Christ Jesus is to bring man's soul to the spiritual realization and recognition of his ignorance of Christ's light and His stature of Truth.

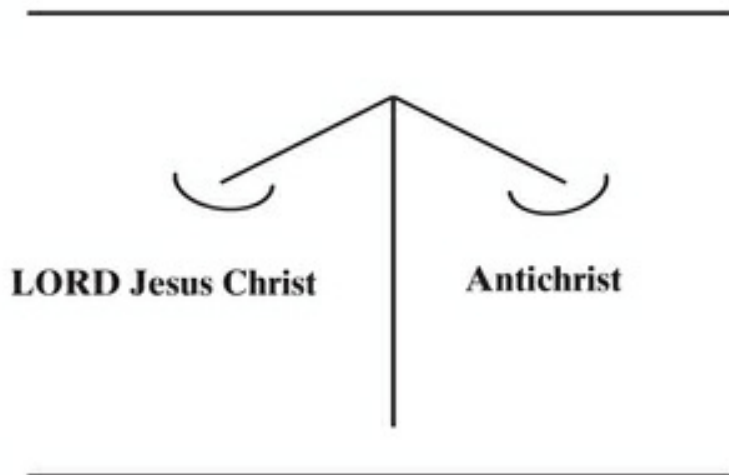
When man accepts Christ's light of Truth, then he can perceive the darkness that has been born out of his human ignorance. The bonds of ignorance form the false covering of the original, fallen self; therefore, they limit the moral growth and development of man's consciousness.

The false covering or the sense of "Mine" is spread over all creation. The cause of this false covering is ignorance. This is the great illusory power that Adam-female received from the Serpent. This class of ignorance of "Mine-ness" produces unbalanced scales: on one side is bondage, and on the other side is liberation of flesh; one is mobile, and one is immobile.



All misery has its origin in the “I” and “My” or the sense of “Mine.” A person is filled with self-pity when his fellow creatures do not respond to his love and attachments to them. This evil attitude proves he has misplaced his energies.

It is the ego (false form), the sense of “I” and “My,” which makes man cling to earthly attachments. **When the love and attachment of the soul are turned toward the LORD God and His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, without expecting any return whatsoever, all misery comes to an end.**



By attaching himself to the LORD Jesus Christ, man obtains the liberated release of the soul and spirit for which he longs. This is not easy, *but it is possible.*

Man’s whole life is a battle waged between the LORD Jesus Christ and the Antichrist forces in the world. But, when a man seeks Christ, he will find the impartation of the LORD’s divine intervention at life’s crucial moments. **Christ’s eternal vigilance and saving, illuminating grace shape the destiny of believing mankind on the earth.**

Christ’s faithfulness will allow misery to drive the believer to the abandonment of the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome. True enjoyment is founded upon the renunciation of the “I,” “My,” and “Mine.” *Completely abandoning* one’s ego (false form of darkness) *and a total, consecrated surrender* of the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome, which controls all parts of a human being, *bring peace and joy* into man’s senses.

Falsehoods, deceits, cunningness, ignorance, and misery fill the world; therefore, **Love not the world!** Reject the world with its Antichrist spirit and obtain the illuminating light of Christ’s Truth!

Two paths bring the believer to complete unity in Christ Jesus; the path of pleasure and the path of pain. It requires great courage and mental fortitude to seek the light of Christ in the midst of darkness and pain, to search for His beauty and delight in the midst of the ugliness and misery of mortal existence.

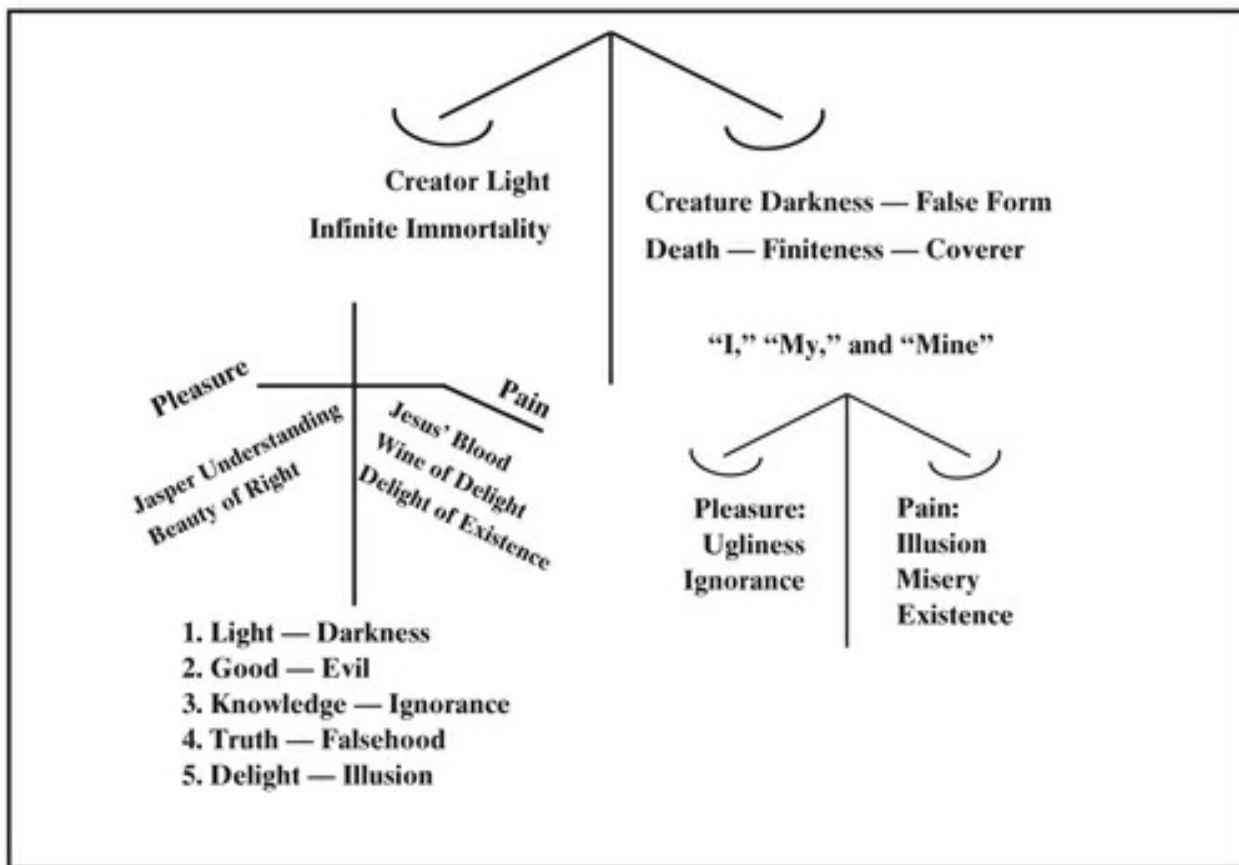
The sincere soul takes the *very things* that degrade man and utilizes them through humble contrition and repentance, making steppingstones to higher heights in Christ’s light and Truth.

Walking on the proud, painful path of ignorance and darkness of the flesh is a solemn, serious walk. It is like walking on a sword's edge. It is a dangerous, painful path. One mistake, one slip on this steep course is enough for a disastrous fall into complete deceit, such as Adam-female experienced. None but a determined warrior who has enlisted in Christ's army can pursue this path of warfare against the ignorance and darkness of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Even more difficult to walk is the path of human pleasure. To seek the light of Christ's spiritual Truth, when walking within the light of pleasurable things of this world, takes a burning, heartfelt desire for Truth. The heart that burns for Christ always esteems the light of Truth more pleasurable and delightful than the pleasures found in Lucifer's stolen light that pervades this world.

One must overcome the beastly passions of the body, the ignorant warrior of the soul, and the false form of darkness (the ego, the "I," "My," and "Mine") of the spirit.

Jesus' right hand holds the jasper-understanding of the spiritual beauty of right knowledge, thought, word, and deed. Jesus' left hand holds the jasper-understanding of moral delight of existence. This delight is necessary in the warp and woof of things. It is the very fabric of life that sustains existence.



Sooner or later, the ignorance of the false form of darkness of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome turns the pleasure of all things into ugliness. But, Jesus balances the path of pleasure and the path of pain with equal respect by having His beauty of right knowledge on one side of the scales and His delight of existence through the moral delight of the wine of His resurrected Blood on the other side.

The "coverer," the false form of darkness of the ego, the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome always confronts the illuminated mind. A battle, a struggle, always rages between the LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of light, the Son of infinity, and the flesh (the old heart or the false form of darkness and finiteness) until a soul exclusively surrenders the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome to God.

The flesh always wages this battle of opposition against Christ's rule and reign of light on all fronts of terrestrial existence. Every minute, a struggle goes on in all parts of one's being against Christ's rule and reign until the soul

willingly surrenders the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome to the LORD. A war always exists in man’s heart between good and evil, light and darkness, knowledge and ignorance, Truth and falsehood, delight and illusion, immortality and death, until man, in his heart and soul, makes an exclusive surrender to the LORD Jesus Christ, the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, and confesses that he is not his own and that he possesses nothing.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you*, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s (I Corinthians 6:19,20).

The soul that exclusively surrenders the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome to the LORD is consecrated by Christ and is set apart by Him for His use; then, that soul also is possessed, occupied, and inhabited by the LORD’s Holy Spirit. Thus, the sanctified body, soul, and spirit become a Holy Temple for God to dwell in because of Christ the Creator’s claim and because of the creature’s exclusive surrender to Him. Man’s body, soul, and spirit were created by Jesus Christ for His good pleasure, and they were purchased again by Him with His own precious Blood. Consequently, man is *not* his own; the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome has no right of possession. Believers are to be surrendered exclusively to God and possessed by Jesus Christ for His pleasure. Hence, the surrendered soul uses himself for Christ’s pleasure and glory, according to the Father’s Purposive Will.

The sole purpose of the opposing Luciferic forces of the flesh is to block man from attaining the perfection of God, which is the perfect balance of pleasure and pain within himself, brought about through the LORD’s Master Plan and Purposive Will.

Withstanding all opposing forces, the almighty, prevailing, powerful forces of the Godhead encourage the believer’s soul at every step of the way, lifting him up when he stumbles and soothing his fevered brow in the heat of opposition. Thus, the LORD helps the sincere, seeking soul to attain his goal — the prize of being in Christ’s Bride.

The Antichrist force, emanating from the false form of the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome, possesses tremendous strength, power, stolen light, will power, and stolen knowledge. It is opposed to the LORD’s divine law and Truth. It usurps the functions of the divine owner and master in the heart; therefore, it beguiles man into thinking he is a little god. This false form or “I,” “My,” and “Mine” is discerned by its ego-sense, which delights in ruling over a person’s thoughts, feelings, and actions.

All perversion and distortion of the Truth in the world is the work of the force of this false form, whose iron grip on man and his earthly existence is indeed very powerful. This dense, false form of “I,” “My,” and “Mine” is nothing but stubborn stupidity that is puffed up with insolence and egotism, and it is a barrier of darkness, shutting out Christ’s radiant rays of penetrating light of knowledge.

The stupendous ego in its ugly form, apart from Christ’s changing, cleansing power, desires to possess all the worldly fine and beautiful things that are forbidden by the *Torah*-Truth. This ugly form of “I,” “My,” and “Mine” wants to possess, outside of holy matrimony, all that the world considers fine and beautiful of the opposite sex, which is contrary to the command of God’s *Torah*-Truth that forbids adultery and fornication. The ugly form wants to use God’s creation for its own purpose of self-exaltation, self-glorification, and self-satisfaction, contrary to God’s Master Plan and Purposive Will.

At times the force of this false-form (“I,” “My,” and “Mine” form) resembles the divine force of Christ, although its purposes and motives are entirely different from those of Christ, Who always has pleased and always does please His Father by giving all glory and honour unto Him.

The struggle in man between the two forces (Christ and Antichrist) is long, drawn-out, and bitter. Jesus fights man’s proud ego on its own terms and conditions, as needs be. The false form fights against Jesus Christ by allying itself with the strength of others; that is, by fastening its affections on others, thereby forming a temporary, satisfying union of affection in a vain effort to establish its proud independence from Jesus Christ.

But, Christ fights on a person’s ground of deception by stirring up, in another person, a spirit of rebellion against him. Thus, man’s human union of affection is broken, and he is left alone and stripped, perchance his soul may choose to rise up and seek the LORD Jesus Christ in an eternal love-union between his soul and Christ’s Soul, through an exclusive surrender to Christ.

The false forms avowed purpose is to thwart the LORD’s moral high calling for the soul-seeker, which is to attain the prize of being in Christ’s Bride. If soul-seekers daily receive the LORD’s Spirit and Word into themselves, God’s divine forces will nourish them and will cause them to increase in Christ’s stature of Truth.

There is no cause or reason for the believer to despair over the false form, the “I,” “My,” and “Mine” syndrome. Remember, Jesus Christ, the divine Truth, always is ultimately victorious, and He *alone* triumphs.

The victory of the divine force of the LORD Jesus Christ is a thing already decreed, inevitable, and irresistible.

The LORD Jesus Christ always keeps divine vigilance over the believer's affairs on earth and the thoughts, feelings, and deeds of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome. When there is a crisis, when a person's whole life and being seems to be under the complete control of the proud ego (the false form) and when all his spiritual life seems to be on the verge of extinction and when all is apparently lost, then the LORD Jesus Christ descends with His divine, illuminating grace, intervening with His supreme, sovereign power to destroy a new portion of the false form and its deceitful darkness. Thus, Jesus Christ puts the believer's spiritual world back on the right path, and He gives the impetus and the command for the believer to move onward and forward in resistance to all the forces of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Christ's divine intervention of Truth, mercy, and grace are *facts* of spiritual experience to those who are going on with Jesus Christ in the crucified way, pressing toward the prize, the Bride, the New Jerusalem.

The Truth, mercy, and grace of Jesus is a power superior to all rule and reign of the false form of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome. Christ can annul all the workings of the false form, and He can change the destiny of any individual soul who chooses to give himself up exclusively to Jesus Christ.

The believer has divine protection of Truth, mercy, and grace, so what, then, can touch him? Of whom should he be afraid? A *little* of Christ's Truth, mercy, and grace will carry him through all life's difficulties, obstacles, and dangers; and if he is surrounded by Christ's full-stature presence, he can go securely on his way, free from all anxiety and any menace and unaffected by any powerful hostility, whether visible or invisible. **The touch of Christ's Truth, mercy, and grace turns difficulties into opportunities, failures into successes, and weaknesses into strengths.**

Man's mortal ignorance is a nesting place for every kind of spirit of rebellion. The powers of darkness and ignorance continually oppose soul-seekers who desire Christ's Truth, and the powers, listed below, always try to impede the sincere soul's spiritual progress at each step.

1. **Coverer Spirits** always try to cover the Truth and always try to obstruct the flow of light from God so that the soul cannot see the light; thus, these covering spirits hope that the soul will remain in darkness.
2. **Hoarder Spirits**, in miserly manner, hoard all the spiritual wealth of Truth and hide it from the self, lest it be changed into Christ's likeness. Meanwhile, *hoarder spirits* trade and traffic with others in the spiritual wealth of Truth for their own vainglory and their own self-exaltation. In other words, these spirits allow a person boldly to proclaim the Truth to others, while the person prevents his own self from being influenced or changed by the same Truth!
3. **Builder spirits** erect barriers of darkness in the sense of reason, enclosing the Truth and hiding the Truth from the perception of the seeker of Truth, lest the light penetrate the seeker's heart and retrieve it from its darkness.
4. **Confining spirits** do not shut out the rays of light altogether, but they confine and limit the Truth so that the seeker does not feel included, which makes the seeker think that he is not worthy of the Truth and that he is too feeble to surrender to walk in the way of Truth. Therefore, the seeker feels himself left outside the fence of Truth and thinks that the Truth of growing up in Christ's stature is for others and not for himself.
5. **Restrainer spirits** do not obscure the rays of light altogether, but they restrain the light of Truth from moving freely through the entire spirit, soul, and body of the seeker, on the grounds that free movement of light in a being is *not necessary*.
6. **Censurer spirits** do not totally obscure the light either, but they censure what the seeker receives by condemning as wrong certain portions of Christ's Truth and by criticizing the Truth as being old or obsolete for today's generation.

These spirits dam up the energy of Truth and obscure the entrance of light, blocking its sufficiency. Hence, they hinder the soul's spiritual progress. They cast spells and curses on the soul that serve as roadblocks to the soul's spiritual progress. But, remember, the LORD Jesus Christ has all-prevailing power over all the ignorance and darkness of man's false forms that surround the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome, and over all the accompanying

Luciferic spirits. Christ will rule in the submissive soul until all proud, opposing forces are put under His feet! Glory to God in the highest!

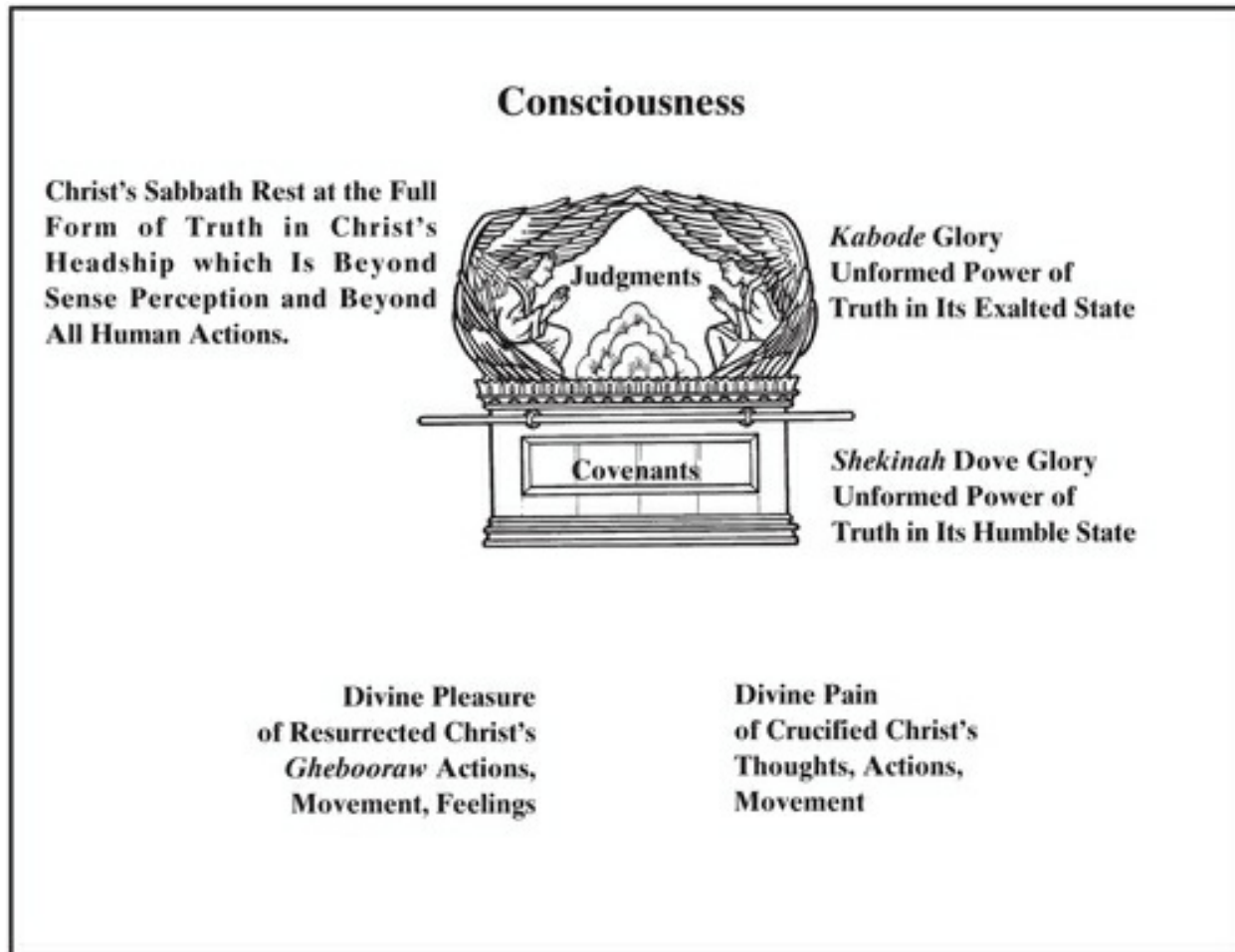
# **S**PIRITUAL THOUGHTS On

- **Man's Consciousness Of Christ's Headship**
  - **The Place Of Mental Rest And Emotional Calm Wrought Through The Divine *Ghebooraw* Power Of God's Truth**
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Wisdom solidifies itself in a supreme, sovereign form in the consciousness and in the unconsciousness of the exclusively surrendered soul in which the darkened form of the "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome has ceased to exist and in which nothing else is experienced but the unfolding of Truth in its pure form of the cross.

Christ's secret forms and pure forms of Truth are beyond the imagination of a human being's senses. They must be revealed by God's Dove Spirit. The power of Truth goes beyond the created forms of the universes. The form of Truth exists in the Father's Master Plan; it is implanted in Christ Jesus along with the power of the Truth or the Father's Purposive Will.

The experience of the power of Truth is the spiritual experience of the unformed energy of the Father's Will, hidden in Christ Jesus. The exclusively surrendered soul does not *have* to know and understand what form the Father's unformed energy will take; the surrendered soul is delighted and satisfied simply to be joined to the power of the Father's Truth in its unformed state.



When the believer grows up to the head-realm of Christ's stature, he enters into a consciousness or continual awareness of Christ's being the glorious Head over ALL THINGS.

Christ's sabbatical rest fills the exclusively surrendered soul with His eternal mental peace and His everlasting emotional calm. Christ's rest is the repose of His obedient death and the refreshment of His resurrection life. Christ's rest relieves the soul of all the distressing, disturbing, annoying, and tiring things it has suffered while in its unsundered state.

The Apostle Paul gave us God's promise of this type of rest when he penned the following verses in the Book of Hebrews:

**There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works,** as God *did* from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into the rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (Hebrews 4:9-11).

These verses cannot be speaking of the unsaved since the rest the believer receives through salvation is a *gift*; the rest spoken of, here, is entered into through labour or works done in one's moral development.

Sinners who "believe not" never will enter into Christ's rest of grace by gift through His salvation. The Christian who "believes not" in growing up unto the measure of Christ's stature never shall enter into the rest of Christ's *kabode* glory headship and His *Shekinah* Dove-glory headship.

As surely as God *has entered* into His rest, obstinate, unbelieving sinners *shall be excluded* from Christ's rest of salvation. As surely as God has entered into His rest, the disbelieving Christian who rejects Christ's fullness of stature shall not enter into the rest of His glory. If the believer abandons his "I," "My," and "Mine" syndrome totally to Christ, making an exclusive surrender to Him by shutting out all other considerations, happenings, existences, and occupations, and excluding all others but the LORD, he shall enter into Christ's eternal mental peace and His everlasting emotional calm that are found in the glory of His headship.

However, believers must work with diligent labour in God's Word, work in prayer through the Holy Ghost, and work in crucifying and mortifying the obstinate Antichrist force of their carnal human wills in order to enter into Christ's sweet, satisfying rest.

After overcoming believers have grown up into full, conscious awareness that Christ is the Head over all things, and after they have entered into the sweet, satisfying rest of His glorious headship, they are equipped to descend into the resurrected Christ's divine pleasures, thoughts, feelings, actions, and movement, which will lift them up to the Heavens in Christ Jesus. In his Epistle to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul expressed His desire for this great experience.

**That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,** and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death: (Philippians 3:10).

Paul desired to know the divine pleasure of the *ghebooraw* power of the resurrected Christ. The Father used His feminine *ghebooraw* unbegotten power to raise His Son from the dead. This divine *ghebooraw* power overthrows all opposing forces. It is the Father's unlimited, forming, creative power.

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; **being girded with power:** (Psalm 65:6).

The LORD God always is girded with the divine pleasure of His *ghebooraw* power. Therefore, He is able to cause the poorest, rockiest mountains, with their impoverished soil, to produce vegetation which feeds and sustains the mountain goats. How much more can He, by the divine pleasure of His *ghebooraw* power, cause our hard, rocky heart to bear lush spiritual vegetation of Christ's Truth?

Paul desired to know the divine pleasure of Christ's *ghebooraw* power working in his thoughts, feelings, actions, and movements.

There is no other one with the divine *ghebooraw* power but the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. There is no creature in Heaven nor on earth who has this *ghebooraw* power.

O Lord GO, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: **for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works,** and according to thy might? (Deuteronomy 3:24).

God's divine *ghebooraw* power can create what believers have need of to go on for God. His divine might or *ghebooraw* power can reform and transform man's old heart into Christ's image and likeness.

David exhorted believers to praise the LORD's *ghebooraw* power.

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: **so will we sing and praise thy power** (Psalm 21:13).

By the LORD's divine, omnipotent *ghebooraw* power, He ultimately will subdue all nations and take victory over them. Then, God's people will sing praise to His might or *ghebooraw* power.

The LORD God rules the world with His divine, omnipotent *ghebooraw* power.

**He ruleth by his power for ever;** his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah (Psalm 66:7).

The LORD rules over the world with the feminine *ghebooraw* power of His *Torah*-Truth. And, His eyes closely watch the nations, to punish them strictly in accordance with the *Torah*-Truth and its almighty *ghebooraw* power.

The Psalmist hoped that God would be with him in his old age so that he could write down the Truth about the LORD's divine *ghebooraw* power.

Now also **when I am old** and greyheaded, O God, **forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength** unto this generation, **and thy power** to every one that is to come (Psalm 71:18).

Thus, the LORD's glorious Name is perpetuated by the recording of His omnipotent *ghebooraw* power. The LORD saves us for His Name's sake in order to make His mighty *ghebooraw* power known.

Nevertheless **he saved them for his name's sake,** That he might make his mighty power to be known (Psalm 106:8).

The LORD saved Israel so that His Name would be known among the nations and so that His *Torah*-Truth with

its *ghebooraw* power might be experienced by the nations.

All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. **They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;** to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom (Psalm 145:10-12).

In the dispensation of the Perfect Age, all the LORD's saints and the Bride shall bless the LORD and speak of the glory (*kabode and shekinah*) of His kingdom and talk of His divine *ghebooraw* power.

The Bride shall acknowledge, with great gratitude, the LORD's abundant goodness to her. The Bride of Christ will be the medium, both in the millennial reign and out of the New City, through which all mankind will come to know Christ's universal kingship!

Thus, the Bride will help prepare all nations to join the grandest symphony, ever, of praise to the LORD in that great and glorious day.

Praise him for **his might acts: praise** him according to **his excellent greatness** (Psalm 150:2).

The LORD desires to give believers' exclusively surrendered souls the pleasurable anointing of the *ghebooraw* power so that they can experience the outburst of ecstatic exultation of praise to the LORD's Name and to the divine *ghebooraw* power of His *Torah-Truth*.

The Apostle Paul, who was saved by Jesus's Blood, baptized in the Holy Ghost, and baptized in Water, cried out to know the LORD's divine, transforming *ghebooraw* power that is found in the resurrected Christ.

The LORD Jesus Christ *suffered (awnawv)* to bring life to others. Man cannot suffer to redeem himself because he could not effectively do so in the first place! And, in the second place, the LORD Jesus already has done it! But, as believers, man can fellowship Christ's suffering in the process of helping to bring life to someone else.

Let us examine Jesus's divine suffering, first, so that we can see if we desire to choose to fellowship His Suffering. The Hebrew word for *suffering* here is *awnawv*, which means *to suffer being depressed, being afflicted in mind, gentle, needy, humble, poor, and lowly*.

Jesus suffered affliction in order to bring life to His lost, sinful creatures.

Surely he hath **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows**: yet we did esteem him **stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted**. But **he was wounded** for our transgressions, **he was bruised** for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath **laid on him the iniquity of us all**. He was **oppressed**, and he was **afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter**, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth (Isaiah 53:4-7).

Although Christ was afflicted (*awnawv*) by His Divine Father, He was sweetly submissive to His Father's Will. Jesus bore man's griefs and sorrows of sin and was smitten and afflicted by God *for all men!* Although He was afflicted, He opened not His mouth in the process of bringing life to all who believe.

The exclusively surrendered soul counts it a high honour to be counted worthy to fellowship the divinely appointed sufferings of Christ Jesus in order to help bring Christ's life to others.

When Jesus Christ's *nephesh* soul was in Death and Hell, as a substitute for man's penalty of sin, after three days and three nights, He called out to His Father, and His Father heard His cry and descended from Heaven, with His unbegotten glory and sovereign *ghebooraw* power, to rescue His only Begotten Son.

**Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great** (Psalm 18:35).

The Father suffered when He descended from His supreme, eminent throne in Heaven into Death, Hell, and the Bottomless Pit in order to rescue His beloved Son.

Suffering (*awnawv*) is translated here as *gentleness*. The Father's divine pain was so humble and meek that it was called "gentleness" by the Son.

The Father's suffering condescension was gentle, and it made the Son great by clothing Him with the Father's unbegotten glory, by lifting Him out of the depths of Death, Hell, and the Bottomless Pit, by eternally clothing Him with the Name of both Christ and Lord, and by lifting Him up to the Father's right hand of power.

This explains why Paul wanted to *fellowship* Christ's sufferings, for then he would reap the Father's great, gentle suffering that lifts one into the highest exaltation.

Jesus rides *prosperously* through eternity because of His meek suffering.

And **in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness**; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things  
(Psalm 45:4).

The word for *meekness*, here, is *awnawv* or suffering. Jesus will ride forth, prosperously, on His White Horse of Faith, at His second coming, to wage war successfully, once and for all, against the traitorous Antichrist and this wicked world.

Jesus Christ's "mighty *ghebooraw* power in battle" rested on His meek suffering during the days of His flesh. Christ's success in the battle of Armageddon will reveal that He is endowed with the foundation of meek sufferings and the *ghebooraw* power to perform mighty deeds of valour, which will inspire the world to fear God.

Jesus experienced humility suffering or divine pain; then, He experienced the Father's divine, exalted pleasure at His right hand. This is a firmly established principle in God's Word.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and **before honour is humility** (Proverbs 15:33).

The heart's reward for suffering Christ's painful humility is the exaltation or the honour of the divine pleasure to fear or reverence His Name. When a heart fellowships Christ's divine pain in all the thoughts, feelings, actions, and movements of His exclusively surrendered soul, that heart will reap the exaltation and honour of fearing the LORD's ineffable Name!

