

THE OTHER SIDE TO BEING HUMAN

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Many of our educators would have us believe that our lives and reason for living, is due to nothing more than accidental and meaningless chance. Our birth is a fortunate coincidence and our death returns us to the void of nothingness. Thankfully, there is another side to the human story, which our modern world prefers to avoid. Your life does have meaning and there is a very good reason for your existence. The most popular book on earth... the Bible... reveals much of what the self proclaimed experts, deny, or choose to ignore.

Humans have far more ability and power than the animal kingdom, for a very good reason. GEN 1:28 And God **blessed** them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. *This is the God given reason, for our natural purpose for dwelling on the earth. There is also a spiritual reason for our existence. GEN 2:16* And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt **surely die**. *This reveals two layers of benefits ahead of all other living animals, natural and spiritual. There is also higher degree of accountability.*

Our natural mind on its own, is not able to cope with our God given responsibility... natural or spiritual. JER 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is **not in himself**: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. *One look at the faltering state of the religious and social/political world, confirms this as a great truth.*

Much has been given spiritually as well... spiritual truths lead to sustainable, natural truths.

JOH 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

2COR 4:7 But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels** (*the power to work miracles*), that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *If God is allowed to both dwell and work in us, great things happen.*

God given signs are set as the first priority, to separate false gods and false doctrine from that which is true.

EXO 20:3 Thou shalt have no other **gods** before me. *No false God's nor religions, lead to life or lasting truth.*

2TIM 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. *Continually refining and fine tuning doctrine is a healthy sign of a growing church.*

1COR 4:20 For the kingdom of God is **not in word, but in power**. *How many of the worlds popular religions are built on God given, personal signs and power? None at all! Doctrine and/or violence are their power.*

One sign always identifies salvation, while the rest are for the growth and comfort of the church. *Tongues was the first sign offered at Pentecost and remains the sign which identified biblical salvation... ACT 10: 44* While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. **45** And they of the circumcision (*the Jews*) which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. *How did they know they had received the Holy Spirit salvation power of God? 46* **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** *God's given sign.*

God has also offered two great promises to keep us motivated within the power of the Holy Spirit. *The ability to manage and forgive our failings (sins). ROM 8:2* For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death**. *Our sins need not hinder our growth and Godly service. We are free to promote spiritual truths, because our own lives have been made safe from human failings. We are also financially compensated for any costs to our service... well beyond our natural potential. MAR 10:29* And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or **father**, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, **30** But he shall receive an **hundredfold now** in this time, **houses**, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. *No long term economic losses. God has also offered his full time ministers a reward for their time and effort. 1TIM 5:17* Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. **18** For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

A job to do for the human race. MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel** to every creature. **20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. *God has offered more than suitable rewards for our service.*