

Appendices

Appendix One

Becoming a Disciple

The aim of this collection of Bible quotations and prayers is to help you understand and respond fully to the amazing offer that Jesus Christ has made available to us all.

The Jesus described in the Bible is still the same Jesus today:

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. [Heb 13:8]

His incredible message will stay exactly the same and just as relevant until the end of the world. He told His disciples:

Go ... and teach all nations ... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. [Matt 28:19-20]

Today Jesus is still inviting us all to follow Him:

... neither knoweth any man the Father (God) save the Son (Jesus) and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*. Come unto me all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy and my burden is light. [Matt 11:27-30]

We all need to follow Jesus Christ. Nobody can get right with God by any other method:

I am the way, the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by me. [John 14:6]

However the consequences of not having a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ are horrendous.

So shall it be at the end of the world the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just and shall cast them into the furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [Matt 13:49-50]

Those who wholeheartedly follow the teachings of Jesus Christ are called His disciples.

If any *man* come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters yea and his own life also he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple ... whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple. [Luke 14:26-27&33]

The cost of discipleship may sound extreme but Jesus was not saying here that our relationships with others are not important but that God must come before all our relationships or ambitions and that we must turn from and hate all our past selfish unloving attitudes and behaviour.

Jesus also taught that we must learn to really love one another especially our fellow disciples.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another. [John 13:34-35]

When we first become a disciple God appreciates that we will have problems and that He will need to show us how to overcome them before we can consistently live the lifestyle He desires for us. He will gently lead us to yield our lives to Him day by day so that He can remake them.

My son despise not thou the chastening of the Lord nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. ... Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. [Heb 12:5,6 & 11]

To become a disciple of Jesus we need to respond to the same invitation that was made at the end of the very first preaching of the New Testament gospel message.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. [Acts 2:38-39]

There is an emptiness within us all that only the Holy Spirit can fill. Before the disciples received the Holy Spirit Jesus said this about Him:

If ye love me keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever. *Even* the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him, but ye know him for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. [John 14:15-17]

To repent means to turn your back on all your previous attitudes and behaviour that are offensive to God. To do this you need to take time asking God to bring to your mind all those sins He wants you to admit to Him. Then you need to ask Him to forgive them. We can come to God in this way because of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and rising from the dead but wonderfully there is even more.

We can also ask God to wash our inner nature clean so that we no longer have the overwhelming drives that made us do those offensive things. As He does this He also heals our inner man of the pain and hurt that has haunted us.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:8-9]

Jesus taught that God is unable to forgive us for our offensive attitudes and behaviour unless we forgive those who have offended or hurt us. We need to take time to ask God to help us remember those who have offended us or that we hold a grudge against and to declare that we forgive them and that we repent of having had an unforgiving heart towards them.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. [Matt 6:14-15]

God has made the way for us to be changed so simple that many find it too humbling to do. He simply bids us to keep presenting and yielding ourselves to Him in honest prayer

... reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of

unrighteousness unto sin but yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

[Rom 6:11-14]

I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

[Rom 12:1-2]

As we present and yield ourselves to God He will wash away all our fears and give us the strength to live a much fuller life.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. [2 Tim 1:7]

When we enter our new life in the Lord Jesus Christ we have yet to master living unselfishly and we are described in the scriptures as being like a helpless baby. Like all young ones we need care and attention from the more mature to help us grow up strong and healthy. Therefore it is important for you to befriend others who are wholeheartedly following the Lord Jesus Christ to help you in your relationship with God.

If you are a stranger to Jesus Christ why not start getting to know Him right now? All you have to do is start talking to Him in prayer. Sometimes people like someone who is already a disciple of Jesus Christ to help them get started but you could also use the following prayer examples as a starting place. After reading the following prayers, if you would like God to know you really mean them we suggest you repeat them speaking them out firmly. It may be helpful if you have a pen and paper handy to prepare for some of the following prayers.

Creator God I want to thank you that Jesus Christ has opened up the way for me to get to know you through His death on the cross and His resurrection. I am sorry that I have had many attitudes and have done many things that are offensive to you. I come to you now to get myself right with you.

I declare that I wish to forgive all those who have ever offended, hurt or let me down. I ask you to bring to my mind all those who I need to forgive.

It may be helpful to write a list, which may include, family, friends, colleagues, companies, national and local government organisations, thieves, anyone who has let you down or abused you in some way.

I declare that I forgive all these people and organisations (Read out your list) and I ask You Lord God to forgive me for holding a grudge against them. Where this needs to be worked out more deeply in my attitudes I ask you to help me change as I yield myself to You.

Oh Lord God I come to you now to confess, renounce and repent of all of my sinful attitudes and behaviour.

It may be helpful to write a list of all those deeds and attitudes that you know will have offended God. Your list may include, involvement in false religions, idol worship, using

God's name disrespectfully, occult activity, sexual sin, substance abuse, lying, stealing, violence and all unloving behaviour. God also looks on the attitudes of our hearts and we need to repent of all, envy, deceit, pride, hatred, strife, bitterness, anger, rebellion, manipulation etc.

Lord God I turn from my sinful deeds and attitudes and I ask you to forgive me for all my sins including (Read out your list). **Where I have ingrained sinful habits I ask you to show me how to let You change me and to walk according to Your will and yield myself to You.**

I ask you to come and wash my heart clean of my sin nature and to put Your Holy Spirit within me to empower me to live the new life You have prepared for me. I am sorry I have lived my life independent of You and I come now to accept You as my Saviour, Master and Lord. I give myself and my future to You so that I may follow Your will for my life.

Appendix Two

The Nature of Man

True Foundations

It is obvious that man has a body, made from the dust of the earth. I like to call it his outer man. He also has an inner man that is called spirit, soul, mind or more poetically heart. This is discussed in some detail so as to correct two commonly held errors. One is the secular approach that man has only a body. The other is a recent teaching that man has three parts to his nature: spirit, soul and body, where the soul is said to have the functions of thinking, feeling and deciding, while our spirit is said to give us our deeper perceptions such as conscience and intuition. Jesus said:

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. [John 8:31-32]

It is very important to understand the truth about our nature as accurately as we can or we may not enter all the freedom that is available to us. Without understanding we cannot be wise. Our culture treats truth as though it is negotiable but real truth is an absolute and if we distort it even a little, making a caricature of it, we can miss out.

Jesus was the very embodiment of truth:

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. [John 14:6]

To withstand the storms of life Jesus said we need to build our lives on His teachings.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. [Matt 7:24-27]

Therefore let us take special note of what Jesus said about our nature.

Two Elements Of Man

It is possible to study how the human body works and how to take care of it for the best. But what about the inner man, our centre of awareness or consciousness, that looks through our eyes and interacts with the world through our bodies. Understanding and caring for our inner man is harder than for our bodies, because our inner man is not made out of matter and it requires great wisdom in assessing its fitness.

The Bible clearly teaches that it is our spirit that gives life to our body.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (person). [Gen 2:7]

When Jesus was about to die He said:

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. [Luke 23:46]

The apostle James wrote:

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. [James 2:26]

Concerning death Solomon the king famed for his wisdom wrote:

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. [Ecc 12:7]

The scriptures often mention this two-fold aspect of our nature.

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. [1Cor 6:20]

The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit [1Cor 7:34]

dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. [2Cor 7:1]

though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. [2Cor 4:16]

the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak. [Matt 26:41]

Spirit

The last verse quoted above records the words of Jesus and from this we can see that He understood that willingness is a function of our spirit. Our spirit is where we have understanding too.

Jesus perceived (knew) in his spirit [Mark 2:8]

It is where we can experience joy.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. [Luke 1:47]

It is where Jesus felt inner pain.

And he sighed deeply in his spirit, [Mark 8:12]

he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled [John 11:33]

So we see that Jesus and the writers of the New Testament understood that our centre of inner consciousness is in our spirit.

Heart

This same place is euphemistically referred to in the scriptures as our heart because it is where we have our thoughts.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. [Gen 6:5]

Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? [Matt 9:4]

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts ... [Matt 15:19]

Why reason ye these things in your hearts? [Mark 2:8]

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [Luke 1:51]

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. [Luke 2:19]

Mind

The thoughts of our heart or spirit are said to be in the mind.

he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, [Rom 8:27]

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; [Eph 4:23]

Soul

Our centre of consciousness is also called our soul.

fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [Matt 10:28]

Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: [Luke 12:20]

Viewpoints

Consider these scriptures:

So God created man in his *own* image, [Gen 1:27]

in the likeness of God made he him [Gen 5:1]

As a man is an image of God then as we look at ourselves we see an illustration of what God is like. As God is a spirit we see that when we look at our outer man we are looking at a picture of a spirit. So we see that our outer man is a picture of our inner man. Therefore it may be possible to increase our understanding about our spiritual nature by making comparisons with our physical nature.

It depends greatly upon your viewpoint as to how you will describe something. When an engineer draws a three-dimensional object he will often use three, two-dimensional drawings (plan, side and end) to accurately represent the object. Interestingly God, who lives in a dimension that we cannot see, decided to reveal Himself to man by allowing us to see three faces of Himself: the Father (Yahweh), the Son (Jesus/Yeshua) and the Holy Spirit. Likewise it is useful to look at ourselves from various viewpoints to get the complete picture of what we really are.

Consider these three viewpoints:

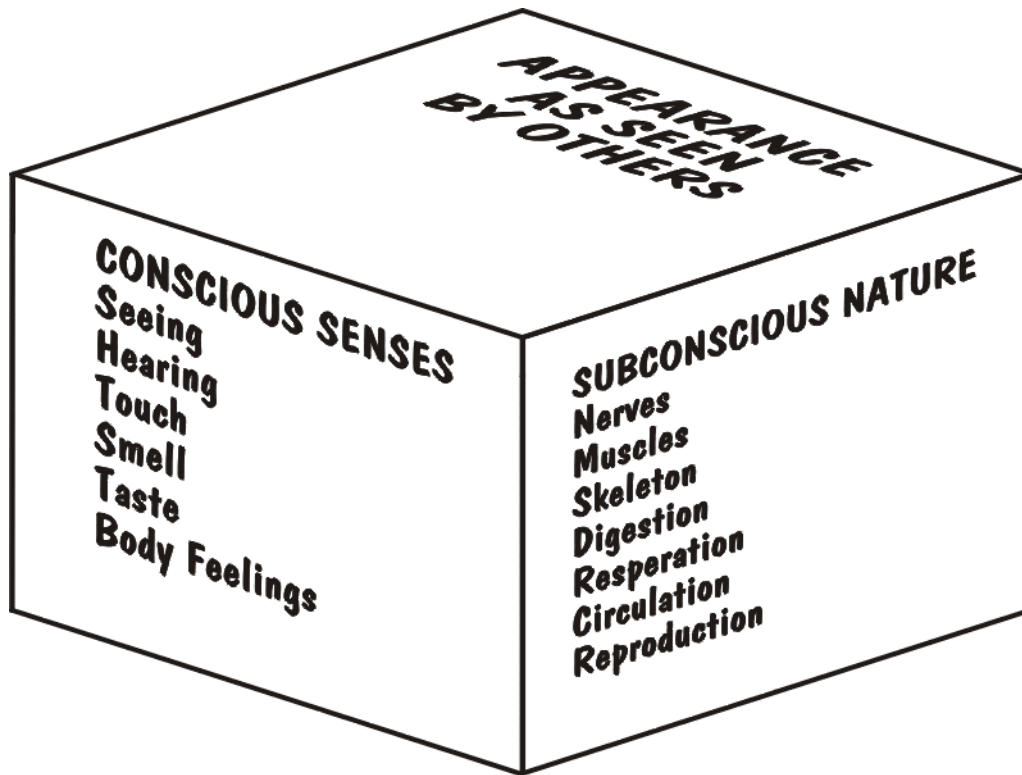
- 1) Appearance as seen by others
- 2) How we appear to ourselves: Our conscious senses
- 3) What we actually are: Our subconscious nature

The Outer Man

What is seen when viewing our body or outer man from these viewpoints is represented on the sides of a cube in the drawing below. This demonstrates that each viewpoint gives an independent description of a person that cannot be directly seen by the other viewpoints. It is suggested here that to get a good overall picture of ourselves we ought to consider what is seen by all of the three viewpoints.

Without a mirror we do not know what others see when they look at our face. Others are not able to feel the same senses that my body is feeling. In fact the vast majority of what is going on within our bodies we are completely unaware of, and goes on without any conscious effort from us.

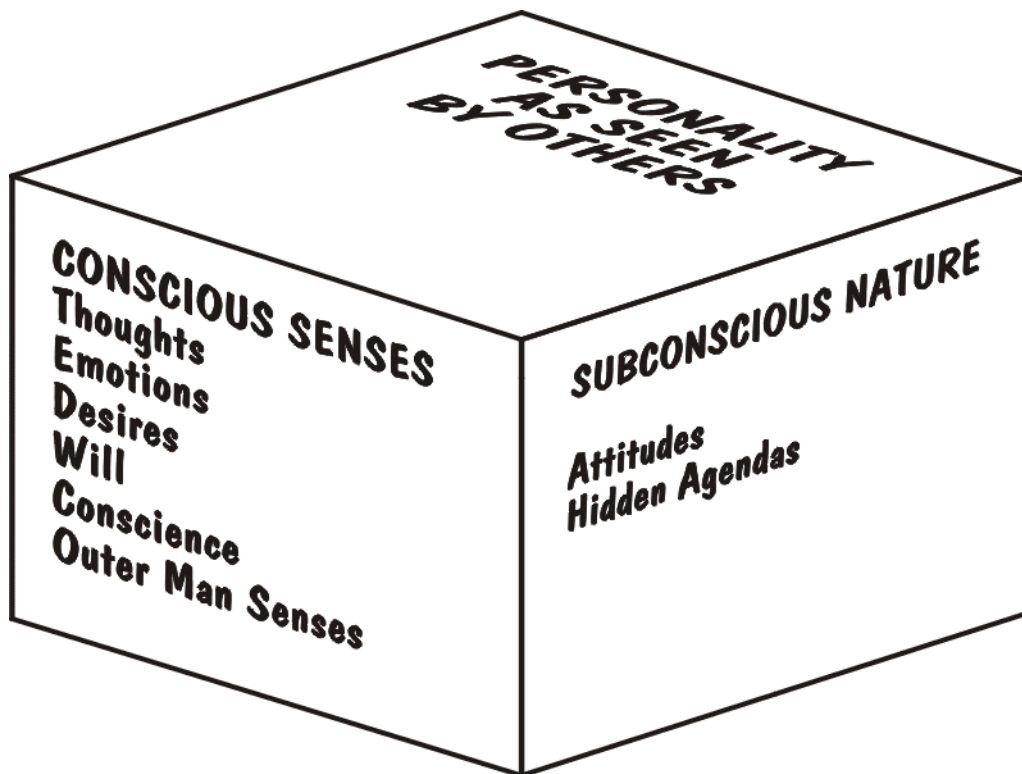
When we look at someone we are grateful we cannot see the persons actual muscles and bones but only the surface of their skin. If we become ill a doctor can usually tell all he needs to know from the outside but he will be working out what is happening unseen on the inside of us.



The Outer Man

The Inner Man

If we now repeat this exercise for our inner man we can make some interesting observations and comparisons.



The Inner man

How others perceive our personality can be compared to our physical external appearance. Our self-image is usually significantly different from the image others have of ourselves. Just as we can tell if somebody is physically crippled when we meet them, we can also tell if someone is unhappy, but we are unable to feel what is actually going on inside them.

Just as we are unaware of most of our body systems working we are also unconscious of how our spiritual inner man is working. Often we cannot work out why we feel and think like we do, we just do. The most significant thing that this demonstrates is that we can have attitudes that we may not be fully aware of. One of the main objectives of this book is to show how to expose and change those unhealthy attitudes and motives that hide in our subconscious. We all have hidden agendas and denials hiding in our subconscious and it requires humility and honesty to see where we are really coming from in some situations. What we do speaks louder than what we say and when they say different things conflict within ourselves and with others is inevitable.

A truly free or spiritually mature person is someone who has opened themselves to understand what is hiding in their subconscious and has had the courage to deal with any unloving things that they found hiding there. They have become transparent and easy to relate to. You could say that to be a spiritually mature person your subconscious is virtually no longer subconscious. You will have few hidden agendas. You will be uncomplicated. You will be in touch with reality and yourself. You will have overcome your fear of seeing how horrible you may be and have learnt how to change. You will no longer run from and deny the truth about yourself. You will have discovered that by yourself you cannot change your unloving attitudes but by working with God, He can set you free to love.

Against Three Parts Of Man

I would like to turn for a while to the commonly held view that there are three parts of man. We can see that in reality a person will be aware of their body and conscious mind, but depending on their level of spiritual maturity they will be more or less aware of what we call here their subconscious attitudes. So in effect man appears to have three aspects to his nature but to call the conscious mind your soul and your subconscious attitudes spirit does not agree with the use of these words in the scriptures. This can lead to misunderstandings that can limit us and bind us and stop us being completely free.

There are a couple of scriptures that in many translations appear to support the three-part concept. Incredible care has to be taken when studying apparent contradictions of the scriptures. They are usually caused by either translators not being aware of the underlying Judaic culture and figures of speech or due to their desire to make the scripture fit in with their doctrinal understanding.

The underlying reasoning of the three parts to man concept seems to be like this: A believer is dwelt in by the Holy Spirit. However we find that we still have unloving attitudes in us that need dealing with. When we have these bad thoughts and attitudes in us, a pure God cannot be in these, so He must be living somewhere else. As God is a spirit then He must be in my spirit and my mind must be different from my spirit as God cannot be living with all this wrong in me. This is not correct and what is happening is the subject matter of the main part of this book.

More On The Inner Man

We can have difficulty understanding the nature of our spirit. It is not like something that is material but invisible. It has or rather it is awareness and attitude. It has qualities material things do not have, but comparisons with material things can be useful.

If you were to buy an old dilapidated house the fact that you had not repaired and redecorated it before you moved in does not mean it is not yours. When we first give ourselves to God we can only give ourselves, as we are, warts and all. He accepts us as we are. As He comes and lives in us then He starts to repair and redecorate us. We may not allow Him access to every part of us initially but the sooner we yield all, then we can live in the fullness of His life and love. Without His Spirit in us we would not be able to be refined and renewed. The more we yield to Him the more He can do in us. Jesus said to the church in Laodicea:

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. [Rev 3:20]

Although this verse is often used, quite appropriately I feel, for inviting an unbeliever to respond to the Gospel we should note that it was first said to believers. We accept the image that our hearts have a door on the outside that needs to be opened to let Jesus in, but we also need to appreciate that we have doors inside our hearts that Jesus wants us to open to Him. He can then clean out all the rubbish from every room. It is outside of God's loving nature to dominate or control anyone so we have to consciously invite Him into every area of our lives and nature.

King Solomon, whose wisdom is legendary, said:

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts (chambers) of the belly (heart)... The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts (chambers) of the belly (heart). [Pro 20:27&30]

It is as though when we receive the Lord into our hearts many only let Him into the hallway or a few ground floor rooms but we need to yield to Him every area so as to let His nature fill all our attitudes.

When a farmer starts work on a neglected field he may have a battle removing particular weeds but if persistent he will eventually succeed. In the fields of our hearts, as we allow the deep places to be turned over and the weeds removed, it may seem at times traumatic but the results will be rewarding for all especially ourselves.

Break up your fallow (uncultivated) ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, [Jer 4:3-4]

Circumcision is another picture of what God wants to do in our hearts. In western culture we talk of the deep feelings within our heart. The scriptures do this too, but they also associate our deepest feelings with a person's sexual passion and organs. To circumcise the heart is to expose and remove any fleshly coverings over our deepest feelings. This is illustrated by the woman who poured spikenard over Jesus.

as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head... Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. [Mark 14:3&9]

This woman was outwardly demonstrating what was happening in her heart. She was broken (by understanding the depth of her inner need and that Jesus satisfied it) and was letting her deepest feelings flow out. She poured out her love on the Lord. Her love was more refreshing to the Lord than the expensive perfume that symbolised it. Jesus said that this woman would be mentioned wherever the gospel is preached. When was the last time you heard the gospel preached properly?

Consider this scripture:

And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth ... And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud ... This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. [Gen 9:11,14&17]

The rainbow is not just a witness to the promise God made that the whole world will not be flooded again but it is also a symbol of the great covenant that God had made with man that would be revealed in its fullness through the coming of Jesus. If we picture God as the sun and disciples of Jesus as the water droplets in the rainbow then what someone else will see when their life has clouds and rain is a beautiful display of the spectrum of the sun's rays as it is refracted through the individual water droplets of the rainbow. As we let God's life and love flow through us God turns our rain into something beautiful that others will see when they cannot see God for themselves.

The temple at Jerusalem in New Testament times was made of stone. It was divided into two sections by a curtain. In times past in a previous temple built on the same site God manifested His presence by a small bright cloud inside the inner sanctuary formed by this curtain. As Jesus died on the cross God ripped this curtain into two. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 Paul talks about the disciples of Jesus being the temple of God. We who are now the temple of God ought to let this curtain be torn in us, and come broken and open hearted before God and let the Holy Spirit show to us our unloving attitudes that we were previously unaware of. God does not change us by taking over our thoughts and feelings that would be very domineering which is against His nature. God does change us by renewing our attitudes in the likeness of His as we welcome Him and co-operate with Him refining our hearts.

There used to be a lamp-stand with seven lamps on it in the temple. I like to see it as symbolising the heart of man. The number seven usually has a sense of completeness associated with it in the scriptures. Just like the temple lamp was always kept alight so we should keep all of our heart's burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit within us, not allowing any attitude that would not have been seen in our ultimate role model, Jesus.

Consider these scriptures:

**For our God is a consuming fire. [Heb 12:29]
he shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost AND with fire. [Luke 3:16]**

In Hebrew there is a commonly used figure of speech that is not used at all in the English language. A comment is repeated for emphasis using different words but then joined to the first comment with an **AND**.

a man of sorrows, AND acquainted with grief. [Isa 53:3]

A simple way to deal with this is to replace the **AND** with **THAT IS**. Applying this to the above scripture we see that the Holy Spirit is a fire.

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. [Isa 48:10]

Our hearts are contrasted here to silver ore that needs refining. It is when the heat is on, when we are under pressure and things hurt that we discover what we are really made of and the real us comes to the surface. We can come to the Lord and let those unloving things which have come to the surface be removed by Him, or we can stupidly struggle with the problems in our own strength. We can react fearfully and try to hide the problems, pretending they are not there, or we can even try to excuse ourselves by blaming someone else for them. We may even acknowledge the failings but learn to live with them and due to wrong understanding we are unable to believe and receive the freedom that is available to us through Jesus. The Lord will comfort and strengthen us to bear legitimate pain, but sadly a lot of our pain comes from selfishness that we have covered with self-pitying excuses or from our hiding within the un-redecorated rooms of our hearts that we have not opened the doors to and surrendered to God.

Appendix Three

The Demonic

It may come as a shock to many who have accepted our society's currently prevailing views but demons do exist. They are able to influence people and their boss man is called the Devil or Satan.

Satan

The existence of Satan will be demonstrated here by showing the Bible talks about him as a real creature and in particular that Jesus also spoke of Him as a real person.

The Devil is spoken of as real in all four gospel accounts. Jesus is clearly reported as talking about Satan as a real being.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. [Matt 4:8-11]

The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. [Mark 4:14-15]

And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.** [Luke 22:31-32]

And supper being ended, the Devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him; [John 13:2]

The scriptures also say.

forgive ... Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. [2 Cor 2:11]

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: [1 Pet 5:8]

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: [Rev 12:9]

He is also called the Wicked One

he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. [1 John 5:18]

In the following scripture note that Ananias was a believer not an occultist

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, [Acts 5:3]

Evil Spirits

Those who are new to these things will be shocked to find out how active they are in our lives. They do not just operate through occultists, in far away countries or in times gone by.

If you are troubled about the thought of how can I be indwelt by God and also have a demon within me? Consider this, animals also have spirits. Just as they have different body types they have different spirit types. There was once a king who was given the spirit of an animal by God.

Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; [Dan 4:16]

Solomon also appreciated this as can be seen by this comment

Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? [Ecc 3:21]

Even small animals have a spirit even the bugs that make us ill have a spirit. That is why many illnesses are dealt with by casting out the spirit of the disease. As mentioned in the main text if you are compared to a tree rooted and grounded in Christ a demon is rather like the parasitic mistletoe plant.

Not only are demons real we are commanded to cast them out.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [Mark 16:15-18]

Jesus cast out demons and said

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. [John 20:21]

We are to cast out demons. Here are a few verses that mention the work of demons in man.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. [1 Cor 2:12]

And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. [Eph 2:1-3]

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. [2 Tim 1:7]

Appendix Four

Freemasonry

Freemasons claim their organisation is no more than a men's club that makes good men better and that their charitable acts prove the honourable nature of their organisation. Members normally meet monthly in a Masonic Lodge for a ceremony followed by a meal.

To start attending meetings in the Lodge a candidate would need to go through an initiation ceremony into the first degree (level) of membership called the "Entered Apprentice". Until recently the candidate during this initiation ceremony would swear that if he should reveal the secrets of the lodge then the penalty would be that his throat would be cut from ear to ear and his tongue pulled out from the root. Due to the bad image this oath creates in our culture today it is now hidden by getting the Entered Apprentice to swear by the oaths of old. As the candidate is not told exactly what he has to promise before the ceremony he does not have the opportunity to ask what the oaths of old are, therefore he swears an oath binding him to something he has no knowledge of. Why such a macabre penalty anyway for simply starting the process of joining a "noble" men's club? What have they got to hide to keep secret?

To complete your induction into freemasonry you will have to enter two additional degrees called "Fellow Craft" and "Master Mason". During the Master Mason ceremony the candidate promises to do all that he can to aid a fellow freemason in trouble except in cases of murder and treason. There are many more degrees and in one of them the candidate promises to assist a freemason even if he has committed murder or treason.

If a freemason who is a judge, policeman or a jury member finds out that the person accused of a crime before them is a freemason they are committed to doing all they can to get him off or if in a dispute to find in his favour. If Freemasonry is honourable why help someone escape justice when they have broken the law? If Freemasonry is noble why unjustly favour a freemason in a dispute? A disconcerting well known fact is that there are many freemasons in the police force. Even the black and white chequered strip on police uniforms is a Masonic symbol.

Normally you would need to be invited to become a freemason and you would usually need to be fairly well off too. If you ran a business other freemasons would use your business in preference to a business run by non-freemasons. This practice becomes very suspicious when a freemason in public office spending public money will also do his best to put contracts the way of freemasons.

The renowned freemasonry intellectual Albert Pike who documented and explained the first 33 degrees of freemasonry confirmed in his writings that the deeper underlying meanings of all the symbolism of freemasonry is not taught to the members in the first three degrees. Many freemasons in the lower degrees often do not appreciate the serious occult implications of some of the rituals they have performed and the oaths they have sworn.

Freemasonry initially gives the appearance of being an organisation that honours the Great Architect of the Universe but as you progress up through the degrees more of the occult nature of the organisation becomes apparent. Many of the rituals undertaken have major occult significance and in the 31st degree you are finally told that god is Lucifer and Adonai (The Christian God) is his enemy.

Due to the nature of the oaths sworn occult curses are brought upon the freemason. Due to these curses many freemasons are seriously ill and many die young. Many of these curses are such that they will be inherited by the freemason's children whether they join the lodge or not.

History

French Roman Catholic Crusaders first took Jerusalem in 1061 and made Godfroi king of Jerusalem. He later founded a secret Society called the Order of Zion (Sion) for which a front organisation was later created called the Temple Knights or Knights Templar. The Roman Catholic Church recognised this order as a religious / military order of warrior monks and soldier mystics who were the epitome and sublime example of Christian values! In 1188 the Knights Templar's separated from the Order of Zion, which then changed its name to the Priory of Zion the leader of which also founded the Rosicrucian's. Although founded by a Frenchman the Priory of Zion appears to have served the purposes of the English crown more than the French.

A document called the Protocols of the elders of Zion that appears to have originally come from the Priory of Zion was used in Europe to enflame outrage towards the Jews because it discusses a conspiracy to dominate the world. Hitler used it as part of his justification for killing six million Jews.

The Knights Templar's took the red cross (often called the St George Cross) as their symbol from the Merovingian dynasty that used to rule over Germany and France. Eventually the Knights Templar's fell out with the Roman Catholic Church. To escape persecution they fled to Scotland where they evolved into Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

In 1348 King Edward III founded the Order of the Garter, which established itself over the Priory of Zion, Knights Templar and the Rosicrucian's. Twenty four knights from the Templar's now form what is known as the Sergeants at Arms who provide a body guard to the queen on state occasions.

It is well documented that the monarchy of England itself has often held extremely high positions in the Grand Lodge of England, which is acknowledged to be the mother lodge of freemasonry worldwide. Edward Duke of Kent is the current grand master of freemasonry as well as being a member of the Order of the Garter and the committee of 300.

The Monarch and Prince Charles lead the Order of the Garter and therefore the Committee of 300. They also have authority over the Illuminati and freemasonry.

Illuminati

The Illuminati (Enlightened Ones) is a European based society of world leaders whose families have been satanists for generations. The top 13 Illuminati bloodlines are: Astor, Bundy, Collins, DuPont, Freeman, Li, Onassis, Kennedy, Rockefeller, Rothschild, Russell, Van Duyn, and Merovingian. The British Royal family are from the "Holy" Merovingian bloodline.

The Illuminati appears to have started the concept of the New World Order. Originally conceived by Ignatius Loyola who by using behavioural science and occult powers pursued his objective of manipulating the leaders of European nations. The Dominican monks who ran the Spanish Inquisition arrested him but on being presented to the Pope he persuaded him to set up the Society of Jesus (1540) better known as the Jesuits. The Illuminati is said to have been taken over in 1776 and relaunched by Adam

Weishaupt. This was done in an attempt to distance it from the Jesuits and the Vatican but in practice it is a branch of the Jesuits. Baron Von Knigge in 1778 began to infiltrate the upper levels of Freemasonry, which became absorbed into the Illuminati as portrayed by the upper layers of the pyramid in the organisations seal below which appears on every USA dollar bill.



Seal of the Illuminati

As on the U.S. dollar bill since 1933

ANNUIT COEPTIS	Announcing The Birth Of
NOVUS SECLORUM ORDO	The New Secular World Order
MDCCLXXVI	1776
Date Illuminati was “officially” founded	

The eye at the top of the pyramid is the Eye of Horus from Egyptian mythology and is the eye of Lucifer or Satan. It can be found on Masonic Lodge walls

The Illuminati is funded in part by the Rothschild’s it has a major influence over all the worlds’ international banks. This clearly includes the Federal Reserve in the U.S.A. who issues the one-dollar bill.

Freedom

To break free of the spiritual dimension of this strongman the following book is recommended.

Freemasonry Death in the Family
Fruitful Vine Publishing House
www.fruitfulvine.com.au

Yvonne Kitchen
0-646-34807-8

Appendix Five Further Reading

Most of these books cover more than the section they have been presented under.

Section One - Discipleship

- A Tale of Three Kings** Gene Edwards
Tyndale House 0-8423-6908-2
- I Was Always On My Mind** Steve Sampson
Sovereign 1-85240-170-2
- Life Without Strife** Joyce Meyer
Charisma House 0-88419-734-4
www.joycemeyer.org
- Out of Control and Loving It** Lisa Bevere
Charisma House 0-88419-436-1
www.johnbevere.org
- The Father Heart of God** Floyd McClung
Kingsway 0-86065-326-9

Section Two - The Wounded Heart

- Addictive Thinking** Abraham J Twerski
Hazelden 1-56838-138-7
- Overcoming Rejection** Frank Hammond
Impact Christian Books 089-228-105-7
- The Addictive Personality** Craig Nakken
Hazelden 1-56838-129-8
- Wild at Heart** John Eldredge
Thomas Nelson 0-7852-6694-1

Section Three - The Dis-eased Heart

The Scarlet Thread -

Section Four - The Ensnared Heart

- Breaking Controlling Powers** Roberts Liardon
Harrison House 0-89274-495-2
- Blessing or Curse: You can Choose** (any book by this author) Derek Prince
Word 0-85009-349-X
www.derekprince.com
- Blood on the Doorposts** William & Sharon Schnoebelen
Chick Publications 0-937958-43-3
www.chick.com
- Christian Set Yourself Free** Graham & Shirley Powell
New Wine Press 0-947852-17-4
- Healing through Deliverance 1 & 2** Peter Horrobin
Sovereign World 1-85240-052-8 & 1-85240-039-0
www.ellelministries.org
- The Bondage Breaker** (any book by this author) Dr Neil Anderson
Monarch Books 1-85424-369-1
Freedom in Christ ministries

Appendix Six Counselling Tips

If someone desires you to help them do your best to have someone else with you too. It can be good to have a counselling partner who can assist in prayer and discernment. It can also be helpful (and unhelpful so be wise) for the counselled to have someone who they know cares from them to be present.

It is never good practice to be alone with someone of the opposite sex.

Everything told to you must be considered to be absolutely confidential unless the person gives you explicit permission to share it with others.

Evil spirits are confronted more forcefully and you can sense what is happening more easily by looking into the eyes of someone you are removing an evil spirit from.

If a demon is manifesting a lot and will not budge sometimes binding it first then casting it out will bring release.

As well as casting out demons the strongman who is holding all the net in place may need breaking down through spiritual warfare.

If an evil spirit is refusing to come out ask the Lord to reveal what it is hiding behind or holding on to. Demons hide behind sin. If sin is not repented of the rights of the demon are not removed and they will resist being removed very strongly. A person may go through the motions but not repent wholeheartedly. Associated demons may put on a show to make you think they have gone.

Religious and controlling people get angry when you tell them the truth. A mature believer will not get agitated when someone disagrees with them.

When counselling a married person listen to the persons comments but insist on not agreeing with or commenting on the suggested faults in their partner unless the partner is present. If you do, even if your comments are correct, you are setting up a situation that Satan can easily inflame into conflict between the partners. We are all responsible for having godly attitudes and behaviour despite how we are treated. We cannot blame our ungodly attitudes and behaviour on the way someone else treats us.

I consider it of limited value to counsel someone about marital conflict without their partner present.