

Pursuing the Unapproachable Light

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Humans are eternal beings created by and in God's image. We are, however, born into sin due to the original sin, known as the Fall. God provides every human with a natural spiritual voice inside us that is known as our conscience. The supernatural spiritual voice of our conscience provides us an innate ability to understand and know God's expectations, to discern right from wrong, even good from evil. If we are in tune and listening that is. Our conscience hints of a higher-order spirit. Besides our God-given conscience, some have also referred to the existence of a God-shaped hole within us. Many of us already know that the world of the flesh can never fill that suppressed empty feeling inside us, which is our eternal spirit yearning to be in a relationship with our Creator.

There is also an all-powerful, eternal, spaceless, timeless, immutable, moral, personal, intelligent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinitely just and infinitely loving God who created all things and sustains all things past, present, and future. God is limitless yet comprised of three persons who are one essence of the whole of being and represent integrity itself – the Great I Am, the Holy Trinity, the triune God of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If you put limits on God, then you perceive of something other than God. Without God, the universe falls apart. Like all of God's natural laws that led to scientific understanding in humans, spiritual entropy, which is the gradual decline from spiritual order into disorder, shall and will occur. Can you see that happening in our world today?

Our sin nature, our natural carnal leanings toward the world of the flesh, is known in Greek as **sarx**, and unfortunately this spirit dwells within our hearts and minds. We were born into sin and carnality. Sin and God cannot co-exist, they are mutually exclusive, as are light and darkness. Our sin nature is in conflict with our spiritual conscience. This is the battlefield of the mind. We can sometimes see or identify sarx, which is a spirit in direct opposition to the Spirit of God, on the streets, in all forms of media, and even in the Capital building when Congress is in session. It manifests in all types of ungodly behaviors that are embarrassing, childish, and get people either incarcerated or in the hospital, sometimes both. We are constantly inundated with sex, drugs, violence, immature and illegal acts. The point of all this: **Sarx** sucks!

But we have more than just a God-given conscience, which is the moral, natural law inside our hearts and minds written by God into every human whether we are called by God or not. The moral law is the prime, objective value that we all possess. It has even been scientifically confirmed to be enabled to naturally perceive evil, sinful behaviors. God gifts us all with the natural ability to know right from wrong, good from evil. But we listen to our conscience only until the point we decide we want to make our own rules. That requires rebellion, at which point we have every excuse in the world to rationalize our sinful behaviors. We cover them with terms like choice, freedom, equality, justice, tolerance, or fairness and keep misapplying these virtuous beliefs out of the context of God's moral law. We steal these virtues from God, turn them upside down, misapply them for our own use, and repeat that process until that point when our conscience becomes completely seared.

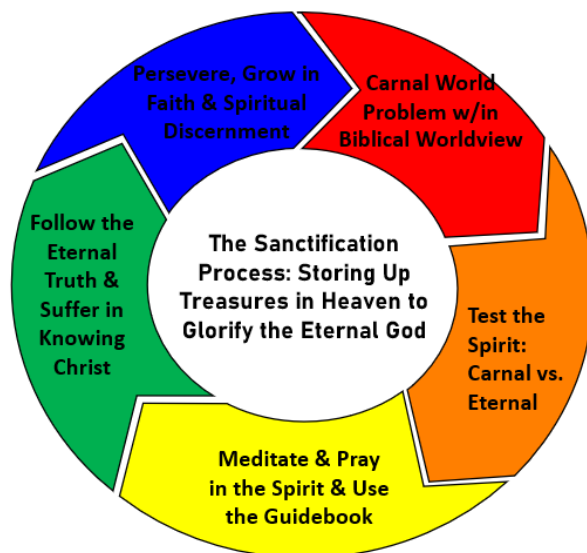
C.S. Lewis said the end result of our rebellion, which is an act of revenge on our own conscience, will eventually lead to a condition in which our conscience is **swollen to madness in isolation**. As evil matures and successfully suppresses and then sears the God-given, moral law within our conscience, we will find it very easy to take ungodly, unsupportable positions and walk in darkness rather than light. A completely seared conscience keeps us rooted in rebellion, which will grow to levels that lead to illogical

extremism, vitriol, hate, spiritual blindness, and then hysterical madness. When we reach that level, Author David Berlinski calls it a state of *infantile rage*. And it is at that point when evil has fully matured and has gained a stronghold on the sin nature we are born into.

But there is hope. Upon the acceptance of the calling of God through Christ Jesus, which represents our first act of faith known as our salvation, we undergo a transformation to holiness through the baptism of the Spirit. That transformation in holiness is known as the process of sanctification. Sanctification through the Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate and Counselor in our reborn lives here on earth, is a lifelong process involving following God's will by listening to the Spirit that is now dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit will energize your God-given conscience and steer you on the paths of truth and righteousness in Christ Jesus. The workings of the Spirit on our conscience results in what is called conviction when we stray from the path of righteousness.

Father God, the Great I am, is the essence of existence itself, and He is holy beyond our understanding. Biblically, no one has ever seen God because his presence brings death to the unholy and He dwells in unapproachable light. (1 Timothy 6:16 says that God dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has

seen or can see.) But that is not the case with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit within all believers. Starting with the red-colored shape in the wheel to the left: If we take a red-hot carnal world problem, place it into its proper perspective of a carnal or eternal matter using a biblical worldview, meditate/pray on it and seek direction from the Guidebook, and follow the Spirit and the Guidebook, although we know we may suffer for it, we persevere and grow spiritually by drinking the living water that will quench our eternal thirst. The unapproachable white-hot 'Light of the World' will entirely consume our problem if we are diligent in working it out as God would have us. And as you continue with the sanctification process, you will store up treasures in heaven.



That is how the Holy Spirit and scripture must be used to lead a life walking in the will of God.

We may not be able to understand what God the Father is doing because in addition to the characteristics I listed earlier, He is also inscrutable (unknowable). But we may know God very well through our relationship with the person of Jesus Christ, who is the God incarnate and was simultaneously fully God and fully man when he walked this earth. God sent His one and only son that whoever shall believe in him shall have eternal life, and through Christ we may know and approach God as citizens of the Kingdom of heaven in both the here and now and when we eventually go home. I pray that Christ makes us all holy and acceptable and that you will experience the transformation of the renewing of the mind and spirit. I thank you, Lord, for being the Light of the World and allowing me to pursue the unapproachable light and to know you. Amen!