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PART 6 SOUL INTERFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

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TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

“BUT WE HAVE TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS . . .” (II Corinthians 4:7).

We need to understand that the “Kingdom of God is within” (Luke 17:21) each of us. By meditating on Jesus and abiding in His Love, we slowly come to know Him personally. We then gradually come to the place where we have an inner peace that is never shaken, and yet we can be shaken. The contrast between having peace and being in a turmoil at the same time will cause confusion or worse, so long as we do not understand why this is so.

So I call it SOUL INTERFERENCE—it is a catch phrase—something designed to be remembered. It is not that the Soul interferes (although it can), but rather, by God’s design, the soul is a vehicle that contains, nurtures, the born again spirit in Christ. Paul, in the Bible repeatedly referred to this WOMAN but was really talking not GALS but SOULS.

In the Friends Report (titled “Nature of Self”) written back in September 1983, this subject was explored, and found to be more expansive than I would go into here just now. But, how I came to know that WOMAN in certain Scriptures is equal to ‘the soul’ is worth exploring.

On April 25, 1983, IN THE SPIRIT, I came into union with Jesus Christ and it was as if I had never seen anything except dimly so, but now I saw as He saw and understood as He understood. In that blessedness of that union with Jesus, one would write with understanding but many would think I had gone mad. But, it was truly an ecstasy in Jesus and His Love that filled me, with a blessed assurance, a warmth and knowing, a patient confidence that changed me even unto my soul.

Those who knew me and seen me before, would in this time remark later that at that time I spoke with a difference, and was super-charged and they knew it. Then it began, from one place to another, brethren attacked me with ever greater fury, and one outspoken brother would constantly interfere with a meeting, would openly refuse to receive brotherly love or return it until I “submitted myself to the rightful church authority and conformed”. The shouts of deception hardly phased me, until this time I received a letter from a brother I knew, loved and respected, who accused me fiercely of deception. The hurt was immense, and anger rose in my soul, illness followed like a thunderbolt. I would not waver between “inner peace” and “outer turmoil” and never was it so clear to me (on reflection) that my soul was “troubled” but I was in no “distress” in my spirit. However, the troubles in my soul like a great dust storm would severely block out the inner knowing by my spirit in Christ.

It was just before these events, and after union with Jesus, that the knowing quietly emerged in me

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and the WOMAN Paul spoke of in Scriptures was really the SOUL.

SOUL vs. SPIRIT

“WE ARE TROUBLED ON EVERY SIDE, YET NOT DISTRESSED; WE ARE PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR.” (II Corinthians 4:8).

When Paul wrote this in Corinthians, what he was describing was a common experience we all have, only he was aware of the fact that the soul gets troubled, but the spirit is never shaken.

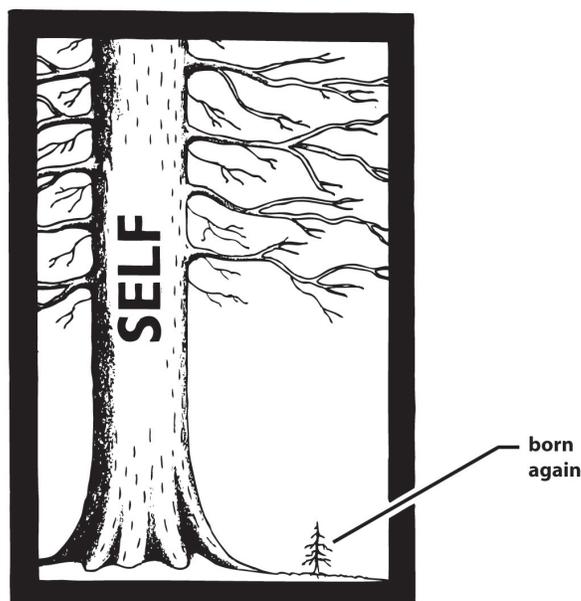
In 1983, from May to June, I would fluctuate from a severe soul trouble, to time of spiritual calm. In the SOUL TROUBLE TIMES, the interference of the soul grew so intense in areas where accusations had been laid, that I got only a very MIXED WORD from the Lord. When a time of SPIRITUAL CALM came, I would possess my own soul and see clearly. The whole experience was so intense, that after a time of rest and recovery, I would then see and understand the relationship of our spirit to our soul.

BORN AGAIN vs. CONCEPTION

Not long ago Jesus plainly told me that what the Church today calls BORN AGAIN is actually CONCEPTION. The sketches on this page (below) show two versions (two views) of this.

One version/view is the sketch of the two trees presents one view, our self nature is full developed and the born again part of us is a sprout. Here is the first version/view:

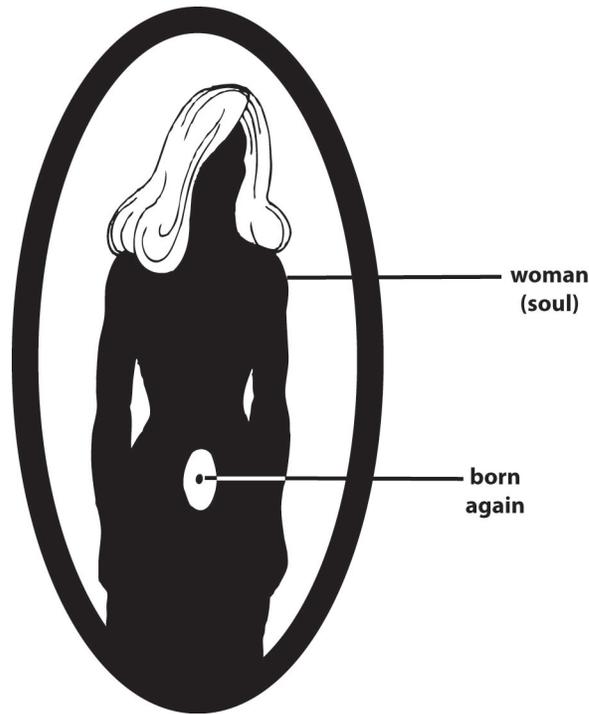
The second version /view (the sketch that has the outline of the gal with child) is more accurate. The



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BORN AGAIN is within SELF and that BORN AGAIN or CONCEIVED LITTLE ONE is the child of God through Jesus Christ. Here is that second view/version:



The Apostle Paul in the New Testament, understood this, but also knew he was teaching “carnally minded”, so used natural and evident facts to “bridge the carnal minded to the spiritually minded truths”. It was Jesus who taught Paul, and it’s Jesus who will teach us all—but we do not have to go far to see that Jesus taught this before. In John 3:3, Jesus answers Nicodemus saying, “. . . **EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . .**” Nicky [short for Nicodemus] clearly understands what Jesus has said, but not how it is to be done. So, Jesus then says to him, “. . . **EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT . . .**” (John 3:5).

The insight given me reveals Jesus, as Paul, as John in Revelation and other prophets in the Old Testament, say and speak of “SPIRITUAL” birth. Until one believes in Jesus, there is no conception, but when one believes in Jesus, conception happens, a new creature, a “man-child” begins to form within each of us.

Now the “Natural” example Jesus gave, and Paul pursued, is simply a way by which we who are carnal minded can come to grasp the essential outline of spiritual truths that we would normally

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have no way of grasping at all.

Let's just see some of them:

1. A woman (gal) with child (pregnant) goes through a considerable change in body chemistry and emotions. And a guy or gal who receives Jesus as Lord and Savior goes through a like change in many ways or parallels.
2. A woman (gal) with child comes to think more of her child than herself—reminds me of John the Baptist's statement, "He (Christ) must become more and I less and less."
3. The external environment of the pregnant woman effects the development of her child—shelter, clothing, food, even loving support by family are all important factors in the child's proper development.

These are all natural realities and facts—but they also directly relate to the growth of the MAN-CHILD within each of us. However, this "new creature in Christ" within us, develops at a much slower pace, and actual birthing into this world of a 'man-child' comes only when there is "strength to deliver the child". Unless we have a living relationship with Jesus, we won't have the strength to deliver. In the past 2,000 years of Church history since Paul's time, actual "birthing" has to my knowledge never happened. But it has always been possible through Christ.

SEEING JESUS FACE-TO-FACE

"FOR NOW WE SEE THROUGH A GLASS, DARKLY BUT THEN FACE TO FACE: NOW I KNOW IN PART; BUT THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS ALSO I AM KNOWN [emphasis added]." (*I Corinthians 13:12*).

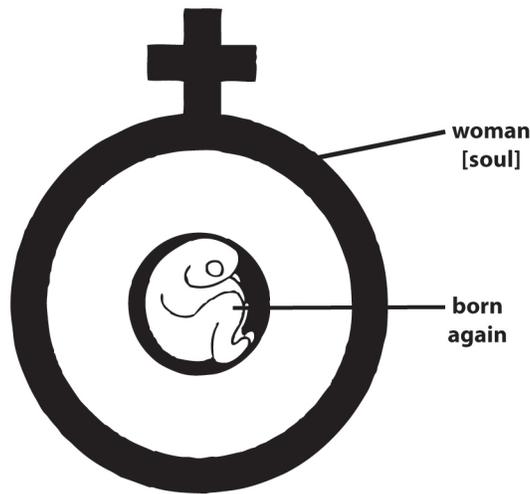
In the RELATIONSHIP REPORT #1 [*NOTE: On this website that is: **Relationship Reports, Part 3, The How Explained***] it was seen that the Kingdom of God is "WITHIN US". In Jesus' Word given in the book of John (chapter 3) Jesus tells us, one cannot see the Kingdom of God until we are BORN AGAIN and Jesus would tell me this year that SPIRITUAL CONCEPTION is birth—what we call BORN AGAIN.

Thus it's seen, that as we focus on Jesus in meditation, we enter into a relationship with Him through this "new creature".

This INNER SPIRITUAL MAN is not some alien being, but our true self in Christ. As we draw closer to Jesus, we also draw closer to our true self in Christ. The other SELF with the sin nature, is not destroyed but transformed to conform to the likeness and image of God, which again is in Christ.

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But, for the time, we have not BIRTHED, so let us look at what Paul is saying here and keep the sketch [see the sketch just above this paragraph] in mind as the bridge: that is, work from a natural truth to a spiritual truth. When we turn our focus to Jesus in meditation, we are at first seeing through a glass (soul) darkly, but then we see Him face-to-face.

THE “HOW” OF GROWTH IN CHRIST

Paul is in a beautiful poetic way, led by the Holy Spirit, describing the “HOW” of growth in Christ, as one looks to Jesus and abides the more in His Love. There are two vital points here:

1. The SOUL is the glass we see through darkly. And, again it is seen that it is a process whereby we learn, as we look to Jesus, to see better. We will have to accept ‘the partial’ without complaint, and in patient forbearance, we shall ‘then know’.
2. As we draw near Jesus in Love, we also merge our soul with our spiritual man in Christ. It seems to me, to happen without any thought or intent in drawing near to Jesus, this becomes a reality as well.

Our SOUL is made up of our free will, our carnal mind, our emotions which are animated (become living) by a spirit lodged in our soul. When New Testament Scripture speaks of “filthiness of spirit”, it speaks of this self-centered spirit in our souls, not the NEW CREATURE of SPIRITUAL MAN IN CHRIST. Thus this SELF-SPIRIT in the soul (not the new creature in Christ) is the DARK part of the glass (soul) Paul speaks of, and only through Christ Jesus is it overcome.

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SOUL TROUBLES vs. INNER PEACE & CALM

As noted at the start of this report: this report is written to raise your awareness of this dimension of our being, to give some insight by which Scriptures may be opened the more to you. Also, to give you some insight into how you can feel distress in your emotions (soul) from adverse circumstances, yet at the same time have an abiding inner peace.

Over the years in my relationship with Jesus, I was vaguely aware of this ‘dual condition’ but unable to sharply distinguish the cause of it. But, in the April to June 1983 period, a time of intense troubles of all sorts raised the level of SOUL TROUBLES so high in me, that the contrast to the INNER PEACE really stood out. So sharp was the difference that it became possible to clearly see that troubles were in the soul, not in “my spiritual man in Christ”.

I recall many years ago before meeting Jolanta, I tried very hard to date another girl who flatly refused and I prayed much for weeks about this and persisted, so did she—in saying NO. Then, three weeks into this situation, as I drew near Jesus I was IN THE SPIRIT and saw a wall between me and her. An angel appeared and told me to use the authority given to me to knock the wall down. In the natural mind it never occurred to me to do this and I had no reason to think it a bad idea—but IN THE SPIRIT my soul was united with “my spiritual man in Christ” and what I said in reply was “news to me” and so, I stated, “God put up the wall, who are you to tell me to knock it down.” Keep in mind, that I had prayed three weeks asking God to arrange a date with her, and if I even remotely thought it was not God’s Will I would have stopped. But, in drawing near Jesus, I was united with my true self in Christ, and had the conscious Mind of Christ—I KNEW!!! Well, the angel shed it’s light and turns out was a fallen angel—and then, I drove it off in Jesus’ Name.

SEEK JESUS FIRST

The Christian that seeks Jesus First, just to know Him will be kept by Jesus. “**SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . .**” and then, and only then, will ALL WILL BE ADDED.

God Bless,

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