

THE WHY SERIES

A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE.
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THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST POLITICAL HOAX IN HISTORY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THEOLOGY AND ME – PART 4

THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christianity, Apologetics, Anthropology, Culture.

Introduction to the Topic;

Theology and Me *In God's Grand Design.*

THEOLOGY AND ME

BEING HUMAN AND OUR ABILITY TO KNOW GOD.

1.) What Am I - Being A Human Being?

2.) Why is spirituality intrinsic to our human experience?

3.) Why do we know good from evil?

4.) How do we know right from wrong?

5.) What can be done about me?

6.) What is the human will?

7.) What influences our human will?

WARNING ON LABEL:

The Human Will Apart from God is a Terrible Evil

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We certainly know that a rogue “angelic will”
can spell disaster for the world

Isaiah 14:12-15

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: “**I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.’ 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Hell, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

THEOLOGY AND ME

BEING HUMAN AND OUR ABILITY TO KNOW GOD.

8.) What does it mean to be “submitted” to the will of God?

Remembering Now – What it means to be a human and how our human will makes up the sum total of “Who and What we are in this life”

“ In His Image ”

By both His personality and by His actions –
- we have come to know the God of the Bible.

8a.) There must first be an encounter with the will of God

THE FOUNDATION TO BIBLICAL SUBMISSION IS ROOTED IN KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY.

- This is the “What is this?” moment in life.
- It is the “What’s Going on Here?” moment.
- It’s the “What Am I Going to Do?” moments.

“Is there a Being of ultimate Existence?”

(I can ask of myself, why do I exist? Why do I possess an awareness that a part of me is missing?)

Is there a Being of ultimate Power, of Love, of Care, of Personhood

Acts 17:22-28a

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life,

breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28a **for in Him we live and move and have our being.**

A great example of this is again in the book of Acts

Acts 8:26-35

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." :30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" :31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." :34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WILL OF GOD? THEOLOGY AND ME

8b.) There must be an awakening / curiosity of God's person

??? Who Is He ???

As simple as seeing a sunset, or finding out you have cancer or opening up the hotel nightstand and there is a Gideon Bible...

Submission To The Will of God BEGINS WITH;

#1 Salvation. But from there we move out and into

#2 and that is the Lordship of Jesus Christ in and over your life.

Who is this God of the Bible in Your Life ?

What are His claims? What is He like? Where is He?

How do I meet Him?

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8c.) A confrontation of “the will” begins

(Q) Who’s will is going to prevail in/over my life?

Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Psalm 143:10

Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Psalm 12:8

The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

(Q) And why does there have to be a winner?

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8d.) Experiencing “a crisis of faith” moment.

A “Crisis of Faith”

Always Reveals What We’re Made of !

This “crisis of faith” *is NOT the realization of a greater PLAN, or A BETTER PLAN, BUT COMING TO THE POINT OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE PLAN – HIS plan, HIS desire, HIS purpose for YOUR life.*

This takes

*~~not a breaking, not a defeating, not a crushing of your will,~~
but a humbling of your will before God.*

Genesis 22:1-12

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” :2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” :3 So Abraham rose early in

the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." :6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" :8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. :11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." :12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Proverbs 3:3-6

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; **Bind them around your neck**, (slavery) **Write them on the tablet of your heart**, 4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, (*not your own*) and lean not on your own understanding; (*not your own*) 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, (*not yourself*) And He shall direct your paths. (*not you*)

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "***If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?***

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8e.) Your will for His will must be done.

then comes the observable success of,
or the proof of HIS WILL being accomplished in your life,
in your ethos (lifestyles) and pathos (passions).

This might **seem** to be a strange example of success **but it's not.**

Mark 14:32-39

Then they came to a place which was named **Gethsemane**; (*the pressing or the place of the pressing*) and He said to His disciples, **“Sit here while I pray.”** **33** And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. **34** Then He said to them, **“My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.”** **35** He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. **36** And He said, **“Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.”** (*Luke 22:43-44 tells us - Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.* **44** *And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*) **39** Again He went away and **prayed**, and **spoke** the same words.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your works **to the LORD**, And your **thoughts will be established.**

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. **8** For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.

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8f.) Slavery to His will is our greatest freedom

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired (the surrender of his will) of the LORD,
That will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 40: 8

I delight to do Your will, (the surrender of his will) O my God,
And Your law is within my heart.”

The Invitation To Know Jesus Christ

End of Study

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