

FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS... (?)

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"The scientist makes use of a whole arsenal of concepts which he imbibed practically with his mother's milk; and seldom if ever is he aware of the eternally problematic character of his concepts. He uses this conceptual material, or, speaking more exactly, these conceptual tools of thought, as something obviously, immutably given something having an objective value of truth, which is hardly even, and in any case not seriously, to be doubted.

"In the interests of science it is necessary over and over again to engage in the critique of these fundamental concepts, in order that we may not unconsciously be ruled by them."

-Albert Einstein

Frankly, I had to read the foregoing two paragraphs several times before I could digest exactly what Einstein was saying. Here one of the greatest intellects ever to make his presence known, at least in the realm of science, is insisting that the only way the methods of science for finding truth can be effective is to continually bring fundamental concepts into question so as not to be UNCONSCIOUSLY ruled by them.

One of the things that never ceases to amaze me is the parallel between science and religion in regards to the fact that both are governed by men that fail (using the words of Einstein here) to critique fundamental concepts and therefore are ruled by them rather than getting to objective truth.

I have been responding to literally hundreds of e-mails recently that, to me at least, clearly indicate a plethora of bias that needs to be examined and critiqued by those writing me. I realize this may sound terribly arrogant, but please hear me out. For my responses to these e-mails have not been argumentative, but rather have one basis: Suggesting that perhaps the respondent should look at his or her preconceptions. Further I have shared the fact that my life has been dramatically and dynamically changed via one simple prayer... "Father, remove any preconceived ideas that keep me from being ever increasingly controlled by Your own Holy Spirit."

That simple utterance has been the basis for my questioning everything. Scooping up, so to speak, all the interpretations I have placed on any number of what I previously considered to be fundamental and unalterable principles and placing them before my one and only perfect Dad for His examination and correction.

My challenge to readers therefore, has not been to "buy in" to my pet doctrines, but to place their own pet theologies in front of Holy Spirit for His examination and critique. Life has become far simpler. Instead of mentally wrangling over some obscure passage that some reader has sent me as a "proof text" to under-gird his or her point, or to fire back with my own proof text... I simply realize that my Father has all the answers and that I can come to Him in "spirit and truth" because He is always available. That's it. Amen anyone?

But then if everything is brought into question we may find ourselves going into:

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How much of what I know is useful?

In what way is it useful?

What is the primary criteria for adjudging if something is "useful" or not?

Does what I know contribute to, or distract me from my purpose in life?

Is what I am doing at this very moment contributing to, or distracting me from my purpose in life?

Note: If I don't know what my purpose is for living – I will find the above questions of little value.

How can I know my purpose for life?

Does my purpose for living simply revolve around knowing what my purpose is?

What if I AM?

If true that I AM – there is no need to search further. Just declare it and live with it. Amen brother. Wake up, take up thy bed and walk! At the very least stop sleep walking.

Jesus said, "Before there was an Abraham, I AM."

The same phrase stated by God to Moses when Moses asked God what he was to say to the Children of Israel about who had sent him... And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you."

Some who read this may fear I am engaging in blasphemy at worst and sacrilege at best, or perhaps even losing what equilibrium that may have thought I had.

How dare I use the name God says was his name, a name to be memorialized for all generations, I AM.

Let's go through some mental/spiritual gyrations and see if you too can have the liberty to speak what I speak... I AM.

Consider that Jesus said, "Before there was an Abraham, I AM." Now, before we get all excited about religious arguments about who Jesus is and whether I am questioning that he is a part of the Godhead, I will let you know exactly where I am coming from: Two writers of New Testament Scripture clearly and succinctly declare that Jesus, in a state prior to becoming a man, created the Universe and everything in it. Both writers were Jews convinced not only of the messianic claims of Jesus, but clearly believed that the Spirit that spoke everything into existence, recorded in the first chapter of Genesis, later became a man history refers to as Jesus, the anointed, or "the Christ."

One of these writers, John, quotes Jesus as saying, "Anyone who believes in me will perform the same miracles you have seen me perform." How did Jesus do what he did? And, thus, how do I do what Jesus said I would do if I believed in him? Therein lies the secret. Jesus didn't do it, his works and the words he said were done, "by the Father in me."

If you get to the point as some other believers have reached... that is, taking Jesus at his words that they can do the same things he did... and even greater things... you will also be at the point to understand how. It won't be you -- it will be the Father in you.

What does this have to do with saying, I AM? It is why Jesus could say, "before there was an Abraham, I AM." It wasn't Jesus saying it... it was the Father in Him.

This body bag that people see is not I AM. The Father living in this body bag is I AM. I let Him do the talking... and in this case, writing,

I AM...

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