

TO BE WHOLLY HOLY

Religious society would say (as I did for many years) that the atonement of Jesus Christ refers to a man/God “Jesus” offering his perfect life and sinless body upon the cross as a reconciliation for the sinful life of those who profess his name and abide by his commandments and/or ordinances.

However, my understanding of the atonement today is different. By choosing to give heed to anyone else (mom, dad, teacher, preacher, or any other that I erringly set up as an “authority figure”) OR my own fleshly nature over my divine inner voice, “I” (the true, real “me”) am weakened. Even damned. I have created disequilibrium and, thus, unhappiness within.

Known before “time” that it is precisely by doing just that (listening to “outside” authority or fears and judgments of our flesh) that we gain experience and learn for ourselves, it was also known that mortal nature would “fall,” or rather, become unbalanced and, therefore, unhappy.

After enough experiences being unhappy with perhaps fleeting experiences of happiness and balance, one may gradually realize those actions which lead to sincere growth and lasting warm feelings inside.

The union (or at-one-ment) occurs when we have completely learned to put our warm feelings (energy) into motion (e-motion) to produce correct actions. By following this cycle: pure feeling into pure action garnering more pure feeling that leads to more pure action, man will be led to the “perfect day” where he has transformed himself into God.

Called “faith,” “hope,” and “charity” by those with some understanding; “entelechy” by Aristotle; these simple, pure, warm feelings of peaceful happiness as one properly lives by the Golden Rule and follows his inner guidance will keep the creature developing in the right direction until it brings forth the purpose for which it exists, finally realizing WHO it always was.

Jesus is purported to have said in the Gospel of Thomas, “If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you what you do not bring forth will destroy you.”

A tadpole (acting through the faith required in his life-cycle) follows his inner prompting to act in accordance with something deep inside that propels him to grow and change, finally leaving the only world he has ever known. He must, at the appropriate time, take a step out of the water and onto dry land and breathe—no longer water, but air, when everything he’s ever experienced screams against this. However, by acting on this inner drive, he reaches “Froghood,” that which his creator designed him to become. To fail to bring forth that which is within him at any point (from embryo to tadpole to froglet to frog) will bring about unhappiness, damnation and, therefore, death.

The baby bird hatching from his snug warm egg home later utilizes his wings to soar; the caterpillar, having already emerged from his egg and continued to grow and experience, then spins himself a comfortable cocoon only to later free himself from it to rise far above his prior vision; each creature, in his own way, must listen to his pure, unsullied compass within, each step of the way, to realize who he was designed to be.

Not one of us can do this for another. For a mortal (even a “prophet” mortal) to “help” a butterfly from its cocoon or a chick from its egg is to kill it. To think that a man/God “Jesus” can carry another over the gulf that separates fallen man from God’s presence is ludicrous and denying the power inherently placed within that man at his creation.

Indeed, the “greatest” man is...an unfinished product, and, if he fails to continue on in his evolvment, death ensues. It is as the tadpole that is afraid to listen within and take that breath of AIR. Only by living through correctly following the compass within will man overcome his own fears, stop looking to others for his guidance

or acknowledgement, and go through his divine metamorphosis, realizing that which he truly is—God.

A mustard seed, too, like all “seeds” of life, must follow the yearnings inside of itself, all the way to fruition, to fully realize what IT IS. Even a seed does not have “conscious memory” to rely on to remind it what it must do in its efforts to grow and realize what it really is. Complacency, fear, lack of the proper requirements for its nature, can all impede or stop its growth. However, as it acts, by “faith,” according to its inner knowing or hidden sub-consciousness, it will, at each juncture, take the proper action to finally realize itself—a tree bearing fruit, capable of continuing the “circle of life.”

When Jesus told his disciples that faith as a grain of mustard seed could move mountains, he was not quantifying the mustard seed. Instead, he was referring to a mustard seed (which is very small) not consciously, but sub-consciously “knowing” how to evolve. As it acts on its divine inner knowing (“faith,” or “sub-conscious” programming), it will bring forth the measure of its creation.

It is only by applying a similar faith in a mortal’s life that he can fully grow and realize who he was created to be, thereby garnering tremendous JOY and becoming capable of continuing his “circle of life.” In John 14:12, it is reported that Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” Jesus HAD to leave those who had been looking to him; otherwise they would have continued to depend upon HIM instead of their own, unique, inner voice.

Those who follow his example of living their own life through their own light’s guidance for the intent, or pure JOY, of doing so WOULD continue to go on until they would be capable of doing the works that they had seen him do AND GREATER WORKS that they had not yet witnessed.

In the mighty (yet simple?) trans-formation from “man” to “God,” could it not be an eternal “suicide” of sorts from one existence into

the “birth” of another? Leaving the ground for the sky and flight, the water and gills for air and lungs, oxygen for “spirit” and a “re-structured” “God” body? Perhaps one gets to the point of not “knowing” what to do, yet “KNOWING” that there is some tremendous shifting going on within that MUST be acted upon.

The only proper guidance is PEACEFUL JOY, pure and undefiled.

Perhaps like Roger Bannister’s sub-4-minute-mile and Daniel Boone’s “Wilderness Trail,” there will be “pioneers” who go before and create a new VISION of what is possible in this mortal existence, fully completing their own life-cycle, thereby making awareness of the path more easily available to others that they may, likewise, choose to walk it for themselves.

My understanding is that JESUS must have transformed himself by the power of his JOY! I believe that it is the inner knowing of our own LIGHT that creates the “new” body for us, one that is custom designed for our “new” life.

“In the beginning,” all things were created perfect, and at “the end of time,” each being again realizes its perfection. When the beginning (Alpha) and the end (Omega) meet, they close the circle and the perfection of the beginning becomes one with the perfection of the end.

“Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of Heaven.”

“And the last enemy to be overcome is death.”

What an incredible journey! What a beautiful, JOY-filled road to walk, only to increase in potential, experience and capacity with each step taken. No foot forward is wasted, for each can lend itself to more understanding.

Thus...

FAITH—(“inner knowing” that one can realize and live that which he really is)

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HOPE—(glorious warm feelings, guiding one along the way like a compass)

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CHARITY—(proper actions which follow proper vision / faith and proper feelings / hope)

Lead one to AT-ONE-MENT

Atonement is NOT a joining with anyone OUT there, but an eternal union of the flesh (matter/ mother/ Lucifer) with its divine design (light/ spirit/ Father) within, to create the “Son.” “Joseph,” the “Step-Father” who usurped control of the body steps down and the “Son” becomes the true heir to the throne (body), having proven his royal blood and birthright, and accomplishing what he set out to do. He has become ONE, no longer “at war” within himself, no longer “fallen man” but standing upright: Whole and Holy.

This is a mighty, wondrous “work.” What a JOY! What a JOY!