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A Tremendous Revolutionary Reality

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Humans never had a nature by themselves. They were both created and later redeemed to express in simple spontaneity and naturalness Him who is God in us and who, Scripture says, “dwells in us and walks in us” (2 Cor. 6:16). Likewise, after the Fall, when we had freely joined ourselves to Satan, we had no nature of our own either. So there never has been a “human” nature.

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Therefore there is no point in considering whether we believers have two natures or one! No, we humans have none, but tragically or gloriously, spontaneously manifest the nature of the deity in us.

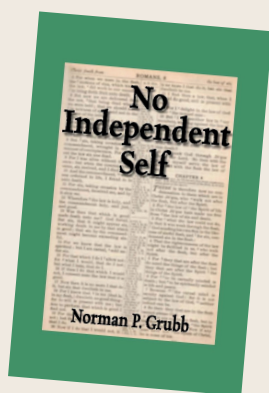
But as we investigate this actual, factual relationship between God and man—in which man is nothing but the agency by whom God reveals Himself as God, and God in love-action—it becomes obvious that man is not a robot, with no free expression of Himself as a person. It is precisely the opposite. We see the total freedom of the Divine Person fulfilling His love-purposes through the total freedom of the human person. And how can that be? It is no paradox that freedom must make its choices and the free will then love to be controlled by its choice. We still do what we want to do. There is no need to force a person's will. All the other person need do is to attract and captivate our “want,” and then we will love to act in harmony with him. Give a child another toy, and his crying after the first one disappears.

People often ask, How can we conceive of God changing a person's will, if he is free? The answer is that God changes our “want,” and the will follows spontaneously. Once God has captured our wills by drawing us back to Himself through Christ, then it is He in us who “wills and does of His good pleasure” (and it is always good!) and it is we who naturally, gladly, freely work it out (Phil. 2:13-14).

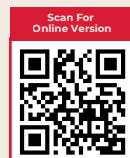
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No Independent Self (excerpt)

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I will address again what we do in meeting the assaults of the flesh. The answer is that we do not fight temptation or take condemnation for it. The very opposite. We recognize that the real temptation is to make me think I am the independent self that I am not. Then I am again “under the law,” yet cannot fulfill it, because independent self is really Satan as me (Matt. 16:23). It is the sin of unbelief. What then do I do? I quickly recognize that the problem is not my having flesh temptation, but rather my temporarily forgetting (2 Pet. 1:9) that I am no longer an independent self. Who I am is simply and solely an expresser of Christ in His nature.

Therefore, as quickly as I can, I accept the fact of being tempted, for we live in a totally tempting world. Accepting that, I don’t deny or resist the temptation. Instead, I resist the tempter (James 4:7) by saying, “That’s not me you are pulling. That’s only my outer soul emotions and bodily appetites, which of course are open to all that can reach me from your outer world (for his is ‘the spirit of the world’—1 Cor. 2:12). But I am not a bunch of outer responses: I am Christ as me. He is the real Self expressed by my human container self.” As I do that, I am in fact doing what Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:10: inwardly recognizing my place of death in His death to those old pulls of Satan on my human self. In place of these temptations, I am seeing myself in my true self-relationship of Christ in me as me. As I do that, the consciousness of myself as a Christ expresser swallows up the negative consciousness of Satan and his pulls on me. Satan flees (James 4:7). I resist him by replacing false belief in him by true belief in who I really am—Christ as me. Light swallows up dark. We don’t fight the dark; we recognize its right to exist, but we replace it by turning on the light.

Speaking the Word of Faith

By Norman Grubb

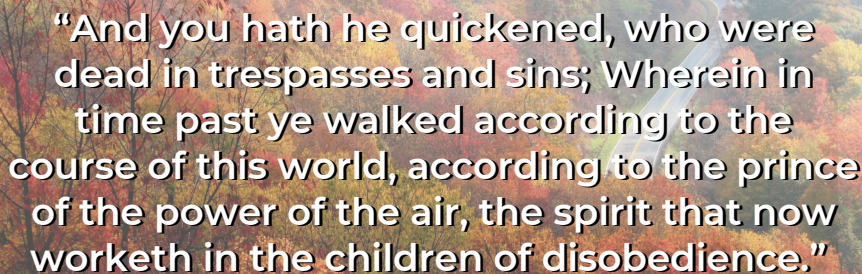
"What things soever ye desire when we pray, believe..." (1 John 2:24)

You desire. Then let's be that simple. If He in us trusts our desires to be His desires, let us trust ourselves. We have discarded and rejected those doubtings and questionings of our motives by accepting our vital Galatians 2:20 relationship, so let us now practice holy boldness, just as John keeps saying in His union epistle: 'We have confidence toward God...This is the confidence that we have in Him.... We may have boldness in the day of judgment.'

“ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20) ”

Then, being bold in defining exactly what are the things we are presently desiring in place of the mountain confronting us, and naming them, we speak the key word of the countdown—we press the button marked 'SAY.' We do that from our inner spirit-center, simply by our authority as sons of God. Jesus has plainly told us to act *as God* by 'the faith of God'—by His inner believing imparted to us, by our inner union of mind and understanding. This means that in acting as He, all of His mighty resources are at *our* disposal. It is not now a matter of us being at *His* disposal, but of Him being at *our* disposal. He is operating in this present world-system by us.

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“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”

Ephesians 2:1-2



Question

Since I am operated by Christ or Satan but never a "just me," does that mean I don't exist somehow? Where is my responsibility to make moment-by-moment choices? That sounds like I don't get to feel or do what I really want to do.

Answer

First of all, it helps to know how I function as a human being. I am a spirit "made in the image of God" clothed in a soul (thoughts and emotions) and a body. My soul and body are channels through which I receive information from outside myself and how I express myself (my spirit) in everyday living. Although I am thinking and feeling things all the time, it is in my spirit—the seat of my desire, choosing, and knowing—that I make the moment-by-moment choice of what I believe.

I began life believing the lie that everyone believes: that I am "just me" with the power to carry out my desires. The truth is that I was always operated by another. According to Ephesians 2:1, 2 and 1 John 4:4, my human spirit was hooked up to Satan's self-for-self spirit before I was born again. I thought I was "running the show" when all the time Satan was acting out his wicked and self-righteous deeds.

Then by believing in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross, I was spiritually born-again—my spirit became united to His Holy Spirit. Jesus spoke of this union with His example of the vine and branches in John 15:5: "I am the Vine, you are the branches. He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." He also used several examples to explain that when I do not "abide" in Him—believe He is living through my human form through our spirit-union—I am temporarily controlled by Satan, and become the vehicle for his selfish deeds (Romans 7 is a graphic description of this). I do, therefore, have an awesome responsibility as an individual. I must choose to believe the truth: I am a spirit operated *cont ->*



by Jesus Christ, not an independent, self-operated person. My personality or uniqueness is not annihilated—I still have feelings and thoughts as part of my human makeup (soul). But I am not just my feelings, and I do not need to let them (or my thoughts) dictate what I believe. Even though I may feel scared, angry, etc. Christ through me can do what is right since He is joined to my spirit. I can also trust that my desires are His desires, as long as I understand that Christ (the Vine) is operating His life of other-love through me (a branch).

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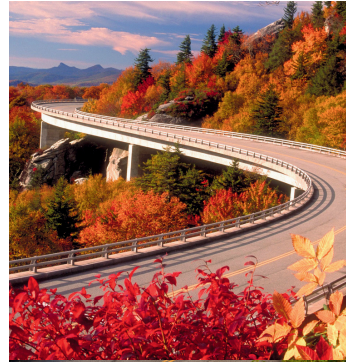
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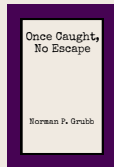
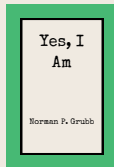
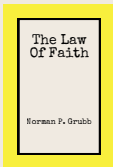
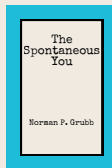
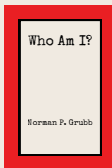
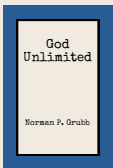
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