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"Who Are We Supposed to Be?"

Origin and meaning...

"Who are we supposed to be?" This is a question that I am willing to say runs through the mind of every human being on this planet. Each person that asks it is looking for the meaning and purpose of their individual life. The answer or lack of an answer will often dictate the thoughts and actions of each person. This answer or the lack of one can give hope or it can invite despair. In either case, it is a question that can prompt us to hungrily look for an answer that we can hold on to with a vice-like grip and never let it go until we have reached the fullness of all that it has to offer.

❖ Do you think that it is important to know the truth of your origin? If you say yes or no, please explain.

Where does one begin with so many ideas, theories and perspectives out there that the individual who is hungry for an answer is staring at it all like an all you can eat buffet and wondering what will truthfully satisfy the hunger and thereby benefit us by bringing health and life-giving nourishment.

Throughout this study I am going to work as a host and invite you to dine at a table and present to you a menu that will be thought-provoking and prayerfully will prompt you to study further with great excitement to find out all that is offered and allow it to lead you to THE CHEF that has provided "all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full, personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue)." // *Peter 1:3*

As we dive into this we have to admit that it is getting increasingly harder to convince "modern" man with all of the technological advancements, that there is a creator that caused all that we see to come into existence by no other means other than He chose to do so with a spoken word. Modern man would rather believe that it was all an accident, that from nothing something was created and we just happened to be lucky enough for the universe to put together all of the foundational elements together to begin the processes of life that over billions of years managed to evolve into "modern man". Most of mankind prefer this theory because they believe consciously or unconsciously that they are the creators of their own life and its ultimate destiny.

With this same thought process, they conclude that the only real truth is whatever an individual decides is truth to them and will tell and encourage you to find your own truth. The interesting thing about each person coming up with their own truth, it is never stable. It fluctuates all over the place. It will redefine words, manipulate situations, policies, and laws all to make something fit into their truth... There are even those that would rather believe that we are products of extraterrestrials and that it was them that gave us the knowledge to build marvels like the pyramids...

From a Christian worldview, we have a different take on our origins and the meaning of the lives that we have. You see everything about our life is meant to be a direct reflection of God (YHWH) who chose to create life in order to reveal Himself. A life that is designed to be developed by a direct and deliberate relationship with Him that is developed and matured by a willful choice to listen to, learn from and put into a consistent and deliberate daily practice.

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This thought alone can mess with those that like to make statements like "I am my own self-made man" or "I pulled myself up by my own bootstraps" or "I am the master of my own destiny"... Refusing to believe that "...it is He who made us, and not we ourselves..." *Psalms 100:3*

Created by Him, For Him: PERIOD!

John 1:1-4

Colossians 1:16,17

Also tied to the dynamic of this relationship is the ever growing and maturing of love towards and for Him. Let's look at a few scriptures.

John 15:7-17

II John 1:6.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Mark 12:30-31

One thing to note is that in this relationship our love is the only one that has to be developed and matured. God's (YHWH) love does not "grow". His love IS! *Exodus 3:13-14*

The other thing that we must grow to understand is that another major part that we are to have and to continuously grow and mature in is to TRUST, BELIEVE and LIVE OUT what we learn...

Hebrews 11:6

Colossians 1:3-14

❖ The question that I want you to truthfully consider is this... How do you REALLY view God (YHWH)?