

Deep unto Deep

*Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
– Psalm 42:7 –*

Evolutionary mythology masquerading as science has baptized multitudes into mass confusion about our identity as human beings. Yet the Bible makes it clear who and what we are. By honest reason alone it should be grossly apparent that we are so much more than animal. Made in the image and likeness of God, we walk uprightly, stretching toward the heavens, from whence we came and for which we were designed. There is a depth to human existence that plays out nowhere else in sentient creation. Love, humor, sorrow, reason, thrill – these are but a few of the self-evident marks of our distinct identity and eternal purpose.

There is a yearning in every human heart for deep communion with our Maker. It is solely the redemption found in Christ that is able to satiate this innate longing. In these days of half-hearted commitment to God amongst those who claim to know Him, it is important that we take inventory of ourselves. Discipleship means that we build our lives upon a foundation that has significant depth as its chief characteristic (Luke 6:48). Without it, the Word sown takes no real root and is soon scorched by temptation's intense rays of persecution, riches, and cares of this life (Mark 4:5). A truly born-again believer is in possession of the Holy Ghost and is therefore a custodian of the deep things of God (1 Cor. 2:10). He or she is planted, as it were, by the rivers of water, bringing about a continuous yielding forth of abundant fruit as evidence of the depth of the salvation experience (Psalm 1:3). Regular Bible study, sincere Christian service, frequent and earnest prayer, heart-felt praise and adoration, and both individual and corporate worship – all born out of a deep and abiding love for God and sincere charity toward our fellow man – are the result of the deep-and-ever-deepening presence of the Holy Ghost within the center of the soul. If these are not consistently present and proliferating, we must in turn search deeply to find out what is wrong.

Upon our repentance, God threw our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19). Is it not logical to expect that one who has experienced such a benevolent forgiveness should reciprocally harbor a well-rooted allegiance to his or her Creator? True conversion runs deep in the human soul – very deep. Dear reader, how deep is your salvation experience? How deep is your commitment to Him who loved you and washed you from your sins in His own blood? Let us look to wade still deeper today into the marvelous fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins. --D. Murcek