

ANCIENT WHISPERINGS

An Answer to the Restless Longing in Every Human Heart

THEISM 1: In every human being there is often an insatiable longing for we know not what, but simply for something more. Though we may try to satisfy those longings with pursuits that leave us still empty, the longings themselves are actually for God. Our aversion to this truth is evidence once again that we truly have yet to discover what God is truly like.

Psalm 63:1—My soul thirsts . . . , my flesh yearns . . . , in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1—A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 145:15-16—The eyes of all look to You. . . . You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

BBE Psalm 145:16—By the opening of Your hand, every living thing has its desire in full measure.

THEISM 2: God is a triunity, between which the ebb and flow of other-centered love (loving while simultaneously being loved) passes.

Isaiah 6:8—Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Genesis 2:18—Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

Matthew 28:19—“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

1 John 4:8—The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

THEISM 3: The triunity initiated creation with the intent of sharing the existential pleasure of other-centered love. This is why every person longs for, above all else, to love and be loved.

Genesis 1:26-27—Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created

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man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:24—For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

THEISM 4: Humanity fell out of the experience of this love through believing lies concerning the character of God.

Genesis 3:1-4—Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!”

Genesis 3:5—“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6-7—When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Genesis 3:8—They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Romans 1:21—For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

THEISM 5: Jesus came as this triunity incarnate with the intent of revealing the truth about the character of God. Through this revelation He would remove our misapprehension of God’s thoughts and feelings toward us, and restore us to the pleasure of love for which we were made.

1 John 3:8—The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

2 Corinthians 4:6—For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

John 1:18—No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

John 8:32—“And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Luke 4:43—But He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”

John 14:9—Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

NIV/NASB John 17:1-5,20-23,24-26—After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. . . . Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. . . . And now, Father, glorify Me in your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began. . . . I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us . . . that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am . . . O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You . . . I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.”

THEISM 6: We were made for love, and only love will satisfy our deepest heartfelt longings.

Psalms 33:15—He who fashions the hearts of them all . . .

NLT Ecclesiastes 3:11—He has planted eternity in the human heart.

Theism 7: What God desires for us is that our understanding of Him be restored so that we can once again experience the existential bliss of the other-centered love that we were made for.

TEV Ezekiel 16:8—As I passed by again, I saw that the time had come for you to fall in love. I covered your naked body with My coat and promised to love you. Yes, I made a marriage covenant with you, and you became Mine.” This is what the Sovereign Lord says.

NIV Hosea 2:16—“In that day,” declares the Lord, “you will call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’”

1 John 4:8—The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

NLT Romans 1:19—For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

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