

# The Gifts of God

## Your Soul, Heart and Consciousness

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As descendants from the Garden of Eden, we all have something very special, very unique inside us, something that cannot be found anywhere else on Earth, either in the air, the sea, or on the ground; they can only be found in us, the sons and daughters of God, and they are called 'souls' (our spiritual bodies). The animals do not possess them, nor do the insects, the birds of the air, or the fish of the sea; only we have them, 'it sets us apart from the rest of Creation!'

Unlike the rest of life on Earth, we were created both physical and spiritual at the same time; meaning our souls are with us, inside our physical bodies. While we are alive (physically), we live predominantly in the physical world, and when we come to the end of our physical lives and die, our souls remain.

The best way to understand it, is how a sculptor once described his work - the sculptures he made, were already there, hidden in the marble; all he had to do, was to chip away and remove the unwanted bits and there it was. The sculpture he finished up with, is like a soul that is already there, hidden in the physical body. So, even though we can't see it at all, our body and soul occupy the same space!

With every soul there is a heart, a spiritual heart, that makes us unique and identifiable before God; now, this must not be confused with the physical heart that we all have, that beats faithfully inside our chests everyday to keep us alive; No, this heart of ours, is a spiritual one, and it is 'absolutely unique' to every soul on Earth; for every heart that is seen by God, 'is one of a kind', and cannot be confused or mistaken with another; for us, 'it is the essence of who we are', and makes us known to our beloved Creator, Maker of all things seen and unseen.

So, even though we are in possession of them, we cannot see into another person's heart, only God can do this; when we look at someone, we can only observe their outward actions, and guess what's in their heart. How many times have we judged someone, only to find we were completely wrong; we've all done it.

We just do not have the ability to see into a person's heart like God can, where all is laid bare, and nothing is hidden. He knows us better than we know ourselves!

When He looks down into our hearts, it's like reading a storybook of our lives; He sees who we are, what we've done, what we're doing and where we're going! He can see our thoughts, desires and wishes - past, present and future; in other words, He can see 'the real you', not the 'facade' that is shown to the world.

In truth, we can keep what is in our hearts, well hidden and out of sight of earthly eyes; but you simply cannot do that, with Almighty God, the Maker of all things.

In the end, we shouldn't really be surprised by what He can do, should we? I mean, look around you, everywhere you look, the works of His hands is there, for all to see; both in the heavens above, and upon the Earth beneath your feet.

Look to the four winds, and you will find them across the Earth - they are in front of you, and behind you, they are to your left and to your right, they are in the air, the sea, and on the ground you walk on. What your senses is telling you, is no deception, it's all very real; for we, are in the middle of 'Creation Central!'

Such amazing wonders are these that surround us; honestly, it makes those who blurt out without thinking, 'it all came from nothing, there is no God and never was', look really foolish, in not acknowledging what we all know, is the truth.

In the Beginning, when God blew the breath of life into Adam, not only did he come alive and become a living soul, he also received the gift of 'Consciousness', an amazing gift, given to those with a soul and a heart; for just as we have five senses (of the body), sight, touch, hearing, taste and smell, we also possess the five abilities of sentience, that together, make up this incredible God-given gift; they are: **Free Will, A Conscience, Self-Awareness, Foresight and Reasoning.**

Unlike the rest of God's creatures on Earth, we have the ability to comprehend, to grasp, to understand the higher purpose of God, and to ask within ourselves: why am I here, and what is my purpose in life? The answers to this great gift inside us, we can ask these questions, and seek out the Withers we look for 'from God.'

Because of this gift - we can reason; we can question; we can analyze; we can learn; we can judge; we can teach; we can imagine; we can create; we can inspire; we can solve complex problems; we can bring order to chaos; we can speak in many languages; we can write in many languages; we are aware of the passage of time; we are aware of our place in time; we can appreciate the beauty of our world; we can see the consequences of our actions, long before we do them; we can regret our actions, and learn from our mistakes; we can relate to God, and return His love.

These are just some of the amazing things we can do as 'the children of God,' things that we very often take for granted, but do so easily, every single day!

Consider this for a moment - instead of what you are right now, you could have come into this world as a small tree, high up on a lonely mountain top somewhere, or a penguin, trying to survive a bitterly cold winter in Antarctica, or a trout struggling upriver so it can spawn, in Alaska. The point is, you were not, you were born 'a child of God, with a soul and a heart', unique before the Almighty, and able to do so much more, than any other creature on Earth.

If you are starting to realise just how special and unique your gift really is, it is precisely because you have it already inside you, that you are able to appreciate what you have been given. Lift up your eyes unto Heaven and give thanks, for you have in your possession, something that no other creature on Earth has.

This has been made known to you, that you may ponder the wondrous works of the God, who brought you forth into existence, to give you a 'soul' and a 'heart' and the gift of 'Consciousness', thus elevating you above the rest of Creation, so you can fellowship with Him, like no other creature on Earth is even capable of!

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*This leads us, to the First of our God-given abilities*

## Free Will

Our story starts 'in the Beginning', when God made us, He gave us the ability to choose and make decisions for ourselves; this ability, is called 'Free Will'.

In Creation, it was given exclusively to the children of God, on Earth; for us, it is one of five amazing abilities we received, through the gift of Consciousness.

Our mighty Creator knew that, by giving us the power to choose for ourselves, and thereby giving us our own Wills, that there was always the possibility that we might reject Him and all that He stands for; but because He wanted to have a deep and meaningful relationship with us, it was a risk He was willing to take.

Sadly, this is the inherent risk of Free Will, that we may choose to do something else. Our beloved Maker took the chance of creating us and giving us Free Will, so we can respond to Him, as He does to us - in complete honesty and respect.

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As children progressing into adulthood, we are 'well on the way' to exercising our own Free Will (both in voice and actions), as many parents unfortunately are finding out every single day, when their own children start to show signs of rebellion; such is the rising of their Wills, from the power of their own Free Will, that means they are learning to be more assertive, in what they want out of life. Strength and resolve in one's Will, can be a blessing or a curse, at different times.

Even from an early age, we very often have already decided what we want to be when we grow up; Little Johnny for example, he wants to be a Fireman, so he can save people from fires; or young Emma, in her case, she has stars in her eyes, and desires to be the most beautiful actress in the World. Yes, our 'recognising and exercising' of this God-given ability, can start from a very early age indeed.

We've all heard the saying 'With age comes wisdom', unfortunately for us, this doesn't always ring true in life; the sad reality is that, even after we've all grown up, and become adults 'in our own right', we can still make bad choices, bad decisions in life, resulting in outcomes vastly different from what we originally intended, often with terrible consequences, that we and our loved ones have to deal with; altering the course of our lives, and affecting all those around us.

What a unique and powerful gift we have received; unique, because in Creation, it can only be found in us - the children of God; and powerful, because we can live or die on what choices we make! Scary isn't it? When we use our Free Will, we must be careful, very careful, in where our choices take us. How many times, have we seen people make bad choices in life, many many times, so many in fact, that we've lost count; our history is littered with examples of people who have made bad decisions in life; we've been making them since the Garden of Eden.

In all fairness, God knows there are genuine reasons as to why we might make wrong decisions in life; we might be ill, we might be under pressure, to help them get ahead in social standing, then that is the very worse reason; but if we send them there to get the best education possible, then that is absolutely the right reason.

Remember, it's the contents of your heart, that defines you before the Almighty.

In finishing, God gave us Free Will, so we can respond to Him as He does to us: in complete honesty and respect; as sentient beings created in the Image of God.

Can you see how great His gift is, considering only we in Creation received it?

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## A Conscience

Do you realise just how fortunate and privileged you are, to actually have one of these? Because 'out of all Creation', we are the only ones to receive them.

Essentially, a Conscience is 'the checks and balances part of us' that we all have, the ability to discern what is right and what is wrong, a rewards and penalty system for our hearts if you will. For us, if our conscience is working properly, we should feel remorse and disappointment in ourselves, when we do something wrong, to experience sincere and genuine regret of our actions, so we will learn for next time, and never do it again. It is only after we get back to basics, and realise what a Conscience actually is and what it means to us personally, that we begin to understand and appreciate why we were given one in the first place.

This is the first step to recognizing and appreciating what we've been given. Since the first days of Creation, the children of God had had this unique ability, whenever they did something wrong, they would regret it, and not do it again.

At least that's how it's supposed to work (as God intended), but sadly, many have used their Free Will, to 'turn off' their Conscience, like a light switch, so it doesn't bother them anymore, and they can continue doing wrong, without feeling bad. This is an abuse of a great gift, and it goes against everything that God intended for us. He gave us this wonderful ability, so when we do make mistakes, we can learn from them, and become better sons and daughters of God.

For those who deliberately choose to misuse this wonderful ability from above; Behold! Theirs is the greater evil, having first received this wonderful ability 'from the Heart of God', to then turn around, and misuse it in this terrible way.

As it has been said before, Free Will is a powerful thing to have, the choices we make, can potentially lead us into all sorts of terrible and painful situations, situations we wouldn't be in, in the first place, if we truly had God in our hearts.

There's an old adage that comes to mind, that talks about having a Conscience, one that's been around for some time, that many will know when they hear it. There are a few different versions of it floating around, but essentially it is this:

When a person is making a choice in life (and not sure which way to go), on their left shoulder is a demon, and on their right shoulder is an angel; now the demon on his left shoulder, tries to convince him to make the wrong choice, and the angel on his right shoulder, tries to help him make the right choice.

To put it simply - if we do not have God's precious guidance, in the important choice-making times of our lives, we will fail miserably. As 'His Creation', we need to have a personal connection with Him - to guide us, to protect us, to teach us, just as a child looks to it's parents - for guidance, for protection, and to be taught the right things in life. Our relationship with God, is like the sun in the wintertime: when it shines upon us, it gives us light, warmth and life! We need to have Him and all that He is, for us to survive and prosper, because the further we get from His life-giving presence, the worse it becomes for us!

That is why, we should embrace the occupant on our right shoulder (and all that he is telling us); and kick the occupant (on our left shoulder) off for good. In other words, make the right choice in God's eyes, the one He wants us to make.

For those of us fortunate enough to actually receive God's guidance directly, it is a priceless gift indeed; more precious than gold, silver or costly stones, more valuable than anything else on Earth; because when we have great turmoil and distress in our lives, and no-one is there to help us, His guidance shines down into the darkness of our hearts (like a ray of light), and sustains us, and lifts us above our troubles, showing us just how precious His loving guidance really is!

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*This leads us, to the Third of our God-given abilities*

## Self-Awareness

To put it simply, it is a powerful God-given ability, unique to Sentient beings alone, whether they are spiritual or physical, eternal or created. For those of us who are created, it is 'an Internal Awareness ability, of the highest order', and cannot be found, in any other creature (non-sentient life-forms) on Earth.

With it comes responsibility and accountability - if a crocodile kills a human being, it is responsible, but not accountable; because it does not know, or even understand 'the gravity' of committing such an act, or 'the consequences' of it.

It does not have Free Will (to choose whether to do it or not); it does not have a Conscience (to tell it not to do it); it does not have Self-Awareness (to know what it is doing); it does not have Foresight (to see the potential consequences of it's actions); and it does not have Reasoning (to work out what it should do).

Like the rest of Creation, it did not receive the gift of Consciousness and we did; all it can do, is to survive where it lives, by killing what it can find, and eating it.

But if we did the same, and killed a human being, 'in the eyes of God', we are held to a higher standard, because 'we know what we're doing', in ourselves!

For the rest of God's creatures in Creation (that did not receive sentience), they have only 'awareness', of the world they live in, and 'instinct', to run their lives. Put simply, this means that they cannot do anything more than what they can do; without Self-Awareness, they are only 'the participant' in their existence.

Inevitably, as we go through life, we will experience all sorts of different emotions (both good and bad); and with this incredible ability inside us, we are 'acutely aware' of all that we feel, as we go down the path, our feet have been set upon.

We can sit back 'in our hearts', and feel them, as it happens 'in real time'; in truth, we are both 'spectator and participant' in all that we go through in life!

Think about it, because of this amazing God-given ability - we know who we are, we know what we're doing, we know where we are, and where we're going. Honestly, can you see any other creature on Earth doing this incredible feat?

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Because we have the power of Self-Awareness, this little known but important fact, must be brought to your attention - Everything that we do, everything that we say, even the contents of our hearts (our thoughts, desires and wishes), is seen by God. To Him, everything is an open book; there is nothing He cannot see!

Sadly, many are of the belief, that they're not being watched by anyone, that the only eyes they ever have to worry about (if they are doing wrong), are down here, on Earth - human eyes, cameras, videos, drones etc. They are not even the slightest bit aware, that 'the eyes of God', have been upon them the whole time; seeing all that they have done - the act itself, it's planning, it's concealment, and what was in their hearts as well (that made them want to do it in the first place!)

They dwell happily in the belief that, whatever they did, remains safely hidden and out of sight (of the prying eyes of judgment) from the anonymity of their daily; not realising at all, that unseen eyes watch them from above, and in great detail!

It's amazing what 'devious and surreptitious schemes' people come up with, when they think nobody is watching, and they're sure they can get away with it. Oh, they may go to great lengths to try and cover up what they've done, (and you would only do this if you know it's wrong); but in the end, their arrogance blinds them to the fact, that Heavenly eyes have been watching them, and for some time.

You and I both know that, by a certain age, we already know what we're doing 'in ourselves'; as we go down the path of life, and that we are responsible for our actions; but 'in the eyes of God', not only are we responsible for our actions, we are accountable for them as well; and because of this fact, we are held to a higher standard than the rest of Creation, because we possess Self-Awareness.

Whether they (who are doing wrong) are opportunists or simply following orders, (individuals acting on their own, or groups of individuals acting collectively); they are still responsible and accountable for their actions 'in the sight of God!'

Remember - the choices we make, and what we do in our hearts afterwards; (planning, scheming etc), is seen 'just as much', as our physical actions; unlike human eyes, cameras, videos, drones etc, that only catch the outward actions.

For many of the children of God, they will find out the frightening truth, that there really is a Judgment day, and it is coming for those who have done wrong 'in the sight of God'; as a train looms in the distance, suddenly it is upon you!

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*This leads us, to the Fourth of our God-given abilities*

## Foresight

Behold! Another powerful ability has been gifted to us, from the Heart of God.

To put it simply - It is the ability to 'know' and 'anticipate' what will happen with future events (incidents, happenings, experiences and personal actions.)

In regard to personal actions (the actions we take); it helps us to determine 'what we want to do' and 'what we should do', in the things that come before us in life; once you know what your options are, you can plan your actions accordingly.

To use it properly, you have to be able to listen to it as well; sadly, not everyone is listening! They use it, but to make a conscious choice to 'ignore' or 'play down' what it is telling them; thinking all they need 'is a little luck and ingenuity' to get through it. In life, we often see people make the most puzzling/dangerous/bizarre/shocking/foolish and unnecessary choices they've ever made; and those looking on, cannot work out where their head was at, when they made them.

One of the most important things we can learn in life (as children), is the term - 'Consequences of actions', that the actions we take (what we say, think and do), have consequences, that can change people's lives, and all those around them.

In the concept of time, one thing leads to another, actions lead to consequences; like ripples on a pond, the 'flow-on effects' of our actions spread out and affect those around us as 'consequences', because everything is interconnected in life.

Here are a few examples, of how our actions can lead to terrible consequences.

What we say (example) -

If we use foul language towards someone at work; that action, will lead to the consequences of that person getting angry, and you getting into trouble for it.

What we think (example) -

If we choose to do something dangerous, like mountain-climbing in bad weather; that action, will lead to the consequences of you getting badly hurt or worse.

What we do (example) -

If we climb into a lion's den at the zoo, with hungry lions that haven't been fed yet; that action, will lead to the consequences of you getting violently killed.

The point is, because of this great ability, we can 'see ahead in time', what will come, from the actions we take! We very often already know the implications of our decisions/the consequences of our actions, long before we even do them!

Can you see just how incredible this God-given ability really is? To virtually 'look ahead in time', and 'know in advance' what will happen, if we choose to do something dangerous, like sky-diving for example - we all know it can be potentially life-ending, but there are those who know the risks, but do it anyway; because it's 'exciting and exhilarating' to come to the edge of death, and survive!

They make a conscious choice to do it, knowing full well what can happen if it all goes terribly wrong. In their hearts, they already know the consequences and ramifications of what they want to do. The consequences can be death by falling parachute, to have something go wrong, with the very device that is supposed to keep them alive; to see the ground race up at them; and terrifying the pace, and not able to do a single thing about it, to die a horrible death; and the ramifications - having a loving family, who worries about what happens to them, and how the news of their horrific death comes through, affecting those they leave behind. Yes, there can be terrible and punishing consequences, to what we decide in life!

As the Children of God, who have the power of Foresight, we have absolutely no excuses, when it comes to 'taking responsibility for our actions', because we 'already know' in our hearts, what will happen, from the choices we make.

When we eventually stand before God, to answer for our actions, we cannot say 'we didn't know' or 'we didn't think', without looking really foolish; because in the end, as His beloved children on Earth, we should know better; we are the only ones in Creation, to be blessed with the power of Foresight, so we should recognise just how important His ability really is, and use it as He desires us to!

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*This leads us, to the Fifth of our God-given abilities*

## Reasoning

Behold! We have been blessed with one of the most important abilities of all, the ability to comprehend, to grasp, to understand the higher purpose of God. No other creature on Earth even comes close, to attaining this level of cognition.

Essentially - it is the action of thinking in a logical, rational and analytical way; with a thirst for knowledge and the truth, to see things with God-given sentience.

It's very presence in the Gift of Consciousness, is absolutely paramount, for it underpins the cohesiveness of all the other abilities. Yes, it's that important!

Lift up your eyes and give thanks to your Mighty Creator, for He has given you the power of 'Reasoning'; an ability, that is unparalleled throughout the Earth. Other names for it are - ordered thinking, sentient thought, and divine intellect.

With this amazing ability - we can make sense of things, we can solve problems, we can form conclusions, we can make judgments, we can bring order to chaos, we can make choices, we can imagine, we can create, we can use common sense.

We can discern, we can question, we can interpret, we can analyse, we can learn, we can examine, we can anticipate, we can plan, we can compare, we can invent, we can visualise, we can speak in many languages, we can write in many languages.

In everyday activities - we can teach, we can cook, we can buy, we can errand, we can trade, we can drive, we can build, we can pay bills, we can run a business, we can go to work and earn a living, we can play games, we can take care of family.

In the professional fields - we can work as doctors, scientists, geologists, nurses, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, pilots, fire-fighters, engineers and many more.

We can understand the concepts of complex learning, being taught at various learning establishments across the world - Psychology, Mathematics, Biology, Neuroscience, Physics, Trigonometry, Chemistry, Astronomy and many more.

Even though we can do all these things because of this powerful ability of God, there is one thing we can do that no other creature on Earth can do, and that is, we can relate to God, and have a personal relationship with Him. No other single thing we can do as His creation, is as important, or as crucial to our very being, as being able to have a close and personal relationship, with our beloved Creator.

For us, the power of Reasoning is the mainstay of the gift of Consciousness; so important is it, that it has it's hand in every ability of the gift of Sentience.

Even now, you are using this great ability that is inside you, as you read this!

What a wonderful and versatile ability this is, that comes from the Heart of God.

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It is hoped that, after reading these words (that have been revealed to you), that you will have a greater appreciation for all the things that our beloved Creator has given us, and to use them exactly how He wants us to - with great reverence and gratitude, to treasure these things that have been given to us, from above.

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We, of the children of God - take great delight, in the knowledge that 'there is, and always will be' a higher power, that watches over us from the Heavens.

It gives a sense of order and stability to our being, to know our God cares for us.

It is He who came down from Eternity, so He could walk among us, and see what we go through in life. Never has there been, a more understanding soul to walk the Earth, than the one known as Jesus (His Hebrew name is Yeshua); this is the name He was born with, and the name He was known as, in the land of Israel.

He went to the cross on our behalf as a total sacrifice for our sins, and be raised from the dead, so He could bring us into the presence of God, forever and ever.

'This is the One we know', who is thought of with great affection, in our hearts.

In the name of Yeshua, God bless.

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