

The Nature of People

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

The nature of most people is the need to find a place to belong. What do I mean? Everyone needs some way to support their physical needs first then their emotional needs. Everyone needs a place to belong. Often this is influenced by parents, family, friends, peers and society. The lack of discipline in a person's development usually results in a person who is selfish and always seeks their way even if it hurts others. This type of person thinks he is happy but his outward burst of anger on a regular basis shows they are not. This type of person has convinced himself he is happy. People of this nature are more likely to reject God at first. But if they see how happy the giving person is, they can change. The truth is the happiest person is one who helps others and enjoys doing so. (see note 1)

It is also true a giving person when hurt enough can become like the selfish person. Without the hope of God this is more likely to happen. Many people believe in God but act like this selfish person. Why? The main reason they have received a false teaching of God. Some teach that war and violence is the way to convert people to God. How sad is this concept! Has anyone really been converted this way? Of course not. They are simply seeking the path of survival. They can play the game but their heart is not in it. Why do you think Adam and Eve had a choice to choose God or something else? God wanted to be chosen to be loved. This is why he created a second chance for man. (see my study on Saved.pdf)

Other religions have so many paths to God. Who is right? I suggest you examine the core beliefs to see if they take you down a selfish path first. If they do, they can't be right. If they support killing as a means of conversion, they definitely are a false religion. If they say you must accept this without showing any love for others, they are false. The true God is not willing that any should perish. (see note 2) God does not create people to destroy them at a whim. He only destroys if their remains no other choice. He often gives a lifetime for the person to come to him.

Religious fervor is often drilled in people from birth. These people only know what they have been taught. Often, they are taught not to listen to anyone but those in their religion. If they follow this course, they will never know the true joy of following a God, who wants unselfishness not force and hate. Your faith in God can not be full, unless you have chosen to make it your own. A complete belief, and not someone else's belief. Strive to do so that you can have a strong core belief in God. (see note 3)

Some choose not to believe in God at all. With all the religious division in the world today, they think God is man made. Why people can't see that this religious division causes disbelief. God is evident in the things made. Especially in things are not made with hands. Man is responsible for this loss of confidence in God. (see note 4) To these people who believe this whole creation is by chance. I suggest they study intelligent design. I recommend you watch the video "Privileged Planet". It shows the extraordinary circumstances necessary for any planet to support complex life as we know it. In other words, God must be in control of it. (see note 4) Most atheistic or agnostic people will not debate the existence of God if you use intelligent design as your arguments. Why? Because the find, intelligent design people, using the same evidence they use but with a different conclusion. They want to make religion seem as a superstitious belief of primitive man and not thinking people. It bothers them in their arguments, when other scientist, bring down their arguments. To me this shows their arguments are on an emotional basis rather than an objective manner even when they claim the opposite is true. Religious people have been guilty of responding in an emotional manner also. Maybe governing emotions on a debate on this subject, might be better for both parties. Although a strong belief in anything can cause emotions. They will say "your belief is based on faith only and not evidence". They do not want to admit that, they must accept many of their ideas on faith, in men's theories or

random chance. Several assumptions must be made to accept, their so-called proof. So, they must have faith in men's theories to go forward with their teachings. (see note 5)

Another point I have observed is, people often choose their life's direction by what they like and not by any proofs or studies. They can't always see the results, of their choices in their life. They only see the pleasure they have attained. They don't look at the negative affect their life, and on others. God's way is the perfect way for pleasure and happiness. (see note 6) God's way takes everyone in the best direction for happiness. He created us and understands the pitfalls of life. When people blame God for the bad things in life, they fail to see God does not do evil. Satan and man do the evil. But man has made Satan, the God of this world. We are under his rule, when we choose to sin. He will cause pain in your life, so you will blame God. When you do this, Satan has you. You have allied yourself with the one who caused you pain. Remember if man had not sinned, he would have lived forever because he would have eaten of the tree of life and lived forever. God did not want man to experience death. (see note 7)

My point is, don't have your belief based on others ideas, but determine by study of several sources from varied groups. Don't allow them to take away objectivity. They will try make you accept their way. If you will listen to me try studying the Christian Bible and compare its teachings with other religious teachings. I think you will find it far superior than other beliefs, if you go by the Bible and not man-made religious doctrine. Don't let all the religious teachings among various Christian groups detract from what the scripture actually teaches. Remember God created the Bible by using those he inspired. Scripture does not contradict scripture in teaching, therefore, anyone teaching, anything that contradicts any other scripture, their teaching is wrong. The Bible itself is the best commentary on itself. Please study and think on it, the entire Bible several times searching out what may seem as contradictions but are shown not to be contradictions by other scriptures. Most people will not study to this depth but I suggest you do so to build a strong faith in God. (see note 8)

(Note 1) **Act 20:35** *I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* " **KJV**

(Note 2) **2Pe 3:9** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.* **NKJV**

(Note 3) **Rom 10:17** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

(Note 4) **Rom 1:20** *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,* **NKJV**

(Note 5) **Psa 14:1** *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.*

Heb 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* **KJV**

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Faith (noun)

1. confidence or trust in a person or thing:
faith in another's ability.

(Note 6) **Psa 144:15** *Happy are the people who are in such a state; Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!* **KJV**

(Note 7) Gen 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— **NKJV**

(Note 8) Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. **NKJV**

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil.

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