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Ever since the fall, mankind seems to have an insatiable desire for knowledge. We are told that there is a space exploration programme to land a man on Mars in 2025 that has been 40 years in the making. The EU is spending multiple billions on an experiment (the supercollider), in order to create circumstances they believe will hopefully prove the origins of the universe better known as the “Big Bang Theory”.

Mankind appears to never be satisfied with what we know or have experienced so we invest our lives in exploring and discovering; but why? From a purely pragmatic standpoint these adventures seem pointless compared with the need to solve the problem of poverty and disease that fills our world.

Genesis has the answer. In the beginning, mankind was refused the opportunity to eat from the “Tree of Life” because we couldn’t resist the fruit of “the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”. We can never be satisfied. We crave more and more knowledge thinking this will finally bring conclusion to “the why of everything.”

This same drive has consumed us in the spiritual realm. Humans are “gods worshipping” creatures ever searching for the “whys of life”. Even we Christians are on a continual search for more knowledge of God than we have already encountered. The original purpose was for us to eat from the Tree of Life; from that position the Tree of Knowledge would have its final conclusion in God Himself. It is only when we find the God of the Tree of Life that we can properly start this journey as God originally intended. This is the key to entering into all of God Himself and its then that all of His creation takes a secondary place.

Like the Apostle Paul I am driven “to know Him and the power of his resurrection”. I crave a deeper and more intimate relationship *with* Him, not just facts *about* Him. I love the Scripture, but it’s the God of the Scripture I pursue. He has encouraged us “to seek and we WILL find”; not a maybe or a possibility, but a WILL FIND! This is part of what we as a church are seeking; we’re like orphans with a desperate pursuit to find our birth parent God. We have His genes and when He reveals Himself to our search we recognise the family likeness, even though we are distorted by our dead sin nature.

I cannot rest, I am not satisfied with what I know, read from scripture or experience of Him. I know there is more, maybe more than eternity is able to reveal. Is this why I am not satisfied? My journey does not find its conclusion on earth with information *about* God but an ongoing knowing; but there is good news; God, for His part, is also seeking us, so much so that He has done everything possible to bring us back to Him through the sacrifice and death of His Son Jesus. He states in Ezekiel “I gave you my solemn oath and entered into covenant with you, and you became mine.”

The thrill of the journey with Him is that the more diligently we seek Him the more He reveals Himself to us. He unfolds to us His person and the aspects of His character. Jeremiah 29:13 states “And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. “(NKJV)

This life is about Him; heaven is not just a place; it happens to be the result of who He is. We find that the journey with all its twists and turns brings new delights of joy and peace, and we can say as in the Song of Solomon “when I found the one my heart loves, I held Him and would not let Him go.”

He has made us for Himself and it appears He has chosen to not be satisfied either until He has us for His own. How can we resist such a God? What a poor picture we have shared by our often mean representation of Him. "I shall be satisfied when I awake with His Likeness" cries David...

Shalom.

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