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world



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Thanks, Appreciation,
Gratitude,
and Prayer

John 15:18-19

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Who We are:

**We are Spiritual Beings
who are One With
Christ having
a Human Experience.**

John 15:18-19

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Support Scripture:

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and Perfect Will of God.

Romans 12: 2 NKJV

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Focus Scripture:

¹⁵ Protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world,
even as I am not of it..

John 17:15b-16 NIV

John 15:18-19

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Series:

*Balancing Engagement with
Detachment:
Awareness, Aloof, Afar*

Thought for Today:

*A Triple A - Experience
Part: 4*

John 1

*God's Protection Plan ~
The Gospel According
to Shrek:
Aloof and Afar*



John 15:18-19



Aloof and Afar:

Aloof ~

One who is not friendly
or forthcoming;
cool and distant:

Afar ~ (Location)

From, to or at a great
distance





“OGRE”

A hideous giant of fairy tales and folklore that feeds on human beings.

A dreaded person or object.

“O.G.R.E.”

Obnoxious

Gross

Repulsive

Enigmatic

Something/someone hard to
understand or explain;
not readily investigated,
interpreted, or understood;
A mysterious person,
obscure



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“O.G.R.E.”

Obnoxious
Gross
Repulsive
Enigmatic

Aloof/Enigmatic ~

Unfriendly, not forthcoming;
cool and distant.

Not readily investigated,
uninterpreted, misunderstood



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“O.G.R.E.”

Obnoxious Gross Repulsive Enigmatic
Aloof/Enigmatic ~

Woe to those who call evil good and good
evil, who put darkness for light and light for
darkness, who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter! *Isaiah 5: 20*

See to it that no one takes you captive
by philosophy and empty deceit,
according to human tradition,
according to the elemental spirits of
the world, and not according to
Christ. *Colossians 2:8*

For all have sinned and fall short of
The Glory of God. *Romans 3:23*



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“O.G.R.E.”

Optimistic
Grateful
Reconciling
Empowering

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Optimistic Grateful Reconciling Empowering
Aloof/Enigmatic ~

Hard to understand or explain;
not readily investigated, interpreted,
or understood; A Mysterious person, obscure

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is *The Gift of God.*
Ephesians 2:8

Abstain from the passions of the flesh
(our humanity/the world) which wage war against your
Soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable,
so that *when* they speak against you as evildoers,
they may see your good deeds and glorify God.
1 Peter 2:11-12

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,
a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the Word of Truth. *2 Timothy 2:15*

Divine “O.G.R.E.”

It’s not what we do.
It is the Spirit in which we do it.



“O.G.R.E.”

~ Afar ~

Appreciative Fair Affirming Reflective

There is NO SUCH Thing as
“Tough Love!”

“I’ve been wise, and I’ve been
foolish. And whether
I am wise OR foolish.
God is ALWAYS Kind!!”

Optimistic Grateful
Reconciling Empowering



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“O.G.R.E.”



**“And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the
renewing of your mind...”**

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

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“O.G.R.E.”

Which is the “evil one?”
Which one am I being?

We are SPIRITUAL BEINGS having a
HUMAN EXPERIENCE!

What IS the evil within Us/Me?
Am I willing to look at the Evil One/
The OGRE in me...

What are we hiding from our Selves,
that God is showing us in plain sight...
but we blame on others...

Are we real enough to say; “It’s ME, Oh Lord?!”



“O.G.R.E.”

“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, developing well-formed maturity in you.”

Romans 12: 2 TMSG



“O.G.R.E.”

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it..

John 17: 14 – 16 NIV



In the World but Not of the World



“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the Power that works in us,”

For Their Name sake and
For Their Glory....”

Ephesians 3:20