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In the World but Not of the World

Thanks, Appreciation,
Gratitude,
and Prayer

In the World but Not of the World

Who We are:

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



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



Focus Scripture:

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



Series:

Balancing Engagement with Detachment: Awareness, Aloof, Afar

Thought for Today:

A Triple A - Experience Part: 3

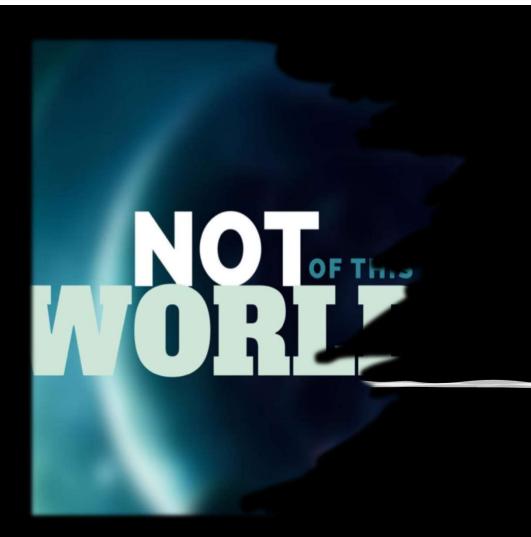
God's Protection Plan/ Aloof and Afar

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"Say less" - slang phrase
"I understand" or
"I get it."

It's essentially a way to say that you've gotten the point or the gist of something and you understand what someone is saying.

Sometimes, it's used to express agreement... so there's no need for the other person to explain any further.



"Saying Less" and God's Protection Plan:

We must ask questions.

Are we Saying MORE about God and LESS about the world?

Or

Are we Saying MORE about the world and Less about God?



"Saying Less" and God's Protection Plan Includes:

ASKING - Am I saying

MORE about God or MORE
About the world?

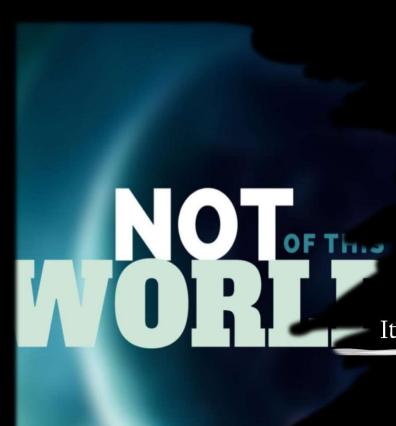


Litmus Test

A test in which a single factor (such as an attitude, event, or fact) is decisive ...

Using one particular thing to determine where a person stands on similar topics

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Litmus Test

Has Scientific Origins

It was in the 14th century where scientists discovered that litmus, a mixture of colored organic compounds from lichen, turns red in acidic solutions and blue in alkaline solutions. It was a way to determine how much acid was in a solution.

Six centuries later, people began using *litmus test* figuratively.

It can now refer to any single factor that establishes the true character of something or how it may be assigned to one category or another.

Often it refers to something that can be used to make a judgment about whether someone or something is acceptable or not.

What is holy or unholy. What is moral or amoral?

Divine Litmus Test

Where does God's Truth fall in determining a judgment about whether someone or something is acceptable or not.

What is holy or unholy. What is moral or amoral?



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

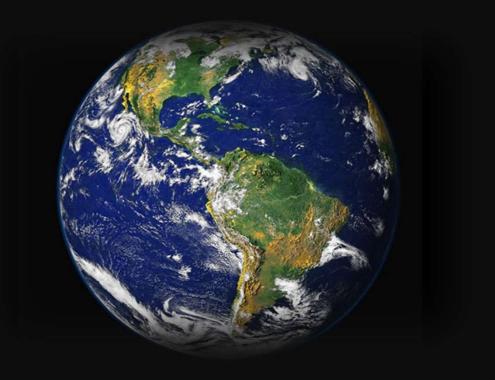
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Divine Litmus Test of Remembrance and Observation

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Divine Litmus Test Empowers Us to Ask



What is the "evil one?" Who is "the evil one?"

Two -fold ~ It and Us
Tradition: the devil,
beelzebub, sly fox, slew foot...

US!

Divine Litmus Test Reveals to US



What is the "evil one?" Who is "the evil one?" Which one is IT?

We are SPIRITUAL BEINGS having a HUMAN EXPERIENCE!

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

Jekyl/Hyde

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?!"

Divine Remembrance and Observation

Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you." Matt 4:24 (Not even our selves.)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes:

fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel,
and marrow to thy bones.

Proverbs 3: 5 – 7

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

Proverbs 4:3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.

1 John 4:1

As the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness (Guard) your minds (that they) Are NOT led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3

Divine Remembrance and Observation for Protection



God's Protection Plan for "Saying Less"

Knowing that Jesus Asked...

"You protect them from the evil one."

This empowers us to
Know where to Go!
Know what to Say...
When everything else fails...
I can go to The Rock!!



Divine Function: Rock Steady

"There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God."

1 Samuel 2:2

- For who is God, except the LORD? and who is a rock,but our God? 2 Samuel 22:32
 - The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

 Psalm 18:2
 - From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to The Rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:2

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How we Rock!

"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

Go to The Rock and Rock On...



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"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