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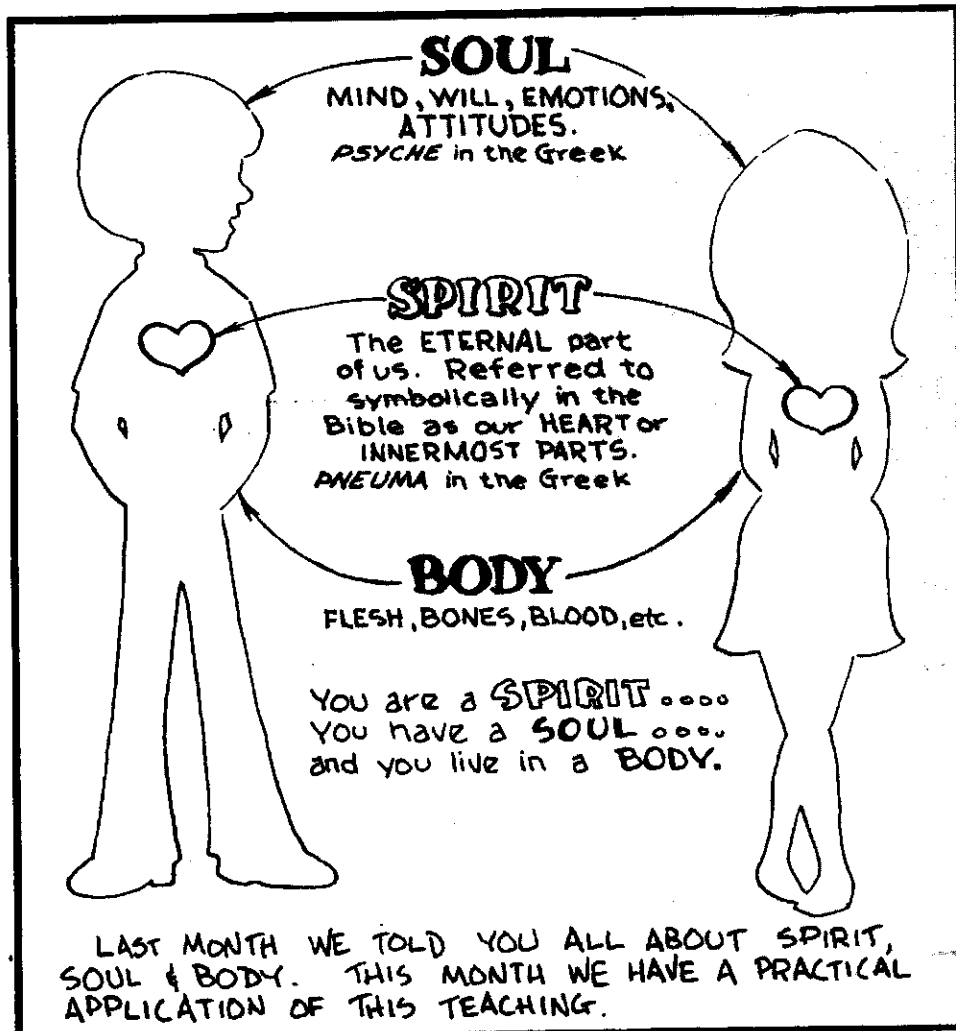
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Our spirits must unite with God. God is a spirit; they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Jesus was talking with a woman who had been united with five different men in the flesh. He said, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and He whom thou now hast is not thy husband; in that saidst thou truly."



She immediately recognized that Jesus was a prophet. Then she changed the subject from union with men to union with God and said, "Our fathers worshiped here in this mountain. Ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

Jesus, in effect, told the woman to learn about complete union and worship. "The hour cometh when you will neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what but we know what we worship for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. John 4: 21-24.

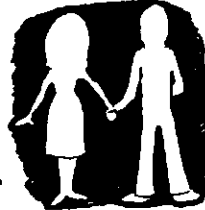
JESUS TALKED TO THE WOMAN AT THE WELL ABOUT SPIRIT UNION.



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Jesus was talking with a woman who had sought union five times the only way she knew. Jesus took the spirit union to her and said, "I am the Christ." Immediately she went to the other people in the city and said, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Is not this the Christ?"

THE WOMAN HAD ONLY UNDERSTOOD UNION IN ONE REALM.



This woman had such a strong unquenchable desire for union that five men could not satisfy her. That probably would not have been the end of it, either. She was searching - reaching out because of her desire.

Jesus said, "I know what your desire is. Your basic desire is in the spirit realm. She could not identify the difference between her spirit, soul and body, but she knew she had a need and it was not being fulfilled. So she was reaching toward all realms, mainly sex.

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND ALL THREE UNIONS.

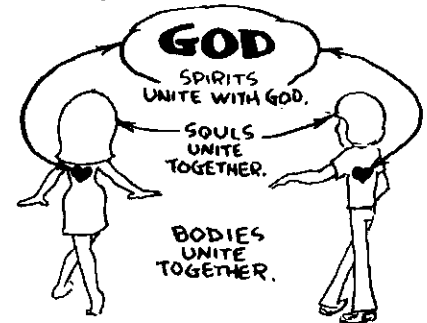
① SPIRIT,
② SOUL,
③ BODY.

Jesus said, "Here is the way to get fulfilled." There is a parallel in the natural or physical realm. There is an unfulfilled desire so a natural person goes after a mate to satisfy that desire. But that is a parallel to a more basic need. It is the basic desire of the spirit to unite with God in worship.

There is one mediator between God and men - the man Jesus Christ. If you are going to unite your spirit with God it has to be through Jesus Christ. He began to talk with this woman and she

began to see the truth of this union. She had tried five different unions in the flesh realm and was not satisfied. This is proof of an unfulfilled desire.

The only way to meet this desire is through worship of God, by the spirit through Jesus Christ. Most everyone has unfulfilled desire in some realm. It could be sex, food, money or companionship.



The basic fulfillment will be found in the realm of the spirit. The spirit of man must unite fully with God. You can seek fulfillment of the body or the soul but it still will not quench the deep-seated problem. The quenching of thirst comes when you are worshiping God in spirit and in truth. □

Kinds of Love....

WHAT IS LOVE? WE'LL LOOK AT TWO NEW TESTAMENT GREEK WORDS FOR LOVE... PHILEO & AGAPE.

Phileo Love

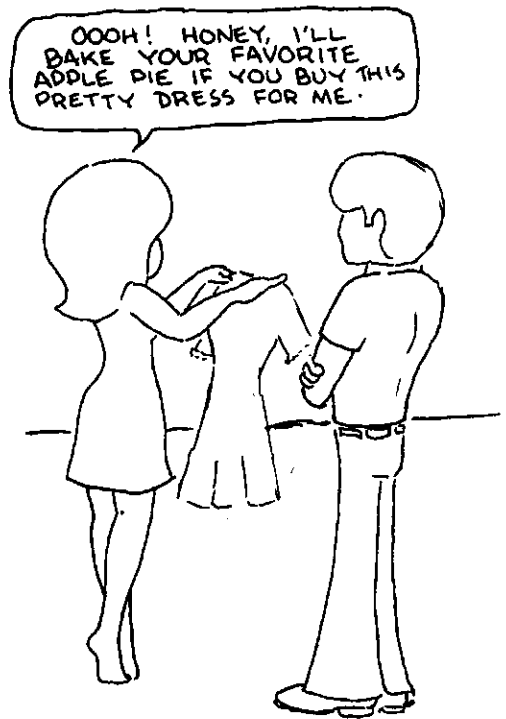
PHILEO LOVE ASKS FOR A RESPONSE AND AGAPE DOES NOT. PHILEO LOVE MEANS I'LL MEET YOUR NEEDS IF YOU MEET MINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX TO HAVE PHILEO LOVE. YOU CAN HAVE BROTHERLY LOVE, WHICH IS PHILEO OR PHILADELPHIA LOVE, AND IT CAN BE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME SEX BECAUSE IT SIMPLY MEANS MEETING EACH OTHERS NEEDS.

NEARLY ALL PROPER SOCIAL ORDER IS BASED ON PHILEO LOVE. A GOOD EXAMPLE IS A CHURCH SUPPER WHERE IT IS SAID "I'LL BRING THE MACARONI AND YOU BRING THE CHEESE." PHILEO INDICATES THAT PEOPLE ENTER SOMETHING FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, SUCH AS THE BROTHERHOOD (PHILEO)

OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS. THAT'S A UNION.

WHEN YOU EXPECT RESPONSE IT IS "PHILEO." WHEN YOU WORK YOU USUALLY DO IT BECAUSE OF PHILEO LOVE. IF THE EMPLOYER EVER QUIT GIVING YOU A PAYCHECK YOU PROBABLY WOULD NOT KEEP WORKING BECAUSE YOU NEED THAT RESPONSE. MOST SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CHURCH GATHERINGS ARE BASED ON RESPONSES OR PHILEO LOVE. ALSO, MOST MARRIAGES ARE BASED ON PHILEO LOVE.

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH PHILEO LOVE. RESPONSIVE LOVE IS GOOD AND PROPER AND HAS AN IMPORTANT AND RIGHTFUL PLACE IN SOCIETY AND IN CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.



Agape Love



Mmm. I'll buy you the dress just because I love you. But I'll take that apple pie anyhow.

SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT WHEN THE WIFE IS MOTIVATED TO GIVE LOVE, SHE EXPECTS THE HUSBAND TO RESPOND BECAUSE SHE IS LOVING WITH PHILEO NOT AGAPE. HUSBANDS ARE TO AGAPE (LOVE) THEIR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO AGAPED (LOVED) THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT. THAT MEANS HUSBANDS SHOULD GIVE THEMSELVES, EVEN TO THE REALM OF DEATH, FOR THEIR WIVES AND FAMILIES.

IN THE REALM OF AGAPE LOVE YOU GIVE WITHOUT EXPECTING A RESPONSE; YOU GIVE WITHOUT ASKING ANYTHING IN RETURN; YOU SAY, "I'LL BRING THE MACARONI AND THE CHEESE." AGAPE LOVE MEANS YOU MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHERS WITHOUT ANTICIPATING ANY RESPONSE. YOU GIVE AND GIVE FOREVER IN AN AGAPE RELATIONSHIP.

CHARITY IS A DIRECT

TRANSLATION OF AGAPE. CHARITY (AGAPE LOVE) MEANS YOU'LL MEET SOMEONE ELSE'S NEEDS DAY AFTER DAY AND NOT EXPECT OR DEMAND ANY RESPONSE. EPHESIANS 5:28 SAYS, "HUSBANDS, LOVE (AGAPE) YOUR WIVES." THIS MEANS HUSBANDS SHOULD LOVE THEIR WIVES WITHOUT EXPECTING ANY RESPONSE.

A VERY STRANGE THING IS THAT WE CANNOT FIND ANY BIBLE COMMAND FOR THE WIFE TO AGAPE HER HUSBAND. TITUS 2:4 SAYS SHE IS TO PHLEO HIM (NOT AGAPE).

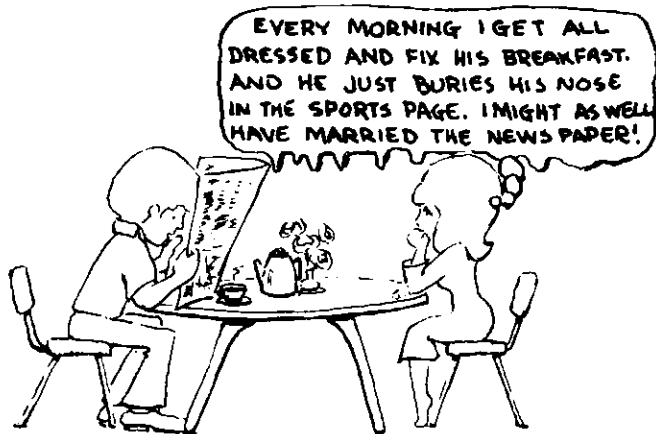
HUSBANDS SHOULD AGAPE THEIR WIVES. THAT MEANS THEY SHOULD LOVE THEM WITHOUT EXPECTING ANY RESPONSE. BUT MOST HUSBANDS WANT A RESPONSE. BASICALLY EVERYONE WANTS SOME RESPONSE. ITS A NATURAL DESIRE. BUT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT THE HUSBAND IS TO AGAPE (LOVE) WITHOUT EXPECTING RESPONSE.

EPHESIANS 5:28-33 SAYS: SO OUGHT MEN TO LOVE (AGAPE) THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE THAT LOVETH (AGAPE) HIS WIFE LOVETH HIMSELF. FOR NO MAN EVER YET HATES HIS OWN FLESH; BUT NOURISHETH IT AND CHERISHETH IT, EVEN AS THE LORD THE CHURCH. FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, OF HIS FLESH, AND OF HIS BONES. FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH. THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY; BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. (CHRIST AND THE CHURCH SHOULD BE JOINED AS ONE.) NEVERTHELESS, LET EVERY ONE OF YOU IN PARTICULAR SO LOVE (AGAPE) HIS WIFE - EVEN AS HIMSELF; AND THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND.

HUSBANDS AGAPE WIVES; MEN GIVE THEMSELVES FOR WOMEN. IN A GENERAL SENSE WE THINK OF A WOMAN AT HOME TAKING CARE OF THE CHILDREN AND THE MAN PERHAPS OUT AT SEA BRAVING WIND AND WAVES TO BRING HOME A CATCH OR PERHAPS EVEN FIGHTING LIONS IN A JUNGLE.

THE MAN IS THE ONE WHO PRESENTS HIS BODY TO DANGEROUS ELEMENTS TO BRING HOME FOOD AND CLOTHING AND KEEP HIS FAMILY SAFE. TO KEEP A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WORKING SMOOTHLY, THE MAN SHOULD GIVE WITHOUT DEMANDING A RESPONSE, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.

Phileo - Agape



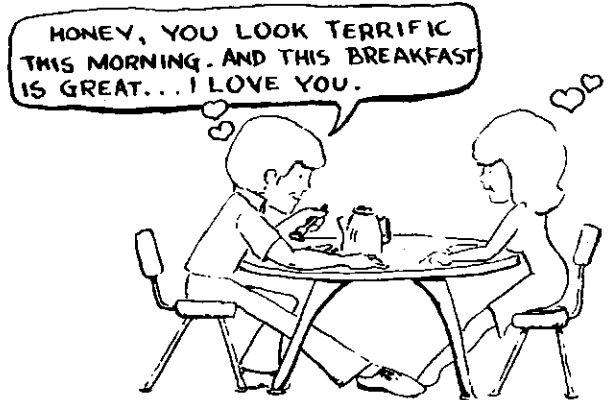
HEADING FOR TROUBLE

WHEN A WOMAN GIVES PHILEO LOVE IT IS BECAUSE SHE WANTS, EXPECTS, DESIRES OR DEMANDS RESPONSE. IT INDICATES THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BETTER RESPOND. SOME HUSBANDS ARE MORE LIKE CLOUDS THAN MEN. CLOUDS SOMETIMES FIND THEIR WIVES SEARCHING FOR LOVE ELSEWHERE AFTER A FEW YEARS, AND WONDER WHY. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WHEN A WOMAN GIVES LOVE TO HER HUSBAND SHE WANTS RESPONSIVE LOVE BACK. WOMEN ARE TO AGAPE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, BUT THEIR SPECIAL LOVE RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR HUSBANDS IS PHILEO.

WHEN A WOMAN ENGAGES IN PHILEO LOVE IT INDICATES SHE WANTS A COMPANION. SHE WANTS TO TALK. SHE WANTS TO SHARE EXPERIENCES. SHE WANTS HER LOVER TO LISTEN TO HER AND TO RESPOND TO HER OBSERVATIONS. THE CARTOON SHOWING A MAN READING A NEWSPAPER AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE WHILE HIS WIFE TRIES IN DESPERATION TO RELATE AN EVENT TO HIM IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF HER DESIRE FOR RESPONSE AND HIS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING.

IF HUSBANDS WERE SPIRITUAL, RECEIVING COMMANDS FROM GOD, THEY EASILY COULD AGAPE (LOVE) THEIR WIVES AND WOMEN EASILY COULD PHILEO (LOVE) THEIR HUSBANDS. THE BIBLE DOES NOT TELL A MAN TO MAKE HIMSELF INTO THE BOSS; IT TELLS THE WIFE TO MAKE HIM BOSS.

COLOSSIANS 3:18 SAYS: "WIVES SUBMIT YOURSELVES UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, AS IT IS FIT IN THE LORD. HUSBANDS AGAPE YOUR WIVES AND BE NOT BITTER AGAINST THEM." "BE NOT BITTER AGAINST THEM" MEANS THAT WHEN HUSBANDS AGAPE THEIR WIVES THEY GIVE WITHOUT EXPECTING A RESPONSE. THEY ARE NOT TO BE BITTER WHEN THEY DON'T RECEIVE A RESPONSE, EITHER. THE WOMAN IS THE WEAKER VESSEL. HE MUST TAKE CARE OF HER. THERE IS



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

NOTHING WRONG IF A WIFE AGAPES (LOVES) HER HUSBAND; THE POINT IS THAT SHE IS NOT COMMANDED TO AGAPE, JUST PHILEO.

AFTER READING I PETER 3, SOME PEOPLE MISTAKENLY THINK THE BIBLE TEACHES WOMEN TO ALWAYS SUBMIT TO THEIR BEASTLY HUSBANDS. THE SECTION OF SCRIPTURE DOES INDICATE THAT WOMEN WHO ARE SUBMISSIVE TO THEIR HUSBANDS SHOULD GUARD THEIR CONVERSATIONS AND AS A RESULT THEIR HUSBANDS MIGHT BE WON TO THE LORD. SOME PEOPLE EVEN SUGGEST THAT A MAN'S SALVATION MAY DEPEND ON WHETHER HIS WIFE IS SUBJECT TO HIM. MANY WOMEN HAVE FELT CONDEMNATION AND BONDAGE BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD THEY MUST BE IN SUBJECTION TO A HARSH, MEAN, DOMINANT, CRUEL, DEVILISH HUSBAND. THAT IS NOT WHAT THE WHOLE BIBLE TEACHES. IT IS TRUE THE BIBLE TEACHES THE WOMAN TO SUBMIT TO HER HUSBAND, BUT IT ALSO GIVES RELIEF TO AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION (ICORINTHIANS 7:11).

FIRST, CHRIST LOVED (AGAPED) THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT (EPH. 5: 25-27). SECOND, BECAUSE OF THAT, MEN SHOULD LOVE (AGAPE) THEIR WIVES THE SAME WAY (EPH. 5: 28; 29). THIRD, BECAUSE OF THAT WIVES SUBMIT TO THEIR LOVE (AGAPING) HUSBANDS (EPH. 5: 22). THE BIBLE DOES NOT PROMISE THAT WHEN A WOMAN SUBMITS IT WILL MAKE HER HUSBAND LOVE HER. IT ONLY SAYS IN I PETER 3 THAT WHEN A WOMAN SUBMITS, IT MIGHT MAKE HER HUSBAND LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (NOT HER).

ADMITTEDLY, THE ORDER OF EVENTS IN EPH. 5: 22, 23 HAS CAUSED THE CONFUSION BUT AFTER A CAREFUL READING AND STUDY NOTICE THAT THE ORDER IS, FIRST, CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, SECONDLY, HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE THEIR WIVES THE SAME WAY AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THIRDLY, WIVES WILL BE SUBJECT. IF THIS

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WERE NOT SO THEN WE COULD MISTAKENLY CONCLUDE THAT IF THE CHURCH WOULD BE MORE SUBMISSIVE TO CHRIST THEN HE WOULD LOVE IT MORE - AND WE KNOW THAT HE FIRST LOVED US AND HIS LOVE FOR US DOES NOT DEPEND ON OUR LOVE FOR HIM.

EPH. 5:33 SAYS "NEVERTHELESS LET EVERYONE OF YOU IN PARTICULAR SO LOVE HIS WIFE EVEN AS HIMSELF; AND THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND." THE WORD REVERENCE IS "PHOEBE;" AND THAT MEANS TO BE TERRIFIED OR AFRAID. SIXTY THREE TIMES IN THE BIBLE "PHOEBE" IS TRANSLATED AS "FEAR," 25 TIMES AS "AFRAID" AND REVERENCE" ONCE, AND THAT IS IN THIS VERSE. IT SHOULD BE TRANSLATED "BE AFRAID OF," OR "FEAR"




OBVIOUSLY, IF A WOMAN'S HUSBAND REALLY LOVED (AGAPED) HER, THEN HER REVERENT FEAR WOULD BE OF THE SAME TYPE THAT WE ALL HAVE TOWARD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WHOSE ACTS ARE ALL ACCOMPANIED WITH TREMENDOUS POWER AND AUTHORITY, BUT SOFTENED WITH LOVE.

TITUS 2:5 SAYS WOMEN ARE TO BE DISCREET, CHASTE, KEEPERS AT HOME, GOOD, OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED. THESE RULES WERE GIVEN TO A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE WOMEN STAYED AT HOME. THEY DID NOT GO OUT. IF THEY DID GO OUT TO SHOP THEY WERE COVERED AND LOOKED LIKE A TENT. BUT NOW WE ARE IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SOCIETY.

BACK THEN THE ONLY PERSON TO WHOM A WOMAN COULD TALK WAS HER HUSBAND. ON A RECENT TRIP TO JERUSALEM WE NOTICED THAT THE WOMEN TALKED FIERCELY TO THE SHOPKEEPERS, NOT NIKELY OR COURTEOUSLY. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE. IF SHE TALKED RESPONSIVELY, SUCH AS WE DO HERE IN THE STATES, THEN HE WOULD GET THE WRONG IDEA.

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SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY UNION

REALM	MODE of UNION	RESULT
 SOUL	EXCHANGE of THOUGHTS	INVENTIONS IDEAS COMPANIONSHIP HAPPINESS KNOWING EACH OTHERS MIND
 SPIRIT	WORSHIP TOWARD GOD	REVELATION KNOWING HIM
 BODY	SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	PHYSICAL ECSTASY NEW LIFE

In the spirit realm, union should be worship and adoration toward God. The result is revelation, which is knowing Him.

In the soul realm, union between partners should be in the exchange of thoughts. The result is new music, inventions, ideas, companionship, happiness and knowing each others mind.

Union in the body realm should result in physical ecstasy and often results in new life, or children. The Bible calls this knowing your mate's body.

Union in spirit, soul or body produces something new; new knowledge of God, new knowledge of thought and new knowledge of life.

The Holy Scriptures include many references to the fact that God and Jesus Christ seek love, companionship and marriage (i.e., bride of Christ). We conclude that love and marriage are Godly attributes. We think it is not good to encourage young people to become eunuchs, but rather let them find their own expression. □

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SPIRIT UNION

REMEMBER, YOU ARE A SPIRIT, YOU HAVE A SOUL, AND YOU ARE LIVING IN A BODY. ALL THREE PORTIONS OF A COMPLEX PERSON NEED TO UNITE. YOU NEED TO HAVE UNION OR COMPLETENESS IN ALL THREE AREAS. THE UNITING OF YOUR SPIRIT, ACCORDING TO 1 COR. 6:17, IS WITH GOD, FOR GOD IS A SPIRIT AND THE ONENESS IS WITH GOD, IN THE SPIRIT.

SPIRITS
ALSO
SEEK
UNION.



OCCASIONALLY WE FIND SOMEONE WHO SETS HIS WHOLE SPIRIT TOWARD HIS WIFE, OR A WIFE WHO SETS HER WHOLE SPIRIT TOWARD HER HUSBAND OR CHILDREN. THOSE PEOPLE ARE HEADED FOR TROUBLE.

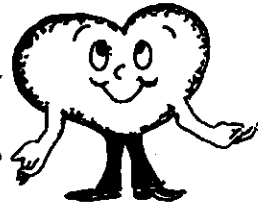
SOME PEOPLE SEEK THE SPIRIT OF A LOVED ONE OR CHILD AFTER DEATH. IN THAT CASE, THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVE ONE SEEKS UNION WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE DEAD ONE AND GOD DOES NOT LIKE THAT ADULTERY. HE WILL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE HIM, FOR THE SPIRIT MUST UNITE ONLY WITH GOD.

YOU SEE WHY IT IS WRONG TO SEEK TO RAISE THE SPIRIT OF A DEPARTED PERSON THROUGH

SEANCES AND MEDIUMS. WHEN YOU ARE DOING THAT, IT IS PROOF YOU ARE NOT LOOKING TO GOD FOR COMFORT, BUT ARE LOOKING FOR HELP FROM ANOTHER SPIRIT. YOU ARE LOOKING TOWARD SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD TO WHICH YOU CAN DIRECT YOUR LOVE AND DEVOTION.

OUR GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD AND HE WANTS ALL OF OUR SPIRITUAL DEVOTION TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD HIM. BUT HE IS ALSO A LOVING AND FORGIVING GOD. HE CAN AND WILL FORGIVE YOU IF YOU HAVE EVER SOUGHT TO HAVE UNION WITH ANOTHER SPIRIT.

THE MOST
SATISFYING
UNION IS
UNION WITH
GOD.



YOU'LL FIND THAT THE MOST REWARDING AND FULFILLING UNION IS UNION WITH GOD IN SPIRIT. IT'S ALWAYS RENEWING AND REFRESHING. IT GIVES A PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING. IT WILL SUSTAIN YOU WHEN NOTHING ELSE POSSIBLY CAN.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN. □