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PSYCHE, PARAPSYCHE and SPIRITUAL - CONT'D

Here are some additional thoughts on the subject that I wrote to answer the question of a friend.

Q. I still have some confusion in my mind about the PSYCHE, PARAPSYCHE teaching. Perhaps this is a result of having been taught this is of the OCCULT. How can I really know when I'm operating in the PSYCHE, PARAPSYCHE or the SPIRIT? Should our aim be to develop all three of these areas?

A. If your question refers to the PSYCHIC world as is presently understood by most of the misinformed public - then I advise you to stay away from it. Because, for the most part, PSYCHIC meetings masquerade as SPIRITUAL and they're not.

The danger in them is that you might fall in the trap marked "MIRACLES" and stop your SPIRITUAL development because you didn't know the difference.

I know several people from my own personal experience who have fallen into that trap. My purpose in writing the June-July Monarch (and this one) was to help my friends LABEL that trap.

But a tragedy is that many "church" meetings that call themselves SPIRITUAL really are not either.

So, no matter what they call themselves, you need to know what is SPIRITUAL and what isn't so you can make up your own mind about it. But you must know the difference between SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY or none of this will make sense.

I wrote a book called 1,2,3 THE THIRD SALVATION that is full of scripture references showing the difference. And a lot of people have said that the tape lesson entitled SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY was a great

help in seeing the difference. I suppose that it takes a long time to see the difference because our minds tend to get in the rut carved by years of tradition.

But let's back up one step and address ourselves to the difference between the PSYCHE and PARAPSYCHE. In the first place, nearly all the world uses the word PSYCHE to describe the area for which I chose to use the word PARAPSYCHE - so let's look at that for a while.

The Bible uses the word PSYCHE which is very close to the word PSYCHIC to describe all of our inputs to the brain in the natural, temporal realm such as what we can see, taste, hear, smell or feel. That is what the Bible refers to as PSYCHE or PSYCHIC in spite of present day usage of the word PSYCHE for things that are MAGICAL. You see, in my Bible the word PSYCHE or PSYCHIC describes the things that are normal, natural or temporal and they have nothing to do with the areas of MAGIC.

We use another word Parapsyche - which describes those things which happen to us in our 6th sense. This is something beyond the 5 senses but it still sends signals to our brain where it is analyzed and rationalized. Because it is beyond the 5 senses it is akin to MAGIC, but the Greek word for PARAPSYCHIC indicates PARALLEL to or along side of the 5 senses.

In other words - a 6th sense.

The letters PARA in parallel mean the same thing that they do in the word PARAPSYCHE. It means that PARAPSYCHE is something that runs alongside and parallel to the PSYCHE (like two different rails on a train track) but it's not the same thing.

It is possible to have a knowing in the brain that is MAGICAL (or 6th sense) and that knowing has nothing to do with what we see, hear, taste, smell or feel - which according to the Bible is the PSYCHE mind realm of the 5 senses - not 6th.

As far as the Bible is concerned there's nothing really OCCULT about seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling - which are nothing more than PSYCHE senses and they are NOT evil. But there have been many books written stating WRONGLY that the PSYCHE realm is OCCULT. Many Christians have mistakenly told us that the PSYCHIC area is of the Devil. The Bible is clear that the goal of every Christian should be to change their normal PSYCHE realm from the present carnal mind to the mind of Christ (mind of the anointing). When we have fully put on the mind of Christ (mind of the anointing), then the PSYCHE realm will be perfect and complete. Right now the PSYCHE realm has achieved various stages of perfection according to the stages of attitude change of the subject person. In other words, everyone is different as far as their level of advancement. I don't know of anyone yet who is always perfectly led by the Spirit (excepting, of course, Jesus Christ).

One way to tell if you are in the PSYCHE realm or the SPIRITUAL, is to find out if your MIND is operating. If you have been told to VISUALIZE, CONCENTRATE or PROJECT your mind to something or someone, then you are operating in the realm of SOUL, or PSYCHE prayer - and if you are praying, that's not good.

If your MIND is NOT operating and a thought comes up from your heart (SPIRIT) then it will be good and the perfect will of God. If you are CONCENTRATING and THINKING on a problem, then you are operating in the SOUL realm and then what you receive may or may not be from God. In other words, sometimes the mind (SOUL) is right and sometimes it is wrong. A prophet learns to turn his MIND off and to hear from God through the HEART (SPIRIT). An immature prophet gives forth as an oracle out of his own MIND (SOUL) and claims it's from God. A lot of Christians have told me that what they were doing was from the SPIRIT, but evidence indicates it was not. Without condemning that person - let's point out that Elijah had a SCHOOL of the prophets. That indicates that the sensitivity necessary to learn and know when you are operating in the PSYCHE (SOUL/MIND) realm or in the SPIRIT realm, can be learned. It is not just a gift or else there would be no need for a SCHOOL.

The N.T. also has something to tell us in that realm. "But strong meat (understanding of the deep mysteries of the Word of God) belongeth to them that are of full age (them that have matured), even those who by reason of use have their SENSES (see, hear, smell, taste, feel) EXERCISED (practiced, trained, skilled, sharpened) to discern both GOOD (leadings of the SPIRIT) and EVIL (selfish leadings of the SOUL). Heb. 5:14.

Specifically, the answer to your question is that EXERCISE is the training technique to use to develop skill in moving from the SENSES of the SOUL into the eternal truth of the SPIRIT. However, EXERCISE implies occasional ERROR and mistakes. So we advise our students to EXERCISE in private (much the same as you would practice a musical instrument in private) and then perform in public after they have gained expertise.



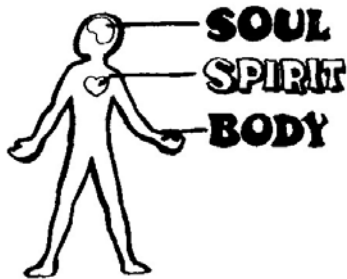
I do not advise development of sensitivity in the PARAPSYCHE realm because it so often easily masquerades as the realm of the HOLY SPIRIT, and also to leading of the spirit of man. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. Prov. 20:27

Our public (and some private) schools taught us to develop our PSYCHE (MIND) realm, but we should now abandon our carnal minds and seek to change them to the MIND of Christ. So I would not recommend working on your PSYCHE powers, but I would recommend that you seek to develop your SPIRITUAL sensitivity.

In **the realm** of SPIRIT, the knowledge comes from our HEART - not from our head PSYCHE. Naturally, this is very difficult to differentiate and Hebrews 5:14 tells us **that** it can only be mastered through use and

EXERCISE. The word EXERCISE indicates that the practitioner is willing to stand up and fall down or even be willing to **strike a few bad chords while** learning to master the good ones. The reason that these realms are considered bad in church circles is because of a Calvinistic teaching which states that when we become saved we become perfect. Naturally, if a Calvinistic person such as a Baptist, believes that they are made perfect at their first trip to the altar, then there is no reason for further use or EXERCISE in the learning process. However, a further study in theology indicates that the Wesleyan or Armenian approach has great merit in teaching a SECOND work of further sanctification.

I call your attention at this point to the fact that we need: 1. Justification, 2. Sanctification and 3. Glorification. Sanctification takes place through use and EXERCISE. In this realm it is possible to determine if the thought is coming from the HEAD (son) or HEART (SPIRIT) by use or by EXERCISE, but, unfortunately, it is as hard for me to explain articulately or in writing how to use or EXERCISE your SENSES as it would be for me to explain to you how to pick up a trumpet - and through simple manipulation of three fingers and your lips - to play the FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE. This can only be done by use and EXERCISE of the SENSES as explained in Hebrews 5:14. In a similar way we learn to detect the source of our information as to whether it's from the HEART (SPIRIT) or HEAD (SOUL) through use and EXERCISE.



But we also at that stage call our students'-attention to the fact that the Christian society doesn't want to hear you EXERCISE. In other words, the church only wants a perfect performance so it's necessary to EXERCISE your SENSES in this realm in the privacy of an environment where you are surrounded by loved ones who are tolerant of your mistakes while you are EXERCISING. I repeat that the church society is not tolerant in this realm. They find it difficult to get along with you while you learn to play your trumpet (determine good in the SPIRIT from evil in the SOUL).

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in referring to our Father, taught us that God is SPIRIT and TRUTH and we know that there are times when the 6th sense doesn't always bring eternal truth - but sometimes it brings us temporal error. When operating in the SPIRIT, NO errors are ever made. That is why the PARAPSYCHE realm is not as good as the SPIRITUAL realm.

Certain other words can become key words to watch out for. When someone is THINKING about something, VISUALIZING something, CONCENTRATING on something and they get MAGICAL knowledge - then there is great likelihood that they were operating in the 6th sense realm called

PARAPSYCHE because to THINK, to CONCENTRATE and to VISUALIZE are all functions of our PSYCHE (SOUL). This has nothing to do with the SPIRIT.

When knowledge comes up from the HEART rather than down from the HEAD - it is SPIRITUAL. The French expression "dejavu" does not fully take into account as to whether the knowledge comes from the 6th sense, which may or may not be true, or whether the knowledge came from the heart, innermost part or bowels, which knowledge is ALWAYS TRUE. There is even a present day expression for torso, organ thinking. It is, called gut-level thinking, When you think at the gut-level, you bypass all of the programmed knowledge that has come to your brain through what you can see, hear, taste, smell or feel. This is SPIRITUAL thinking that Jesus referred to in John 7:27, wherein Jesus states that out of your innermost part (belly, gut) shall flow rivers of living water, but this spake He of the SPIRIT, not SOUL (MIND) and not PARAPSYCHE 6th sense. I emphasize that the SPIRIT comes from the innermost part, symbolically referred to as torso gut organs in the Bible.

I don't believe that the HOLY SPIRIT uses the 6th sense that we call PARAPSYCHE but I do believe that the HOLY SPIRIT operated in a very similar and parallel way that is often misunderstood.

There are many scriptures which cause us to believe that the Devil is often in control of our carnal MINDS. I believe that indicates he is also in control of our 6th SENSE. But, that doesn't mean we should cut off our head to get rid of his control. We are told to put on the MIND of Christ (anointing). We are not told to kill our selfish selves - we are told to crucify our selfish desires.

I believe that many things that are done in charismatic meetings are in the soul, not the spirit realm. Some people mistakenly think that just because it happened in a charismatic meeting it must be spiritual. I believe that in the near future we will see many charismatic people learn to "exercise" their senses and know and control themselves when:

1. They are operating in their PSYCHE sense realm, responding to what they see, hear, smell, taste and feel.
2. They are operating in their higher sixth sense PARAPSYCHE realm responding to what they conjure up, visualize, concentrate on.
3. They are operating in the true HEART SPIRIT realm when they are not affected by any of the above, but they respond to the true, eternal, heavenly truth of God.

This ministry does not exist apart from your gifts