

Letters on the Word

Who are you? Why are you here? Where did you come from? Where are you going?

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“The deepest craving of the human spirit is to find a sense of significance and relevance. The search for relevance in life is the ultimate pursuit of man ... These questions – Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? What was I born to do? What can I do? Where do I fit? Why am I different? What is my potential? Where am I going? Why did I come to this planet? – are universal questions that haunt every human being. Each of us must find answers to these questions of purpose if we are going to enjoy a mean-

ingful, effective, fulfilling life.” – Myles Munroe, *The Pursuit of Purpose*, 1992

Glory be to our Lord God Almighty, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and David, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He has provided satisfying answers to these questions in His Word.

A cherished friend of mine recently had a beautiful baby girl and I was compelled by the Holy Spirit to share the following letter with her. Let’s call this friend Martha and her precious daughter, Rachel. The birth of a precious baby like Rachel reminds me that irrespective of what we think or say, we have little to do with creating life. At best, we are stewards of life. If you, like most peo-

ple, have questions related to the purpose of your life, I am here to share with you some answers I have found to be most satisfying. Glory be to our Lord God Almighty that He provides an answer to each and every one of our questions.

– In His love, Your Sister in Christ, Adjo Amekudzi



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PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I know the plans You have for me. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give me a future and a hope. Thank you for your plans for me. Thank you that they are plans for good and not for disaster. Thank you that they are plans to give me a future and a hope! Thank You for the precious gift of Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross has made provision for me to come boldly to Your throne 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I give you all the honor and glory and praise for creating me with purpose. Amen.

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Dear Martha,

I feel that God has been impressing on my heart to write you this letter for a while now. With the birth of Rachel, I believe this is a good time to write to you. This is perhaps the most important letter I will write to you – however, do not take what I say just because I say it – check it out with the Word of God to confirm whether what I am saying is the Word of God or just my opinion, before you choose to accept or reject it. The Bible is the Word of God – it is the longest living account of God’s relationship with man and it is internally consistent as shown through the dates of events, and prophecies, and the confirmation of prophecies, in the past, present and future.

The gift of life, the gift of Rachel, reminds me that we are not creators of our children, (or ourselves for that matter), but stewards of these children, and that the actual creator is the Lord God Almighty, the same God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the same Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who creates all things (Genesis 1:31). God creates everyone with a purpose for His kingdom (Psalm 138:8, Proverbs 19: 21; Proverbs 16:9). What are you going to tell Rachel about her true Father, i.e., her spiritual Father, the Lord God Almighty who created her and knew her before she was in your womb (Psalm 139: 13, Job 10:10, Isaiah 49:5), who has a clear purpose for her life (Proverbs 31:2), and who placed her in this generation and dispensation to carry out the purpose He has for her life? What you can tell her is limited by what you

know: you can only give her what you know (2 Timothy 1:5). However, if you think about it for a moment, you may realize that her spiritual inheritance is the most important thing in her life as far as the things that will have eternal consequences in her life – all other things are temporal and of little consequence eternally. The best thing you can give her has to do with her spiritual inheritance rather than anything material or temporal. That will be your enduring legacy to her and it will affect your line for generations to come – one way or the other. That is why it becomes important – I tell myself – to know who God is.



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The Bible – which is God’s Word to humanity in this dispensation – birthed through the blood of His son and non-trivial sacrifices of many of His prophets and true followers – says that the Word is God (John 1:1) and so the extent to which you know God’s Word (which has been made available to us in the Bible) is the extent to which you know God. If you do not know the Word, you do not know God – I tell myself.

Recently, I have come to see that a lot of people who profess to be Christians are living in deception. They say things that they don’t know are true about God because it is contemporarily acceptable to say such things. But I have come to know that if it is not in His Word, then it has no basis and it is not true. And that is why I urge you to go to the Word to check out what I am saying before you choose either to accept it or reject it. If I want to know who God is then I have to go to His Word. If I say I know you, Martha, and know nothing of your values, your goals, your agenda, and what you stand for, then I may think I know you but really do not know you at all. I simply roll along with a vague idea of who you are and may claim things about you every now and then but these things have very little to do with who you really are. That is why it becomes imperative that we know the Word, because in knowing the Word, we know God, and then what we say has substance, and so it has the backing of the power of God – because it is anchored on what He has said about himself, i.e., the truth.

What does God say about Himself? What does God say about you?

So what does God say about you, Martha? Or me? Or any of the other people He has created? *We are all created by God but we are not all children of God.* (Genesis 1:31, Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:5, Romans 8:15). Why, because we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) – and that brings separation, because God is of purer eyes than to behold evil (Habakkuk 1:13). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23): spiritual separation from God and its consequences – i.e., lack of peace, sickness, etc., – the sorts of things we see

characterizing the present world when we look around us – in essence, a lack of *abundant* life and *eternal* life.

One of the main attributes of God is that He is holy (Psalm 47:8, Psalm 96:9; 1 Timothy 4:7), and this holiness cannot and so does not fraternize with evil or sin. So God, in His infinite wisdom and loving-kindness has provided a way for us to bridge that gap from sin and come back into fellowship with Him and that is through His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who through the work He did on earth some 2007 years ago, provided a pathway to bring us back into close fellowship with the Father. But we also have a part to play also in availing ourselves of this open door, because love does not insist on its own way (1 Corinthians 13:5) – that is why we each have a choice as to whether we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior or not – and it is only by accepting Him that we become children of God (i.e., adopted children of God; adopted into His kingdom). Jesus is the only begotten son or child of God (John 3:16) – all others become children by adoption (Ephesians 1:5), that is, by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior – i.e., what is also referred to as being born again – i.e., born of the spirit.

We each have a natural birth and a spiritual birth. Are you born again?

You see, Rachel has been born naturally of you: you are her natural mother, but you had nothing to do with creating her; you were selected to be a steward of her life that already has a God-given purpose. If she takes the steps to receive Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior sometime in her life, she will become born spiritually into the Kingdom of God. If she doesn't, her soul will be lost

as far as the spiritual Kingdom of God is concerned, (because the wages of sin is death – spiritual death, spiritual separation from God [Romans 6:23]). That is why we all have a *natural birth*, and then a *spiritual birth*. Your spiritual birth is your choice. Some people come to this earth and miss it altogether – they never take the steps to receive the gift of salvation wrought by the blood of Jesus Christ for them; they never take the time to find out why God has created and put them on this earth for the period He has done so; and they never move forward to fulfill their assignment



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in His Kingdom – they simply roll on through life with no purpose as it relates to their Creator who made them and put them on earth for the finite time He has chosen in order that they might fulfill their purpose for His kingdom (Isaiah 49:5). They replace their God-given purpose with temporal things of no eternal consequence – like their jobs, their careers, their material possessions etc., (i.e., pursuing the world at the expense of their soul [Matthew 16:26; Mark 8: 36]). I pray that this will not be your portion or that of your family, in Jesus' name. Amen.

So if we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), what is the way back to the glory of God? The way back to that glory has been secured by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through his work done on earth some 2007 years ago (John 3:16), and all we have to do now is to accept the provision He has made to bring us into our spiritual inheritance as *children of God*. We become children through Christ, because on our own we are not righteous enough to maintain that pure and undefiled relationship (James 1:27) with God who is of purer eyes than to behold evil.

Who is God's creation? Who are God's children?

The only person who does not need to be born again – i.e., born of the spirit through Jesus Christ, is the one who has never sinned – because once we sin, we fall short of the glory of God and God will not maintain a relationship with sin. That's why through Christ we can renew our lives and ask for forgiveness of sins whenever we need to – and we are granted forgiveness automatically as children of God, when we ask for forgiveness (1 John 1:9) – because we are in right relationship with God, right standing with God. Forgiveness of sin, which comes only through Jesus Christ, is necessary in order to keep the relationship with our Heavenly Father right.

If I ask you whether you are born again and you don't know, then it means you are not born again – because if you were born spiritually into the Kingdom of God, it would be clear to you what it entailed and what it now means in your life. To be born again, you pray the sinner's prayer to acknowledge God as your creator; to acknowledge that you have sinned and fallen short of the glory

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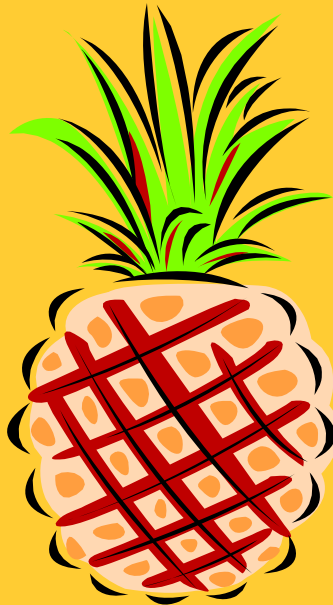
of God, and so need Jesus Christ (through the sacrifice He made for you some 2007 years ago) to bring you to the Father – and then accept Jesus Christ as your savior. In so doing, you become a child of God by adoption into the Kingdom of God. This is one version of the sinner's prayer that you can pray if (or when) you are ready to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and become born into the Kingdom of God:

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always. Amen."

This is the first step in your walk with God. It is like a wedding versus a marriage which is your actual life-long walk with your partner. Walking with God then follows in which you must get to know Him and then relate to Him based on your knowledge of Him and His values, His principles, His agenda and His purpose for your life. This means you must invest the time to read and study His Word and live in obedience to what He says, in essence you must align your life with His desires for your life: that entails committing to spend the time necessary to get to know Him, and committing to obey His will. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren is an excellent book that spells this out in some more detail. If you can, check it out the

next time you are in a bookstore.

This is the most important letter I will write to you, I believe, because depending on your response to it, it can change the eternal consequences of your life and that of your family – align them with destiny, God's destiny for your lives. However, don't take what I say just because I say it, Martha. Check it out with God's Word (i.e., God is His Word (John 1:1) – so check it out with God) – it is there for all of us – and if it is true, then you will find it is true for you. One thing I have come to know as I have begun to commit myself to get to know God is that there is no wishy-washiness with God; there is no uncertainty; His



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Word is very clear about who He is, what He expects; how He will bless His children versus what accrues to His creation but not His children; what is of no eternal consequence versus what is of eternal consequence; the importance of the soul and how the soul can be lost if one does not take the steps to be born into the spiritual Kingdom of God – and then go on to align oneself with God's purposes for one's life.

What does God say about your child?

The Bible says "Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This verse is talking about the spiritual inheritance you are to put in your child; the spiritual legacy you leave for your child and the rest of the generations in your lineage that come after you through your child. There are no vacuums: if you don't put the authentic spiritual inheritance in your child, you leave her open for someone else to put something in her, including something that is counterfeit and not of God. I pray that this not be your portion, in Jesus' name. Amen.

In His Love,
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