SOUL DETOX THE RESTLESS SOUL

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A Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

- WE ARE CREATED WITH PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE: BODY
- WE ARE CREATED WITH NON-PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE: SOUL
- OUR FULL IDENTITY IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT BOTH.

THE BODY IS LIKE A <u>SHIP</u> AND THE SOUL IS LIKE THE <u>SAIL</u> THAT PROPELS IT ACROSS THE WATER.

SO WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I DIE? The Bible is not very descriptive, but it is clear—death is not the end of you. There is an interim state.

To summarize: Before death, I exist as an embodied soul. At death, my body dies and eventually ceases to exist, yet I remain as a disembodied soul. I retain my personal identity, until the general resurrection when I receive a new glorified body.

--Brandon L. Rickabaugh

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7 KJV

THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT TAKING CARE OF OUR BODIES IN OUR CULTURE TODAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR SOULS?

THE CURSE OF THE RESTLESS SOUL

Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a <u>restless wanderer</u> on the earth. Genesis 4:11-12

What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? 23 All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his <u>mind does not rest</u>... Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

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HOW DO WE FIND REST IN GOD?

BE <u>STILL</u> BEFORE <u>GOD</u>.

Be still, and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10

But I have <u>stilled and quieted my soul</u>; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. Psalm 131:2

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Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him... Psalm 37:7

I wait for the Lord, my <u>soul waits</u>, and in his word <u>I put my hope</u>. 6 <u>My soul waits for</u> the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning... Psalm 130:5-6

- What do you want to say to me?
- What do you want to show me?
- What do you want to do in me?
- REFLECT ON GOD'S GOODNESS.

Be <u>at rest</u> once more, <u>O my soul</u>, for the Lord has been <u>good to you</u>. 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 9 that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 116:7-9

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