

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 8:29 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. Transformation requires intentionality. What are you doing to intentionally move in the direction of the way of Jesus?

Read through the deeply formed life slide. Which of those do you feel the need for in your life? How can others pray for you in pursuing a deeply formed life?

Read John 14:30, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 6:12, James 4:4, and 2 Peter 1:4. Do you believe there is an anti-Jesus influence in our world that wants to shackle you?



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Every day we are presented with the question of the garden. Do you trust God more, or yourself more? Who is on the throne of your life? Read 2 Corinthians 11:3. As you read through the idols of the past and present, what stands out as a weakness in your life?

Colossians 2:7 NLT
A life strong in truth has the fruit of thanksgiving and praise! Practicing gratitude/thankfulness also builds our faith. Commit to spending time intentionally giving thanks this week!



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Cultivating Formation



**DESTINATION
DETERMINES
DIRECTION →**

ROMANS 8:29 +
For those God foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18
And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory,
are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory

METAMORPHOO
To change into another form.

2 PETER 1:4 NASB1995

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature.

A DEEPLY FORMED LIFE MOVES US FROM

VICTIM to VICTOR
RESTLESS to RESTING
WORTHLESS to WORTH FULL
PLEASING PEOPLE to RELEASING PEOPLE
INSECURITY to SECURITY
ABSENCE to ACCESS
POVERTY to PROVISION
INTIMIDATED to INTIMIDATING
WORRY to WORSHIP
PREVENTED to PRESENCE
PROVING to APPROVED
FEAR to FREEDOM

JOHN 15:5 NASB1995

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

ROMANS 11:17 NASB1995

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree.

JOHN 10:9-10



I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
They will come in and go out, and find pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

ABUNDANT

Superior, extraordinary,
surpassing, uncommon.

JOHN 3:16 NASB1995

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:17 NASB1995

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world,
but that the world might be saved through Him.

JOHN 16:8 NASB1995

And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

JOHN 14:30 NASB1995

I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

ROMANS 12:2 NASB1995

And do not be conformed to this world

Conforming is also
anti-conforming

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4 NASB1995

In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

EPHESIANS 2:2 +

in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

EPHESIANS 6:12 NASB1995

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

JAMES 4:4 NLT +

Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

2 PETER 1:4 NASB1995

For by these He has granted to us
His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you
may become partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

STEAL KLEPTO

How do we have a deeply
formed life?
By having a deeply rooted life.

When we have a rooted life
there is no need for revival.

COLOSSIANS 2:7 NLT

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

COLOSSIANS 2:8 NLT

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:11 NLT

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

Since Satan could not dethrone God in Heaven, his goal is to dethrone God in hearts.

GENESIS 3:3 NLT +

God said, "You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die."

GENESIS 3:4 NLT +

"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman.

GENESIS 3:5 NLT +

"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

Satans Lies:

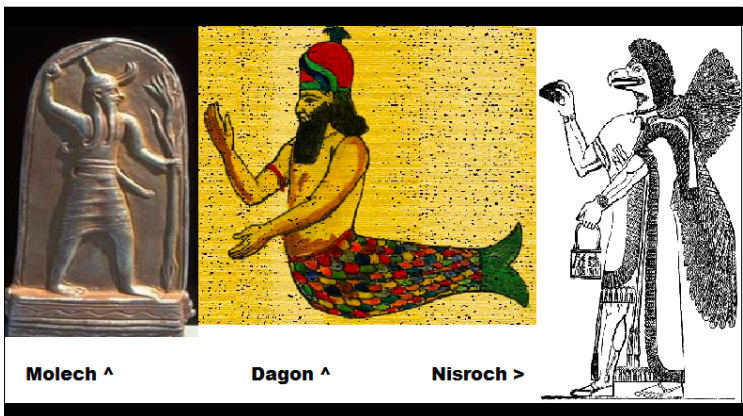
God is a liar. Don't trust Him.
God is oppressing you, and you are a victim.
You deserve to be your own god.

Misplaced trust leads to misplaced worship.

Satan preaches a theology of self exaltation.

ROMANS 1:25 +

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator

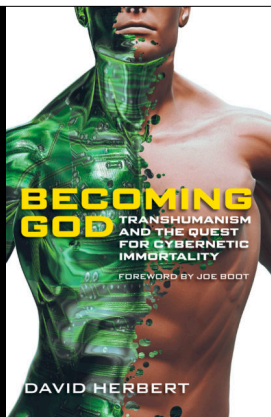


IDOLS OF THE PAST & PRESENT

Wealth
Prosperity
Reproduction/Fertility
Vanity and Status
Conquest and Hoarding
Sexuality and Pleasure
Fear and Terror

“Soon we would reach the ‘singularity’, the point at which we would be transformed into what Kurzweil called ‘spiritual machines.’ We would transfer or ‘resurrect’ our minds onto supercomputers, allowing us to live forever.”

Ray Kurzweil



Satan uses a strategy of
Popularize, Sanitize,
Normalize, then Weaponize.



“I love that we are normalizing paganism. Laura is a pagan. She’s a witch. She’s jacked.”

Aubrey Plaza

LILITH

A female demon of the night who supposedly flies around searching for newborn children either to kidnap or strangle them.

“Yes, we all possess a bit of Lilith's unacceptable rebelliousness in us, which believe me, requires more than a bit of courage.”

Huffpost

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-4 +

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

2 TIMOTHY 4:3 +

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1 +

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

1 TIMOTHY 4:6



If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

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