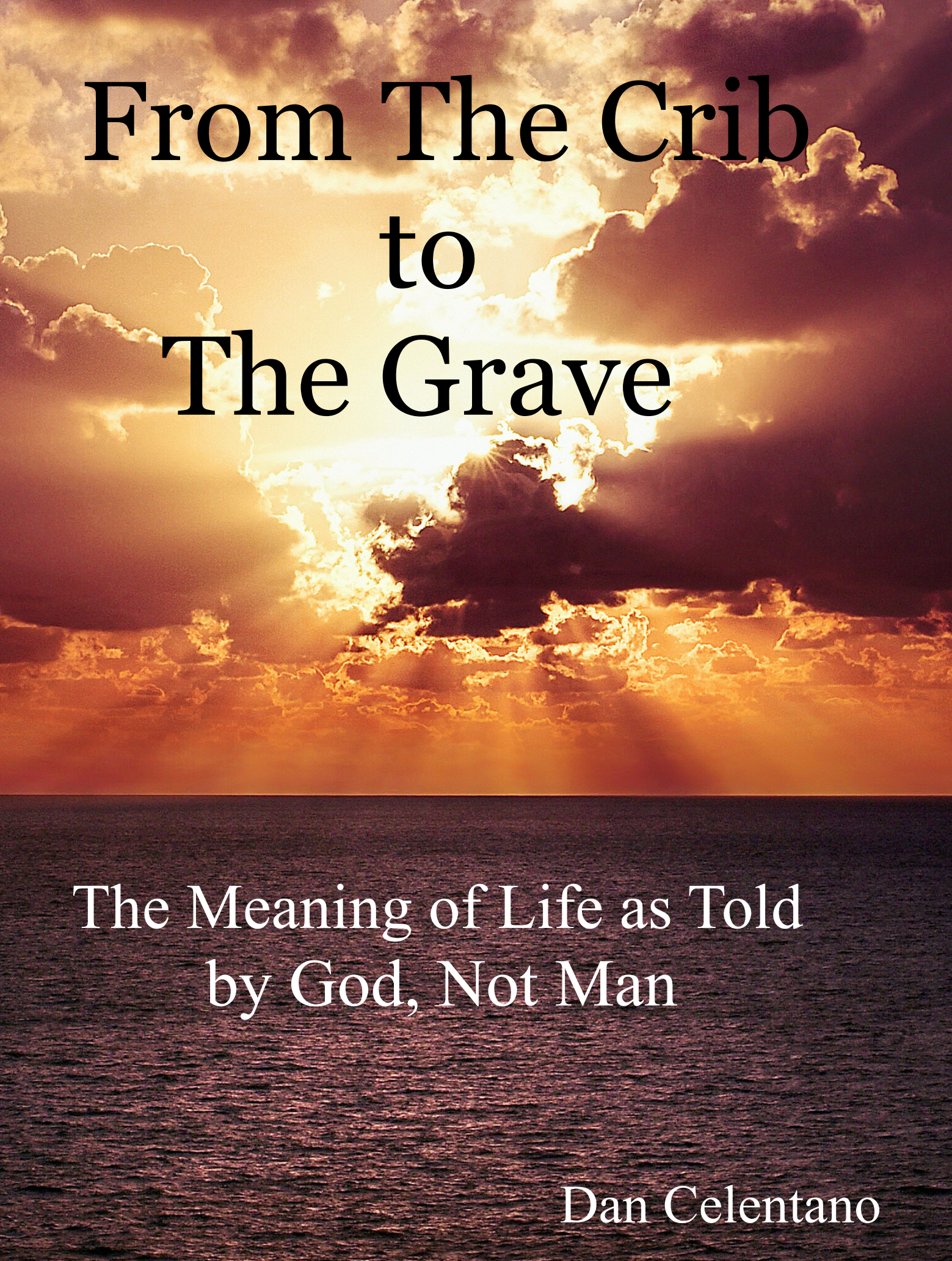




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Introduction

Why was I born?

*Why did God put me on this earth anyway.
I see no reason for being here.*

*We live, we work, we love, we loose. we suffer we die.
What is the purpose of all this?*

Nothing makes sense.

Sometimes I wish I was taken from the crib to the grave.

I imagine there aren't too many people who haven't asked themselves similar questions such as this at one point or another during their life.

I know I have.

I remember asking such questions when I was going through hard times. In those moments, everything seemed so hopeless. Life presented no reasonable, rationale explanation for its' existence.

I questioned God repeatedly on this, often with the requests to take me out of here, or as Job put it, go...

'from the womb to the grave'. (Job 10v19)

I've heard "man" talk about the reason for our existence many times. From the 'lay' man to the preacher, there were a variety of explanations to choose from.

However, when it got right down to it,
no one really seemed to know for sure.

It was then I decided to search for answers on my own from someone who would **undoubtable** know: **God**. After all, He created us and put us here on this earth. If He don't know, who does?

After a long, deep, search through the word of God, I did find the answer. It was right there for everyone to see.

In this book, I will explain what I found.

For those who are familiar with the bible, I've included **biblical references** throughout the book.

The references not only document what I say, but they will give you deeper insight from the *Word of God*.

One more thing...

To understand the deeper mysteries of God's word, you must first be willing to **put aside** what you've learned from man. Don't discard it or toss it out, simply put it aside.

From here, you will need to **open your mind; start from a clean slate** and go beyond what man has taught you, reading God's word from a **spiritual point of view, rather than from an earthy one.**

If you focus on this, diligently seeking out God's Word,...

*...seekest it as silver, and searchest for her as for hidden treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the **knowledge of God.** Proverbs 2v1-5*

Happy Birthday

In The Beginning:

How old are you?

Are you sure?

Truth is, your existence here on this earth did not start with the birth of your flesh body. In fact you were born in a spiritual body **millions of years**.

This time period of your creation is called the ***First Earth Age***.

If you don't understand what happened in the First Earth age, you will **never** understand the Meaning of Life.

Let me explain.

The formation of the **First Earth Age** begins in Genesis, Chap.1v1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Notice the period at the end of the sentence. This sentence marks the creation of the First Earth Age. Same earth, just a different age.

It was at this time all mankind was created in spiritual bodies known as our **souls**. (Jer 1v5; Eph 1v4; Rm 8v29; Rev. 17v8 **foundation=first earth age; beast=satan (Rev 12)**).

Verse 2 of Genesis explains what happened to the First Earth Age:

*v2 And the earth **was without form**, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

The word **“was”** is translated **“became”** in the Hebrew. The words **“without form”** is **tohu va bohu**, which being translated is **“empty and void.”**

So the verse reads: **“And the earth became empty and void.”**

You can read about how the First Earth Age became **“empty and void”** in the following passages, among others.

Jer 4v23-28 Ps 104v6-10 Is 24v1-4

Also created in the first earth age was a soul named Lucifer, better known as satan. Satan played a major role in the destruction of that First Earth Age (**Ezz 28; Tyrus = satan**).

Satan was a special creation of God and was gifted with great beauty and wisdom and made perfect (complete) in all his ways. (**Ezz 28v15-17**)

Meditating on all the wonderful gifts God has given him, from wisdom to beauty, he became prideful thinking that it is he who should be sitting on the throne of God instead of God himself. (**Isaiah 14:13-14 or Ezekiel 28:12-18**)

At this point satan tries to misled all the souls created into overthrowing God so he could take His place on the thorn. (**Isaiah 14v13-14**)

One third of the souls **did** chose to follow satan. (Rev 12v4; stars = people: see Job 38:7; Ps 147v4)

You and I were there. How we reacted at that time is of course impossible to know. However, how we present ourselves in **this earth age** should **certainly** gives us a pretty good idea.

Obviously, the rebellion of satan didn't sit well with God. Not wanting to destroy all of His children, God instead destroys **the earth age** with water (2Peter3v5 ie: not Noahs flood) and created a new age; the earth age we are living in now (2pt3v7). Same earth, different age.

There are 3 earth & heaven ages.

1st earth age: Gen 1;
2nd earth age: Gen 2v1:
3rd earth age; Rev 21v1

(2Pt3v5-7 talks about all three ages.)

This second earth age, however, will be different from the first.

All the souls born, you, me and all who ever lived and will live, will now be placed into flesh bodies **to be tested** as to whether we will follow **God** or **satan**. (1Jn3v8-10; Rm 6v16;)

God will be watching closely to see what kind of choices His children will make (Pro. 5v21; Ps. 33v13; Job 34v21).

The Flesh Body

Second Earth Age

In Chapter 1 of Genesis, God replenishes the earth from the destruction (**Ps 104v6-10**) and then begins putting our spiritual bodies (souls) into flesh bodies (**Gen 1v27-28**) according to the persons' appointed **time** and **purpose** in life. (**Ep 1v5; Jer 1v5**)

The word '**host**' in **Genesis 2v1** is translated in Hebrew as *a mass of persons organized for war (an army); soldiers, waiting upon war.*

Thus, each soul is *waiting* for their turn to pass through this earth age to **do battle** with satan and his evil spirits in order to **prove their love** for God. (**Rm. 6v16; 7v21-25;)**

**In this battle lies the
SOLE REASON
for your existence here on earth.**

**The results of the choices you make
between God and satan
will determine the destiny of your soul**

FOREVER (**Jn 5v28-29**).

Whereas family, friends, your jobs, the schools you've attended, the activities you participate in, the people you meet along the way, the problems you face, etc., may all **feed into** the choices you make, they are all still **secondary in terms of importance** to the **salvation of your soul** (**1 Peter 1:7-10**).

You will face temptation from satan **DAILY** having to do with the **smallest of things** right up to the **most challenging**, for he is *a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour:* (1Pt5v8)

Will satan get the best of you in this war and lure you away from God

or

will you earn the **respect** of God and prevail? (Rm 7v18-25)

NOTHING

is more important than winning this battle against satan daily.

NOTHING

As soon as you take your eyes off what is really important here on earth, you are headed for **serious problems**. (Jn 12v25)

After all.....*what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his* soul? **Matt 16v26.**

{ **Note; Eph. 6** starting with v11 will tell you how you can **prepare** and ultimately **win** this war with satan. }

The Intimacy of God in Helping You to Win the War

Now comes the most **fascinating**, but yet seldom talked about, part of The Meaning of Life, and that is **the integral part God plays** in helping us win this war.

Jesus knows how tough the battle with satan can be. He's experienced it **many times**. (Example: [Matt 4v1-11](#))

Because of this, God helps us by literally walking along side us and **guiding us** in all the important choices we make along the way in life ([Ps 32v8](#)).

That is,
GUIDING US,
not making the choices for us.

We are all given free will and all choices we make are **up to us** ([Rm 6v16](#); [7v18-25](#); [Pro 16v9](#)).

Simply put,
We walk
We choose
*God then **guides us** into doing what is right.*
[Proverbs 3v5-6](#); [Proverbs 16v9](#);

Whether we listen to Him or not is up to us.

After all, if the GPS guidance system tells you to make a RIGHT TURN and you ignore it and choose to turn LEFT instead, whose fault will it be when **you get LOST**?

This walk with God is called **walking in the spirit**. (Rom 8v1;4)

Walking in the spirit means that you are trying your best to align your **thoughts and actions** with that of the teachings of Christ on a daily bases (Rom 8v4).

When you do this, you and God are **one** and thus you become a **child of God**. (Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4v6;).

When you're walking with God as His **child**, satan does not have much of a chance to pull you away from Him as long as you stay faithful. (Heb 11v6; Rom 8v31; Lk 10v19).

Below are just a few references to show just how intimate God is in guiding and protecting us through the "**battle field**" of life.

Read them for yourself and see.

Start with **Ps 139**.

Also...

Ps 73v23-24

Matt. 28v20

Isaiah 58:11

Jer 23:23-24

to name just a few

God takes us by the hand and guides us on the path to salvation that is **tailor made just for us**. (Ps 32v8)

In fact the path He chooses for you was thought of even before **your soul** was born in the **first earth age** (Ps 139v16).

Think about that for a moment. This is a path **no man** can plan on his own, only God, and God chose it **just for you** as being the best path that would lead you to salvation.(Jer 10v23)

Tribulation Along the Way

During our walk with God, we **will all** experience tribulation along the way. (1Pt 4v12-13).

Tribulation and suffering play a key role in understanding the **Meaning of Life**. It's what keeps us close to God.

God will **allow** tribulation (Job 1v7-12; 2v1-7) and suffering for a purpose.

Let me explain:

During our walk through this life there are going to be people who will **totally ignore** God's word and will try to walk a path **of their own**, disrespecting God along the way. (Matt 13v18-19 seed being the word of God; Heb 11v6)

Then there will be those who will hear the word of God and receive it joyfully. However, as time goes by, **they never bother to study Gods Word**. As soon as they are **persecuted** for it, they fall away from God, drifting away from their faith because there is no "root" in **The Word** to give them strength. (Matt 13v20-21; Heb 11v6)

And of course there will be those who will hear the word of God, but the cares of this world such as **riches, fame, power, personal problems** and **ambitions** become more important and will gradually **"choke off the word"** as they too drift away from the faith. (Matt 13v22; Heb 11v6)

When people begin **drifting away from God** such as the examples given above, it concerns Him **greatly**. He is **passionate** about seeing to it that all His children spend eternity with Him (2Pt 3v9). Unfortunately, most will not (Matt 7v14).

However, this doesn't stop God from trying.

To keep us from moving too far away from our faith and possibly losing our soul in the process, God may use what is called **tough love** to pull us back ([Job 33v12-33](#)).

Let's face it. We are a foolish, stubborn people ([Jer 4v22](#); [Acts 7v51-60](#)). Tough love is the only thing most people understand and the only thing that will get our attention.

In using tough love, God will allow us to...

Be **WONDED** so that we may be **HEALED**.

Be **BROUGHT LOW** so that we may be **LIFTED UP**.

Be **HUMBLE**d so that we may be **EXULTED**. *

Suffering is not an easy thing to take. However, when it has completed its course, there will be those who will understand its purpose ([Heb 12v11](#)), those who will not understand it ([Job 19v7](#)), and those who will trust God when He says that of [Isaiah 55:9](#).

All this is a part of the choices you make while here in this earth age.

Even Paul, the author of most of the New Testament, went through a **great deal** of tribulation during his life ([2Cor11v24-30](#)).

However, Paul didn't see it as anything vindictive or cruel in any way. He didn't curse God for all that he went through but rather saw suffering as a **necessary blessing** to keep him close to **Him**.

Paul understood the purpose for His suffering ([2Cor12v7-10](#)) and summarized it by saying *for when I am weak, I am strong*. ([2Cor12v10](#))

*E.W Bullinger

Pauls' suffering is an example to us that there is **always a purpose** to Gods tough love and that '***purpose***' is **always centered around one thing; saving our souls**, even if that means using the flesh body to do so.

I repeat, even if that means using the flesh body to do so.

God is not shy in doing this when it comes to your soul (**Job 33v19-30**).

The reason for this is simple:

Your soul is **FAR MORE IMPORTANT** than your flesh. It is not your flesh that will be judged when you die, it is your soul.

Your flesh body serves just **two basic functions**:

1. It is a **container** for your spiritual body (soul) while here on earth. (**2Cor5v6-8; 2Cor 5v10**).
2. Being a sinful entity, the flesh forces us **to make a choice** between **fleshly pleasures** (**Rm 7v 20-21**) or **heavenly rewards** (**1John 2:17**) .

This conflict between our soul and the sinful flesh contributes greatly to the choices we will make between God and satan. (**Rms 7v18-25**).

Once the flesh has completed its purpose, it returns back to dust from whence it came (**2Cor5v1**) and **serves no other purpose other than to feed the worms of the earth.** (**Ecc 12v7**).

It is important to understand that God will never allow anything to happen to you that you are not able to handle. God knows **better than you** how strong you are and what you can handle, even if you don't think so. (**1Cor10v13**)

In addition to this, God will always show you **a way out** so that you are able to handle it and eventually overcome ([1Cor 10v13](#); [Is 55v9](#)).

Be patient during tribulation. The whole idea of tribulation lies in the hope that you will **turn to God** for help and **trust** that He will get you through your suffering, which He always will ([Jms 1v2-4;12](#); [2Thes.1v4-5](#); [1Pt1v7](#)).

The more this happens, the stronger your faith in Him grows. ([2Cor12v10](#))

Fact is, God will never leave you nor forsake you during your time of suffering; or **ever** for that matter ([Heb 13v5](#); [Jer 23v23](#); [Is 59v1](#); [Job 32v21](#); [1Pe 3:12](#)).

Note: You will find a more in-depth study as to why God allows suffering in the book *Ten Biblical Mysteries Most Pastors Don't Talk About (Pg. 5; The End of The Lord)* which is located on this website and is free to download.

Judgement

Third Earth/Heaven Age

The Third Earth and Heaven Age (**Rev 21**) marks the **last stage of our life**. It is this stage that will determine whether life will end in **everlasting punishment** or continue with **everlasting life**. (**Matt 25v44-46; Jn 3v16; Gal 6v8**)

The earth at this point will have been rejuvenated, purified and cleansed with water and fire (**Isaiah 29:6; 2Pt3v10**) prepared for the judgment our souls. (**2Cor 5v10; Rev 20v12**)

Thus a **summary** of our **whole life** and the **Meaning of Life** in general would be as follows:

Our souls were...

Born in **Spiritual Bodies** (1st Earth age), (**Gen 1v1**)

Tested in the **Flesh Body**, (2nd Earth age) (**Rm 7v18-20**)

and will be

Judged in the **Spirit Body** (3rd Earth age) (**2Cor5v10**)

Each of us will stand before God and be judged according to what is written the books (**Rev 20v12-15; Romans 14:11-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10;**)

Revelation 21v1-7 tells you what happens if you win the war against satan in this earth age we are living in now.

Revelation 20v12-15 will tell you what will happen if you don't. **Note:** The "sea" mentioned in v13 of Chapter 20 "are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." The second death mentioned is the death of your soul, the first being the death of the flesh. (**Matthew 10:28**)

When you stand before God, it will be too late to ask for a second chance (**Luke 16v19-31**). Now is the time to prove yourself, not after you die.

Considering that we are only able to use **one tenth** of our brain capacity here on earth involving thoughts, feelings, pain, suffering, joy, perception of beauty, etc., imagine how we will feel when we stand before God using **one hundred percent** of our brain?

It's either going to be a **powerful site of overwhelming beauty** and **indescribable feelings of joy and love** never experienced here on earth,

or

an accelerated amount of **paralyzing fear** multiplied **a hundred fold** for those who have had no respect for God. ([Heb 10v30-31; Rev 18v15 in reference to the return of Christ. The word "fear" is translated exceedingly, fear, terror.](#))

The Bottom Line is Simple....

**We will all make choices while here in this flesh age
and
the choices we make will turn around
and
end up making us on judgment day.
[Can't put it any plainer than that.](#)**

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**For more information on
*Judgement Day***

Download the book on this site

**[Ten Biblical Mysteries Most Pastors Don't Talk About](#)
[Pg. 73 What Happens When We Die](#). This book, like all books
on this site (dancelsbooks.com), is free to download.**

Conclusion

There is a saying that goes:

***Live in an environment long enough
and
you become that environment.***

Living in the flesh here on earth all of our lives, we have most certainly become "***this environment.***"

Unfortunately, too many people have become
"this environment"

to a point where they **actually believe** that
"this environment" is all there is and will last forever.

These people only see things in **this dimension** of time and give no thought to the next. [**\(2Cor4v18\).**](#)

Matthew says it best in chapter **6v19-21** when he talks to those who think like this. Read it for yourself.

Also read ***Matthew 16:26*** for the **definitive word** on claiming this earth age as your home.

For more information on the following subjects:

The End of The Lord; Why God Allows Suffering

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The End Times

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