

GOD Talk #12  
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## Reality - Part 2

In the previous discussion, I have recalled the account of the homicide of that famous musician (who was shot in New York City) for a number of reasons. The first is to accentuate an awareness of the fact that most people do not know when their earthly life will end. That fact is almost as obscure as knowing when, (or if), it will begin. [It has been calculated that the odds that the person who is “you” (the two particular reproductive cells which combined during your conception) would be born, is 1 in 353,017,844.]

Taking this awareness into account, it would seem logical that we would arduously contemplate the very **existence** of our lives, and carefully **deliberate** as to its meaning and purpose. Yet, for most people, not even these meticulous exercises are sufficient to illuminate this reality. That is, only a small percentage of people can rationalize that their lives are the result of Divine Creation. Moreover, **all** of us need to transcend the limits of our five senses, and also that of our minds, before the **certainty** of GOD’s Existence can become apparent. Until we “go beyond ourselves”, we cannot positively discern whether it is Him or “us” (or another spirit) that we are deliberating. Perhaps this limitation is one of the Reasons why Avenu (our Heavenly FATHER) Is Pleased when we exercise our Faith. (Heb 11:6)

Secondly, while it is true that we are in a continuous spiritual battle, GOD Is Always Ready to Deliver us out of our afflictions. (Ps 34:19) We must stay aware of these Truths, and remain ready to fight those spiritual battles which GOD Has Set before us to strengthen us, Designed to make us more like Himself. It is our very Faith in GOD which affects our victory or defeat. (1 Jn 5:4-5) When He Is For Us, we will win. (Rom 8:31b)

Thirdly, the Faith that we need to secure our Salvation and our Spiritual victories is A Gift From GOD. The Apostle Sha’ul (Paul) entreats us as he teaches us this truth. “... to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, **as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**” (Rom 12:3c-f) (bolding ours)

Yes, we **all** have within us The Faith that we need to accomplish GOD’s Will for our lives, but it is **we ourselves** that **must choose** to exercise it. It is **our choice** whether we Believe or don’t believe. ***This singular decision determines our Eternal Destiny.*** So **please, be illuminated in this matter!**

“... there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. Great men are not always wise...” (Job 32:8-9a)

**Now, *that's* reality.**