



On a Mission

Our Christian training has informed us that Jesus had a unique connection with His Heavenly Father. On the other hand He also had a unique connection with humankind, that includes us. I do not intend to try to explain how all of this fits together and works, but I do want to make the point that Jesus' unique persona does hold a special message for us.

Jesus' humanity and teachings demonstrate to us how life is, and how it is designed to be lived. Because life itself is our greatest asset, it behooves us to invest it with the utmost care, avoiding the omnipresent scams that seek to milk us of this huge asset.

Perhaps the best lessons Jesus taught had to do with expectation, not only God's expectation of us, but our own expectation. Bluntly put, what do we expect out of life? Whatever those expectations are, if they are not met, the result is confusion, disappointment, hurt and anger. If they are met the result is joy, satisfaction and peace.

Now we need to look to/at Jesus and see if we can discern His own expectations, also, if and how they were met.

It seems clear that Jesus was on a mission, and that He fulfilled that mission although it was not without considerable struggle and trial. From all that we can determine from Scripture and other sources of divine revelation we, too, have a mission in life, and that is revealed to us, as with Jesus, along the way as we work our way through it day by day.

So when you wake up every morning, remind yourself that you are on a God-given mission, and your task is to discern what that is for that day, and do your best to carry it out. Jesus used prayer as his tool for determining what his mission was each day. We should do the same. Begin the day by asking for direction and discernment. Then quietly listen and trust the answer will unfold along the way. At the end of the day you may look back and see the answer. After you do this over and over again, you begin to trust that God does direct you in amazing and mysterious ways.

One of the surprise discoveries you will likely make is that you don't have to be doing holy and religious stuff to fulfill your daily mission. Rather, the most mundane and ordinary things you do, if done under God's guidance, are fulfilling to you and pleasing to Him.

Mostly, our mission is quite simply walking with God throughout the day, recognizing and remembering that the Holy One lives within us, which is really much like it was with Jesus.

