

WHAT'S AT YOUR CENTER?

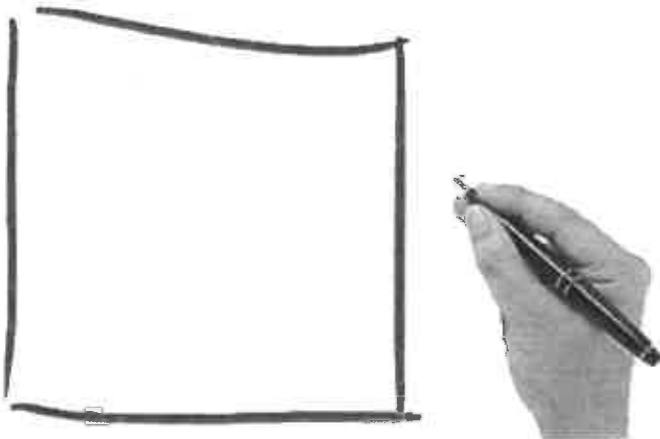
How Is Your Soul? Part 1

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Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?"

Ecclesiastes 3:19-21

What's in the box for you?



Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite — wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.

1 Kings 4:30-31

Solomons Great Experiment: "What can I put in the box?"

"Lets try pleasure...I decided to cheer myself with wine... I also tried to find meaning by building... I collected great sums of silver and gold... I hired wonderful singers, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire... Anything I wanted I would take. I denied myself no pleasure."

Ecclesiastes 2:1-10

His Conclusion: "Nothing else but God."

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun....

Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-18, 12:13

God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

Luke 12:16-20 (NAS)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come ...and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim...when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint...and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home... and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

God has planted eternity in the human heart.

Ecclesiastes 3:11(NLT)

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*