

## CHAPTER 2

# Man's Reason For Being

**God:** Well, how do you feel?

**Me:** I'm tired, but I feel good. I feel anxious about today. Might I learn the truth today as we talk?

If there are not too many barriers. I love you.

And I feel and act as God Himself does toward You also.

Do you realize that implies your love must be as Mine is—pure, intense, and non-judgmental?

Yes, I see that. It is not quite the same as what I believe many people mean when they say, “I love You.” What is the difference?

My love is unreasonable.

I don't understand.

My love—pure love—is beyond reason. It is more noble and more powerful than reason. If you say, “I love you because...” and then you propose some reason why you love, that is not pure love. It is conditional love, tainted with human selfishness. True love—**ME**—is given without reason, unconditionally. I give Myself (love) to any who will receive Me. Yet I do not force Myself (love) on anyone. Each of you is free to accept Me (love) or reject Me (love).

So, whenever we accept love we are really accepting You?

Right. Anyone who loves purely is of God, for I Myself love through them. And, even if you know all things and have all power yet do not have Me (love), you have nothing of value! I am all that can be or is good. And what is the highest good?

You are—that is, **LOVE** is.

Very good. There is no higher or more noble action or spirit (personality) than **LOVE**. For none is above Me.

There, You said that spirit was really personality. Is that true?

In your modern terms, yes, but many words have changed their original meaning or have been perverted by misuse and misconceptions. I deal in pure concepts, so I choose those words out of your mind's vocabulary that are best suited to the intended meaning of My thoughts. Many words have been altered, such as ghost, spirit, and soul. Your soul is a spirit, which is a ghost. The Holy Spirit is My Ghost and My Soul.

Boy, I guess I don't understand. I thought that a ghost was some strange manifestation.

See? The Holy Ghost is no strange manifestation. Words such as these have had their meanings very confused.

Well, what can I do to clear it up?

For now, just substitute the most appropriate word in place of the problem word until you come to a fuller understanding.

You mean like You have been doing—like using the word personality in place of the words spirit or soul.

Yes. Spirit means what your modern word personality means, but the word spirit has taken on many different meanings. Exchange it a few times to see what I mean.

Okay, let's see. "God has a Holy Spirit," is really, "God has a Holy Personality." Great, I got that real clear! How about, "My soul will live forever and can never die," is really, "My personality will live forever and can never die." Okay, I got that too; this will be very useful!

It pleases Me to make you happy.

Okay, what is the **TRUTH**?

You tell Me.

I think it has to do with You (love), truth, and man. By the way, is there a substitute for the word man? I think it is one of those very misused words.

Certainly: Children of God, Sons and Daughters of God, Children (Sons and Daughters) of Love. Gods, Mini-gods.

You're kidding, right?

No. Man is divine. Man is immortal. Man is infinite. Man is more powerful than all of nature and the universe combined.

How can that be?

Because man can do what nothing or no one else (except I) can do—the highest good and most noble activity of all.

Which is?

Man can **BE** God. Man has total free will and he can choose to be anything he wants. He can be low, vile, evil, and worldly, or he can be noble, loving, benevolent, and divine. He can alter his actions, personality—even his very being—at will. He is totally free to do, be, act, choose, and feel any way he chooses at any and all times. Man has infinite free will and choice—just like Me. Therefore, man may be as God—if he chooses to utilize fully his power.

You mean no one can force me in anything?

Right. You may do a thing because you are afraid of the possible consequences, yet the decision was solely yours to make. Others may only *influence* your decisions, not determine them. Already I've told you how rare and valuable you are.

Yes, I remember. You have given us a mighty set of tools to use.

Yes, your physical body is a great accomplishment of Mine, yet it doesn't even start to compare with your personality.

You mean my immortal soul, right?

Right. And now that you understand that, let's return to the Truth. What is man's reason for being? Why are you here?

Well, I thought it was to love and serve You—like the first commandment.

That is part of it, yet it is not the primary reason why I created you.

Well, is it to love our neighbor and thereby love You?

No.

I give up. Will You explain it to me now?

Yes. Let Me ask you some leading questions and allow you to discover the TRUTH for yourself. This will help you to understand it more clearly and be able to teach it to others.

Fine.

What is man?

A Son or Daughter of You (Love, God).

Good. What am I?

The Perfect Loving Father.

Marvelous. Remember this first point! We shall have to keep returning to the basics to understand simplicity. So who am I?

Now. What about the TRUTH?

More questions first. Am I fair?

Yes, completely.

Am I just?

Yes.

Am I reasonable in actions?

Yes—except in loving, because that’s unreasonable.

True. Yet even though it’s not reasonable, you now know what love does for you when you receive it?

Sure.

Now let’s talk some about the primary reason why man exists. I am a loving Father. Do you know what it is like to be a loving father?

Yes. You sent our daughter Summer to us so that we could be loving parents.

Do you love Summer?

Yes.

And are you her father?

Her human father. You are her true Father.

Right. Now I'll let you explain to Me why a loving father has a child; this will teach you why I have all of you.

Why did you choose to have Summer?

Because we wanted a child.

Why? Isn't it difficult, a lot of responsibility, restricting to your freedom, and many other negative things?

Yes, but it has more overpowering positive things about it.

Such as?

Well, like I get to be a dad.

What does that mean?

Having someone to love.

You had Gail, your wife. Why not love her?

I did love her, and I wanted to love a child too.

Wouldn't you have to divide your love between them and then each of them would receive less?

No. You never run out of love; the more you give, the more you have to give.

Okay, then why not find a friend and love them?

It's just not the same.

Why? What's the difference between loving a child and loving a friend?

They're not related to me.

So?

They're not mine.

Neither is a child. They don't belong to their parents like a car or a stereo, they belong to themselves!

I know. I didn't mean it like that. I mean that Summer is made out of me—she's a part of me. She is half me.

And how does that make you feel?

Good. Extremely **gooooood!**

And that is **GOD!** God is short for Gooooood! It's a title, like king or Perfect Loving Father—that's **WHAT** I am, not who I am.

I get it, by having Summer—and Summer being part of me, and through my loving her—I AM GOOOOOD; I BECOME **GOD!**

At least to Summer you are God. Both you and Gail have been made co-Gods (mini-Gods) for Summer. I Myself have made it this way.

So was it this way for You? I mean does it apply to You like You make it apply for us?

Exactly. There's nothing deep or mysterious about the TRUTH. It's very simple; although when you fully grasp it, it might stun you!

Well, I'm still eager to find it out. What is it—why are we here, mainly?

You tell Me. Why did you two have Summer?

Because we wanted to love her; that is, we wanted to take care of her needs and give her pleasure. We wanted to be Love (God) FOR her.

Didn't you want her to serve you?

Of course not. I'm fully grown; I don't need anyone to...

(Strange silence)

What?

**I got it!**

Tell Me what you got.

**THE TRUTH!** Why You made me. Man, that's so wild. It's almost the exact opposite of what we believe.

Say it!

You created me so that **YOU COULD SERVE ME!** Love's action is service. I had Summer to give her pleasure and take care of her needs for her, and that is good—and that makes me feel gooooood—and that makes me God. **AND THAT IS MY FULFILLMENT—TO BE AS YOU ARE!** You made us so that You could be our God; that is, so that You could be good to us and serve us and make us happy! That means that **THE TRUTH IS:**

**GOD IS THE SERVANT OF MAN! YOU MADE US SO THAT YOU COULD LOVE US, AND THIS MAKES YOU OUR GOD!**

Very good. I didn't create man only to serve or love Me. I made you so that I could love you; and, if you were willing to return love to Me then I would accept it. I made you to love. **I loved you first!**

But You are God. You are much greater than we!

Which only means that I love more and more purely.

I get it; and love **services**. That means that Your fulfillment is to love us.

Yes. It is what makes Me God (Gooooood) to you. I would still be your creator if I didn't love you, yet you would not accept Me as **God** (gooooood) to you. I am the great king bowing down to wash the feet of his servants. **Did you not know... THIS IS LOVE!**

So man's primary reason to exist is to allow You to love us—that is, to allow You to take care of our needs and give us pleasure!

Correct.

Well, it's all mixed up down here. If I asked a hundred people on the street why they thought God made us, ninety of them would say to love and serve God, eight would say that they didn't know, and the other two would tell me to mind my own business! I don't know anyone that realizes this TRUTH. We think that we are supposed to serve and love You.

And how would you do that? Can Summer serve your needs?

Not very well. I don't want or expect her to serve me, I want to serve her. I love her! All I want is to take care of her and give her joy.

Okay, let's switch the roles so that you'll understand it better. You will be Me and Summer will be mankind.

All right.

Let's say Summer turns ten years old, and one of her friends convinces her that what you really want is for her to serve you; that this is why you created her.

Well, I'd just tell her that that's not true. I can serve myself. I want to serve her instead—that's why I really made her.

Hold on. She is fallen from your love, remember? She can't hear you or won't listen.

Well, then I'd demonstrate it for her.

She doesn't accept reason or logic. She says, "Dad, I'm ten years old now and I've been sponging off of you long enough. I'm going to go to work and serve you and pay you back for everything you have done for me."

That's crazy! I don't want her to leave me. I don't need her to serve me. She can't do anything better for me than I can do for myself. I only want for her to be with me and accept my love!

She is firmly convinced otherwise. If someone were to tell her, "Summer, your father doesn't want you to serve him; he wants to serve you!" she'd tell them that they were crazy—the very idea, God serving man—it's preposterous, they would all say.

I see, and since it's so difficult to communicate with us, Your hands are pretty much tied. We have a hard time getting this TRUTH.

Okay, she's grown and has kids of her own. What will she tell them about what you want from them?

She'll tell them that God wants them to serve Him. And they'll teach it to their kids—and so on for generations.



And what did your earthly father tell you was the reason that God created you?

To serve and love God.

I do want you all to love Me and serve Me in the way I choose for you to; yet, this is secondary. I want more for you to willingly **receive** My love for you! Your main reason for being is **to receive My love**—that is, to receive **ME**. Nothing is more important. This is My will and wish above all other things: to love you. I showed this clearly in the way I chose to save mankind through willing laying down My own mortal life in an agonizing and unjust death. I could have done it in other ways, but I chose to do it that way to show all of you just how much I love you.

My God—I never really understood all this before! I knew, but I didn't understand just how much You loved us.

You know and understand how much you love Summer and what you would be willing to do for her; this applies to Me also for I am a loving Father to all of you. And I will love you all that you will let Me, just like you would love Summer. Let Summer and her relationship with you be the model for our relationship.

Okay.

When I love you a great deal, do you think you will feel unworthy of it?

I think so. I think I may feel that I don't deserve it and shouldn't accept it.

And if you threw Summer a surprise party just because you love her and bought her a wonderful gift, and she refused to accept it because she feels undeserving, how will this make you feel?

Sad. I know that she doesn't deserve it—she couldn't. No one said anything about deserving. I did it because I wanted to and I love her! I want to give her pleasure and joy. Oh man! I get it!

Now do you see how I get treated?

Yes—I have done that to You many times myself. I have refused Your love and gifts because I felt that I didn't deserve them.

How would you want Summer to respond when you gave her something extravagant and undeserved?

I would like her to accept it. Absolutely no words such as, “You shouldn’t have,” or, “I can’t accept it.” I want her instead to say, “Oh, how wonderful. A surprise party for me! How marvelous! Dad, you’re so wonderful and I love you very deeply. Let’s eat the cake and open the presents!”

And how would that make you feel if she accepted it with easy grace and excited joy?

Fulfilled. Like I intended to feel—why I did it in the first place! I’d feel **Gooooood**. I’d be her God again!

Oh, you’re getting very clear on this subject! Loving, purely, **makes you God!** And when you refuse to let Me love you...

I got it. I refuse to let You BE GOD (loving) to me! I get it—it’s so simple. You are our God only when we let You be Gooooood to us. WE make You our God when we let You love us!

Yes, yet how many people let Me be God to them or are even aware of this peculiar relationship?

I don’t think there are very many. It should be all of them.

And now I will state THE ULTIMATE TRUTH that underlies and creates all other truths—this is why I came to the earth and what I continually demonstrated with My words, life, and actions...

### **I AM GOOOOOD (GOD) AND I LOVE YOU.**

I see it clearly now. I also see that if You had just come right out and told me that the truth was that God loves me, I would have said, “Oh, sure, I knew that,” but I wouldn’t have grasped what it really meant—all that it means. I still don’t think that I will ever fully grasp all that it means!

Yes, but you do understand it much better already, don’t you?

Yes. But most of us already have our minds made up about You and love and what the truth is and what it means that God loves us and just about everything else that is important or essential in life.

I think that we have made many errors and are mistaken about what a lot of these truths really mean.

Yes, to simply tell most people the simple truth, such as “God loves you!” does them little good because they already think they know what that should mean.

So how do I assist them to really grasp and understand these simple truths that are so misunderstood?

You either have to assist them to overcome their misperceptions first, and then do a lot of redefining and explaining and clarifying later, or something much simpler.

What is that?

Do what I Myself did. Demonstrate it to them with the example of your life. If you show them that you love them and that you are Gooooood then they might pick up on it. They may even be willing to listen sincerely to your guidance and teachings, and this way you can best assist them.

I see.

You know what?

What?

**I LOVE YOU!**

Finally, I think I understand You.

Good. Will you let Me love you more, as is My wish?

Yes. Will You help me and teach me to better love You in return?

(Laughs.)

What’s so funny?

You tell Me—what would you do if Summer asked you if you would be willing to teach her to receive your love better?

(Laughs.) I guess I’d laugh, because it’s a silly question; of course I would be willing—I love her!

(Laughs again.)

Okay, that's one of my misperceptions— that sometimes God might not be willing to help me do something good.

And to get rid of a misperception you must first identify it, and then reason it through.

Well, I know that You are willing to assist me because You love me. So where did I come up with that particular misconception? Why do we sometimes think things about You that aren't true?

A child's mind is a wonderful thing. However, their emotional ability far exceeds their reasoning capacity for many years. You know how easy it is to get a child to believe some fantasy. They are very trusting and swayed easily.

Okay, but how do we get the misperception?

From God.

Surely not; You wouldn't lead us astray.

No I wouldn't; but the God of children might.

Oh, yeah. My parents were my perceived Gods before I learned about You. I remember when I was young how I thought my parents were perfect and could do no wrong. I guess I did think they were God.

As do most all children. There's nothing wrong with this conception as long as the parents are very good and know the truth.

Why is that?

Whatever a parent teaches a child through example and action, a child will accept as true. This is because the child believes his parents are Gooooood and couldn't make any mistakes.

I see. The child wouldn't question or analyze the reasonableness of their parent's examples. Why should they? It was their God that taught it to them.

Right. And so they believe that is the way God is—the way their parents were. And what do you suppose they do when they find out about Me—the real God?

They project their earlier beliefs about God (gotten from their parents when viewed as God) on You. That's why I thought that You might not be willing to help me—because there were times when my earthly father was unwilling to help me with something. I thought he was God, and therefore I thought that God was like that. I guess I didn't understand that he was just human and sometimes made errors in judgment just like everyone. And when I did finally learn about You, personally, I carried over many of my earlier perceptions about what God was like that were based on my earthly parents' actions. I guess I have many misperceptions to overcome about You.

And do you understand that this is the way it is for most of you?

Yes, I have seen it in many people's belief systems. I just didn't understand how people got such strange ideas about You before.

And were your beliefs correct?

Many of them weren't.

Now, what do you think determines how many and how serious the misperceptions a person has about Me and the truth?

It depends on how close your parents act compared to the way God would act. If both your parents were very good, loving, perfect people then you would think God is like that and you'd be correct. But if your parents were very bad, evil, hateful, and uncaring people then you'd mistakenly believe that God was like that.

That's basically it. The better your parents are, the less serious your misperceptions about Me and truth will be.

Thank God my parents were pretty good people.

You're welcome! (Chuckles)

I guess that means that I won't have too many misperceptions about You.

No, you're already pretty clear. And remember, we've been talking for several years now. Even recounting some of our earlier conversations like we are doing here is helpful to you. You've come to know Me pretty well. What do you think of Me?

You're the greatest. You're loving, good, caring, simple, and humble—and a lot of fun!

And what about you?

Well, I'm not You yet, but I am working on it.

Yes. You do realize of course that all you are really doing is becoming yourself. The person who was given the name Mark Anthony Johnson by his parents at birth is becoming Peniel (his true name that I Myself gave him) through My guidance. You are in the process of coming back to yourself. You, like all of My children, were made in My image; that means when you become your true self, it is a mirroring of Me. You put on Christ and become Christ-like. It isn't an act or an imitation—it is just that your being your natural self closely resembles Me.

That's marvelous! I have much to look forward to.

Now, to become more like Me—your true self—what must you do?

Understand You, love, truth, myself, and everything better.

Okay, then what?

Do what comes naturally to me.

And what would that be?

The same things as You do.

Which is?

Love purely.

And what would you love?

I'd love You first, but I wouldn't cut You off from loving me.

And?

I'd love myself.

And?

I'd love my wife.

And?

I'd love my neighbor.

And?

I'd love nature.

And?

My God—You sure do love a lot! I could never find the time to love all this!

Love doesn't need time. You don't have to find time to love. Love itself will provide you with time if you are sincerely willing to love more. Is there another false belief floating around in your mind?

I guess so—that I don't have the time to love all.

Who taught you that?

God, my earthly father. Sometimes he wouldn't find the time to love me or others. He could have—but he chose not to. And then he used the excuse that he **COULDN'T** find the time. I guess I picked it up from him. Sometimes he didn't have the time to love me when I really needed it and I remember how hurt I was. Oh, God, I do that to Summer sometimes!

Then don't! Choose to love rather than to ignore! Make the time! If you are sincere in your attempts then I Myself will assist you and make the time for you. All you have to do is ask.

I'm getting something else.

What?

You're showing me that because You love me, You will do anything good for me—if I only ask You!

Wouldn't any loving father do the same for his loved children?

Yes, but I guess we forget this often. You are showing me another of the main principles?

Yes. What is it?

All things work for the good of him that loves God purely.

Right. Now you have two simple and powerful principles to guide your life by—if you choose to.

If I remember these two and really apply them to my life, my life will become much richer than it is now!

And this would please Me very much.

Just think: what God really wants most is to take good care of me and give me all the joy that I will accept—and God has so much power! My life will have no more worry and be filled with joy when I fully accept and apply these principles.

I ask you and anyone that will later read this work the most important question of your life concerning just this...

**WHEN? WHEN WILL YOU ACCEPT ME??**

I for one accept You now, sweet Jesus. Please come into my life and take care of all my needs and give me all the pleasure that You will. I willingly accept You and Your love!

Thank you, my darling child. Prepare yourself, for I am about to change you and fill your life full of every good and joy! I love you, Peniel!

And I love You, Father.