

# The Target

## Wholeness and Healing for all of God's Creation

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#### **Explanation:**

After I was inspired to establish the Foundation for the Cure of Human Pain and sickness, which was later altered to be the Foundation for the Cure of Pain and Sickness, I decided that the goal that seemed to fit could best be described as wholeness and Healing for all of God's Creation. This goal seems like an impossible dream and I have wrestled with the words and actions I should take to accomplish this goal.

The first thing I am prone to consider is this: *Is this goal consistent with the Holy and Perfect Will of God?* Since I know that salvation of people is consistent with that good will, I might first consider whether this goal is a necessary condition to reach that end, and I must consider in parallel whether our sanctification which is described as God's will is another way of considering the same question. It is stated in the Bible that Jesus death was for all people. A further concern I have concerns the future of fallen angels over and above the salvation of people. I have, in the past, concluded that the goal of God via the work of all three persons of the Trinity is to allow people to grow in Grace in order that they become free from sin while preserving the personal liberty in people that God also seems to hold so dear. In other words, the end that I would seek as inspired by knowledge of God and His Word is to pray that people actually become who God sees. *Do you believe I would leave the angels out of my prayers when considering the wholeness and healing of all God's creation?* It has been described that when God looks at one of His Children what he sees is the righteousness of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. What would that imply that people must become, in and of themselves through the work of God?

So this document is meant to supply the tiny increments of action that will move the world towards this goal. ***The first things that must be considered are these:** Once this goal is reached, what will be the driving force in the lives of people? Is this goal consistent with the mission of Christ which was described as **"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."** Am I experienced enough and wise enough to pray for and work with others and influence them to implement this goal knowing it is a subset of the original mission of Jesus Christ? I am called to follow Jesus Christ and to obey all that he commanded. In a more specific context this "following" asks that I will **Love the True and Living God with all my heart and with all my mind and with all my soul and Love my neighbor as myself.***

Because of this call I must first examine my heart and mind and come to the conclusion that with God's help it is probable and even possible for an ordinary man like me to follow, consistently, such a command. How do I love God when I am in doubt about my Love for myself? Am I confident that I have demonstrated true Love for my neighbor? And what does that doubt say about my belief in the Love God has for me when I truly believe it possible to

accomplish anything that the Lord asks of me with the gifts, talents, and skills, that have been given to me by that gracious God? You may say: "It is not possible to follow this command concerning Love - we are only imperfect human beings" My response to that is the same response Jesus made to the disciples when they asked "*Who then can be saved?*". What he said was "*With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible.*" How can I possibly believe in this goal for the whole world if I cannot believe in it for myself in partnership with God?

So, if I lack anything or am confused in my own mind about the Love that I receive and can give, truly my first step must be to work towards that end in my own life. Furthermore, I must believe that my wisdom and conviction about my relationship to God, Myself, and Others is complete or in process to such an extent that through the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit I can believe it is True. Also, I must believe that it will be obvious that True Love is present in my life and that through the plans I lay out herein a similar love can be awakened in the heart of each person. I must believe that it is true because **I believe in the Ultimate Love, Truth, and Grace operating in the life of each Child of God.**

## **STEP 1**

Does God Truly Love me?

Is there concrete evidence?

Is there anything I am thankful for which did not involve my own effort?

What does God's Love mean for me and for my neighbor?

## **STEP 2**

Do I Love God?

Are there concrete examples in my life to demonstrate that this is true?

The Bible says to Love God is to be obedient to His Commands.

Jesus has said the Law of God can be summarized in two commands. This is that we should:

*Love God with all our heart, and with all our mind, and all our soul and love our neighbor as ourselves.*

## **STEP 3**

Do I Love myself?

Can I detail concrete evidence?

## **STEP 4**

Do I love my neighbor?

Can I provide concrete evidence this is True?

Is there any evidence that a neighbor or a family member Loves me?

What one comes to realize is this fact. All of these questions are related and interdependent. Can you agree with me on this point? And would you believe that all of these are all associated with the work of God in our hearts and in our lives?

What this statement says is that my relationships are a key part of any notion of Wholeness and Healing. And as I say this it must be understood by all that continuing down the time line further suggests that each of us must always be a work in process. But God does not quit! And just as you have persevered in the past, you will by God's help persevere in the future. God and the Universe are a constantly evolving mystery. I might describe this as the Good and Perfect Mystery. Surely uselessness and boredom are not part of the continuing adventure with God. Might that include some fun? I believe that answer must be yes!

But, there are other things that are part of God's creation that seem to need change if we are to consider them whole and healed. The first question that arises is how is an abundant life related to the material world. The first thing we must consider is that the concrete world of things was created very Good. The stuff of the world is not evil. The stuff of the world is what makes up the environment we live in, at least to some extent. Water is part of that environment and among other things all human beings need water to live. In fact, all animals and plants seem to need water as well. When Jesus described the fact that he can supply us with Living Water, he was saying that through and by him an essential ingredient of life comes. In fact, the scriptures say about a believer "***From His innermost being will flow rivers of living water.***" It is these waters from which spring up eternal life.

And I believe it is from these waters that hope for our environment as a place for human beings to grow healthy in Mind, Body, and Spirit is possible. I truly believe that he has given us the ability to grow in Grace with peace, joy, and freedom. It is my job to pray that such a Kingdom will come which will include all of God's Children. The question I must ask is what does it take for us to grow in that direction? Wouldn't we pray that it come now? What is preventing its arrival? Perhaps preconceived notions concerning who we are and how we are empowered to act in the world are what prevent that reality? This environment implies healthy soil, clean water, abundant energy, and clean air. We can hope and pray for these, can we not? But what can we do to realize it? In any regard the best solution can come because God Himself is in the midst of us. Thanks be to God!