

Special and Important

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Who do *you* see when you look in the mirror?

Please, let us think this through together.

You did not create yourself. You are here, created by someone who is much greater and also *good* and would not have made you to want what you were never going to have.

Among other things, you were made to want to be “somebody,” somebody special and important, needed and greatly admired by others, at least!

So, let us think this through. How did you get here, and how did you get the life you have *right now*?

Like everything else that happens in this world, you got where you are by the working of God’s plan. When God made the world He knew what was going to happen, and He knew that if He made it differently, things would have come out differently. This means that what He made contained His plan for everything that has ever happened or ever will.

What is more, God is *infinite*, and this means that He put infinite attention into absolutely every element of His plan. This means that He put infinite attention into absolutely every detail of His plan for you—the things that led to your birth, exactly as it happened, and what

happened the next day, and the next, and the next, knowing how you would respond to what He sent you.

And nothing is more than infinite. This means that God gave no less attention to giving you your life than He gave to anyone else. Absolutely NO less.

His purpose was that you play the part He needed you to play in the making of our family—as your life affects others, who affect others, who affect others...—and that you, His child, become exactly that supremely special son or daughter that every parent wants all of his or her children to be.

Being “special” means that you are being prepared to see God as no one else will see Him; and from this sight, you will get from God something to share with the rest of us.

This will be something that we will absolutely need, and there will be absolutely no where else to get it.

Please get this: God needed you to be you, and to have your life so that our family can have the greatest possible life with Him forever!

This is what makes you special, which really means “carefully made,” and no less than anyone else.

If you understand this, fantastic things happen:

Because you see yourself as so very special, you are not threatened by the good there is in others, and so you can love others, and grow in love, and go to God even better prepared to see and understand Him, and to have even more to share with the rest of us!

Because you love, you help others to grow, and so *they* will have even more to share with the rest of us!!

Because you believe you are “somebody,” you believe that you can do great things, and so you *do* great things that make our family greater.

This means that, every day, you are becoming more “important.”

“Important” is from the word that means “bring.”

Every day, you are becoming more important because you will be bringing more and more to our family in heaven, and inspiring others to bring more.

And all of this is so much more than we would ever have had without you.

What could be more important?

What else matters?

So, let us think this through together:

You are already as special as anyone who has ever lived, and very, very important.

By seeing this, you could end up even more important.

By the way, the more you believe in yourself, and the more you grow, the better you will see the potential for greatness that God put into you from the beginning.

God, however, already sees now how all of this potential will be realized in heaven; and this is the reason that He loves you so much as you have heard.

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How We Practice the Love of Self

The two c's are comparing ourselves to others and criticizing ourselves for what we cannot do, or have done and cannot change. We say "no" to this on account of our faith.

Clearly and absolutely, our faith proclaims to us that God's plan for everything is also God's plan for us, and that He has put His whole self into making us, and no less than He has put into the making of anyone else.

Yes, our life is a struggle, but it's a special struggle that is meant to form us into the seed of a special person who will have a place in heaven no one else can fill.

And it does not matter that the world cannot see this—now.

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