

Jesus and
Our Dream of
Meaning:

Will You Make an Eternal
Impact?

My Purpose for Many Years



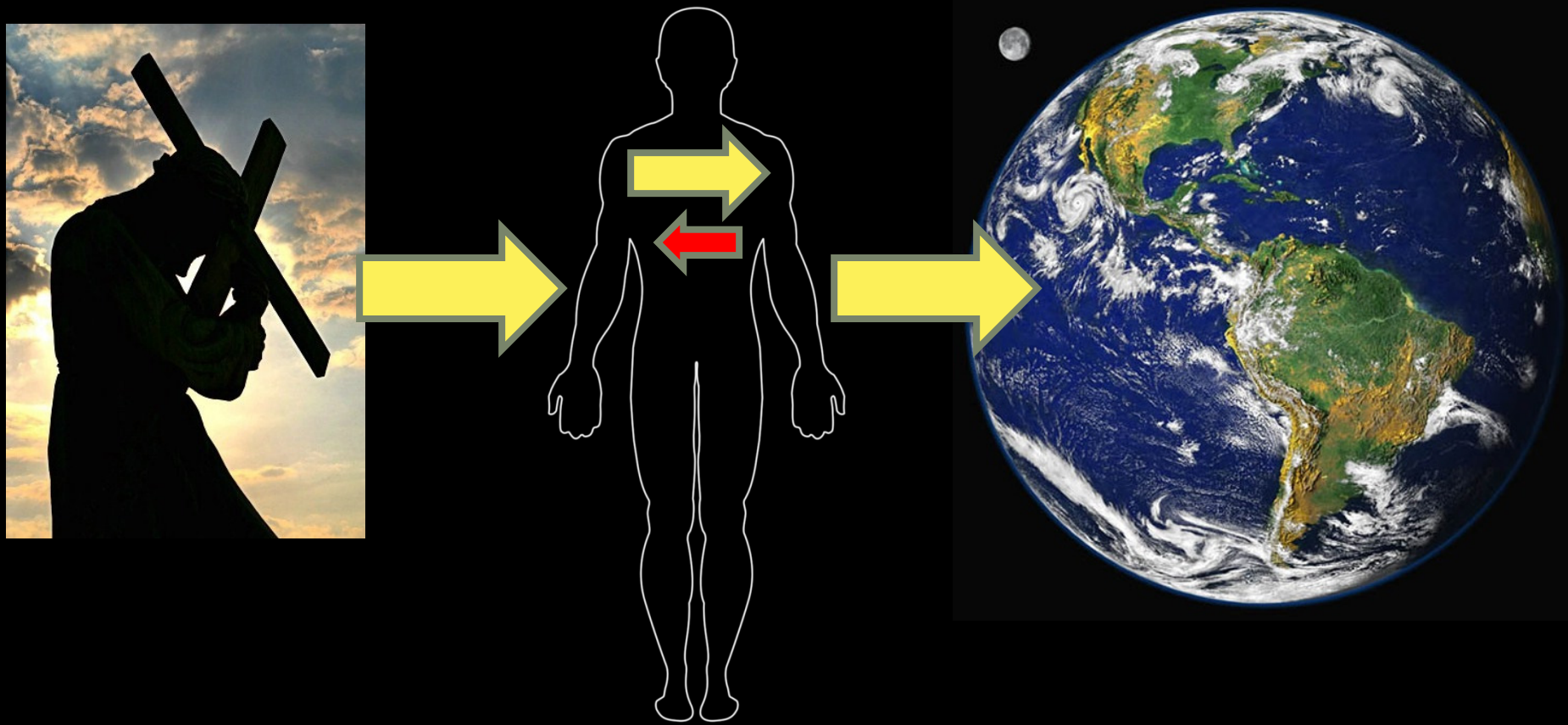
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- ^{15:21} For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
⁴⁵ So also it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living soul.' The last Adam became a life-giving spirit...
⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.
- Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:21 – 22, 45, 49

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Over time, Jesus shapes our desires to be more and more like his.

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- 15:58 With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into **the work of the Master**, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.
- Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:58

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- 7:17 And don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God's place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there. ¹⁹The really important thing is obeying God's call, following his commands. ²⁰Stay where you were when God called your name. ²¹Were you a slave? Slavery is no roadblock to obeying and believing. I don't mean you're stuck and can't leave. If you have a chance at freedom, go ahead and take it. ²²I'm simply trying to point out that under your new Master you're going to experience a marvelous freedom you would never have dreamed of. On the other hand, if you were free when Christ called you, you'll experience a

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- delightful 'enslavement to God' you would never have dreamed of. ²³All of you, slave and free both, were once held hostage in a sinful society. Then a huge sum was paid out for your ransom. So please don't, out of old habit, slip back into being or doing what everyone else tells you. ²⁴Friends, stay where you were called to be. God is there. Hold the high ground with him at your side. ²⁶Because of the current pressures on us from all sides, I think it would probably be best to stay just as you are. ²⁷Are you married? Stay married. Are you unmarried? Don't get married. ²⁸But there's certainly no sin in getting married.

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- All I am saying is that [if and] when you marry, you take on additional stress in an already stressful time, and I want to spare you if possible. ²⁹I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple--in marriage, ³⁰grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things--your daily routines of shopping, and so on. ³¹Deal as sparingly as possible with the things the world thrusts on you. This world as you see it is on its way out. ³²I want you to live as free of complications as possible. When you're unmarried, you're free to concentrate on simply pleasing the Master.

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- ³³Marriage involves you in all the nuts and bolts of domestic life and in wanting to please your spouse, ³⁴leading to so many more demands on your attention. The time and energy that married people spend on caring for and nurturing each other, the unmarried can spend in becoming whole and holy instruments of God. ³⁵I'm trying to be helpful and make it as easy as possible for you, not make things harder. All I want is for you to be able to develop a way of life in which you can spend plenty of time together with the Master without a lot of distractions.
- Paul, 1 Corinthians 7:17 – 35

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 - ²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none (NASB)
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 - Having friendships with Christians is *not the same* as partnering with Christ
 - Christians being cliquey with each other is outright disobedience

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Who Gains and Who Loses from Credit Card Payments? Theory and Calibrations

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Abstract:

Merchant fees and reward programs generate an implicit monetary transfer to credit card users from non-card (or “cash”) users because merchants generally do not set differential prices for card users to recoup the costs of fees and rewards. On average, each cash-using household pays \$149 to card-using households and each card-using household receives \$1,133 from cash users every year. Because credit card spending and rewards are positively correlated with household income, the payment instrument transfer also induces a regressive transfer from low-income to high-income households in general. On average, and after accounting for rewards paid to households by banks, the lowest-income household (\$20,000 or less annually) pays \$21 and the highest-income household (\$150,000 or more annually) receives \$750 every year. We build and calibrate a model of consumer payment choice to

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