



Today's Lesson
Spiritual Leading
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As today's Daily Word states:

"I trust the Holy Spirit, the activity of God in me, to power my heartbeat, guide my thinking, and attract my good."

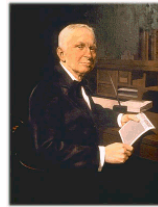
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Charles Fillmore had this to say about the Holy Spirit in his book The Revealing Word:

It is the activity of God; the moving force in the universe, the infinite "breath" of God, the life essence of Being.

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As the power of God in action the Holy Spirit is ready to help those seeking spiritual guidance and power in all their endeavors. It is the revealer of all Truth and as such is the authority on all matters pertaining to spiritual leading.

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In Christianity the dove has been the symbol of the Holy Spirit. A symbol of love and peace.



And yet, it is not a form or a physical being. It is an essence, an energy that helps humanity with the co-creative process.

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The spiritual writings of all the great teachers direct us to look within ourselves for the answers we seek to the human condition we live in.

As the writer of John 4:24 points out, Jesus stated, *"God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

In other words I like to say, *Spirit leads, Ego follows.*

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Decisions, decisions, decisions, life is full of them. A day doesn't go by that we don't have to make one.

When Charles Fillmore had to make decisions he'd go to headquarters in prayer and meditation until he received his answer. The Fillmore's lived the concept of letting Spirit lead.

So how do we know if it's Spirit or Ego that is leading us?

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Ego says, "Watch out!"

How many times did we hear going up "Watch out! Or Be careful! You might make the wrong decision!"

For some people just the thought of the possibility of making a wrong decision brought terror to their hearts. It's as if their committee of voices would say, "are you sure you want to make this decision?"

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It could be wrong and then you'll be deprived of money, or maybe friends, or status, or whatever the right decision could possibly bring you."

Ego says, "You need to be perfect."

When people were studied about their reluctance to make decisions something showed up in the testing—the need to be perfect.

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The need to be perfect and control the outcome of events worked together to keep them from moving in one direction or another.

Ego works with our fear of "being wrong or making mistakes." People who were petrified when they thought about making a change or attempting something new—had a basic belief or structure of knowing that told them that it was wrong to make mistakes.

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They never received positive enforcement in their formative years that told them it was alright to make mistakes, that it was okay because this is how we learn.

Ego will strive to always "be right."

This no-win model of looking at our world is based on the pluralism model of "good and evil, right and wrong."

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You stand on a center point and look at your world and say, *'If I turn to my left and go this way on path A it may be the right path, but what if I turn to my right and choose path B? Will it be the right one or the wrong one?'*

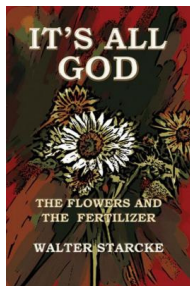
Ego's need to be right creates all sorts of ways to make everything we do "be the right way," only to find out that the harder we try the more elusive things get.

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The pluralism model is a great tool for seeing life as black and white. However the world is not just black and white for it contains a beautiful array of colors. Our challenge then is to not change the black and white but to see the others colors contained with them.

Spirit says, "It's all God!"

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In his book It's All God - The Flowers and The Fertilizer, the late Walter Starcke reminds us that the three spiritual aspects of the Nature of God are:

Omnipresence: The presence of God is everywhere.

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That means there is no place that God is not present because "beingness" is everywhere being.

Omniscience: The mind of God is everywhere. There is no place that divine mind is not. As children of God made in the image and likeness of God we too are always with God and God is always with us in mind and body.

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Jesus understood this when he said, When you have seen me you have also seen God, and remember what was written: that ye are gods too.

Omniscience of God can liberate us from the pluralist thinking of "right and wrong" or "good and evil" when we come to realize as Jesus did that God can not be excluded from anything for its all part of a greater good taking place.

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Omnipotence of God is that God is all the power, all the energy, all movement within and without. The one presence, the one power in our lives and in the universe. It's all God and it's all Good!

When we allow Spirit to lead we find that these aspects of God's nature become a way of life for us as we walk our spiritual path. It allows us to develop and maintain a win-win attitude of mind.

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When you look at your world from the win-win, no-lose model you may still feel some fear but it won't be as paralyzing. You won't worry about this or that. You'll muster the courage to do what you need to do in spite of it.

By choosing to live from this model will take courage. Your friends, your family may not understand it. But you will.

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Every time you face something that forces you to make another decision your self-esteem will be raised to a new level.

You'll learn to trust that you will survive and the world will not come to an end.

All the *what if's* in life now become *so what-been there, done that, nothing to it*, because Spirit leads.

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Using the Spiritual Leading model brings benefits that will help you to:

Focus

Doing your homework

Establish priorities

Trust your intuition

Lighten up

Acceptance of total responsibility

Don't protect, correct

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In closing I'd like to share this what Susan Jeffers writes in Feel The Fear And Do It Anyway about experiences of having a spiritual leading moment:

I remember a time in my life when I was frightened of just about everything—fearful that I fail in all my attempts to fulfill my dreams. So I just stayed at home, a victim of all my insecurities.

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I realized one day that I had to shift from being afraid of making a mistake to being afraid of not making a mistake. If I realized the truth contained in the statement given by a famous inventor to the a reporter who asked, "Doesn't it bother you that you have failed over two hundred times at getting this experiment right?"

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He responded, "I have never failed in my life! However, I have discovered over two hundred ways of what not to do!"

I have come to look forward to making mistakes, in this way I am sure that I keep learning and growing.

I choose this day to affirm that God knows, God shows as Spirit leads, and ego follows.