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why do i do these emails everyday and what do i always find to talk about. the answer to both is actually the same. because i'm in love. in love with the most perfect person i could have ever conceived of and certainly One who i thought was beyond my reach. someone i was uniquely aware of, that i didn't desire.

i am reminded of the caste system that is prevalent in india. i know the government has tried to outlaw it, but culture remains embedded in people and is hard to extinguish. anyway, i use them as an example.

there are the highest birthed people followed by lesser ones, down to the untouchables. their very birth determined what their status would be throughout their lives. goodness or wisdom or beauty would not be able to change their birth status.

likewise, we were all essentially born "untouchables" through no fault of own own. we were all born into that original sin, essentially making us untouchable to our creator. a separation between good and evil was created by the knowledge we then possessed. would knowledge have increased as much without our knowing this? perhaps even more. we would have walked with the One who created it all and been mentored at His feet.

now, in our exalted sense of knowledge, we have come to believe we no longer need God. (satan's original sin.) we can now determine genetic manipulation, births, gender and eventually even deaths. they seek to

implant one's consciousness into a robot that can exist forever. yes, to live forever without God. remember years ago when time magazine heralded an issue with "is God dead"? perhaps in their own minds.

i say all these to let you know in a small way, how i feel. i was born an "untouchable". we all were. untouchable by the sin which kept us from union with our Creator. holiness cannot cohabit with sin. even as light will always expel darkness, sin will always expel one from the presence of God.

so why am i so much in love? "o wretched man that i am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" rom 7:24 it is Jesus alone that has made the untouchable ones touchable. through Him we have gone from the lowest rank to the highest. in Him we are "born again" and have become kings and priests unto our God. even our birth status has changed.

the word says this: "therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." luke 7:47 i think our love is determined not so much by how bad we were. can it be determined by how bad we felt we were?

all i know, is that there existed a canyon between me and my Lord. a canyon so great that the other side was almost out of gaze. it remained another side viewed with eagerness, curiosity and admiration. Jesus has built a bridge that i may now traverse that gap. not one where you need to be afraid of it wobbling or collapsing. (remember when thatcher said to reagan,

"don't be wobbly".) we too, will not be wobbly. it is a sturdy and secure bridge where we can be assured the next step has been taken by One before us.

i use, perhaps too many metaphors, but i seek to make your understanding crystal clear. "there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." rom 8:1 we fall in love with the One who has made all things possible. and does He love us back? "for i am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." rom 8:38-39

like the shulamite girl: "by night on my bed i sought the one i love; i sought him, but i did not find him. "i will rise now," i said, "and go about the city; in the streets and in the squares i will seek the one i love." song 3:1-2 have you sought the One worth loving, or just a worldly love? He is often found in places we are afraid to look.

i seek now to introduce you to Him. we do not have a possessive, jealous love. i seek only for Him to gain the souls that are rightfully His. even as the apostle paul spoke in rom 11:24, "if by any means i may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them." why? because i love Him! i know you would too if you would only get to know Him. please go on your search today. if not to know Him, then to know Him better.

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