

Perfection As One  
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Humans know perfection, to a degree. In many games, people can achieve a perfect score. Once in a while you find clothing which fits perfectly. Folks out for a walk – on the first sunny day after a few weeks – might greet each other and say, ‘what a perfect day’. When a baby is newly born, the parents often will say, ‘she’s perfect’.

So, does this mean that we know perfection? No, it only means that we know about perfection and how to recognize it, sometimes. To know perfection requires perfection. To know of perfection requires humans. As far as I know, there are no other creatures in nature who are able to conceive of perfection, yet those other creatures live in perfect harmony with nature.

Knowledge of perfection has caused many humans to contemplate the fullest limits of what perfection might be. In fact, it seems like humanity is obsessed with perfection, or at least reaching towards it, unceasingly. Regardless of what we make or do or say, we always want to make or do or say it better. We and/or it needs to be; cheaper, stronger, thinner, lighter, faster, easier and more beautiful, longer lasting and personalized, until it is perfect, and it will never be perfect. Nothing we make or do or say will ever be perfect, until we are perfect.

What is perfection? As Pontius Pilate questions Jesus' claim that He is "witness to the truth" (John 18:37), Pilate asks, ‘What is truth?’. Humans do not know the full answer to either question, but they are related.

What is truth, if not perfection of thought. Who has perfection of thought? Only one person has ever lived in perfection of thought, and we killed Him. Thank God, Jesus forgives!

When Pilate asked, ‘what is truth’, he would have been better off asking, ‘who is truth’. When we ask, what is perfection, we should be asking, who is perfection. Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me...” (John 14:6). Jesus is perfection.

Jesus wants perfection for us as well. This perfection is accomplished through His unification of believers. God gives glory to Jesus, and Jesus gives glory to us, so that we are all as one. God in Jesus, Jesus in us, Love (the Holy Spirit) in our soul, Love to others, Love from others, Love back to Jesus and Love back to God. That is perfect Love.

“And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.”, says Jesus in John 17:22-23.

Jesus will bring us to perfection, on the last day. But, along the way, He would like our help. We need to keep practising perfection, knowing that we cannot achieve it alone. This instruction is from Jesus, “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect...” (Matthew 5:48).

How do we practise being perfect? Simple, just follow perfection, just follow Jesus. He is the way!

In a perfect world, we’re all one.

Way to go Jesus!