

TOYS
SHIPPETS
EDUCATIONAL AND
COST MECHANICAL

SHIPPEYS
ESTABLISHED 1850

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CROCHERY, GLASSWARE, LAMPGLASS, JEWELRY, LUNCHEON



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Eph 3 v 15 The Father from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.



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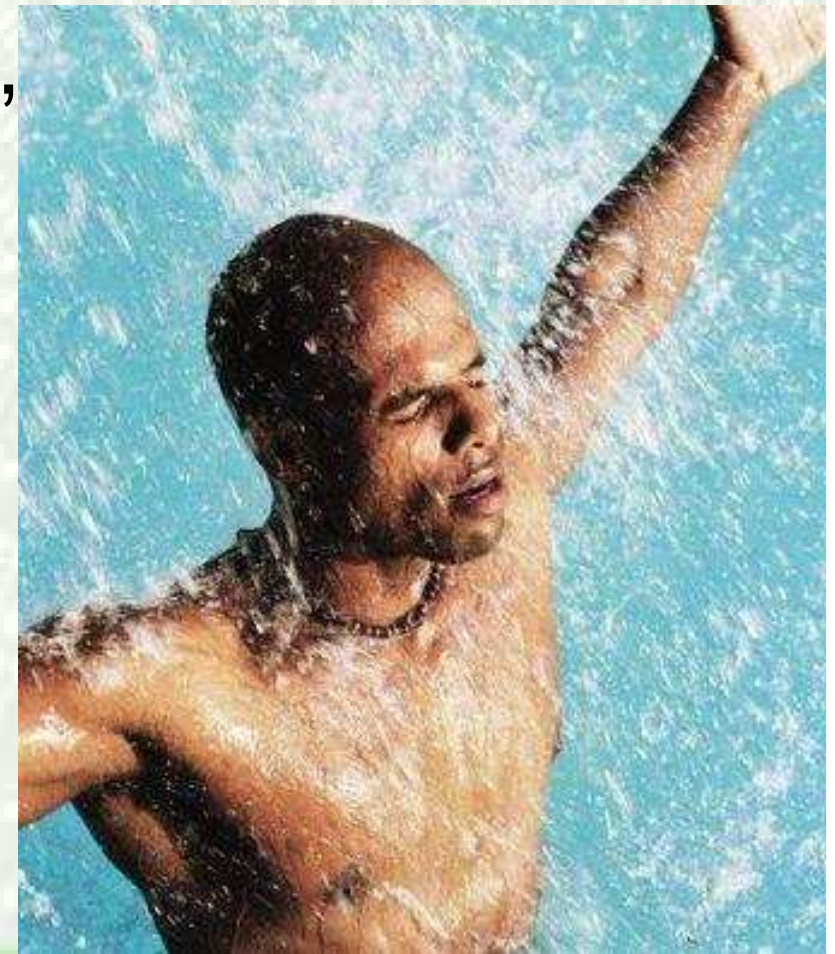
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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; the old
has gone, the new has come!



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Is 2 v 2 He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.

(Message) He'll show us the way He works so that we we can live the way we're made.

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A CHRISTIAN IDENTITY CRISIS



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What is a Christian identity crisis?

- When my inner convictions about myself and my role are incongruent with God's thoughts about me and my role.



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Matt 12 v 34 *Out of the overflow of the heart
the mouth speaks.*

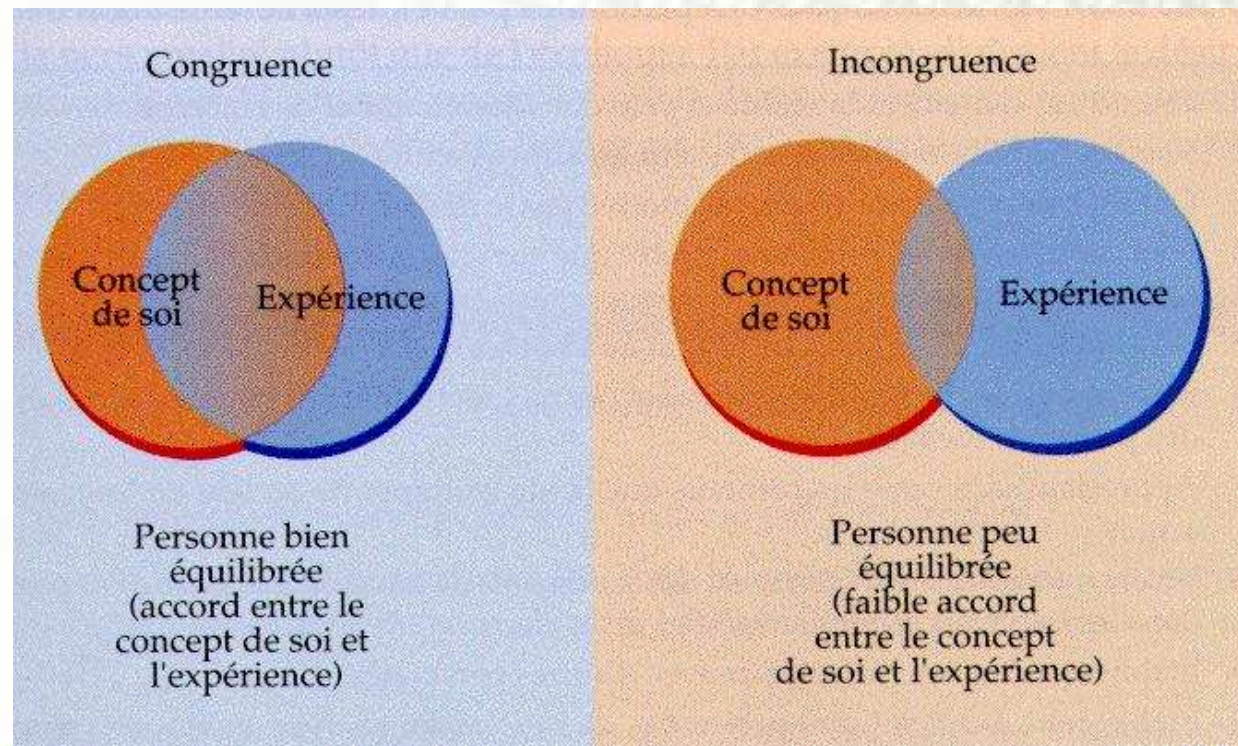
Prov 23 v 7 *As a man thinks in his heart, so
is he.*

*(Message: ... as he thinks within himself, so
he is.)*

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- Often, there is an **unintentional incongruence** between God's image of me and mine.



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Kris Valotton:

Wrong thoughts undermine the love of the Bridegroom and ultimately produce behaviour that denies who we are, since we were made in the image of our loving Creator. Evil spirits are the ultimate body snatchers.

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***1 God Himself is in me and with me, 24/7,
and I can stake everything in my life on
His love for me***

1John 4 v 14, 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

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2 Nothing satisfies my deepest desires like the presence of God, and intimacy with Him

Ps 103 v 5 ... satisfies your desires with good things

Phil 3 v 8 I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

John 15 v 9 I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in My love (Message)

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3 I have an innate bent to make God recognisable through who I am and how I act

Ephesians 4:24 ... put on the **new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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4 The power and favour of God is behind me on an intensely personal level and can be released through me at any time for His glory

- *Phil 4 v 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*
- *2 Cor 2 14 Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.*

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5 I have a mandate from heaven to invade the impossible in order to draw attention to Almighty God and His love for people.

Mark 16 v 17, 18 *These signs will accompany those who believe. In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.*

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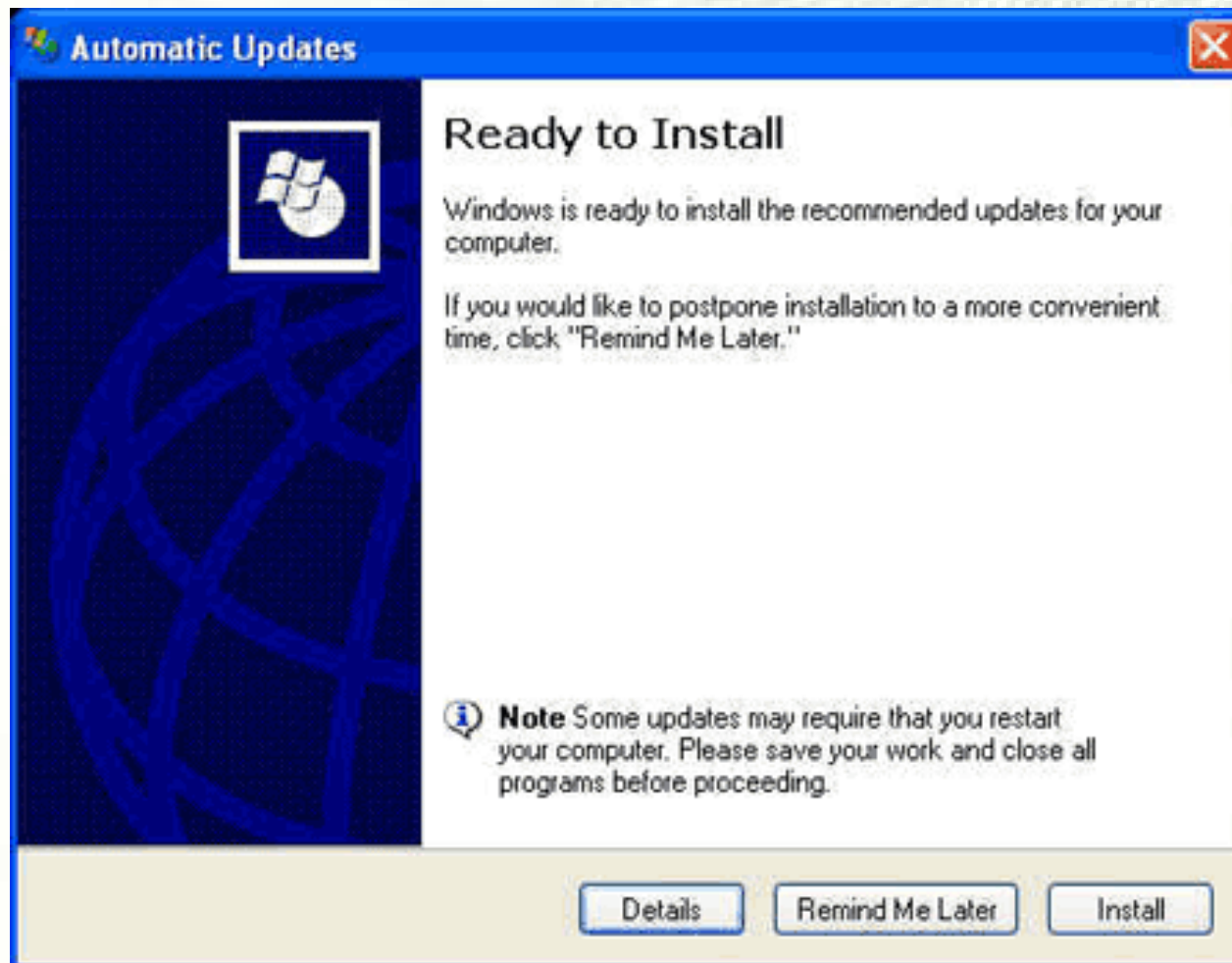
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6 I have the potential and invitation to change the culture and spiritual atmosphere around me.

Matt 6 v 10 *Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

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Eph 4:22 *“You were taught with, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made **new in the attitude of your minds**; and to **put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”*

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2 Cor 10 v 3-5 *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

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- **“Arguments”**: (Gr) *logismos* – used of the consideration and reflection preceding and determining conduct.
- **“Pretensions or High things”**: What are the people, things, or circumstances that are outgrowing my thoughts about God?.

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- **“we take captive every thought”** –
implication: to subdue, to bring into subjection... Tense implies repeated and continuous action
- Staying at work on your thought life is the essence of godliness.

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“Lord, show me the strongholds, or thought patterns I run to in trouble.”



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- 1 Recognise the lie
- 2 Receive and agree with God's truth
- 3 Demolish the lie: intentionally disagree with it and **DISLODGE IT** with truth
- 4 Apply the word (re-wallpaper your mind) through meditation and memorisation
- 5 Keep watch against the lie

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John 1 v 12 (Message) but whoever did want Him, who believed He was who He claimed and would do what He said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.

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