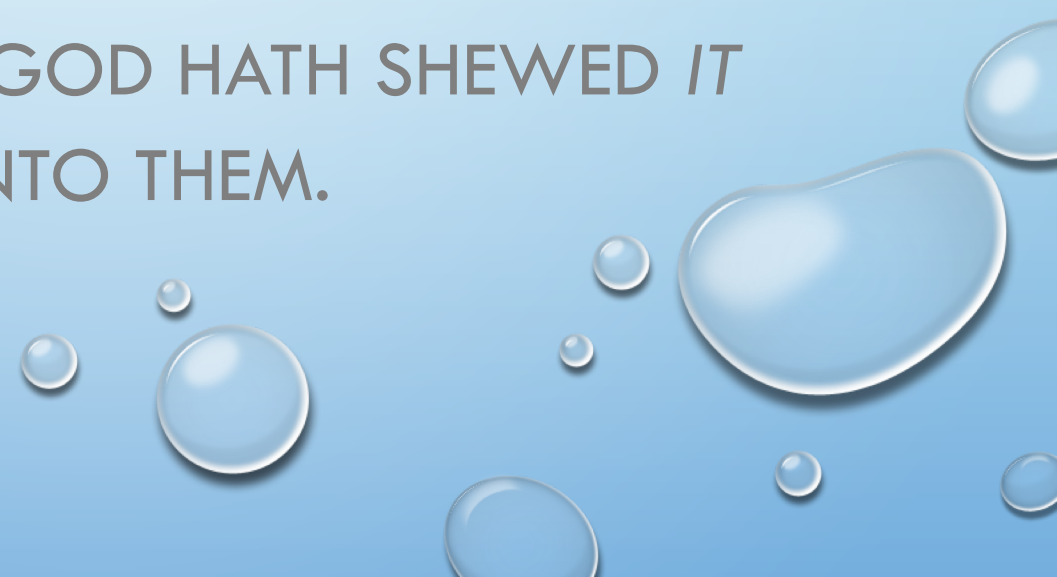




THE LIVING GOD'S GREATEST REFLECTION

ROMANS 1:19 BECAUSE THAT WHICH
MAY BE KNOWN OF GOD IS MANIFEST
IN THEM; FOR GOD HATH SHEWED *IT*
UNTO THEM.



GENESIS 1:26-27

- **26** AND GOD SAID, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS: AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND OVER THE CATTLE, AND OVER ALL THE EARTH, AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH.
- **27** SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM; MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM.


“

HERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM YOU
KNOW. IN KNOWING HIM, YOU
KNOW, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM ALL
OTHER KINDS OF THINGS, A PERSON.

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NATHAN WOOD

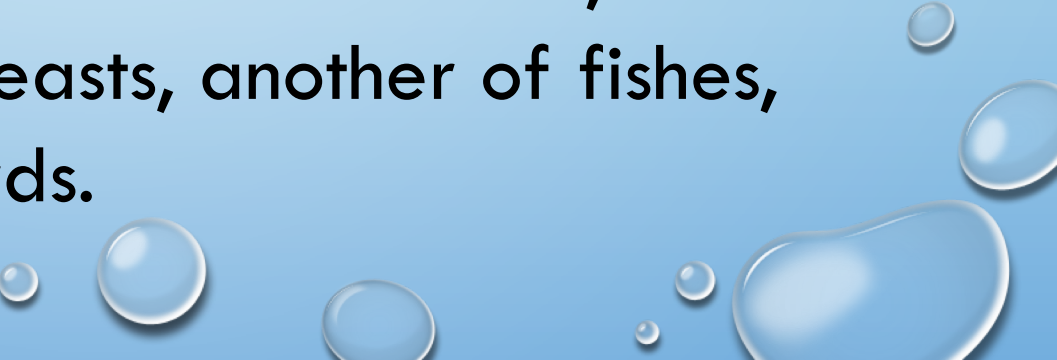
1 CORINTHIANS 15:37-39




1 Cor 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

1 Cor 15:38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

1 Cor 15:39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.





“SUPPOSE THAT YOU COME TO KNOW THIS
PERSON WELL. HE TELLS YOU HIS
THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. YOU LEARN TO
KNOW WHY HE ACTS AND SPEAKS AS HE
DOES. YOU UNDERSTAND HIS SOURCES OF
ACTION. NOW YOU SAY THAT YOU KNOW
HIM SO WELL THAT YOU KNOW HIS VERY
NATURE.”

NATHAN WOOD

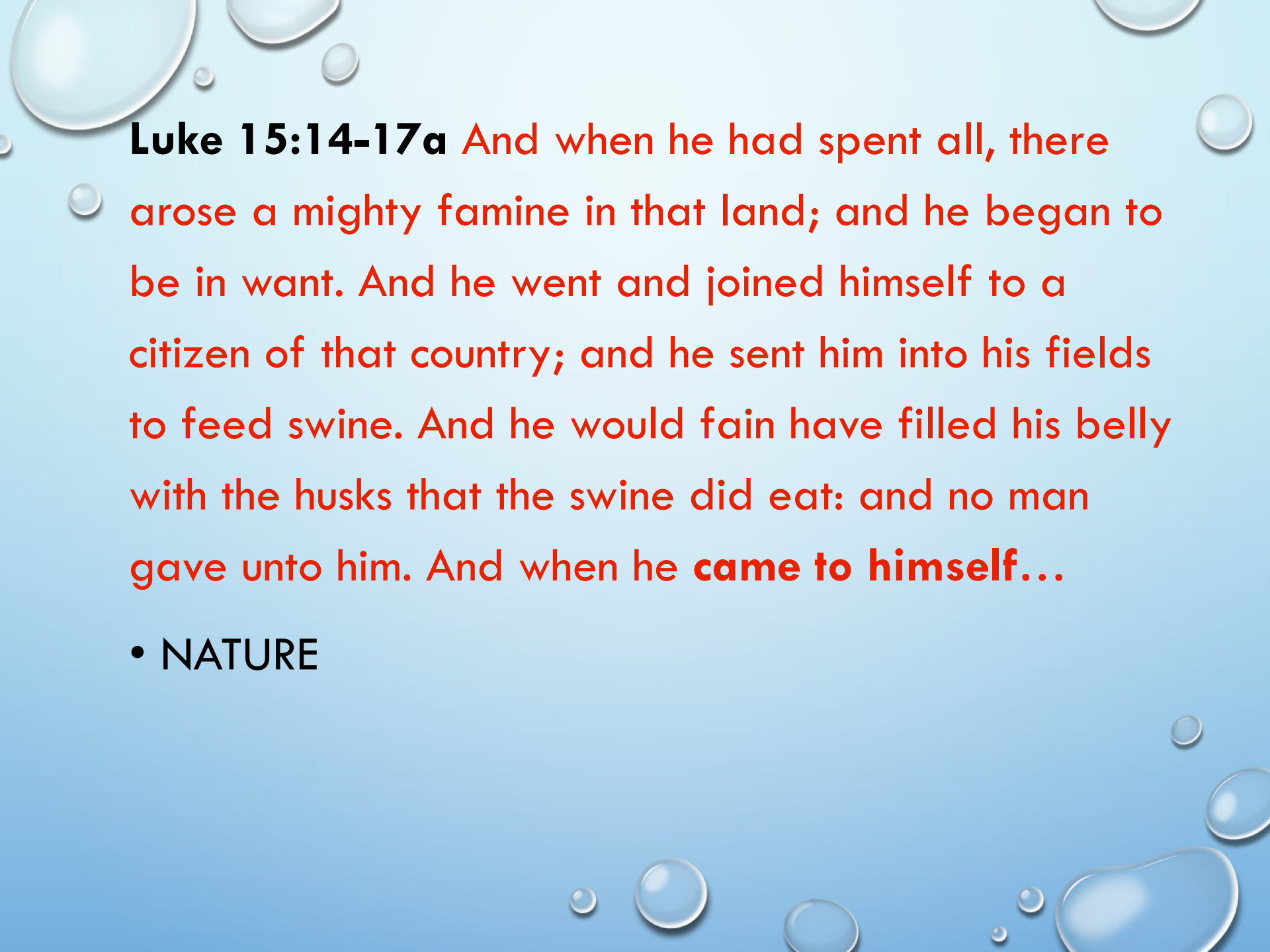


“ HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON? THE
ANSWER IS EVIDENT. YOU KNOW HIM AS
HE TOUCHES YOU, AS HIS LIFE COMES IN
CONTACT WITH YOUR LIFE, AND
INFLUENCES YOU, AND IMPRESSES YOU.
YOU KNOW HIM, YOU SAY, BY HIS
PERSONALITY. ”

NATHAN WOOD


PRODIGAL SON

- **LUKE 15:11-12** And he said, **A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.** And he divided unto them *his* living.
- PERSON



Luke 15:14-17a And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he **came to himself...**

- NATURE



Luke 15:18-19 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, **I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,** And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

- PERSONALITY
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MANKIND:

- NATURE-the essence, essential qualities or attributes of a thing, which constitute it what it is.
- PERSON-an individual human being consisting of body and soul.
- PERSONALITY-that which constitutes an individual a distinct person, or that which constitutes individuality.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary


NATURE

- POSSESSING SOUL & SPIRIT, GENESIS 2:7
- MORAL BEING:
 - CONSCIENCE-internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.
 - ROMANS 2:14-15



Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Rom 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)



PERSON

- EMBODIES OUR NATURE
- EVERY CHILD GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SELF-REALIZATION
 1. I, WHO REALIZE OR SEE
 2. I, WHO AM SEEN BY MYSELF
 3. I, WHO AM RECOGNIZED AS MYSELF

PERSONALITY


- PROCEEDS FROM THE PERSON, REVEALS THE PERSON AS DISTINGUISHED FROM EVERY OTHER PERSON.
- YET, IN REALITY IT REVEALS A PERSON'S NATURE.
- THE NATURE SENDS OUT THE PERSONALITY THROUGH THE PERSON.

TRIUNE

- WITHOUT PERSON, THE NATURE AND PERSONALITY CANNOT BE KNOWN.
- WITHOUT NATURE, THE PERSON AND PERSONALITY HAVE NOTHING TO REVEAL.
- PERSONALITY IS THE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF PERSON REFLECTING NATURE.

LOGICAL ORDER

- NATURE (UN-SEEN) MORAL (JUDGING RIGHT & WRONG)—BASIS OF ALL THAT CAN BE KNOWN OF A PERSON THROUGH THEIR PERSONALITY.
- PERSON (SEEN) EXECUTIVE—EMBODIMENT OF NATURE.
- PERSONALITY (UN-SEEN)—REVEALS THE NATURE THROUGH THE PERSON IN RELATION TO ONESELF & OTHERS.



“
...THERE ARE NO MEN WITHOUT
NATURE, PERSON, AND PERSONALITY,
HOWEVER DISTORTED OR SINFUL
THOSE THINGS MAY BE, TO REFLECT THE
TRIUNITY OF GOD.”

NATHAN WOOD



MORAL ACTION

1. MOTIVE—FROM WITHIN, THIS IS THE BASIS OF EVERY ACTION.
2. ACT—EMBODIMENT OF THE MOTIVE, THE MOTIVE DOES WHATEVER IS DONE THROUGH THE ACT.
3. CONSEQUENCE—IMPACT OF THE ACT UPON ONESELF AND OTHERS.

NATURE OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY


- CHANGE THE NATURE (BORN AGAIN), JOHN 3:3-8; TITUS 3:3-7

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him,
Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be
born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a
man be born when he is old? can he enter the
second time into his mother's womb, and be born?


John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto
thee, Except a man be born of water and of the
Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh;
and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.


John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.




Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,


Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;






Titus 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we
should be made heirs according to the hope of
eternal life.



NATURE OF TRUE CHRISTIANITY

- BEING BORN AGAIN, THE PERSON IS CHANGED (HABITS, SPEECH, LIKES, DISLIKES, ETC.)
- FROM THE CHANGE IN NATURE AND PERSON, THE PERSONALITY IS CHANGED.



Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

