

The Best Is Yet To Come

I recently watched a documentary on TV about the endless versatility of the human brain.

Scientists say we have far more possibilities at our disposal than we ever realised.

The problem is to find how we can make use of them.

One scientist explained that the largest computer is nothing more than a quick idiot compared with the human mind.

In comparison with our brain cell information exchange system, a telephone exchange is a stupid thing, he said.

One neuron cell in the brain can accomplish more connections a day than all of the telephone exchanges in the world put together.

Our brain contains many million neuron cells, all having connections with each other.

After turning off the programme, I thought about it and asked my Creator God to help me make better use of this brain He has given me.

To continue learning and developing and to make better use of what I already had learned.

It is a humbling thought that we Christians hardly have begun to use the great potential the Creator God has given us.

Yet our brain can grow and develop even into old age, in the light of this we can expect that the best is yet to come.

Spiritual immaturity

The Christian Bible teaches that the most fascinating aspect of creation is growth.

The Creator God gives us innumerable possibilities to develop and to bear spiritual fruit, [**Galatians 5:22-25**] throughout our physical life by allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us.

The Christian Bible speaks a lot about growing.

Ephesians 4:15 [New King James] *“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head, Christ,”*

“All things” every aspect of our lives.

2 Peter 3:17-18 [New King James] *“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”*

There is no time that we cannot know our Saviour more intimately than when we study His words and actions as recorded in the gospels.

In fact, this growth will not stop at our death but continue within our new spiritual body on into eternity, [**John 17:3**].

1 Peter 2:1-3 [New King James] *“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, **that you may grow** thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”*

Peter tells us that we should desire to grow as a newborn baby having tasted the mother’s milk desires to continue to be feeding on it. The Word of God, the Christian Bible, is our source of growth.

Jesus Christ, in His earthly ministry, talked repeatedly of growth and used many agrarian examples to illustrate His point.

The Creator God placed Adam and Eve in a garden so they would constantly see the physical growth of animals and plants all around them to prompt their own growth.

The original environment that the Creator gave to His people to be a special nation as an example to other nations, was based on an agrarian society that lived with and depended on growth.

Many of the prophecies for the new society that will come to this earth at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, are based on agrarian growth for the people within that new society.

Is the Creator God telling us something through the physical creation all around us? [**Romans 1:20**]

Luke 2:52 [New King James] *“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.”*

Jesus Christ, as the Son of Man on earth, was a personal example of growth in His life.

All this shows us the development of the whole person, is desired by the Creator God, physical, spiritual and social.

All done in balance with God’s Word the Christian Bible as the foundation.

Growth is essential

How many of us are still spiritual dwarfs?

That is precisely what we are if we do not continue to grow mentally and spiritually, if we are not using the inexhaustible resources at our disposal, God’s Word the Christian Bible, and the wonderful brain we have been blessed by God to possess.

Matthew 5:48 [New King James] *“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”*

Jesus Christ commanded that we should be perfect.

The Greek word used is “*tēlēiōs*” meaning complete growth in mental and moral character.

Ephesians 4:13 [NIV] *“until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”*

None of us can expect to attain spiritual and mental maturity all at once, for as we see in the physical creation all around us, growth takes time.

Growing pains

A crisis can be a definite deterrent to our growth, or it can cause us to grow more than ever.

I think we decide within ourselves which it will be.

Romans 8:28 [New King James] *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”*

This verse does **not** say that everything that happens to us is good. **It tells us that God will take everything and work it together so that the end result is good, if we let Him.**

That is growth.

God allows suffering in humanity in order that we grow in character, [**Hebrews 12:5-6**].

He has also promised that the difficulties will **not** be beyond our personal capacity to handle, and neither will they last indefinitely, [**1 Corinthians 10:13**].

If we follow Jesus Christ’s example in times of trouble, [**Hebrews 12:2-3**] we then will **not** become weary and discouraged.

What about our spiritual growth?

We all need to right now do some evaluating, for no-one else can do it for us.

Following are some helpful suggestions.

- 1 Take an honest look at where you are in your spiritual growth compared to where we would like to be.
- 2 Make some positive growth plans. Write them down, linked to a date on the calendar.
- 3 Be willing to share with others your plan and ask them to help if you feel you need to, to be prompted to keep to that plan.
- 4 Do **not** be afraid to make new commitments to grow, asking always for God to help us daily.
- 5 Do **not** allow others dictate your growth patterns.

Spiritual growth is not a short sprint, it is a life-long journey, like a marathon.

You do **not** need to strive to be more “*spiritual*” than someone else, what you see in them could be but a façade.

We need to re-examine our lives now and then and perhaps readjust our goals.

Each phase of life offers a specific challenge to grow in the deepest purpose of our life.

Which is to be acceptable to our Creator God, to be given the great blessing of an eternal place in His Kingdom, His created family.

Yes the best is yet to come, for eventually every human being when we personally experience what is written in –

1 Corinthians 2:9 [New King James] *“But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’”*

This is the future for all who are seeking to grow spiritually, to then be acceptable to the Creator God for our growth is producing the very “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit which are the very characteristics of the Holy God we worship, [Galatians 5:22-25].

Let us all get growing spiritually day by day.