

# WAY TO SHILOH

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## Questions with only a spiritual answer

Why do I feel so empty? Why does nothing seem to satisfy or seem to be enough? Why does all the secular world and popular media give me, seem to be vain and pointless? Why can't I even understand my own actions or those of mankind at his worst?

The answer is that we are meant for so much more. We are spiritual creatures with souls not just mere animals living by instinct and driven by brute passions. When we are told that this is all we are (evolutionary hypothesis) and try to live accordingly to this, we have no end of problems because we are not addressing our soul's needs properly. The emptiness of the lost soul can be born out by it's own words- the lyrics to the Rolling Stones song 'Can't get no satisfaction' are strangely apt in this context, a man desperately looking for more out of life than this world has to offer, but only seeking satisfaction in the shallow things of this post 60's age.

The truth is (According to God's Word, not man's reason) that we are created to have a relationship with the one living God and we are made to worship Him. Do you have trouble with the idea of a perfect personal God? Does not this very world's obvious design show us that there is a designer? And if a designer who made not only the plants and creatures but us also, intelligent rational beings. Then would the God who made the ear not himself be able to hear? Would the one who made the mouth not be able to speak? The one who made the brain, be more than just an impersonal force (as many would like him to be, as it means no personal responsibilities to it).

Because mankind has rebelled against this notion of worship of God from the earliest opportunity, then he tries to fulfil this inner purpose in other ways which are wholly inadequate and do not fill the gapping hole which is left to fill. As someone pointedly said;

Deep inside of me there's a hole  
I don't want to see.  
Like a deep wound,  
And I try to cover it up  
With the inadequate plaster of philosophy.

The unpalatable truth, for many, from the Bible, is that we all try to go our own way and worship people, things, philosophies, ideologies, creation (nature) itself, in fact anything apart from what we were made for and would find completion in. The reason for this is that we have a 'fallen' nature that does not incline towards what is right, but that which is not. It is not then a good rationale to run after some idea because it appeals to us or seems natural, for if our very natures are flawed then this could be the wrong course. For example, false 'man created' religions which just appease man's wrong assumption that he can save or better himself and that he is naturally good.

Actually the Bible indicates that it would be impossible for us to turn to him or please him without his intervention, and says, in effect, we are spiritually dead. However, as Christ raised the dead and Himself conquered death through a perfect life, in the same way, can raise our lifeless souls to spiritual life. This comes through true repentance and faith.

Are you sometimes gripped with a need to confess to somebody your sins? It is to God, not men, that we should confess, for ultimately it is him and his law we have sinned against. Bring that fear and guilt and lay it at his feet. Lay hold of this deep truth and if you value the eternal future of your soul do not stop seeking this end until you have it, and you will have it, if you are sincere and humbly come to God in prayer, for he promises to turn none away who come like this.