

I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God IN KING JESUS. (Philippians 3:14)

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God Consciousness

Like so many things today, the concept of consciousness has been variously defined, analyzed, studied, and debated for centuries by philosophers, scientists, and other disciplines, even of the religious or theological type. Here is a definition of consciousness derived from various sources: *Consciousness, at its simplest, is sentience or awareness of internal and external existence. It refers to awareness of oneself and the world around them. This would include awareness of one's unique thoughts, memories, experiences, feelings, sensations, and environments, making it unique to the individual.* As a philosopher, René Descartes, most likely, would have defined consciousness with his famous statement: *Je pense, donc je suis*, (in Latin: *Cogito ergo sum*) translated—*I think, therefore I am*. For humans, the fact that we think means we have consciousness.

Putting aside a controversy over whether other living entities are sentient beings, as well, what follows is not a deep dive into the subject of consciousness. Rather, it builds upon and reinforces points made [previously](#), some of which are repeated here, namely: **the anointing we all receive is a living consciousness of God**—that is, a continuous awareness of God and especially of the Christ in us and of us in Christ. It's both a positional and a relational awareness that is to be borne out in our everyday experience. It is an internal and external awareness of the presence of God that leads us into the depths of [eonian life or life in God's age](#) (i.e., our present age for those in the faith of Jesus)—that is, to know the one true God and Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed One the Father sent to reveal His name and His essence.

“And by ‘life of God’s coming age’ I mean this that they should know you, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah [the Anointed One], the one you sent.” (John 17:3 Kingdom NT [added based on the meaning of Messiah or Christ])

Knowing God and Jesus is the highest level of consciousness any human born of Adam could ever attain. This consciousness is an ever-present awareness of the presence of God, both in the inner, spiritual man and the many outers of life, from our physical body to our external environment.

This consciousness is the work of the holy spirit, which is the spirit of the Lord, Jesus' spirit that was poured out in us when we were given His faith so that we would believe in Him. Stated another way; what we who believe have been given could be likened to physical energy (in its many forms) that surrounds all of us living on planet earth. For the most part,

we don't see it, but we know it is there. At times, we can literally feel it, even to the point of it literally killing us (e.g., lightning). Interestingly, we are told that *God is spirit*, and we cannot look upon Him and live, at least in our present state. Although we cannot see energy directly, we can see its result (e.g., a light bulb). The corollary to this is how the spirit of God changes lives—like changing a burnt-out light bulb.

So, how do we come to know God and His Son? How do we come into a living consciousness of the presence of God and His Son? It is through the anointing. I liken it to the electrical energy of God. *God is spirit is God is pure energy*. If you will; His energy lights us up, which is the same as He gives us life, the life of the one who is the Life.

When we come out of the womb, we arrive in the world with the spirit of life in us, which is God's breath of life that is given to all living creatures; but then a day comes when the Son sends forth of His spirit to take up residence in us, and we begin to breathe in new air—spiritual air, so to speak. Prior to this, we had a sense of the existence of our Creator. Scripture declares that only fools believe there is no God; they are simply in denial of the truth that is deep within their consciousness. O, but in Christ, we have something far greater than a primal knowing. We now have an intimate, relational knowing of God on the order of a father and a son. It is about an active, experiential life in spirit; a conscious, vibrant life in the Lord; a moment-by-moment God-consciousness.

Jesus told His disciples that after He was gone, He would send from His Father the helper, the spirit of *the* truth (John 15:26 ABP & JM-NT). He had already told them that He is *the* Truth. Later, Paul described the last Adam as a life-giving (life-creating) spirit, and the love of God was poured out in our hearts through the holy spirit that was given to us. And, John tells us that the spirit of the truth is the anointing that we are to abide in, just as we are to abide in the Father and the Son. Theologians, like looking through a microscope, thrive on parsing verses like this, ultimately killing the message. But step back with telescopic vision. What do we see? Jesus did not send some other unique spirit; He sent *His* spirit to dwell in and among those given His faith to believe. In other words, He sent Himself in spirit, which is why Paul could say *Christ in us*. We abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His spirit (1 John 4:13). We have the Truth in us and this truth is our anointing that gives us a daily, living consciousness of both the Father and the Son. *I and the Father are one*. If we have the Son in spirit, we have the Father in spirit, for there is only one spirit.

The point I want to drive home that I keep pressing is that this is the anointing that we received when we first became a new creation in Christ. We have either missed this truth or come short of it, especially in living it out in this present age. There are reasons for this, but I'll leave it for your discernment. The good news is that we are awakening to this glorious consciousness—it is *the* Truth.