



I came so you can have real and eternal life, more and better life than you ever dreamed of.—John 10:10

There is a desire within each of us, in the deep center of ourselves, that we call our heart.

We are often unaware of it, but it is always awake. It is the human desire for love. Every person on this earth yearns to love and to be loved. Our true identity, our reason for being, is to be found in this desire.¹

This inner longing points us back to its source, to our Creator. Thus, Jesus describes himself as the source of “continuous life, continuously all around.”²

But many never choose heart's desire for fear of *mystery*.

Any spiritual encounter not controlled by the logic and reason of our mind is off-limits. If we cannot intellectually explain our experience, we dare not entertain it.

Ironically, Scripture presents a more-than-material world far beyond what we can empirically measure or scientifically observe. The Word is awash in mystery: a combination of Father/Son/ Spirit called a “Trinity,” a virgin birth, a resurrection from the dead, miracles, angels, demons, prayer, life after death, and the list goes on.

Unless we risk the possibility of mystery, of a profound love breaking into our hearts, we likely join the legions of the unjazzed in a monochrome, powerless form of religion.

Question

What obstacles keep you from knowing and embracing the “mystery” of God's love?

¹ Gerald May, *The Awakened Heart*, 1.

² The meaning of Greek, *perissós*, “abundant” in John 10:10.