

After the guardian angel trainee was finished with the soul-mapping course, he was moved to another area. Here he was shown another means of examining the characteristics of a soul.

He knew about how humans saw physical things in terms of color and texture as they reflected light in their own way. He was shown how, in a similar way, to look at the properties of a person's soul.

At first, as he looked at several individuals, the job was as he expected. The souls had some measure of "reflectivity", returning the Truth that shone upon them. There were dark souls, and bright souls, though even the brightest were a little fuzzy around the details.

But occasionally, he encountered something totally different. It was as if, instead of simply reflecting off of a surface, the Truth had penetrated and was re-emitted in a slightly different form. The colors were not quite right, and the image had an appearance of depth that was not seen in the others. The angel brought this to the attention of his supervisor, thinking that there was some problem in the equipment.

He was surprised at the reaction.

"Don't think that a perfect reflection is really what God most desires! He wants to see how the Word works in and through the subjects. He wants to see them become a part of that Word. We are not talking about distortion, or adding to or subtracting from¹, but a fusion of sorts with flesh and spirit. God wants the Word imprinted on their hearts², but not just as though it were a sign worn by a street vendor. The human heart is soft and responsive. A heart of stone³ might hold the imprint exactly (as happened with the Ten Words⁴), but is not a living thing and is easily broken⁵."

The trainee was taken aback. "How can God allow any deviation from His Truth?"

His mentor replied, "We are not talking about a deviation, but about being more than just an echo⁶. Remember that God is infinite, and is after a higher goal than just having his Word spit back at Him. If that is what he wanted, He could have created a multitude of 'soul-mirrors'. But He wants more than that⁷."

He continued, "Even the Christ translated the Word, in a sense, by putting it into human stories that illustrated the true meaning of that Word. It was a fusion of Truth and His human experience. In speaking to mankind, Jesus converted legal definitions to stories about people and how they lived and reacted to life."

"But this was the Son of God! Surely He was authorized, but not mere people!"

"God wants to see their response, the Word through their eyes, so to speak. It is the best indication of how they feel about Him. They won't get it perfectly right, of course, but what they do reveals the true nature of their hearts.

"He inspires them⁸ to do Good⁹ and not live in a web of rules. Remember that He spoke through us, but He also spoke through prophets and the writers of their Holy Scripture. For instance, think about how you might tell the lesson of the seeds based on your own existence."

The trainee went back to work, and as he viewed each soul, he learned that God enjoys how the special ones worked to smoothly fill in the gaps that He had left in His message without inserting their own agenda. It showed their pursuit of Him, and provided a multiplicity of perspectives that together magnify His Glory.

1. Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:18
2. Jeremiah 31:33 (Hebrews 8:10)
3. Ezekiel 11:19-20 and 36:25-28; note how the heart of stone is replaced by a heart of flesh, and God's Spirit will move us to be like Him, and we will be His people.
4. Deuteronomy 4:13
5. Exodus 32:19
6. Be a voice, not an echo. Kahlil Gibran
7. "C. S. Lewis once surmised that each person is created to see a different facet of God's beauty—something no one else can see in quite the same way - and then to bless all worshipers through all eternity with an aspect of God they could not otherwise see." John Ortbert, The Life You've Always Wanted.
8. Philippians 2:13
9. Ephesians 2:10