

Looking past the X ...

X - what is seen

Y - what is unseen

Z - both

More to life than the “X” ...

Most people would agree that there is more to life than the tangible world around us, what we can touch, see and hear. Our television programming reflects this as we portray people helping ghosts finish their business on earth, angels intervening in our lives and people with supernatural powers performing heroic acts of service. Call it what you will - religion, spirituality, mysticism, God, Jesus - we are aware of intangibles in our relationships with the people around us and the world we live in. People who have no apparent interest in God or a next world suddenly are church-goers after a tragedy such as the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Most people do not believe that when you die everything is over, end of story. Not really. But we have become very adept at keeping those thoughts and feelings buried in the back places of our consciousness, that is, until we are diagnosed with cancer or our friend is killed tragically in an automobile accident.

Little thought to the “Y” ...

I am not making light or belittling but merely referencing the obvious. Most of us live with our attention focused on the horizontal plane of our lives, the X-coordinate, life on the planet, what is directly in front of us - preparing for or developing a career, finding a life-mate, planning a birthday party, going to work, paying a bill, remodeling the house, mowing the grass. We give little thought to the vertical, the Y-coordinate, the unseen world, until an event or set of circumstances upsets our “X” world enough to cause us to look past the temporary nature of this life and consider something more. The impact of a friend dying or loss of employment sends powerful waves of uncertainty rippling through our lives, rattling our perspective. Questions about God and eternity bubble to the surface, if only for a brief moment, and often our first reaction is to shove them back beneath the surface as soon as possible. And I really hope you don't do that.

Need to factor in the “Z” ...

I really hope that you don't settle for a perspective that disregards such a significant part of the reality of life without at least considering what God might say on the subject. We humans have this uncanny knack for settling for less than what

God offers by insisting on our own way, trying to find happiness in the next this or that and just generally being stupid. I have a lot of experience in that also, but you probably don't need my help with that one. Smirk. I believe I can help you understand that God offers a life that connects now and forever, a life beyond your imagination, a reality and quality of life above and beyond the pretense and disillusionment of this world. I am asking you to let me help you with the journey.

Sincerely,

Dave