

The Way Things Ought to Be

We all have a built-in sense of the way things ought to be. Everyone **ought** to have a roof over their head, we **ought** to be able to feed everyone, we **ought** not go to war, we **ought** to treat each other with respect and kindness, etc.

In the deepest part of our being, we yearn for a world where selfishness, greed, ambition, control, domination and a whole host of other me-centered desires are so out of place that they are simply not tolerated. This “dream” world is a world where “**do to others what you would like them do to you**” is not a lofty platitude, but a reality. In this *ought-to-be world* everyone has enough to eat, has a roof over their head and has clothing to wear. Those who have plenty share with those who lack the basic necessities. No one is alone, everyone is loved. There is no sickness, pain or death. It is a world of satisfaction, of joy and of everlasting life. We all have this innate longing built into us. It is the way things **ought to be**.

This Isn't The Way Things Ought to Be

Clearly, we do not currently live in such a world. The world in which we live is characterized by sickness, pain and death. Our predominant tendencies are me-centered; looking out for number one. Deep down, we know we shouldn't behave like that but we can't seem to help it.

The Imprint of the Creator

This sense of “ought to be” is nothing less than the imprint of our Creator. **We were created to live in a much better world than the one we currently inhabit.** This urge is constantly tugging at our conscience telling us that there is something better than what we are experiencing. It is a spiritual thirst that can only be satisfied by spiritual water. Our Creator placed this yearning in us to motivate us to prepare for eternity.

The most important thing we will ever do, in this brief life span, is to acknowledge this divine imprint and to respond to it.

The Response of the Unbeliever

Even those who do not believe in the Creator have this innate sense of the way things ought to be. And some of them spend a great deal of time and effort to bring about a “better” world, a world where the *ought-to-be* is more closely realized. One can applaud their efforts, but their efforts apart from the Creator are doomed to failure.

Their refusal to acknowledge the Creator leaves them with man-made solutions to an issue that is spiritual in nature. And these efforts always ultimately fail.

How long have we been hearing that our advancements in science, medicine and other areas are going to bring about a better world? Yet, we are more miserable, alone, and me-centered than we have ever been.

The Response of the Believer

A true believer responds to the *ought-to-be* imprint by seeking answers from the One who placed this imprint in them. And they put these answers into practice in this life.

If we have acknowledged the Creator then we should seek to understand Him and to live according to the way He made us.

We should also acknowledge that we are unable to understand the Creator without His help. We must seek His revelation for help.

Where do we find the Creator's revelation? There are many religions that claim to have the answers. Each one has its own written version of "Here is what God has revealed".

The article *The Word of God* delves more deeply into this topic.

Do Something

If you have come to believe in the Creator, please don't stop there. **Believing in God is not enough.** Take action and seek Him out with the intention of living this life in the way you were created to live. This is the most important task you can undertake in this brief life that you have been given.