



are you growing?

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Understanding the formation of your spirit

RENOVATION OF THE HEART



Ephesians 5:1

*Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children.*

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OUR DESIRES ARE POWERFUL

To desire is not good or bad –
it's human

Desires direct action: life | death

Desires define you



SHOULDER ANGEL/ DEMON MYTH OF DESIRE

My desires are angelic or demonic

- Origin *The Shepherd of Heremes ch2 (circa AD 150)*
- *Two angels in heart: one lead to righteousness, other to sin*
- *Psychomachia:*
 “battle of the soul”
 Virtues vs Vices
- *Freudian Trio:*
 ID | Ego | Super-Ego

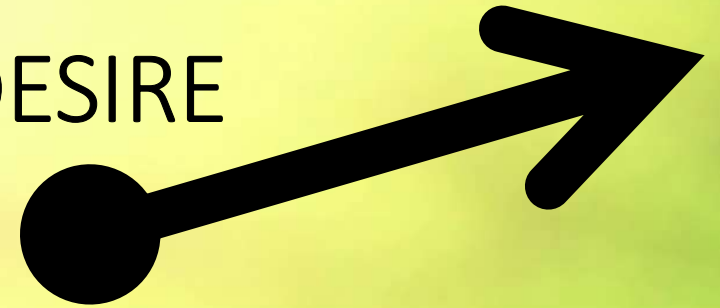


BLOB AND ARROW VIEW OF DESIRE

I am the source of my desires

- Classic folk psychology
- Desires are
Mine | Rational | Self-directed.

Matthew 6:7-8 does not fit this view
"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."



MIMETIC VIEW OF DESIRE

A young green seedling with two leaves growing from a mossy base against a bright green background. The seedling is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its stem and leaves clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural, sunlit environment.

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– René Girard

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James 4:1-4

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your desires are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel... 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?

6. You shall not murder

7. You shall not commit adultery

8. You shall not steal

9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

TO FIGHT OUR DESIRES IS FUTILE

We need to supplant them – change the source



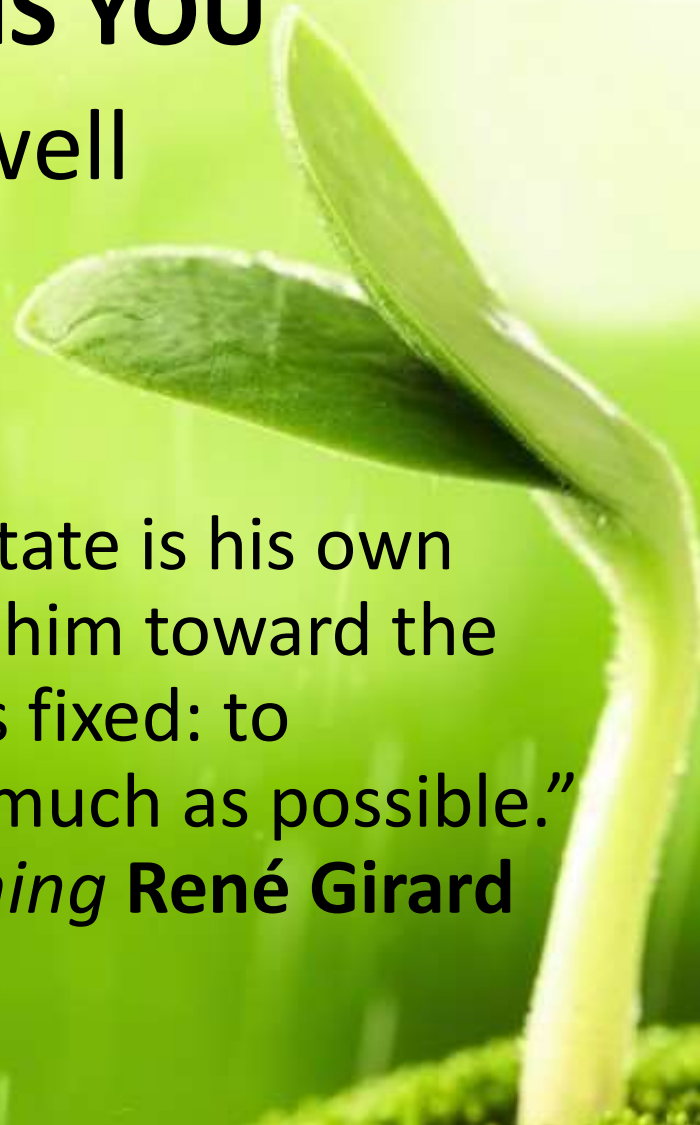
Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.

YOUR COMPANY FORMS YOU

Choose your company well

“What Jesus invites us to imitate is his own desire, the spirit that directs him toward the goal on which his intention is fixed: to resemble God the Father as much as possible.”

— *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning* **René Girard**



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*To know Him...
and become like Him*

Philippians 3:10



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*As we behold him...
we become like Him*

2 Corinthians 3:18