

# Why Not Born With It?

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*We were created with supernatural life, but we had to choose whether to let it run our lives or live by our own understanding.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:9, John 4:24, Galatians 5:16, James 4:8

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## Description

Ernest O'Neill delves into the concept of supernatural life that has manifested in individuals throughout history, enabling miraculous feats and profound inner transformations. He explores the origin of this supernatural life, rooted in the love relationship between God the Father and Jesus, and how humans were created in God's image to partake in this divine love. O'Neill explains the significance of God giving us free will to choose between living by the uncreated spirit or relying solely on our physical bodies, emphasizing the importance of this choice in our relationship with our Creator.

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## Transcript

We've been discussing during these past few months a kind of supernatural life that has surfaced in individuals down through the centuries. People who experience it are able to make matter change -- rocks have split open to pour out water for men dying of thirst, mothers have seen their sons raised from death, a man in the first century of our era actually died and then came alive again for more than a month, followers of his made congenital cripples able to walk. But the most beneficial effects of this supernatural life throughout history has been its power to change the motivational centres of individuals who are overwhelmed with depression or worry or resentment or greed. This life-force is able to rearrange the whole series of response reactions that are built into the personality through the years so that the person is freed to start life again.

Why were we not born with this supernatural life? How did we ever come to have just human life with all its limitations?

In fact we were born with all the potential to live by this supernatural life. It's the actual life-power of the Supreme Being who created the whole universe. Jesus of Nazareth explained that it's the very Spirit of his Father, the God of the whole creation. They live in perfect happiness with each other in a timeless, spaceless state of pure love. Because of this love which always wants to give and share, God resolved to create other beings that could enjoy the love that He shared with his Son. Jesus in this pre-existent state explained this pre-creation conversation to a man called Moses about 3500 years ago in these words:

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Genesis 1:6) The reason you were made by God in his image was precisely for one great purpose so that you could enjoy the love relationship that he has with his Son Jesus. Even in our deteriorated state here on earth, the most valuable and least boring experience we know is the whole-hearted unselfish love of another person. But such love is possible only in people who have the same capabilities.

For instance, you can have fun throwing a ball for your dog to run after. He'll even enjoy you tickling his tummy. But try him with your views on aids or the world economy -- and you know your relationship is strictly limited. So our creator made us like himself and his son. He explained exactly what this entailed and Moses wrote it down by inspired intuition. Obviously mankind was in its childhood at that early time in the earth's history so God explained it in childlike terms that men would

understand at that time. "Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground." (Genesis 2:7) First, the Creator made your body out of dust. That accords with our experience of death when the body returns to dust after it's buried or burned. You probably have realized yourself when you've looked at a dear face in a coffin that this body is no longer your Dad or your Mum -- they themselves have left the body and all you've got there is a few pounds' worth of chemicals which will deteriorate quickly into dust. But God gave us a body so that we could manifest ourselves to each other as he himself does. Our body happens to be perceptible to senses we know as hearing, seeing etc..

"And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." (Genesis 2:7) This is a very simplified way of describing the Creator giving us his own uncreated life -- what we have called "supernatural life." It's designated by the Hebrew word "ruah" which means "wind" or "spirit" and contains all that makes God what he is in his very essence. It includes all his powers to control the energies of the created world and to release the energies of uncreated life but it is an invisible life that is triggered by our faith or belief that we have it.

"And man became a living soul." (genesis 2:7) This uncreated life of God combined with the physical body to produce a third intermediate level of life called the "soul." The Hebrew word is "nephesh," but the contemporary meaning is found in the Greek word "psuche" which becomes "psyche" in English. This is the entity that makes us men and women unique -- we have a psychological existence that distinguishes us from the animals on one side and the angels on the other.

However, all these capabilities would have utterly failed to fit us for friendship with our Maker without one additional essential. You can't love unless you are free NOT to love. Without free will, love is not possible! God himself is a self-determining being: he can enjoy only the love of other self-determining beings who love him because they want to -- not because they can't do anything else. If God had wanted performing monkeys, then he needed to add nothing more to the capabilities we've outlined. But he wanted friendship with other beings who were like himself. That's why he gave us free will.

He describes it again in childlike terms that early man would understand. However, we can state it bluntly and succinctly. Your soul -- the psychological part of you -- can choose to depend either on the physical body -- or on the uncreated spirit. You can live from the inside out or from the outside in. The Creator put it like this through Moses. "And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...and the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'" (Genesis 2:9,16)

So we WERE created with supernatural life inside BUT we had to choose whether we'd let it run our mental, emotional, and volitional life or whether we'd let our physical body's sense of corporate right and wrong run our psychological life. Let's see in the next article what our forefathers did and what effect it has had on you in your present life.

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