



FORMED | PT 1 THE ALGORITHM CULTURE | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

1 JOHN 3:1-10

QUESTION: WHEN IT COMES TO DEVOTION, WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT UNDERMINE YOUR DEVOTION?

DEVOTION: profound dedication, earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc., strong attachment (to) or affection (for a cause, person, etc) marked by dedicated loyalty (dictionary.com)

IN MANY WAYS, OUR SOCIETY AND CULTURE ARE BUILT WITH CONSISTENT DISTRACTIONS OF ALL KINDS...

Edward Louis Bernays was an Austrian-American pioneer in the field of public relations and propaganda, referred to in his obituary as "the father of public relations". He worked for dozens of major American corporations, including Procter & Gamble and General Electric, and for government agencies, politicians, and non-profit organizations.

BERNAYS IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "WHO CONTROLS THE MESSAGE, CONTROLS THE MIND." HE BELIEVED THAT PEOPLE DO NOT MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON FACT, BUT ON FEELINGS. IT'S ABOUT MANIPULATION.

FAST FORWARD TO THE 2020S...

PEOPLE SPEND AN AVERAGE OF 49 HOURS A WEEK ON SCREENS.

TODAY WE LIVE UNDER THE ALGORITHM.

An algorithm is a systematic procedure (using AI) that takes an input, processes it through a series of defined steps, and produces an output.

TRUTH: MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING FORMED BY OUR FEEDS AND DISCIPLINED BY OUR SCREENS.. CONSTANTLY BEING TOLD WHAT, WHO TO BELIEVE INSTEAD OF THINKING OR SEEKING GOD.

TRUTH: WE AS BELIEVERS IN CHRIST OUR LORD, BORN-AGAIN CHILDREN OF GOD, HAVE SUCH A MIGHTY ASSIGNMENT AND CALLING THAT WE MUST NOT LIVE ACCORDING TO THE WORLD'S CULTURE BUT ACCORDING TO GOD'S KINGDOM.

ROM 12:1-2

CONFORM: 4964 *sysxēmatízō* (from [4862](#) /*sýn*, "**identified with**" and *sxēmatízō*, "having *outward* shape") – properly, assuming a similar **outward form** (expression) by following the same *pattern* (model, mold).

WORLD: AGE: 165. *Aión* from an obsolete primary noun apparently meaning "continued duration."

God is NOT algorithmic; He is Heavenly Father!

1 Thess 4:1;7-8

BUT THERE'S A CHOICE TO BE MADE.. WHICH CULTURE WILL YOU BE A PART OF? (SUMIT TO)

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LOOK AGAIN: ⁹ No one **born of God** makes a practice of sinning, for **God's^l seed** abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

“BORN OF GOD”

BORN: 1080. **GENNAÓ:** to regenerate -- bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of

OF: 1537. **ek or ex:** properly, "*out from and to*" (the *outcome*); *out from within*. [1537](#) /*ek* ("out of") is one of the most under-translated (and therefore mis-translated) Greek propositions – often being confined to the meaning "by." [1537](#) (*ek*) has a two-layered meaning ("*out from and to*") which makes it *out-come* oriented (out of the depths of the source and extending to its impact on the object). (HELPS WORD STUDIES)

SEED: 4690. **Sperma:** From speiro; something sown, i.e. Seed (including in human reproduction) by implication, offspring; specially, a remnant (figuratively, as if kept over for planting) -- issue, seed.

BEING BORN AGAIN IS AN INSTANT THING THAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE RECEIVES THEIR SALVATION... BUT JUST LIKE A NEW BABY IS BORN IN THE NATURAL, IT HAS TO BE RAISED UP AS IT GROWS!

JOHN 1:9-13

I DO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN MY SANTIFICATION.

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO COMPLETE THE WORK HE HAS STARTED WITHIN ME, BUT I MUST BRING MY FLESH INTO SUBMISSION...

Galatians 2:20 1 Peter 1:2 Romans 6:6

I DO NOT HAVE TO DO THIS IN GUILT, SHAME, CONDEMNATION, OR EVEN IN DESPISE OF THE CALL TO BE HOLY...

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: IS NOT ONLY ABOUT WHAT IS REMOVED FROM MY LIFE (THE SIN AND OLD SELF) BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO MY LIFE, AS I'M BEING FORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF GOD (THROUGH HIS GRACE AND TRUTH, AND FOR HIS GLORY).

“Why Practice Spiritual Disciplines? Most of us think of discipline as negative. We discipline our kids when they misbehave. Soldiers face disciplinary action when they don’t follow the orders of their commanders. A boss might put an employee through a probationary period as a disciplinary measure for not meeting certain goals. But practicing spiritual disciplines has much more of a preemptive and positive quality. As author and philosophy professor Dallas Willard notes, “The practice of the spiritual disciplines [is] essential to the deliverance of human beings from the concrete power of sin.”⁸ The relationship between discipline and disciple is also important.” -BILL HULL, *THE COMPLETE BOOK OF DISCIPLESHIP*

1 THESS 5:9-24