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Potential: Identifying the Real You



Philippians 1:6 / Eph 1:11



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Becoming a Person of Destiny

A. What is Destiny?

- Destiny is the path established by God for every individual before the foundation of the world that leads to the discovery of the essential purpose for their existence



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Becoming a Person of Destiny

The path of Destiny Encompasses/Involves:

Potential

-The seeds of Self-Discovery

Identity

-Who am I

Purpose

-Why do I Exist

Defining Moments

-Life Altering Decisions



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- We cannot understand **DESTINY** if we don't understand the purpose for our existence
- We cannot understand **PURPOSE** if we don't know who we are (**IDENTITY**)



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Define Identity:

1. The collective set of *complex characteristics* that distinguishes who or what a person is



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Defining Properties (DP) – Complex Characteristics

1. Attributes that answer the obvious questions to *Who Am I?*

a. Name

b. Height

c. Color

d. Gender

e. Features..etc

*f. Behavior**



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Define Identifier:

- **Definition:** *A person or thing that establishes the identity of someone or something*

God is Our Identifier

- God is the Source that has given mankind his **IDENTITY**



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A. Defining POTENTIAL

- **Miles Monroe defines Potential:**

1. Dormant Ability, Untapped strength, Unused success
2. Potential is the dormant ability that may or may not develop
3. Potential is the capability or possibility of being or becoming



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Dorland's Medical Dictionary for Health Consumer

1. Existing and ready for action, but not active

The American Heritage® Medical Dictionary

1. Capable of being but not yet in existence; latent.

2. The inherent (*innate*) ability or capacity for growth, development, or coming into

- being.



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Pastor R. Godfrey JR. defines Potential:

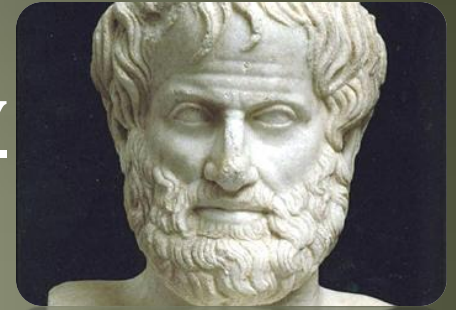
1. Potential is the seed that houses the capability to discover the real you!

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Aristotle's Potential and Actuality

- *Potential Exist in the realm of possibilities, but not in actuality*

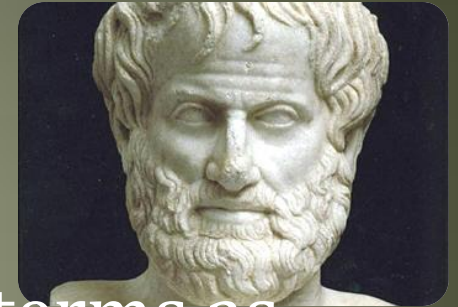


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Aristotle's Potential and Actuality

- “*dunamis*” is potential
- The word can be translated by such terms as *dynamic, force, power, capacity, potential, potency, capability, faculty and ability.*
- **Actuality**” as “*energeia*” (en-: in + **ergon** work or ability to do work):
Realization, Working, Action, Operative Power.



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Aristotle's Potential and Actuality



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POTENTIAL

ACTUALITY



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A.Seed Dormancy

1. When seeds cannot grow due to certain variables which cause prevention in “*potential production*” this particular dynamic is known by the term “***Seed Dormancy***”



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Two major conditions that causes “Seed Dormancy”

1. **Exogenous**- *is caused by various conditions outside the seed*

○ **Impermeability** - *Nothing can penetrate the outer shell*

2. **Endogenous** –*is caused by certain conditions within the seed*

○ **Underdeveloped**

○ **Immaturity**

○ **Sensitivity**



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- David is given Identity of a King (I Sam 6:7-13)
- David attains major accomplishments
 - Slays giant
 - Wins the heart of the King
 - King embraces David as a Hero
 - David is given gifts of armor by Jonathan
 - Women dance in the streets singing about David



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A. David's Potential begins to be stimulated

- Spear thrown at David's head twice!
- Twice Saul offers one of his daughters in marriage to David
- he tries again to kill David with a spear
- ends men to kill David
- Three times Saul sends men to arrest David at Ramah
- David eventually finds himself hiding in the cave of Adullam



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A. During this “*Process of Potential*” David’s behavior is always in check

¹⁴ *And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. (1 Sa 18:13-14).*



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A. What hinders Potential...ME & the things I refuse to contend with!

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| 1. Fear | Matt 25:24-25 |
| 2. Lack of Knowledge | Hos 4:6 |
| 3. Unbelief | Heb 3:19 |
| 4. Disobedience | Heb 4:6 |
| 5. Rebellious(<i>Korah</i>) | Jude 1:11 |



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- *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Php 1:6).*

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