

Destiny or Faith

One of the best ingredients for a good love story is 'destiny':

"We were *meant* to be together."

Boy meets girl. They fall in love. "You are my destiny," he says. Difficult circumstances throw uncertainty into their relationship. They separate, yet ultimately, *fate* brings them together again...and they live happily ever after...and that is how the story ends.

With its many variations this storyline has been the basis for many novels, short stories, movies, and songs. We laugh, we cry, and sometimes...we actually believe...we believe in *destiny*.

Those who have spent a few years on this earth living the reality of life understand the stark difference between life and fairy tales. We know there is no 'pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.' There is no 'glass slipper' or 'ruby slipper.' There are no enchanted forests, no magic potions, no spells, no charms, and no magic wands. There is however, life, a seemingly endless succession of events stitched together by time; good, bad and ho-hum (not to be confused with 'heigh-ho.')

However, many young people still refuse to set aside the fantasy of *fate* and therefore set out on a quest for Prince Charming (for girls), or the beautiful Princess (for boys). After marrying their *destined* mate life soon unmasks a troll with irritating habits, inconsistencies, and imperfections. Some opt for the tempting plan of Peter Pan: never grow up (yet more 'sage' wisdom from the world of fantasy!).

Reality is difficult. It consists of choices, responsibilities, unexpected events, pain, needs, people, and the irreversible passage of time. Even the rich and famous are not exempted from reality; they just have enough money and glitter to hide it. It would appear that our society prefers the example of our hollow Hollywood heroes.

The Bible tells the truth. And from the beginning man has been hiding from reality, the reality of the presence of his Creator. The Bible is full of men and women whose lives are laid bare before us as people living reality before God. Even those of great faith are covered with ugliness because of sin.

The Bible does not teach *destiny*, *fate*, or *fantasy* yet, amazingly, it does teach 'happily ever after.'

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

God has revealed his true nature to mankind through Jesus Christ. Your '*eternal* destiny' is determined by your choice today.

Choose Jesus!