

Destiny or Faith II

Do you believe you are destined for that one individual who is specifically meant for you...your soul mate? If so, how will you find them?

[Oops. Sorry...Silly question! If you are 'destined' to be together, it will all just work out: right time, right place, right person. You'll just know. It's all played out in the movies.]

Shall we probe further...?

Who or what is the source of destiny?

If you are destined for that one specific soul-mate are you also destined for just the right career? Just the right kids? Just the right city, house, friends?

Why stop there...? Are you destined to see the movies you will see? Read the books that you will read? Do that project around the house that you are destined to do? Get sick? Tell a lie?

Or does destiny only work with...LOVE!?!?

Destiny denies God, unless you believe that God *destined* all activities in life to play out a certain predetermined way. Either way, if destiny truly exists, choice is not a reality. And if we do not have the ability to choose, then we have been deceived. After all, God calls us to choose!

"Choose life," Joshua called to the Israelites.

"Choose Jesus," the apostles preached.

"I am the way," Jesus announced.

Destiny is the fool's way of removing the guilt and responsibility for choosing to deny or reject God.

Fate cries out, "It's not my fault; I can't help it."

Fate is arrogant, "That's just the way I am."

Destiny is an excuse for pure selfishness.

What will happen if you awaken beside your destined soul-mate only to discover incompatibilities in your marriage? Did destiny make a mistake? Will destiny demand that you leave your first love behind and launch a *search* for a 'true' soul-mate. [Oops again, no searching, fate just *happens*.]

And what if you discover some incompatible ugliness in your 'true' soul-mate? Is there a 'truly true soul-mate'?

What will you do when reality collides with destiny!?!?

Belief in destiny will lead a person down a path of sin in a quest for a life that simply does not exist.

Young people! Wake up!

Life is difficult.

Life is not fair.

Life does not always go YOUR way.

The wise Solomon tested life in order to find meaning. He tested wealth, work, wisdom, foolishness; he even tested laziness and the party life, including getting drunk and having sex. He said it was all meaningless – emptiness.

The book of Ecclesiastes is Solomon's final report of his research on 'The Meaning of Life.' His conclusion was that there was no meaning unless one looks beyond this life. It was only when he humbled himself before God that he found meaning. He wrote the book of Ecclesiastes so you would not have to do your own 'research.'

The question is whether you are so infatuated with your boyfriend/girlfriend that you cannot see reality; or whether you are so smart or clever or wise that you know more about life than your Creator!

If your thinking collides with God's Word, you are 'choosing' self-centered arrogance over the God who made you and loves you.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12 NIV)

In humility, CHOOSE Life!

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