SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:43 – 48, 17:12 – 19, 18:35 – 43

Psalm 139:10	882
10 Even there Your hand will *lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.	10 -Pe 23/2; 3 11. Lit braise acons communicators
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And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.	U, 13 Lic kinneys

13 For You *formed my inward parts;

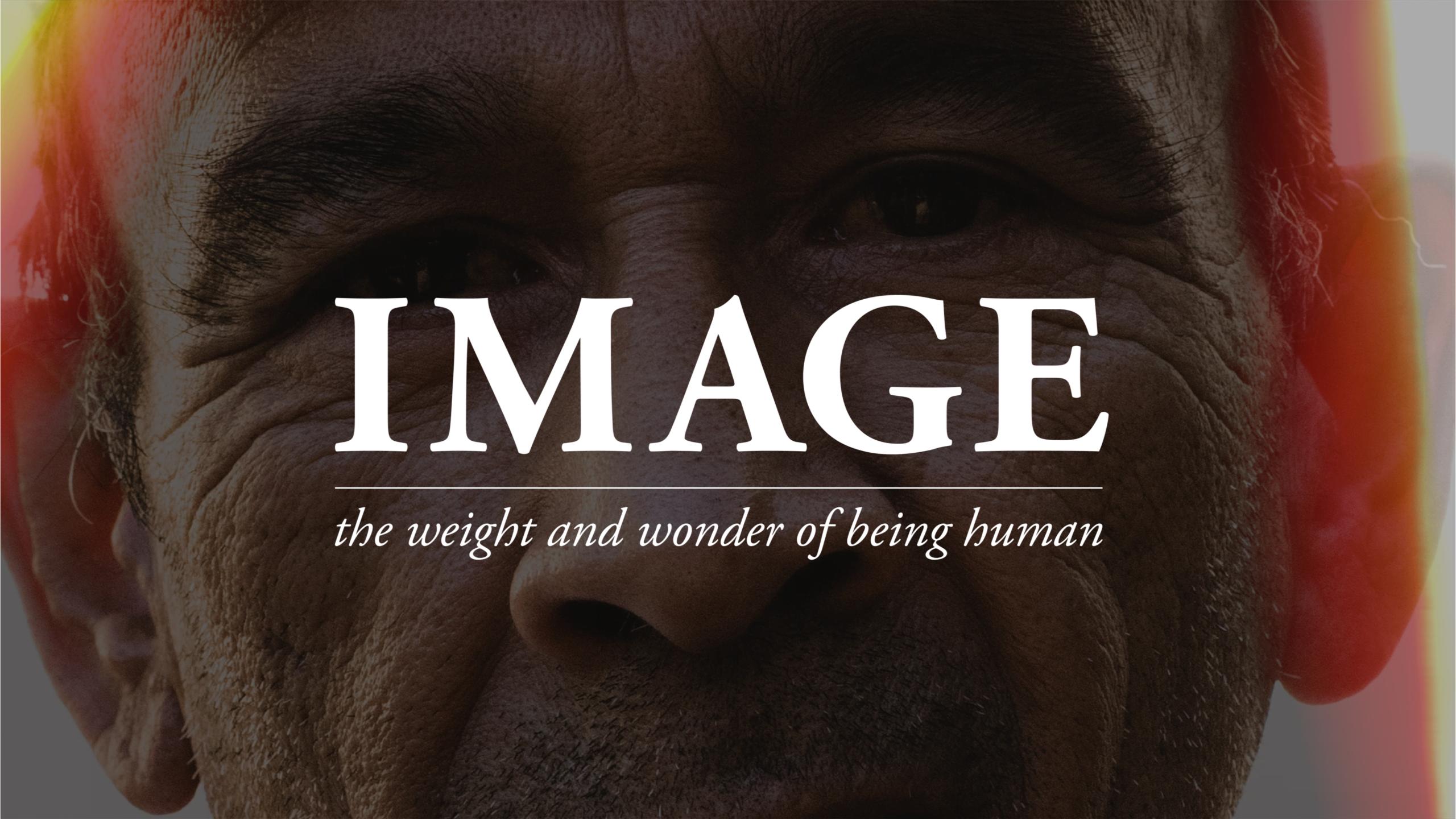


Image and likeness of God Genesis 1, 5, 9

'Be holy as I am holy.'
Leviticus 11:45

CAPACITY

"Not too hard for you" Deuteronomy 30:11

"As he...is holy be holy in all you do." 1 Peter

Given us everything we need for...godliness

2 Peter 1:3

'Be Perfect'
Matthew 5:48

So why can't I do it?

The problem of duarable inability.

Of weakness.

Trauma
Anomia
Alienation
Degradation

THE CURSE

Tragic Endemic

Fear
Despair

Philippians 1:4-7

"...I always pray with joy...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

(He says from prison)

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN OUR CAPACITY TO HEAL

Philippians 1:4-7

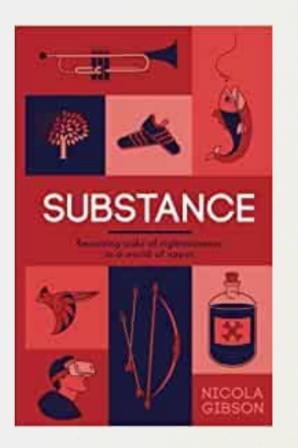
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4 BIBLICAL REASONS FOR SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS

- 1. Novice foolishness, and ignorance confuse me.

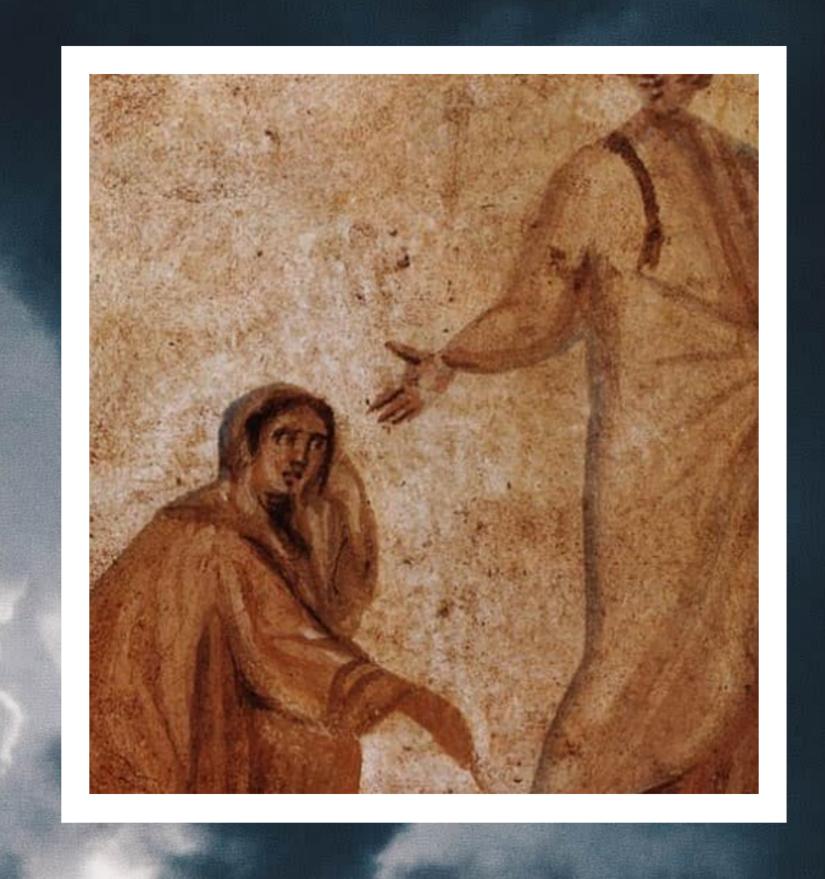
- 2. False faith I don't really believe in Jesus
 3. Conflicting faith I have 2 gods.
 4. Infirmity I have been harmed by some durable wound.



When infirmity is our problem, we need healing. How?

God eads nis pursuers to his paths of healing.

They are hard, not hidden.



1. Salvation is a healing.

DEMONS, BLINDNESS AND CRIPPLING DISABILITY.

Why isn't there

psychological healing
in the Bible?



PHYSICAL HEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Healing is a <u>demonstration of God's compassion</u> for physical harm. But if it was <u>only</u> that, everyone would be healed. (a "first fruit")

2. Healing is usually <u>ineffectual to the healing of salvation-the</u> <u>priority</u>. People's interest stops with physical healing.

3. <u>Healing is a sign</u> of the Kingdom, authenticating Jesus' identity <u>and</u> message of fuller, deeper and more permanemt healing.

JESUS: BIG ON "LIFE" SMALL ON "SELF"

Jesus came to bring Life in the fullest sense.

Matthew 16:25 - 26

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?

John 20:31

these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Salvation IS psychological healing.

The healing of our heart, soul, mind and strength.



Therefore, EVERYTHING in salvation is designed by God to heal us in some way. EVERYTHING.



2. Believe in God's paths of healing

Accepting the hardship of discipline on the path of Life

"YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU."

Luke 8:48 Luke 17:19 Luke 18:42



Faith is our resistance to despair and the trailhead to healing

Luke 8:45 - 48

"Who touched me?" ... Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. ...Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."





Receive the madness of the command



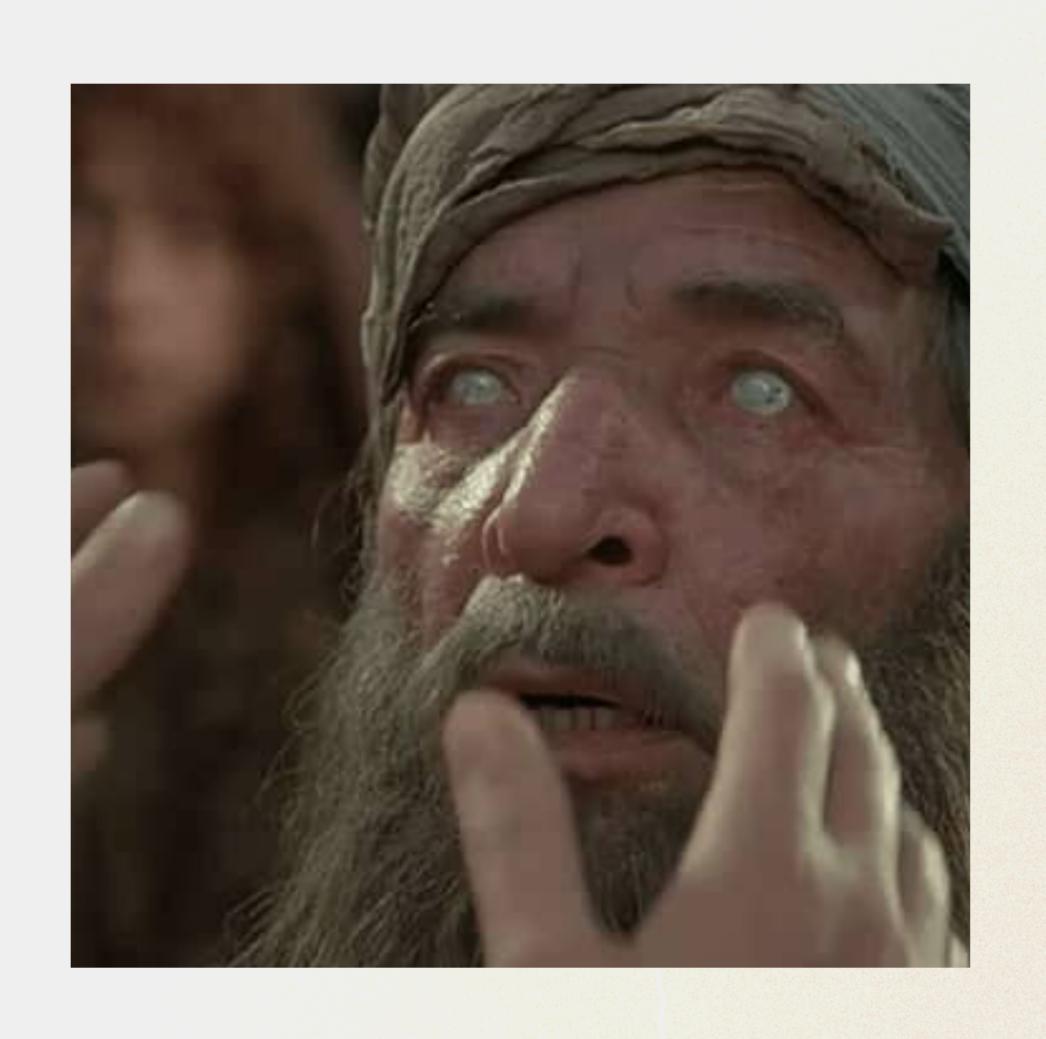
Luke 17:14

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

WE ARE TOLD WHAT TO PURSUE...

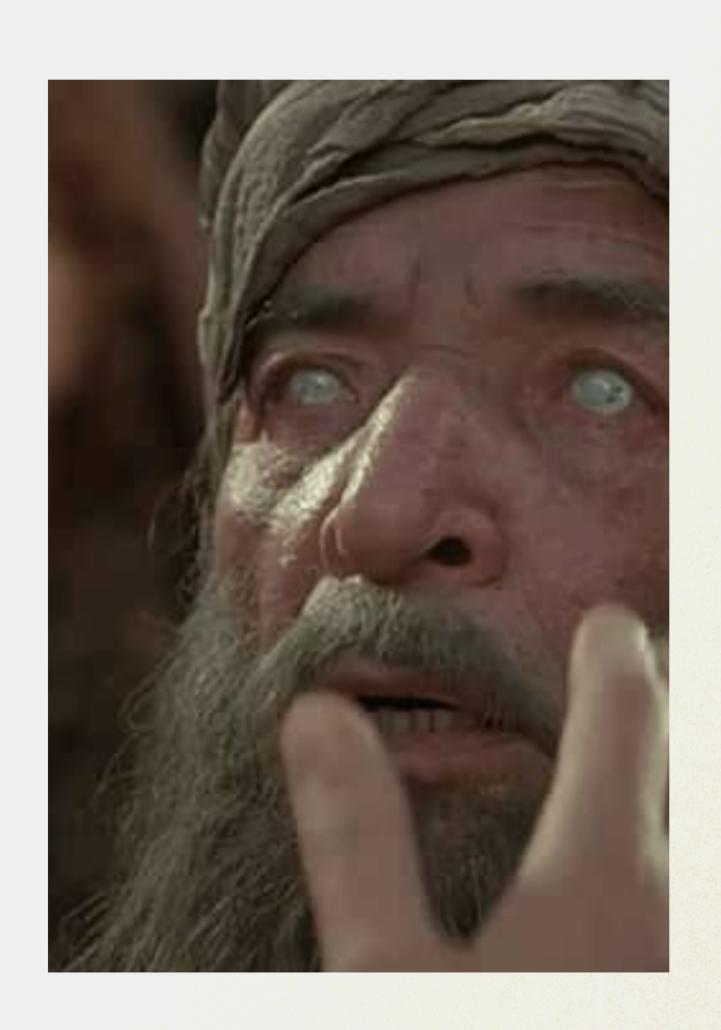
- 1. Honesty with God in prayer
- 2. Confess and repent
- 3. Seek reconciliation
- 4. Contemplate God's truth
- 5. Confess God's goodness
- 6. Attempt love
- 7. Act justly with righteousness
- 8. Do something productive for others





Luke 18:36 - 38 He asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

ORDINARY OR PLAIN?



Prayer, worship, friendship, confession, fellowship, ordinances, contemplation, fasting, learning, serving, obeying...



3. Stewardship aids, not replaces, God's spiritual paths of healing.

IS MODERNITY A REPLACEMENT?

"Modern psychology has come to say some very basic human things in very sophisticated and complicated ways. Meanwhile, Scripture speaks of very sophisticated and complex paths of human healing in very simple and common ways. Both are very useful. But it is the worst kind of tragedy to abandon the latter, thinking the former is a replacement rather than a bridesmaid." Economics

Politics

Age & Nutrition



WHAT DOES THE PURSUIT OF GODLINESS HEAL?

Agency, repression, differentiation, shame, self-hatred, dissociation, anxiety, identity...

These are discrete (Psy) and involved (Spir) human hurts.

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