

Conversion Arises From Within

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In the classic work, *The Varieties of Religious Experience* by William James, James states that conversion arises from within a person from their sub-

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coleslaw, barbeque brisket, ham, red beans, cornbread muffins, and an array of cakes and pies and banana puddings. Comfort food after a funeral is essential.

One good thing that resulted from the less than satisfying funeral experience is that many mourners reconsidered their own fates. Some talked of going home and writing their obituaries. Help with that can be found at www.obituaryguide.com. Just because you put your funeral preferences in writing doesn't mean that they will be respected, but it's worth a try. If you're really serious about commemorating your life with something more permanent, you may want to spring for the tombstone epitaph. Some of the best epitaphs are short and sweet.

Jack Dempsey (boxer): "A Gentle Man and a Gentleman."
Bette Davis (actress): "She Did It The Hard Way."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (creator of Sherlock Holmes): "Steel True, Blade Straight."

Dean Martin: "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime."

Mel Blanc (the voice of Porky Pig): "That's All, Folks."

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conscious or we might say from their soul where the right is known but may not be paid attention to. The soul is our true self. It is eternal and it is connected to God. Becoming aware of this connection and paying attention to it brings us into God consciousness which is salvation. Conversion then comes from within and not by invasion from without.

In Luke 17: 21 Jesus said to the unbelieving Pharisees, "For behold the Kingdom of God is within you (in your hearts) and among you (surrounding you)." (Amplified Bible). These words are not spoken to his disciples but people who are not changed, not converted. So we ask is the kingdom of God in all of us? And the answer is yes. The Kingdom of God abides in the soul of the changed and the unchanged. Salvation arises and Christ comes to dwell in us when we listen to our own true self, our soul, and seek to develop our relationship to God. Then we are conscious of the

Christ within and can follow him by listening to the inner voice of our true self which is the voice of Divine Spirit or Christ to us. This salvation is an inner experience that is already there but we are not awakened to it.

Of course those who have been spiritually changed, see, inherit, feel, and follow the guidance of the Rule of God in their heart. They follow the laws of the Kingdom and therefore have the resources of God working for them. As E. Stanley Jones said in his marvelous book, *Abundant Living*, "*The Kingdom works with them and not against them. Those who are not changed find the Kingdom is within them, but they are at cross purposes with it. In the changed person the Kingdom works as self realization, and in the unchanged person it works as self frustration. But it is there in both.*" (p. 11).

The laws our soul seek to remind us of are the very laws of God. They are not imposed

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—2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (KJV)



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