

Walt Disney once said that Mickey Mouse was the first animated cartoon character to be truly “human.”

Mickey is ornery and innocent at the same time. But deep inside he always wants to do the right thing.

Walt Disney sketched out what he wanted in the character, and his artists reworked the sketches. But Walt gave Mickey his voice and character — as a Disney Studios employee has been quoted, *“Ub designed Mickey's physical appearance, but Walt gave him his soul.”*

What made Mickey human was his soul. And his soul came from His creator.

YOUR soul comes from your creator.

Your soul is the essence of who you are, defined by how your creator designed you and connects you to His divine purpose for your life. Who you are—your soul—is so much deeper and richer than who you think you are. It is not defined by things such as status, talents, attraction, impulses, family, community, or other things that we might think shape our identity.

Your soul is a reflection of God.

It is not just the essence of who you are but also why you exist.

Of course, you and I are far from perfect. We are drawn to distractions that are not aligned with God's desires for us. That's because you and I and every other human being is born broken.

We are like shattered mirrors. We can pick up different shards of the mirror and say, “This is me,” but it's far from complete. That's why we keep looking for something or someone who will fulfill our lives. It's the longing of our souls to be made whole again.

The good news is that your soul can be made whole and recreated, finally becoming the unique reflection of God that He designed you to be.

You can live as a complete creation.

And because God is crazy in love with you, the work has already been done.

But we'll talk about that next time.