

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

Walt had a clear vision for what he wanted in Mickey's character, and his talented team of artists meticulously brought those sketches to life. A Disney animator from that time noted that while others shaped Mickey's appearance, it was Walt who infused him with his very soul.

Now, think about this in the context of your own life:

Your soul originates from YOUR Creator. This soul is the core of who you are, reflecting the purpose for your very existence.

You are not just someone with a soul; you ARE a soul. You are far more intricate and profound than you realize. Your appearance, parents, talents, best or worst moments, impulses, preferences, or attractions do not define you. They may influence you, but they barely scratch the surface of who you really are.

Your identity, your TRUE identity—your soul—is designed by God to be a unique glimpse of Himself. You are a spiritual “ecosystem” consisting of a heart, a mind, a will, and an imagination. These elements are interconnected and mirror aspects of God's heart, mind, will, and imagination.

Of course, for God, His are infinite and perfect.

He knew you and loved you before you were even conceived. Here's what the Bible says about God knowing you before you were born:

*You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.*

**Psalm 139:13-18**

God gave you your unique identity, your “inmost being,” before you were conceived. That inmost being may be buried under many layers of pain, self-preservation, and self-promotion, but you're in there. And God sees the real you and He's crazy in love with you.

This is a beautiful thought, but if it's true, why are we all messed up and confused? And why is the world such a mess?

Those questions deserve another blog. I promise that I will answer them next time.