

# ~ Two Thought Processes ~

## Traditional Thought Process

Primary Objective: Get horse to do a job

Primary Obstacle: Horse will not do the job

How do I get my horse to do the job?

**\*To eliminate all problems you will ever have with your horse, change your objective.\***

## Alternative Thought Process

Primary Objective: Horse and person becoming one, “perfect unity.”

- The will of the horse becoming the will of the person. Instead of two forces moving against each other, two forces move together as one. “His legs are my legs, we are one body” (Ray Hunt). Ray Hunt says, “It’s like a dance. You are leading and the horse following, but you are both moving as one.”

With the second objective you will not have obstacles, because the objective is to eliminate the cause of all obstacles. You are finding a cure instead of treating symptoms. The first measures outward status to determine progress. In this mind set, perfection is unattainable, and has the potential of creating problems. The second deals with inward status to measure progress, this will not cause problems and has the potential of perfection.

The primary difference between the two thought processes is perfection. The goal of one is perfection, and the goal of the other is job completion. Here is the question. Is perfection attainable? Can it be achieved with our horse? Can it be achieved in our life? Or are we striving for something that is unattainable? The rest of this book hinges around this question. Tom believed in perfection and he strived to achieve it with every horse. Tom tried to get others to “feel” this perfection and to help them reach it. Although not many did, this was the goal.

God believes in perfection, and that is why He sent His son to live inside us. The Spirit of Christ lives within us, **“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)**, and it is through Him that perfection is attainable. Just like Ray Hunt says, he is a part of the horse and they are moving together as one. The same connection is available, as we decrease and Christ is formed within us. We begin to look like Christ and act like Christ, until we no longer find ourselves falling into sin. The level of perfection that can be reached, with a horse and with God, is entirely up to each individual. I believe that perfection is attainable and we can live in the perfect will of God. I believe in the Bible and the Bible tells me there is perfection in Christ Jesus.

George Fox (1624-1691), the founder of the Quaker church and an amazing man of God, said in his journal, “In all the sects of Christendom (so called) I found none to be told that they should ever come into the state of Adam’s perfection. The state in which Adam was in before he fell.” Fox suffered many beatings at the hands of Christians and was not accepted by the church. What was it that he said that enraged Christians? He said they could return to the state they were in before the fall, return to perfection, enter back into a close, intimate relationship with God here on earth.

“Moreover the Lord God let me see, when I was brought up onto this image in righteousness and holiness, and into the paradise of God, the state how Adam was made a living soul, and also the stature of Christ, the mystery, that had been hid from ages and generations, which things are hard to be uttered and cannot be borne by many. For, of all the sects in Christendom (so called) that I discoursed withal, I found none that could bear to be told that any should come to Adam’s perfection, into that image of God and righteousness and holiness that Adam was in before he fell, to be so clear and pure without sin, as he was. Therefore how should they be able to bear being told that nay should grow up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, when they cannot bear to hear that any should come, whilst upon earth, into the same power and Spirit that the prophets and apostles were in? Though it be a certain truth, that none can understand their writings aright without the same Spirit by which they were written” (Fox, 1997).

I do not understand how Christian churches do not believe in perfection. This is what Christ died for, **“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:6-11 KJV).** Through Jesus Christ we no longer have to live in our “old man” (imperfection). We can live “in” Christ Jesus (perfection). **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh (old man), but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1 KJV).** Jesus died to restore that which was taken. What was taken? Perfection. **“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:28).**

Why can’t the church bear to be told they can reach the state Adam was in before the fall, the state of Christ Jesus? The reason is they are not being taught by God, but by man. Perfection is only attainable through Christ Jesus, not religion.

Fox told the people that God did not dwell in temples made with hands, that we were the temple of God and that Christ was within us, **“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16).** He tried to get the people to listen to the Holy Spirit and let them be taught by God. Fox tried to reach the church, but after suffering beatings, imprisonments, and many hardships, he was only able to reach a small number. Fox was not dealing with children that wanted to know their father. He was dealing with adults who had been taught by man and felt they could gain maturity in Christ through the church and its theology.

George Fox wrote, “Now I was come up in spirit through the flaming sword into the paradise of God. All things were new, and all the creation gave another smell into me than before, beyond what words can utter. I knew nothing but pureness, and innocence, and righteousness, being renewed up into the image of God by Christ Jesus, so that I say I was come up to the state of Adam which he was in before he fell. The creation was opened to me, and it was showed me how all things had their names given them according to their nature and virtue. And I was at a

stand in my mind whether I should practice physic for the good of mankind, seeing the nature and virtues of the creatures were so opened to me by the Lord. But I was immediately taken up in spirit, to see into another or more steadfast state than Adam's in innocence, even into a state in Christ Jesus that should never fall. And the Lord showed me that such as were faithful to him in the power and light of Christ, should come up into that state in which Adam was before he fell, in which the admirable works of the creation, and the virtues thereof, may be known, through the opening of that divine Word of wisdom and power by which they were made."

This is basically the pivot point of the two thought processes: those that believe in perfection and are willing to work to attain it, and those that do not believe perfection will ever be attainable and are not willing to put forth the extra effort to reach it. Paul had not received total perfection in Philippians 3, but he was striving for it. Paul knew that he was imperfect within himself in Romans 7 and could not follow God's commands. That's why in Romans 8 he tells us of a better way. He says there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1)**. There is perfection in Christ Jesus, **"Whom we preach warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28)**. Paul believed in perfection. He knew he was perfect in Christ. Tom also believed in perfection, and he worked to achieve this in his horses. The two thought processes determine what type of submission we will enter into: willing "seeking relief," or unwilling "giving to pressure." Our choice is whether we want to strive for perfection, or focus on job completion. The same is true with our horse.

## **Striving For Perfection – Evidence from Scripture**

### Perfect

**Matthew 5:48** – **Be ye therefore perfect** even as your father in heaven is perfect.

**Matthew 19:21** – **If thou wilt be perfect**, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

**Luke 6:40** – The disciple is not above his master: but **everyone that is perfect shall be as his master**.

**John 17:23** – I in them, and thou in me, that they **may be made perfect** in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

**Romans 12:2** – And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.

**1 Corinthians 2:6** – **Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor the princess of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even a hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

**1 Corinthians 13:9-11** – For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **But when that which is perfect is come**, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake like a child, I understood like a child, I thought like a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

**2 Corinthians 13:11** – Finally brethren, farewell. **Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace**; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

**Galatians 3:3** – Are ye so foolish? **Having begun in the spirit are ye now made perfect in the flesh?**

**Ephesians 4:13** – Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

**Philippians 3:12-15** – **Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect:** but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. **I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded:** and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

**Colossians 1:28** – Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that **we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**

**Colossians 4:12** – Epaphras, who is one of you, as servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, **that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

**1 Thessalonians 3:10** – Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face and **might perfect that which is lacking in our faith.**

**2 Timothy 3:17** – **That the man of God may be perfect** thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**Hebrews 2:10** – For it became him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings.**

**Hebrews 7:19** – **For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did:** by which we draw near to God.

**Hebrews 10:1** – For **the law** having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things **can never** with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect.**

**Hebrews 12:22-24** – **But** ye are come unto mount Zion and unto the heavenly Jerusalem, and to

an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits **of just men made perfect**, and to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Hebrews 13:21** – **Make you perfect in every good work** to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**James 1:4-5** – **But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

**James 3:2** – For in many things we offend all, **if any man offend not in word, the same man is a perfect man**, and able also to bridle the whole body.

**1 Peter 5:10** – But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, **make you perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

**1 John 4:17-18** – Herein is our love made **perfect**, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made **perfect**.

## **Perfected, Perfecting, Perfection, Perfectly, Perfectness**

**1 John 4:12** – No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and **His love is perfected in us**.

**Colossians 3:14** – And above all these things put on **charity** (*agape = love*), **which is the bond of perfectness**.

**Ephesians 4:12** – For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 13:9** – For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: **and this also we wish, even your perfection**.

**Hebrews 5:14, 6:1** – **But** strong meat belongeth to them that are full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

**1 Corinthians 1:10** – Now I beseech you breatheren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; **but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**.