

If a child can't
learn the way
we teach,
maybe we
should teach
the way they
learn.


Pope Francis: Catholic Education Must Engage the Culture

Says "Courageous and Innovative Fidelity" to the Gospel is Needed

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Catholic education is one of "the most important challenges" for the Church today in a culture that is undergoing "constant transformation", Pope Francis said today.

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Addressing participants in the plenary session of the Congregation for Catholic Education (for Educational Institutions), the Pope underlined the primary importance of implementing the Apostolic Constitution "Sapientia Christiana".

He also stressed the importance of consolidating the identity of Catholic universities, and the preparations for events in 2015: the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council declaration "Gravissimum educationis" and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Constitution "Ex Corde Ecclesiae".

The Holy Father went on to propose three aspects for consideration: the value of dialogue in education, the qualified preparation of formators, and the responsibility of educational institutions to express the living

presence of the Gospel in the fields of education, science and culture.

Referring to the first of these points, he said that effectively, Catholic schools and universities are "attended by many students who are not Christian or do not believe."

Catholic educational institutions offer to all "an approach to education that has as its aim the full development of the person, which responds to the right of every person to access to knowledge."

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In relation to the responsibility of educational institutions to "express the living presence of the Gospel in the field of education, science and culture", Pope Francis reiterated the need for Catholic academic institutions to avoid "isolating themselves in the world", and instead to "know how to enter, with courage, into the Areopagus of contemporary cultures and to initiate dialogue, aware of the gift they are able to offer to all".

Every single day you
make a choice.

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7 Life Lessons

“Awakening the spark of SPIRIT that endures for a LIFE time 😊”

Life Lesson 1

“Three Ways to
Connect to the Spirit”

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

BE STILL AND KNOW

BE STILL

BE



Home



Nature

Life Lesson 1

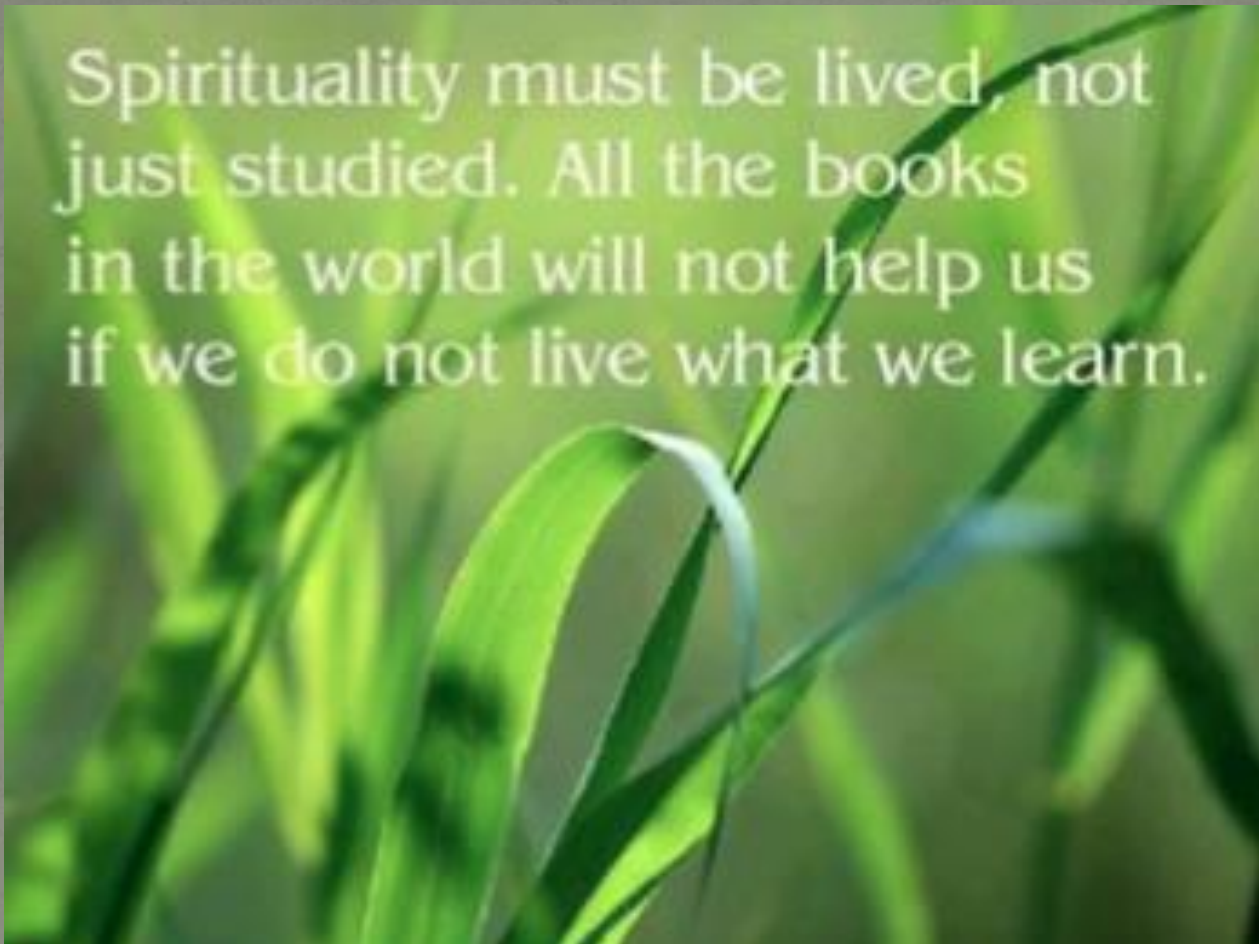
3 Ways to connect to the SPIRIT

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Spirituality must be lived, not
just studied. All the books
in the world will not help us
if we do not live what we learn.

Life Lesson 1

Video clip
Brother David Steindle-Rast
[Good Day](#)
Gratitude

Life Lesson 2

“Life Journey”

Life Lesson 2

Life Journey

- 6 Levels of Human Life

- 0 – Heart/LOVE – Everyone, Everyone, Everyone starts with God’s Grace; your Original Blessing ☺

5 Brain Surges – @ ages 1, 4, 7, 11, **15 – 18**

- 1 - Information
- 2 – Knowledge (I BELIEVE)
- 3 – Intelligence
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- 4 – Understanding/Awakening – Candidates GOAL
- 5 – Wisdom (I KNOW)
- 6 - Transformation

How is this game connected to religion?



Life Lesson 2

“Video Clip
Hero’s Journey”

Life Lesson 3

“Life Map”

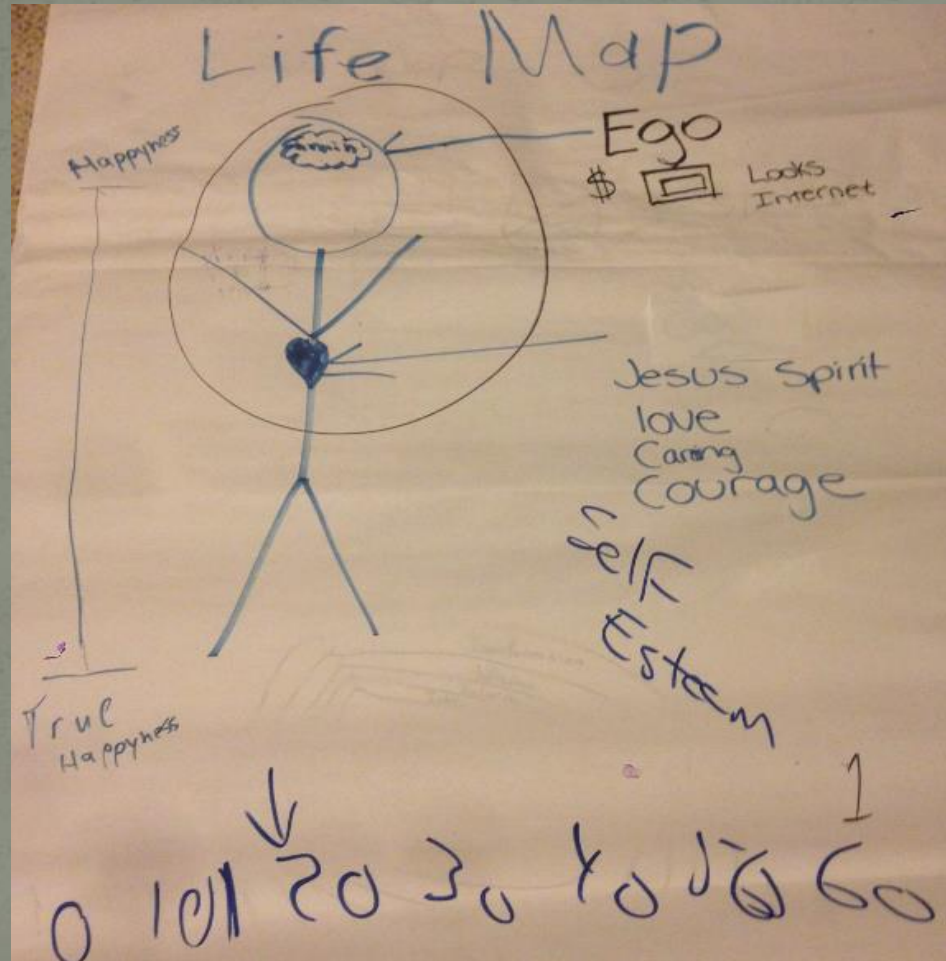
Life Lesson 3

Life Map

- Basic drawing of a body (stick figure) with Heart and Head/Brain
 - **Heart** – Love, Kindness, Empathy, Forgiveness, Compassion ...
 - **Head/Brain** – The Ego/The Flesh – Greed, Power, Envy ...
 - 1 – Chastity -- Lust (more)
 - 2 – Temperance (less) – Gluttony (more)
 - 3 – Charity (Love) – Greed (more)
 - 4 – Diligence – (persistence) Sloth (laziness)
 - 5 – Patience (Peace) – Wrath (Anger)
 - 6 – Kindness (Empathy) -- Envy (more)
 - 7 – Humility – (less of Me) Pride (arrogance)
 - **Free-Will** - Humans, all have 'Free-Will' to decide what path/decisions they will take/make on their Life Journey.
 - **Happiness Scale** – **Happiness** (short, not lasting) – Brain
Joy (true happiness) (long term everlasting) – Heart
Where is Sadness ? In your Heart or in your Brain ?
 - Only the **Heart** can *understand* these:
God, Eternity, Death, Love and Suffering

Life Lesson 3

Example Artwork 😊



Life Lesson 3

“Video Clip
Matt Kelley - Rebel”

Life Lesson 4

“The Four D’s of Religion”

Life Lesson 4

The four D's of Religion

- **D**esire to go **D**eep and connect to your Original Blessing
 - *Desire, Curiosity, Motivation* are key to reaching the higher levels of Awakening/Transformation
 - Stay on the surface of anything and you stay disconnected/separate... start to explore the depths and everything begins to clarify...
 - See pic on next slide – Where is the line going?
- **D**ay by **D**ay
 - Jesus' message is one to follow EVERYDAY
 - [Link to Godspell' Day by Day](#)

How is this 'picture' like religion?



Life Lesson 4

“Song
Day by Day”

Life Lesson 5

“What Number best represents
Religion ?”

Life Lesson 5

What number best represents Religion ?

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Making 1 out of 2 - Human and Divine together - Jesus gave us the model/example/template; other examples see the Saint Stories

- **Explore seeing the many opposites that exist in Life**
 - **Feminine and Masculine**
 - **Light and Dark**
 - **Good and Evil**
 - **Positive and Negative**
 - **Take and Give**
 - **Connected Self and Separate Self**
 - **Faith/Hope/Love and Greed**
 - **Brain and Heart**
 - **True Self and False Self**
 - **Soul and Ego**
 - **Lyric and Melody**
 - **What you Say and What you DO**
 - **Glass Half Full – Half Empty**

How are these 'pics' like religion?



Life Lesson 5

“Skit
Heart & Brain
Stages of Development”

Life Lesson 6

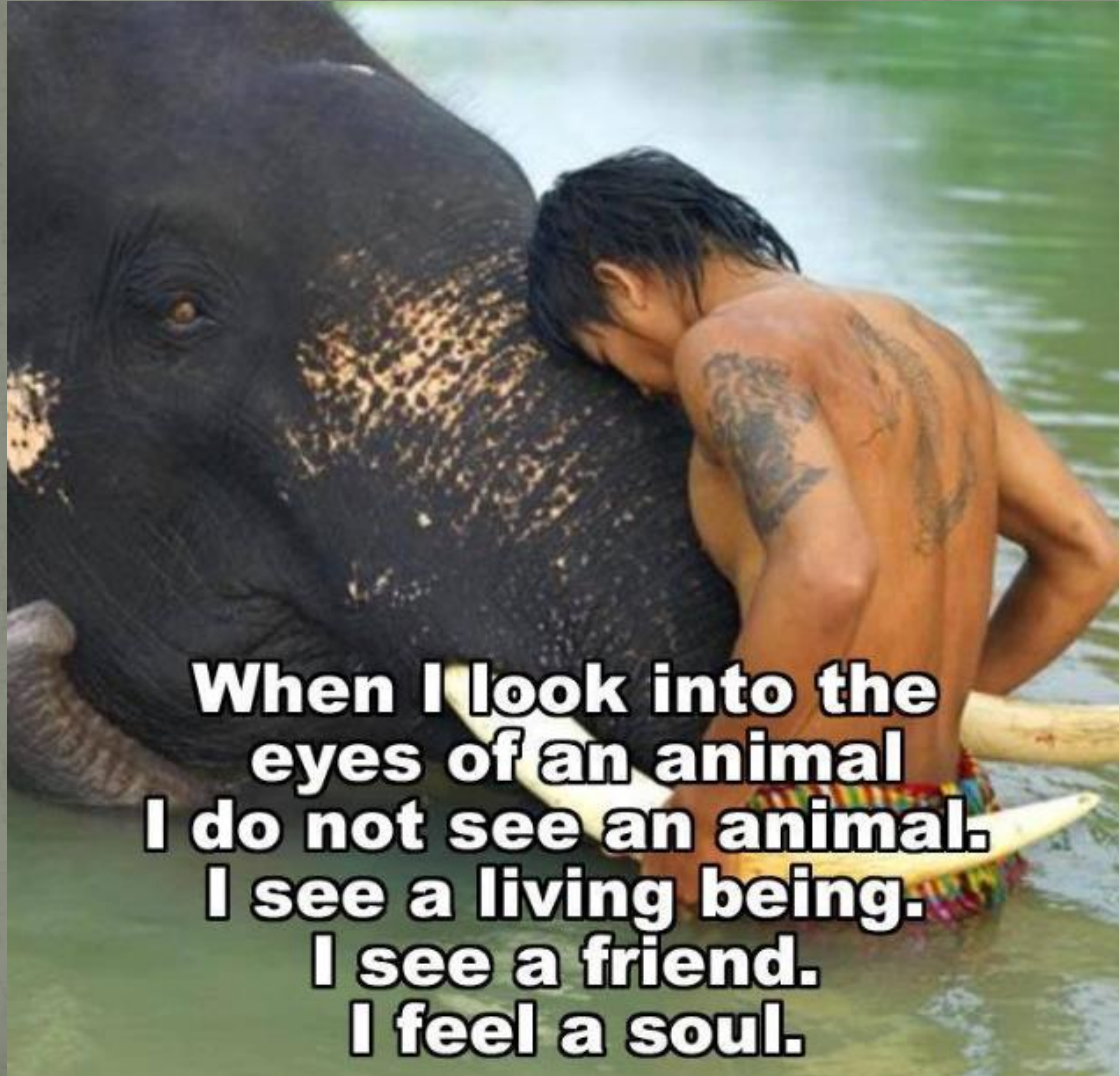
“The Eyes are the window
to the Soul”

Life Lesson 6

The Eyes are the window to the Soul 😊

- When we are connected/grounded in knowing Who We ARE... using our eyes to communicate that knowing is EASY..
- The lesson focuses on the BODY and the Body does know.
It has a language all of its own; one that we need to be aware of.
- “One Path leads outward and the other inward. You can walk the way outward that leads to pleasure/happiness or the way inward that leads to grace/joy.” *K.Upanishad*

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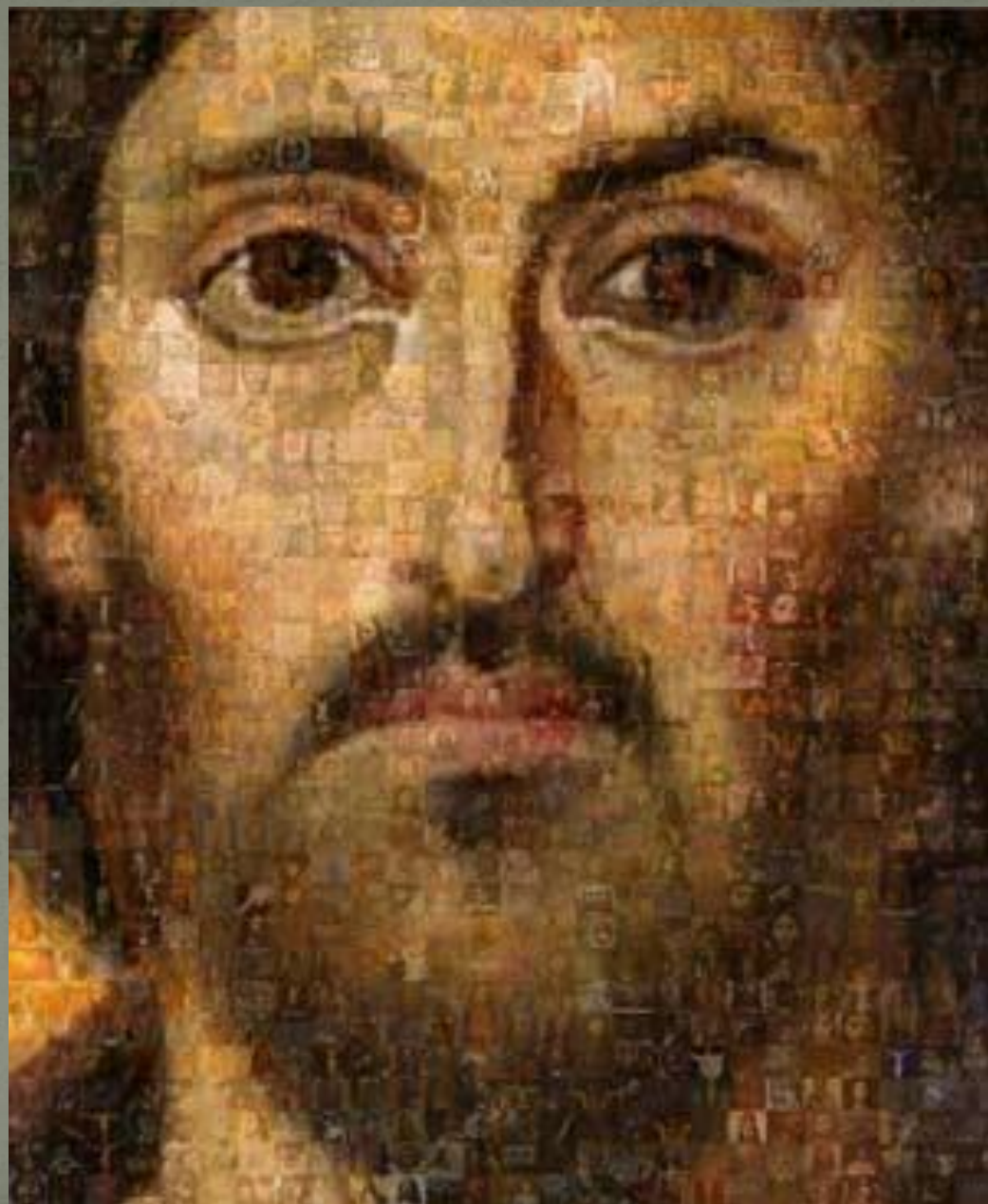
**When I look into the
eyes of an animal
I do not see an animal.
I see a living being.
I see a friend.
I feel a soul.**

Life Lesson 6

“Song

Open the Eyes of my Heart”





Life Lesson 7

“Life Balance”

Life Lesson 7

Life Balance – Take > Give > Receive

- We all TAKE 4 things each and every day at a minimum?
 - Air
 - Food
 - Water
 - Information
- What do we GIVE each day at a minimum?
 - CO₂ and waste products... that's it unless you use your FreeWill to take other actions...
- One not so obvious result in GIVING is that you end up RECEIVING
- Love Wins over Death - that is the message of the Resurrection
- Lightness wins over Darkness

Life Lesson 7

“Video clip
Happy”

WE ARE ALL ONE FAMILY



7 Life Lessons

Felix Baumgartner Fall to Earth

Trinity – Richard Rohr

Hallelujah

The Way Way Back
'Souls cannot be fooled'

Son of God movie

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
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