

Imprinting

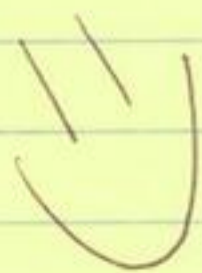
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If I were to ask you to contemplate about the marvel of creation, ducks would be the last thing to pique your thoughts, right? Well, you see, one astonishing fact about ducks is that when they hatch, they become neurologically bonded to the first moving ~~person~~ person or object they see, i.e. the mother duck. Scientists call this imprinting. This instant connection creates a permanent attachment to the object and is immediately imprinted into the duckling's neurological processing.

Naturally in the wilderness, the duckling imprints on a mother duck and will follow her and mimic her actions, thus mastering critical survivor tactics. However, if there is no mother duck to imprint upon, the duckling will imprint on something else it happens to see: like a human - or even a ball. It will then mimic that person or object's actions. Sadly, the duckling has to be retrained in order to survive in its natural habitat.

We as human beings were not only designed to God's image, but were created to seek and follow Him. You might even say that we were designed to imprint upon His face. Yet as a duck might erroneously imprint on a human, we also tend to imprint on the wrong things.

Maybe we have lost our focus. Maybe we have consciously or ~~the~~ subconsciously started imprinting on more earthly items: a job promotion, success for our kids, or a self-focused life. Nevertheless, God created us to desire Him, and we won't find true rest until we put Him first - until we imprint upon Him. When we do, we will find all our desires being met. And not only will we be satisfied or content, we will also learn how to survive in this fallen world; Techniques given to us from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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