

Consciousness Part 2!

KJV John 12:28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

In these three (3) passages we have three levels of consciousness:

The people or the crowd, others and Jesus!

They all heard the same thing yet had different interpretations of what they heard!

- ❖ **The crowd** is defined as large numbers of people “pressed together pushing and shoving trying to get something.” They are close together but have no function or purpose, they are usually excited but disorganized and agitated.

They're under pressure to see, hear or experience something!

Pressure affects our consciousness—what we **able** to see, hear and understand!

The crowd level of consciousness is based on what's trending!

The Crowd, Herd or Mob mentality, also lesser known as **gang mentality**, describes how people can be influenced by their peers to adopt certain behaviors based on emotion, rather than reason.

A crowd, herd, or gang mentality can turn into a Hive Mind where the group begins sharing the same thoughts, feelings and ideas and then lose their individuality!

The crowd mentality is not like **conformity** which is **willful adoption of other's ideas**; the crowd mentality leads to deindividualism which happens unconsciously, then you say and believe what the crowd says and believes without thinking

The next level of consciousness is the **others mentality** the scripture mentioned!

- ❖ **Others** are just that, other than and different than **the crowd!**

They're not part of the general population who think, feel and want the same things!
Other means separate, different and distinct from the rest!

They're not easily led or go along with the crowd they don't need acceptance!

They're not swept away by public opinion and the pop culture!

They are **other!** In fact, there is another meaning for **other** in the Bible, it's **holy**, it also means **other**, different than the common and therefore set apart for God.

These **others** were different from the **crowd** because they opened their minds and considered information the crowd doesn't!

They opened their **ears and hearts** to The Lord to hear from Him!

KJV Matthew 11:15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Ears in the Bible are synonymous with the heart, and mind as the organ of cognition (the mental process of acquiring knowledge).

Others are not ignorant of spiritual things and the spirit world, so they can hear spiritual things!

❖ **The third and highest level of consciousness is The Mind of Christ!**

We are only conscious of what we know, (Jesus has always known The Father), knowledge makes us aware of things we previously were ignorant and unaware of!

1 Cor 2:16b...But we have the mind of Christ.

Believers should be conscious of God's presence, God's will and God's working in and around us!

Consciousness involves hearing, understanding and knowing!

➤ To incline the ear is to desire to hear and learn (Ps 17:6 & Prov 2:1-5)!

The prophets often prayed and asked God to incline His ear, or to become conscious of their struggles!

➤ To have heavy or uncircumcised ears or turn a deaf ear is reject what is heard!

ESV Jeremiah 6:10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, the word of the LORD is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it.

➤ Itching ears are only favorable to what is popular at the moment!

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear.

The religious & wicked seek revelation through **seeing**, while God's people seek revelation through **hearing**!

ESV Matthew 12:39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

KJV Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

To grow increasingly **conscious/aware** of God's presence in our lives we must keep hearing The Word of God!

Our **consciousness and faith** in God are based upon what we **hear & understand!**

ESV Luke 8:17-18 For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

18 Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

Jesus says the level of our **consciousness** effects our **knowledge** of the hidden and is based **not** just our ability to **hear; but the way we hear!**

GWN Hebrews 2:1 For this reason we must pay closer attention to what we have heard. Then we won't drift away from the truth.

Hebrews says we should pay closer attention to the things we hear so we don't drift away from The Truth!

Drifting away from The Truth leads to lies, falsehoods and deception!

If we don't pay **close attention** to what we hear the revelation we have will be taken and given to those who are **conscious** of what they hear.

ESV John 12:30 Jesus answered, "*This voice has come for your sake, not mine.*"

Meaning those **conscious** of The Voice God now will be aware of His voice later!

Those not conscious of God's voice are slowly losing the ability to hear and understand when He speaks!