

In winning souls for the Master, it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the *second* mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love and sweep him on under spiritual guidance toward the higher and divine goal of mortal existence. Christianity even now willingly goes the *first* mile, but mankind languishes and stumbles along in moral darkness because there are so few genuine second-milers — so few professed followers of Jesus who really live and love as he taught his disciples to live and love and serve. (195:10.5)

Second-Milers Really Live

When the midwayers say that there are “so few professed followers of Jesus who really live”, what do they mean? What is the difference between *living* and *really living*? Is your life *real*?

“[T]he first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention” requires only the subjective consciousness of your adjutant mind, but “the *second* mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion” requires objective consciousness—a consciousness born from the three cosmic intuitions in the Holy Spirit, your threefold “reality response” (see Paper 16, section 6; also, sections 7–9). These cosmic responses are your *logical acumen*, your *moral discrimination*, and your *spiritual insight*. “And it is these three cosmic intuitions that give objective validity, reality, to man’s experience in and with things, meanings, and values.” (16:6.10)

“But it is sad to record that so few persons on Urantia take delight in cultivating these qualities of courageous and independent cosmic thinking.” (16:6.9) “So few mortals are real thinkers” (110:7.6), confirms the Solitary Messenger. However, in paragraph 16:6.9, the Universal Censor also declares that “[t]he experience of living never fails to develop these three cosmic intuitions”. Hence, in the eyes of the universe, so few mortals are *really* living. This is what the midwayers mean when they say that there are “so few professed followers of Jesus who really live”.

Is your life *real*? Your life is an actuality; you have a mindal self. But do you purpose that self with your spirit pattern, your personality, and make that actuality a reality? Your personality is not a mind pattern; it requires spirit energy. To be human, you must develop and sharpen the innate endowments of the Holy Spirit in your mind—the three cosmic intuitions.

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