

How to game the system

I personally am finding it helpful to view my life from the perspective of the player in a video game or virtual reality. As many physicists and religious mystics have discovered, the world in which we live is spiritual, not physical, in nature. It exists only in our minds. Our real home is in Heaven, and we are experiencing our current life in the flesh as in a dream through the filter of our quasi-physical brains. As with any virtual reality game, we are somewhat able to manipulate what happens with those metaphorical buttons and toggle switches in our minds. No matter what happens, or what choices we make, however, we are completely protected from permanent harm, because, after all, the game is not real. It is only a simulation. In reality, we are completely safe, “back home,” so to speak, in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father. We might for a while become “lost” in the game, and take many wrong turns, resulting in what seems like hopeless situations. But, in the end, we all eventually wake up from the dream having been made better or worse for the experience.

So, is it possible to “game the system” and take full control of what happens? Is it possible to learn all the “tricks” and “secrets” that will allow us to “win” the game and achieve our heart’s desires while still in the game? Yes, I believe that is possible, but only if we play by the rules. And therein lies the rub. Jesus pretty well laid out those rules for us. First seek God’s kingdom, and then all those “other things” will be added unto us. Do unto others what we would have them do to us. What we sow we will reap. Love God and your neighbor as yourself. Love your enemy and return good for evil.

Here’s why the rules are necessary. If everyone could easily manipulate the game, those who are evil would wreak even more havoc in the world than what is already happening. Have you noticed that religious mystics, who seem to have achieved a very levels of “consciousness” or “self-awareness,” tend to be loving and forgiving by nature? They tend to be non-violent and in sync with the loving vibrations of higher planes of existence. Have you noticed that the most unselfish and loving people you know tend to lead successful lives and be very happy and joyful?

While it is true that the system can be partially “gamed” by the “think and grow rich” crowd, the resultant material wealth might come at the cost of one’s soul. In the end those riches don’t bring permanent happiness. Some of the richest people in the world are either unhappy or unsatisfied. By that I mean even though they have much wealth, they continually crave even more and are never satisfied.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6

“Take delight in the Lord, and He will you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4