

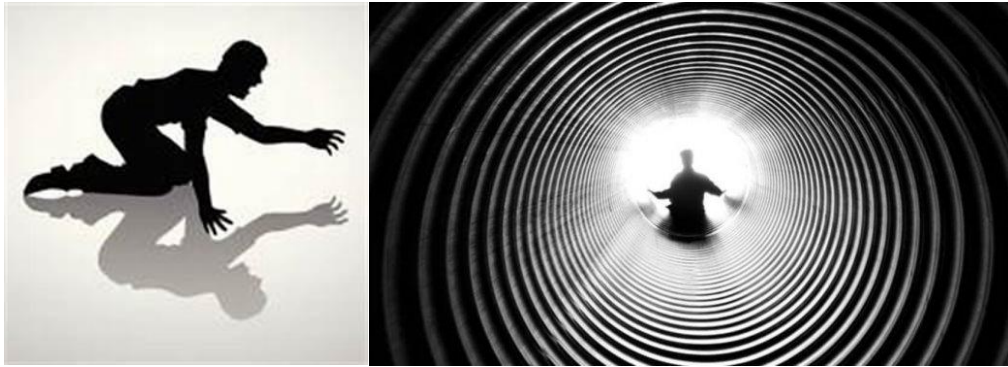
A DEBT TO GREAT



I was thinking about how children can never repay the true cost of raising them to adulthood. There are the basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, education, that maybe with time, a very smart person could possibly quantify. But I also thought of how much that cannot be easily quantified that goes into bringing children into the world and raising them to maturity. There are hard to calculate things like time the parents spent: preparing to become an adult; learning, dating, investing in their health, searching for work, looking for a location to settle and shelter.... Even if you could calculate the amount of time spent in these areas, how could you put a quantitative value on the time and its worth to the children. Bottom line is that **children really owe their parents** a great debt.



But then I thought about how much our Creator has provided for Mankind and I was absolutely stunned. How can you quantify the Price of the Universe, the Sun, the Earth, the Moon....what would you charge to hold the Universe in place with exactly the correct amount gravity...how much does a day's worth of air cost....how is a lifetime supply of food and water calculated....what is the bill for our direct access 24/7/365 to the Creator of the entire Universe....Solomon said His wisdom alone is worth more than all precious metals and stones. In short, **we all fall short.**



We could **NEVER EVER REPAY OUR DEBT**. All that God asks is that we accept His Son's atonement sacrifice and that we love each other. **That's it**. That's how we reverence God...**by being Living sacrifices of Love**. Paul said it is the least we can do...and I say that it is the only thing that we can do, to say thanks...**Love in action, all day every day**. And just as we love our kids and want the best for them, our Heavenly Father loves Mankind and wants for us to share in the abundant blessings that He has already provided and will provide throughout eternity. And when we struggle in our minds and hearts to love, always remember that we have **A DEBT TO GREAT**.