

Cinderella, Superman, & Sinbad

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Have you noticed how popular internet quizzes are? They can tell everything about you, from which TV sitcom character you are to your color of the rainbow to whether you're a toilet brush, bar of soap, or washcloth. Today I have a quiz for you that will tell you which of these three personalities you are: Cinderella, Superman, or Sinbad. My reference to Sinbad is referring to the adventuring Sinbad from the *1,001 Arabian Nights*, not to the comedian. However, unlike the other quizzes, you should discover that you are all three, instead of one particular one. Each one of these personas represents one aspect of the Christian life that together makes up the Journey. Limiting your life to only one of the three is to be unbalanced, and to miss all that God has for you. No part is greater in importance, and while we may be more passionate about one aspect, we should be walking and ministering in all three.

Cinderella represents the relationship we have available to us, through Holy Spirit, of loving Jesus as our Bridegroom. Disney's animated movies give us an idea of how timelessly popular fairytales are. In our culture, the eternal fairytale, the happily-ever-after romance is summed up in one word: Cinderella. As Christians we can live the fairytale with our Romancer, the King who has come to woo us into His arms. It is our story that is unfolding as we go through life. We don't have to read the fairytale, we can live it. This intimate relationship is not limited to women, for we are all the bride, and His heart is for us. On a scale of one to ten, where do you fall as a Cinderella?

Superman represents the fact that we are to be real-life Superheroes, spiritual Supermen. We are supposed to be, that is, but we are more like the superheroes in the movie *The Incredibles*, who are trying to hide their superpowers and look normal. We were never meant to look normal. We were given gifts that allow us to walk with super powers throughout the earth healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, and setting the captives free, all with the supernatural love that is ours through our relationship with Jesus.

God created us with the desire to be superheroes, to not only save and rescue but to do away with injustice and destroy the works of satan. We are to do the

opposite of stealing, killing, and destroying, which is to give generously and abundantly, to birth and create, and to build up and restore.

We are the Superheroes. It is time to stop letting satan terrorize us as we quake in our shoes and feel helpless. It's time we stopped sitting meekly under satan's attacks thinking that they are God. It's time to stop reading volumes of books and get out there and begin to terrorize satan. It is of unbelievable importance for the bride of Christ to come out of hiding and be the Superheroes, not only for us as Christians in the fight against satan but for the unsaved world, who are at the mercy of satan and his warfare.

If we will stop being superheroes only through movies and books, and begin to be the Superheroes we were created to be (which is a lot more fun) we will not only change our own lives but the lives of the people around us. And it is not an impossible task. It is not something that only the educated, the rich, or the super-spiritual can do. It is for all of us who call ourselves Christians. We are the Superheroes. As Proverbs 21:15 says, *when justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers*. On a scale of one to ten how much of a Superman are you?

Sinbad is the Adventurer. Look at the passion and fervor over books and movies like The Chronicles of Narnia, the Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, and Eragon. They are great entertainment and we love to immerse ourselves into fantasy and fun, but what draws us is the adventure. We get to be the hero, the conqueror who goes about shouting "OPEN SESAME," or braving all to destroy the ring, or the one going through the wardrobe into another world.

We were created with a hunger for adventure, something in us that longs to be the Hero of the story. Did God put that in us just so we can enjoy a good book or movie? Just so we can create wonderful games to help us escape reality? Not hardly.

As Christians we have a whole frontier before us that is virtually unexplored and almost totally unknown. There are no maps, yet it is a place that is accessible to each of us individually, through Holy Spirit. The things in the spiritual realm are so incredible, so vital to our Christian walk that it is unbelievable that we have survived this long without utilizing our most important resource. If we were supposed to live as Christians today doing everything in our own power and ability

then God would never have given us Holy Spirit to live within us. It is only because of Him that we can live the adventure, through supernatural God living inside of us.

Why is it important to be able to move about easily, through Holy Spirit, in the spiritual realm? There are several reasons. The supernatural love we have through Holy Spirit allows us to be in a continual relationship with God. The supernatural blood of Jesus that continually cleanses us from all sin allows us to walk in intimacy with our Bridegroom. The spiritual realm through Holy Spirit is where the power is that we are to use to save, heal, and deliver the lost. It is where our resources are to make it through a fallen world, for example provision and protection. And moving in the spiritual realm with Jesus is where we walk hand-in-hand with Him as He goes about His Father's business.

This realm is ours to explore and map out, and it is full of adventure, fun, and excitement. Once you set foot into this realm with Holy Spirit you are living out the greatest adventure of all, and it's a blast! How much Sinbad do you have in you?

If we can learn to walk as Cinderella, Superman, and Sinbad, we won't find ourselves stuck in the rut of life, either methodically striving to fulfill our Christian duties or wondering if this is all there is to Christianity. We will be dancing through the skies with our Bridegroom Jesus as we destroy injustice and set people free, while boldly walking in the spiritual realm as we save, heal, and minister to the hurting.

So, which one are you? Or, as this quiz sets out to discover, how whole are you? The goal of this quiz is not to have a high score, but to see how balanced you are. Are your scores as Cinderella, Superman, and Sinbad similar? To be balanced in the extremes of Christian life is to walk happy, healthy, and usable. Each aspect in itself is wonderful, great fun, and unbelievably rewarding. However, to walk in them all is to walk victoriously through an exciting Journey with your eyes on Father God, Jesus by your side, and Holy Spirit at your back. You'll find it is worth it.