

# Naturally Supernatural

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## Course Description

Are you satisfied that you are living the “abundant life” Jesus offers? Do you “grow weary in well-doing,” regularly trying with all your might to resist the power of sin and live a good Christian life? Do you sometimes feel like only the strong-willed can be “overcomers”? Would you describe your Christian life as one of “rest”? Do you ever wonder if maybe we are missing something in the Gospel message that New Testament believers knew? If so, this course is for you. It is time for you to release Christ continuously, effortlessly and powerfully – to “abide in Christ” - to move from “self-consciousness” to “Christ-consciousness.”

The Great Mystery of the New Testament is that we no longer live, but that it is Christ in us Who lives His life through us! We are not expected to push the darkness of sin out of our lives, nor are we able to do so. Instead, we allow the light of Christ’s presence to shine in every area of our hearts, and out through us into the world. The supernatural power of God becomes the normal, natural life of the believer. (Prerequisite: REN103/503 Communion with God)

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## Texts:

*Naturally Supernatural* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*LEARN Naturally Supernatural notebook* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*The Great Mystery* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*Naturally Supernatural CDs* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*Hosting the Presence* by Bill Johnson

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## Objectives

### Academic:

- As a result of the course, you will:
  - ✓ Quote John 15:4, 5.
  - ✓ Quote Galatians 2:20.
  - ✓ Quote Psalm 46:10.
  - ✓ Quote II Peter 1:3, 4.

- ✓ Quote Ephesians 3:16 – 21.
- ✓ Quote Philippians 2:13.
- ✓ Quote II Corinthians 4:6, 7.

- List and discuss the seven revelation truths which can release the divine power of Almighty God through the fusion of His Holy Spirit to your spirit.
- Discuss the place of the Law.
- List at least five biblical ways of quieting yourself in order to get in touch with the indwelling Christ.
- Know five “Jehovah names” of God the Father and their meanings.

### Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- The seven truths of living naturally supernatural will become revelation truth to you, gently molding you into conformity with God’s Word.
- You will put aside confidence in your flesh to live for God and will live out of dependency on the Holy Spirit to live His life through you.
- You will be at peace in the knowledge of who you are in Christ.
- You will rejoice in the knowledge that you are a vessel which holds Another, a temple which houses the Living God, a branch through whom the Spirit of God flows.
- You will rest in your union with Christ through the Holy Spirit.

### Behavioral:

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- As you relax into the all-sufficiency of Christ and allow Him to live through you, you will exhibit the fruit and power of the Holy Spirit to an ever-increasing degree. Every day you will grow in grace, becoming more like your Lord.
- You will enter into the life of abiding and rest which He has promised.

- You will relax into all that your God is within you.
- You will cease striving to improve yourself through your own efforts and let God replace you with Himself.

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### Course Requirements:

1. Attend class faithfully, or, if you are an extension student, listen to all assigned CDs or videos.
2. Read the assigned pages of *The Great Mystery* by Virkler and complete all written assignments. These will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and application to your own life.
3. Read *Naturally Supernatural* by Virkler as assigned, writing answers to the “Think and Discuss” questions on separate paper. These answers will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and application to your own life.
4. Abiding is truly an extension of communion with God. One is taking the contact he has established with God and generalizing it to a life experience. Thus the tool of journaling (writing your prayers and God’s answers) continues to be a valuable resource in developing the life of abiding. You are therefore to journal at least once a week during the entire course. Hopefully, you will do it much more than that. The instructor will not ask you to turn in your journal, but you will be asked to state whether or not you have been journaling once a week.
5. Read *Hosting the Presence* by Bill Johnson. Submit a paper discussing the truths the Spirit reveals to you through the book, and how these truths have affected and will continue to affect and change your life. This paper is to be at least five type-written pages, double-spaced. It is due in Lesson 11.
6. Submit an application paper describing how you have mastered the lifestyle of abiding. This is not to be a theological paper but rather a practical discussion of how you have increased your ability to abide in Christ on a daily basis. What blocks have you encountered? Have you been able to overcome them? How? Give specific illustrations of your application of the teaching of this course in overcoming weakness or temptation. This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written, double-spaced pages and is due in Lesson 12.
7. Earn at least a “B” on the Final Test.

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### Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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## REN 204 - Naturally Supernatural

# Course Schedule

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### Lesson 1

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Naturally Supernatural* by Virklers. The “Think and Discuss” section at the end of the chapter is designed to stimulate discussion in a group exploring these truths together. If you are not part of a group, you should still answer the questions in a way that they can easily be submitted to your instructor at the end of the course.

Read the Introduction of *The Great Mystery* by Virklers.

NOTE: The information on the four keys to hearing God’s voice should be a review for you since you have already taken REN103/503 Communion with God. If you have not yet completed that course, we strongly encourage you to do that first, before you continue with this course. The information and skills you acquire there are absolutely essential to a life of abiding in Christ and living naturally supernatural.

Prayerfully read Chapter One of *The Great Mystery*. Complete the Assignment on page 2. The first step in becoming naturally supernatural is to become fully aware of the incredible Person and Power that now lives in you as a child of God. This is a revelation truth that can only become real to you through the breathing of the Holy Spirit upon the Scriptures, making them alive in you. Therefore, the majority of the assignments in the *The Great Mystery* study guide involve prayerful meditation on various assigned Scripture passages. Do not short-change yourself by not taking these assignments seriously and setting aside the time necessary to really hear from God. Keep a detailed record of the revelations you receive through the Spirit and the Word.

You will also note that there is a great deal of Scripture memorization in this course. Again, it is only through the Spirit illumining the Word that deep, life-changing revelation occurs.

Memorize Galatians 2:20.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

#### Subjects to be explored:

The Wretched Man Syndrome

How to Hear God’s Voice

#### Related objectives:

- You will have a renewed desire to hear God’s voice through His *Logos* in your meditation on Scripture and through His *rhema* in your journaling.
- You will have an increased hope that you can overcome the “Wretched Man Syndrome” and walk in victory over sin.
- You will quote Galatians 2:20. (“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.)
- You will enter into the life of abiding and rest which He has promised.
- You will relax into all that your God is within you.