

## Return to Peter

"Shadow, Shadow, hey Shadow. Yes, I am talking to YOU. You must return to Peter. This is not right. You are not meant to be doing your own thing. You are acting independently of him. You are out of synch'. You're in disharmony. You're lost. You need to be One with Peter again.

"I wasn't crying about mothers," he said rather indignantly. "I was crying because I can't get my shadow to stick on. Besides, I wasn't crying."

"It has come off?"

"Yes."

Then Wendy saw the shadow on the floor, looking so dragged, and she was frightfully sorry for Peter. "How awful!" she said, but she could not help smiling when she saw that he had been trying to stick it on with soap. How exactly like a boy!



Fortunately she knew at once what to do. "It must be sewn on," she said, just a little patronisingly.

"What's sewn?" he asked.

"You're dreadfully ignorant."

"No, I'm not."

But she was exulting in his ignorance. "I shall sew it on for you, my little man," she said, though he was tall as herself, and she got out her housewife [sewing bag], and sewed the shadow on to Peter's foot.

"I daresay it will hurt a little," she warned him.

"Oh, I shan't cry," said Peter, who was already of the opinion that he had never cried in his life. And he clenched his teeth and did not cry, and soon his shadow was behaving properly, though still a little creased.

From JM Barrie's Peter Pan.

**Gen 3:8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Adam, the shadow man is hiding in the garden from his 'real' self; because he has eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he has become like Pan's shadow. He has become separated from his source. Like Pan's shadow, Adam must get back to his source, as the shadow must return to Peter. Adam must become One with God again, and follow God's doing, as the shadow must catch up with Peter and do his. We notice Wendy could not help smiling, when Pan tries to stick his shadow back on with soap. Well, we use soap to clean ourselves. We use religion to try to clean ourselves also, and we will never be able to become One again with our creator, by trying to use soap. Wendy says, "It must be sewn on" to which Peter replies, "what's sewn?" He did not understand what Wendy was talking about, any more than did Nichodemus, when Jesus said to him, "You must be born again". John 3:3.

We need surgery. We need the deft hand of the sewer to put our shadow back as it should be.

In the story, Wendy sews Pan's shadow back on for him, putting everything back in order, though at first, as the story says, the shadow was a little creased. But at the beginning of the story it says the shadow was looking so draggled.

Well, we have our Wendy to sew our shadow back on again. Jesus Christ is the sewer. He *has*, (not will one day), sewn you back together with your Father. He has completed it. Job done. You are now 'Free' to follow Him, in who's image and likeness you are made. Is Pan's shadow not in the image and likeness of Pan?

Well Adam, Shadow, 'Just Me', or whatever up until now you have called yourself. Christ has made it possible for you to Return to Peter. Don't worry if at first you seem a little creased, creases eventually drop out. Far better to be a little creased than 'draggled' don't you think?

(Please see my little animation Shadowlands).