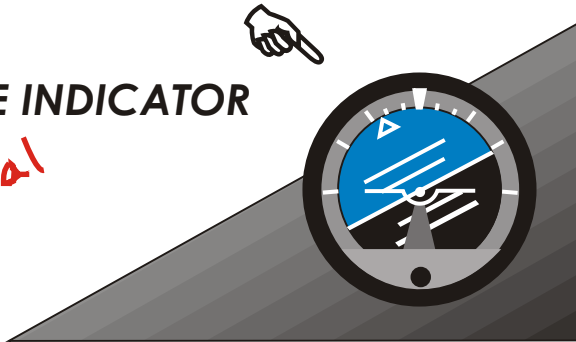


DON'T OMIT THE ATTITUDE INDICATOR

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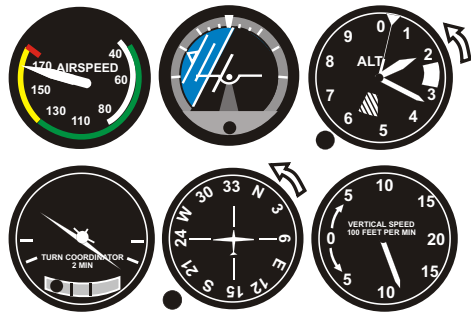


Trust your instruments. This is the fundamental rule of attitude instrument flying that every pilot is taught. It is the rule which pilots must follow to avoid the illusions that can deceive the body's ability to sense motion and orientation. Pilots are taught to rely on the instruments when they feel disorientated and to check all of the instruments through an organized scan centered on the most important instrument, the attitude indicator.

When we fly visually, the earth's horizon is a fixed reference we can rely upon to tell us which way is up and down. But "in the soup," there is no reference point. Everything is a gray fog, and in a short time, it becomes impossible to tell which way is up or down, north or south. The inner ear, quickly deceived by the complex motions of the airplane, causes our brain to interpret aircraft attitude incorrectly.

The untrained pilot who enters the clouds typically has 2 minutes before control will be lost, usually resulting in a classic graveyard spiral. The sensory illusions can be so strong that the pilot will think the plane is banked when it is not. Thinking he is in a turn, he will then roll the airplane into a bank. Without a fixed reference, recovery is almost impossible. **The pilot's misguided efforts are often worse than just releasing the controls.**

Of course, instrument flying is extremely safe and reliable when a person is properly trained, proficient, and will rely on the instruments. The flight instruments are a fixed reference which the pilot can rely on.



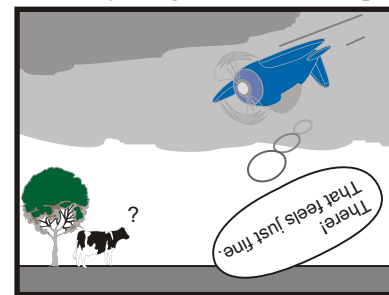
The Classic "Graveyard Spiral".

But back on the ground, what reference do we have when clouds of conformity obscure our sense of right and wrong? In this changing world everything seems relative to the individual's viewpoint. What is right? What is moral? What is truth?

We need a reliable fixed reference to guide our lives by, and God has provided one. **The Bible.** God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and His Word, like the flight instruments, is a reliable reference for us.

Most of us have read the Bible at some time, but have we really considered what it says about our "Spiritual Attitude?" Many people say their relationship with God "feels fine." But God says *"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*¹ and *"All we like sheep have gone astray..."*²

Everything is not ok. Our spiritual attitude is not what we think.



"There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end of it is the way of death."

Proverbs 14:12

Fortunately, God has provided a way of salvation through Jesus, the Messiah, who took the punishment on the cross that we deserved. He has paid the penalty because of His great love for us. Jesus said; *"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me."*³ and *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*⁴

God loves you. He is willing to forgive and offers eternal life to those who will acknowledge their sin and place their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our senses tell us everything will be ok, but God says there is a judgement day coming. *"He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*⁵

Don't forget to check our "Spiritual Attitude Indicator", the BIBLE. The Gospel of John is a good place to start. Read it for yourself today!

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¹ Romans 3:23 ² Isaiah 53:6 ³ John 14:6 ⁴ John 15:13 ⁵ 2 Peter 3:9