

FAITH AND WORKS BY HELEN ZAGAT

THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

2. Divine Wisdom

God is wisdom. Because we have accepted the truth that God is Mind, Spirit, Living Intelligence, we can more readily comprehend the attribute of Wisdom.

Wisdom is the idea of absolute knowing in Divine Mind. God is all. Therefore God is Wisdom. Wisdom is the movement of Divine Mind, the light of creative Mind activity. This is knowing in the absolute.

Since man stems forth from God as the individualisation of the perfect Idea-Man, Wisdom is available to man. As man become receptive, so is he quickened by the movement of Mind. The light of Divine Wisdom quickens, inspires and uplifts him.

Divine Wisdom is the absolute aspect of knowing. Intellect is the human or relative aspect.

Since the creation is in Mind, the movement of Mind gives us a basis for our power to think. The One Mind “sees” its own image. The Christ Mind has within it the original principles of the Creator and the creation. Man partakes of the qualities of the universal Christ Mind when he turns consciously within.

The intellect is mind embodied. It is the human use of mind. It is not perfect. It has accepted experience as real. The intellect can turn within to Truth, or without to the evidence of senses. In the intellect is the power of choice. So man can choose the type of thought, feeling and action that he shall follow.

Since the intellect is finite, it has not the power of the original Mind. But man can lift his intellect to the One Mind, by becoming receptive to the invisible action of the Superconscious Mind, or the Christ Mind. The act of choice sets into motion the perfect laws of Divine Mind. When man gives his attention to spiritual ideas, there is set into motion a stream of pure spiritual ideas that take root in human consciousness.

As man continues to lift the intellect to the heights of the Christ Mind, the action of Divine Wisdom establishes an expression of spirituality. Expression is the inner working of man’s mentality. When expression is rooted in spiritual ideas of Truth, the whole being is raised and unfolds. Then manifestations of good follow. This is the reason for our effort to raise our thinking and our feeling nature. Our manifest lives and our soul’s growth go hand in hand.

This is a gradual process. Don not try to storm the gates of heaven. Try to watch the nature of your thought and your feeling. By establishing spiritual understanding in consciousness, we rise above petty resentments, hurts and foolish evaluations of people and events. By opening the mind to Divine Wisdom we learn to judge truly, to pierce through outer appearances to the real. We judge according to the divine plan. We judge righteous judgement. This does not mean that we accept all actions or situations; but we do not give them power. We turn to Divine Wisdom for guidance.

Knowledge and spiritual understanding are not identical. The intellect is man’s thinking faculty.

Man acquires knowledge and a quantity of facts through the development of his powers of reasoning. However, the limitations of the human keep him from receiving the fullness of divine inspiration.

When man makes a practice of being quietly receptive to the action of Divine Wisdom, he finds that his thoughts and his acts are wonderfully guided.

Faith in the invisible movement of Wisdom brings forth miracles. We must be sure that we have been letting go of mere intellect thoughts about Truth and that we are truly open to the beauty and the power of Spirit.

It is important to distinguish between basic divine ideas and thoughts. Let us remember that God creates. Man makes his world. Divine ideas are basic. They have within them the activity that sets into motion varying aspects of the original. Thoughts are the action of human intellectualizing. Thoughts do influence the quality of our inner expression. But they are not basic. It is necessary to lift them into union with divine ideas in order to achieve real results.

For instance, in order to receive justice in a situation, it is important to hold to the idea of divine harmony, wisdom, true judgement and power, rather than to hold thoughts of what this one or that one said, or should say or do. When we stay with human thoughts of the human intellect, we are limited by the human. When we unify with the basic, creative divine ideas, the activity inherent in those ideas works for us, and takes the form needed.

Spirit knows; intellect thinks. The pure knowing of Divine Mind is the attribute of Wisdom. It is above human reasoning, and man can partake of its activity through faith.

It is important to direct our thinking toward the perfect divine ideals. Our thoughts are the immediate agencies that affect our lives. But the goal should be to so accept the basic ideal that even our thoughts will be lifted. Then we draw to ourselves harmonious situations, and all good. Do not try to think conditions or situations into your life. Do not try to manipulate the lives of others. Place your whole being under Divine Wisdom. People and events will fall into their right places. Answered prayer is the result of unification with God. The steps to this end lie in the comprehension and the acceptance of Truth principles.