

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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* The New Creation is the most outstanding miracle of human experience. To think that a man can receive into his spirit the very Nature and Life of God is an incredible thing to the natural mind. 1 Cor. 2:14:

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually understood."

The natural mind receives all its impulses and knowledge from the five senses, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. There is no other means for the natural man to obtain knowledge. His spirit is not responsive to Divine things. God cannot reveal things to him; he cannot understand spiritual things. Consequently, the only knowledge the natural man can receive is that which has come through his or someone else's five senses.

All the knowledge we teach in our colleges, universities, and technical schools comes from the five senses. We are making a distinction between Sense Knowledge and Revelation Knowledge, between the natural or physical man and the spiritual man,

I do not condemn the natural man because he doubts miracles or because he doubts the Bible. It would be a perfectly normal thing for him to do this because he cannot understand them. They are in a realm above him.

Natural man is spiritually dead. Ephesians 2:1-3:

"And you did He make alive when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, wherein ye once walked according to the course of this age, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing

the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath."

Death here means union with Satan, a partaker of the Satanic nature. I know that some of you who read this will be shocked by it. I was at first and thought I could never tell it to anyone. It is like a cancer, or T.B., or any other deadly disease. It is not nice to talk about, but it must be faced. Spiritual death has to be faced. That is the reason Jesus came- to give man, who was spiritually dead, a New Nature. God is Love. When God imparts His Nature to us, we have a love nature.