

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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SOME STUDIES IN THE RECREATED SPIRIT

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* All students are conscious of the limitations of Sense Knowledge. Careful students recognize that there is a spiritual as well as a mental and a physical man. Few have realized that the spirit is the real man. They do not understand that when God created man He created him in His own image and likeness. "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and reality." That is a striking statement, but it fits into the picture perfectly. Man has a mind that receives all of its impulses from the five senses. The mind has no creative ability. It cannot invent. It can experiment, as in chemistry, but it cannot develop anything that its senses have not already brought to it.

The imagination can only build pictures out of the material the five senses have brought to it.

The natural human mind has no creative element in it. The thing that first acquainted me with the limitations of Sense Knowledge was the fact that none of the heathen nations have ever needed a patent law or a copyright law. I knew that the people of India, Japan and China had as fine an intellect as any of the Anglo-Saxon races. I knew that the old Greek minds were on the same plane, if not above the modern natural man. I knew that the Arabic, and all of the vast armies of peoples in the East, have fine intellects. Why have they never created anything? Why were there never any inventors or great scientists among them? They have produced Metaphysicians and Philosophers, but they have never produced a creative or an inventive personality.

Then I saw this fact, the mechanical Renaissance started after Germany began to receive Eternal Life. It spread into the Scandinavian Peninsula when they

received Eternal Life. It gripped England, and she began to create and invent following the receiving of Eternal Life. I noticed another thing, that the countries governed by State Churches, where there are no Non-Conformists, show little creative ability. For example, Spain, Northern Ireland, Portugal and Italy were far behind England, Germany, and the Scandinavian Peninsula. This awakened me. Slowly the truth began to dawn upon my consciousness. There had been no creative ability until Christianity had been introduced.

This Eternal Life did something to the converts. Did it do something with their mind? No. The mind is not recreated, but is still subjected to the senses. I then began to study about the recreated human spirit. As you know, the part of man that receives Eternal Life in the New Birth, is the human spirit. He possesses the same mind he had before he was Born Again.

In Romans 12:1-2 a suggestion is made, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." I asked, "Paul, why do you want the human body presented as a living sacrifice?" The answer was, "Because it is the home of the five senses."

The five senses have been the tutors of the brain. The brain has no way of acquiring knowledge but through these senses. We have discovered that the brain has no creative function or ability. It can grasp the messages of the senses, correlate and classify them. It can arrange this knowledge so that it can and will be utilized to advantage.