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### Problems with relying on Reason Alone

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In many ways the conscious mind is an obstacle to the greater revelation of Christ and his mysteries. This is because the mind tends towards a level of rationality that hinders and can place doubt on spiritual knowledge; that can only be achieved through the absence of rationalism and with faith.

It does not matter whether we call the conscious mind, the rational mind or the intellect, the result is the same. Nor is truth to be discovered within an endless quest for facts; which almost without failure, the knowledge of today becomes the nonsense and the superstition of yesterday. Consider the scripture the Wisdom of God is nonsense to man.

There is a paradox however; that is, that the mind or the intellect is absolutely necessary to the spiritual practice and the appreciation of Way. For one of the aims of The Way is to evolve as intelligent thinking and rational beings within full awareness - that is also including intelligence. Yet due to its nature of the mind, its value systems and logic, it is the mind which can be an obstacle to spiritual development and negates things we don't understand.

**Faith asks us to trust**

## To trust in things we don't yet comprehend

This is what faith means, to trust in things we don't yet comprehend. You are not asked to believe what you don't know, and blindly negate your search for truth and knowledge. We are simply asked to have faith and believe that though it seems impossible, it is the truth. To do this is difficult, for the solution is not to remain ignorance. For we still need our conscious mind (and intelligence) to make a seemingly conscious act of irrationality! We are not asking for fools or for ignorance; but we are seeking openness and innocence of mind. So the mind which once was a hindrance to enlightenment and faith does learn and becomes an instrument of Divine Purpose.

Let's give some examples of faith and primitive knowledge.

**Article of Faith:** Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit!

**11th Century Knowledge:** Impossible, must be a metaphor, symbolic meaning.

**21st Century Knowledge:** Possible via Artificial insemination, E.g. Advanced technology Angels.

From looking at the above example; a person living in the 11th century would consider the idea of a virgin birth superstition, nonsense. A Christian theologian may be apologetic and try to explain the seemingly nonsense away. A person with faith may say, "This is nonsense, I don't see how this is true, but I will have faith that it is true - because I trust in God!"

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Do you understand the problem of the intellect here and the limitations of skepticism based upon primitive science and technology? Yet it is the same mind which is absolutely necessary for the phenomenon of faith and intelligence. A 21st Century person may say, Artificial Insemination wasn't available at that time, completely overlooking the fact that the scripture clearly says that the Angel of the Lord was there at the time. A 31st

Century person may say, Angels yes of course, the universe is full of life and the Glory of God - the Angels are our elder brothers! A 41st Century person may say...'The relationship between consciousness and energy is one of Form.'

Another example: During a ceremony we may use various signs, such as the Cross or the Ichthys or blessings etc within our workings. Logically the intellect may say that we are simply drawing shapes in the air and they may decry logic. That these shapes are illusionary and have no substance! And yet without the intellect we would also be unable to recognise the mystical validity of these forms. Nor would we have hint to the nature of the Multi-Universe of which the primary substance is everywhere, and yet we know it not!

Another example, concerns prayer and words of power. The priest can express learnt prayer from the Holy Canons and maybe also sounds or words of unlearned tongues - yet without the intellect the mind benefits not and with the mind alone, the tongue submits to reason for it can only blossom with faith. The fruitful spirit and mind later knows that these types of prayer or words of power are unlearned and verbal expressions arise from the depths of one's psyche and spirit. But first it was faith that was necessary and not knowledge. This is the way of things, in intellect faces small internal battles between logic, with its intellectual accusations of insanity, and one's inner worlds who are now expressing verbally the symbolic language of the soul or any other article of faith.

So herein is the problem. The same intellect, which limits our faith our 'Intuitive Connection', is the very same medium which is absolutely required for dialogue with our Inner Worlds and with Allaha (the Oneness) or El Elyon (the Most High God). This herein is a battle of hope and stagnation within the known. For no achievement of humanity, nor advancement of spirituality, can occur within the confines of common sense.

So how do we resolve this apparent dilemma? Well, the intellect is required as an instrument of communication with the soul. It is the intellect that learns the language of our Inner Worlds and then relays these communications, using pictorial language, from our subconscious to our

conscious mind — and vice-versa and to El Elyon - Allaha and the Higher Worlds.

While useful spirituality and intellectually, do not make not facts and knowledge your goal. Rather make your relationship with life your goal.

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- Not facts and Knowledge**

For example: It is good to know how Thunder is caused and what brings about the physical manifestation of it. Yet it is not good to loose the relationship within our psyche to nature, as the god of Thunder fly's across the sky.

**Mythical beings help maintain our childishness  
Psyche forever a child whom loves life**

You see, it is only the language of archetypes and images which can pass the inner barriers and communicate and express our inner worlds. And this is why we stress importance of the 'Unlearning', the removal of conscious methods and the elevation of hope and love. Consider Santa Claus, our dear Brother and Bishop Saint Nikolas would never have dreamed what would become of his compassion. Most of us know that Santa Claus is not real, and yet with the myth, the story we are able to touch and spread kindness throughout the world. Truth is not limited to scientific fact - we must look at the inner truth also.

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Realise that faith requires the effective communication and manifestation of unconscious forms and conscious force. It requires a balanced approach to foolishness and reason, to the intellect and emotion. From this union is born the old wise Child and it is the old-wise child whom knows and plays with God (Whom we call Allaha).

- Jean de Cabalis