

The Inscrutable Question: Documentation for the Grace Apparatus for Perception, 1 Cor 2:10-14

v 10 - But to us [believers filled with the Holy Spirit & functioning under the Grace Apparatus for Perception] God has revealed them [mystery doctrines] through the Holy Spirit. The human spirit investigates all things, even the deep things of God.

NOTE: The Holy Spirit being omniscient does not need to investigate any category of divine knowledge. He has known all that is knowable, both actual and possible, since eternity past.

However, under the mentorship of the Holy Spirit, the human spirit is able to understand the deep things, or mystery doctrines, of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11 - For what man understands the things of man except man's spirit within him [the futile attempts by the unbeliever to understand spiritual phenomena by means of a human frame of reference], even so, the things of God [the mystery doctrines] no one has known except the Holy Spirit.

v 12 - But we have not received the world's frame of reference [human IQ], but the human spirit from the source of God the Holy Spirit, in order that we might have permanent knowledge [οἶδα / *oida* /: knowledge understood. A synonym for ἐπίγνωσις / *epignosis* / & refers to wheel-tracks of righteousness] of things that have been graciously given to us under the authority of God;

v 13 - which things [mystery doctrine] we also communicate, not by teaching [διδακτός / *didaktos* /: systematically in categories with exegesis and isagogics] from the source of man's wisdom, but by teaching from the source of the Holy Spirit, bringing together spiritual truth [instrumental of association of πνευματικός / *pneumatikos* /: mystery doctrine communicated systematically] to a spiritual apparatus [accusative neuter direct object of πνευματικός / *pneumatikos* /: Grace Apparatus for Perception].

v 14 - The soulish [ψυχικός / *psuchikos* /] man does not accept things [he cannot learn mystery doctrines] from the Holy Spirit [His teachings are not accessible to the unbeliever] for to him they are foolishness [no spiritual IQ], furthermore, he is not able to even acquire academic understanding [γνώσις / *gnosis* / in the νοῦς of the soul's mentality] because they [mystery doctrines] are spiritually discerned [by means of the Grace Apparatus for Perception].

Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *He that Is Spiritual*. (Academie Books, 1967), 21-22:

The spiritual man is proven to be all that he is said to be by one test of his ability to receive and know the divine revelation. "He that is spiritual discerns all things." The progressive order of this whole context is evident:

First, the divine revelation is now given. It is concerning things which, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man." It is revealed by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

Second, the revelation is of the "deep things of God," which no man can know. However, the Spirit knows them (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Third, believers have received the Spirit who knows, in order that they too may know the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:12).

Fourth, the divine wisdom is hidden in the very words of God's Book; but the spiritual content of these words is understood only as one is able to compare spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:13).

Fifth, the "natural man" cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are only by the Spirit discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Sixth, a carnal Christian is born again and possesses the indwelling Spirit; but his carnality hinders the full ministry of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:1-4).

Seventh, "he that is spiritual" discerns all things. There is no limitation upon him in the realm of the things of God.

There are two great spiritual changes which are possible to human experience—the change from the "natural" man to the saved man, and the change from the "carnal" man to the "spiritual" man. The former is divinely accomplished when there is a real faith in Christ; the latter is accomplished when there is a real adjustment to the Spirit.

37. The soulish, or the **ψυχικός / psuchikos** /, man is dichotomous. He has rejected Christ as Savior. He does not possess the Holy Spirit and has not been imputed the human spirit.
38. Consequently, he cannot learn anything from the Bible except as a collection of axioms, historic accounts of Judaism and Christianity, or as literature.
39. Without the assets to acquire spiritual IQ in order to receive instruction from the Holy Spirit, the unbeliever remains lost in his sins and ignorant of anything related to divine thought. Paul gives his analysis of such a man in:

Romans 1:22 - Although they claimed to be wise they became fools.

40. Since the unbeliever has no human spirit he cannot understand the spiritual phenomena related to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Consequently the Holy Spirit must act as a human spirit when the gospel is presented.
41. This is the doctrine of common grace, defined as the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in making the Gospel lucid, perspicuous, and understandable to the person who is spiritually brain dead.
42. If the unbeliever responds positively to the information brought to his academic understanding by the Holy Spirit then the Holy Spirit saves his soul.
43. This is the doctrine of efficacious grace, defined as the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in making the faith of the spiritually dead person effective for eternal salvation.
44. The believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit has spiritual IQ and has the assets to learn doctrine under the mentorship of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:16 - The Holy Spirit Himself testifies together with our human spirit that we are children of God.

45. All knowledge taught by the Holy Spirit and accepted by human volition as true is transferred by the Holy Spirit into the second division of the soul's mentality called the "heart" or **καρδία / kardia** /.
46. Thus, in our verse in Ezekiel 28:17 we see something going on in the heart of Lucifer:

Ezekiel 28:17 - [NASV] "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you."