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The Anointing is Information from God:

"The Holy Spirit will teach you all things"

For the Christian, the Anointing is the work of the Holy Spirit. The original use of the anointing comes from the tabernacle (Ex 25:6). We learn from the tabernacle that God will not anoint (and the priests are not to anoint) that which is not separated (holy) to God. The anointing recognises the holiness of the object and empowers that object in the service of God. Uzzah dies before the Lord when he touches the Ark of the Covenant which was being carried incorrectly on a cart (2Sam 6:7). This event may be treated as superstition and magic (as in the Harrison Ford movie 'Raiders of the Lost Ark') but it expresses the force of holiness. Holiness is a force that descended in the tabernacle as the cloud or shekinah glory of God (2Chron 5:14), destroyed Nadab and Abihu (Lev 10:1-7), protected Jesus in crowds (Lk 4:29-30; Jn 8:59; 10:39), judged Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) and humbled the elders in heaven (Rev 5:14). As the power of evil is to corrupt (Rom 8:21) so the power of God is enhance what is dedicated to God. Our responsibility as Christians is to move with the Holy Spirit. We must learn how to function in the supernatural (holiness not magic). The Holy Spirit does not make us move; we have to choose movement. But the Holy Spirit is the Encourager, the Enforcer and the Empowerer of what is moving for God. The Holy Spirit is the foretaste and the guarantee (Eph 1:14) that God is doing something in our lives.

God is Information rich

We are not left in the dark as to the nature and purpose of God. God has revealed Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The whole Bible is the record of God's dealing with man and nature. We have to learn to discern the spirit realm, grasp the revelations of scripture and live the life of faith. God is understandable, describable and conceivable. Some theology can deliberately mystify God as abstract and incomprehensible often out of a misguided attempt to be worshipful. In Jesus Christ (a man) all the fullness of the godhead dwelt (and dwells) bodily (Col 2:9). Jesus is currently the resurrected man seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us (Heb 7:25). We may not know all about God but everything about God is knowable and able to be worshipped. Originally there was language (In the beginning was the Word (Jn 1:1)). God creates by speaking (Gen 1:3). Words express all that can be thought. 'Day unto day utters speech and night unto night reveals knowledge' (Ps 19:2). The whole creation is full of knowledge, ideas, argument and the whole creation (what exists) is conceivable and able to be manipulated by thought and language. Language is the original creation. It is of the nature of creation to be manipulable. Because it is of the nature of God's creation to be understood and expressed by language the revelation and action of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to handle this information. God is a God of information and He will teach us through His Holy Spirit. It is the nature of God to inform. Man was originally given authority and ability over the creation (Gen 1:28). It is sin that confuses and aborts our capacity to know and understand. Paul explains the power of sin to corrupt the human mind in Rom 1:18-32 and Eph 4:17-19.

The Progress of Corruption of the Mind (Rom 1:18-32)

- 1) The wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness**
- 2) Men suppress the truth in unrighteousness (:18)**
- 3) God is knowable in His creation but not acknowledged (:20)**
- 4) As a result men become futile in their thinking (:21)**

- 5) **Their foolish hearts are darkened (:21)**
- 6) **Claiming wisdom they become ridiculous (:22)**
- 7) **They worship animals (nature) (:23)**
- 8) **They pursue uncleanness (:24)**
- 9) **They exchange the truth of God for the lie (2Thess 2:11) (:25)**
- 10) **Therefore God gives them over to vile passions and the unnatural use of the human body (:26-:27)**
- 11) **Because men did not retain God in knowledge, God gives them over to a debased (reprobate, unproven, failed) mind (:28).**

The Degenerate Mind (Eph 4:17-19)

The Gentiles walk:

- 1) **In the futility of their minds (:17)**
- 2) **Having their understanding darkened**
- 3) **They are alienated from the life of God**
- 4) **Because of the ignorance that is in them**
- 5) **Because of the blindness of their heart (:18)**
- 6) **They are beyond feeling (insensitive, incapable of response)**
- 7) **They have given themselves over to lewdness (uncleanness)**
- 8) **With greediness (with an inordinate passion) (:19).**

If sin corrupts our mind then holiness corrects our mind.

Paul argues that we are complete in Christ (Col 2:10). That is, we find our fullness in Him. We come to completion in him, not the world. It is Jesus Christ who completes us, not we ourselves or the stuffing from the world. This promise comes immediately after the warning in (:8) where Paul warns the believer not to be cheated out of Christ by philosophy and false conceit (deception) according to traditional ways of philosophising and denying the existence of God and holiness. (Some will accept God but not holiness. Holiness is a deep demand on our being.)

The Holy Spirit is our Encourager (Paraclete) and Teacher

John 14:15-18

- 1) **The Father will give you another Helper (Paraclete) [Gk 'parakaleo' = call alongside, encourage, support, advocate]**
- 2) **He (the Holy Spirit) will be with you forever**
- 3) **He is the Spirit of Truth (testifying to Jesus the Truth)**
- 4) **The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit**
- 5) **The world cannot see Him or know Him (the unholy cannot see)**
- 6) **But you know Him**
- 7) **For He dwells with you and will be in you**
- 8) **I will not leave you orphans.**

The Holy Spirit, as the Spirit of Truth, is the spirit of truth about everything, not just special religious things. This is truth in business, emotions, thinking, politics, past and future. May the Holy Spirit lead us into the capacity to be absolutely true, without a shadow of turning (James 1:17), squeaky clean.

John 14:26

- 1) **But the Helper (Paraclete), the Holy Spirit**
- 2) **Whom the Father will send in my name**
- 3) **He will teach you all things**
- 4) **And bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

The Holy Spirit will be sent to disciple and believer and He will teach us all things. It then becomes a matter of how well I can learn, whether I am listening and whether I am dedicated to the Mind of Christ (1Cor 2:16). Maybe I prefer the mind of the world or the mind of my Self (my experience = the learning I have done already). Do I have too much of an investment in what I have become to release myself into what I can be under the Holy Ghost? It is my choice. But if I am of two minds, I can receive nothing

from God (including His Holy Spirit) because I am a double-minded man (James 1:6-8).

John 16:7-11

- 1) **If I depart I will send the Helper to you**
- 2) **When He comes He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgement**
- 3) **Of sin because they do not believe in me**
- 4) **Of righteousness because I go to my Father and you see me no more**
- 5) **Of judgement because the ruler of this world is judged.**

The work of the Holy Spirit is clear. This will be the basis of our receiving and grasping the truth. I need to have a mind and a framework to grasp and hold the truth. The truth will try and test me. It is fire. Jesus Christ is the truth (Jn 14:5). This is a basic premise for all these remarks in John.

John 16:13-15

- 1) **When the Spirit of Truth has come**
- 2) **He will guide you into all truth**
- 3) **He will not speak on His own (authority)**
- 4) **But whatever He hears he will speak**
- 5) **He will tell you things to come**
- 6) **He will glorify Me**
- 7) **For He will take what is Mine and declare it to you**
- 8) **All things that the Father has are Mine.**

It is the task of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. Sometimes we will not speak the truth because it is not in our interest or we do not know. Therefore we have to seek God more urgently and prove His truth in our truth-bearing life.

The Teaching of the Anointing (1John 2:20, 27)

John, in his epistle, has been warning the Christians of dangers in the Christian life: do not love the world or the things in the world (2:15). Beware of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (:16). The world and its desires are passing away (:17). The Antichrist is coming. The spirit of Antichrist is abroad and many have left manifesting that spirit.

2:20 But you have the anointing from the Holy One and you know all things. This is an affirmation of where they stand in Christ.

Believers are not alone, ignorant and forsaken. They are not orphans: spiritually, intellectually or physically. There is an anointing that comes from God by His Holy Spirit and therefore you are not ignorant. This controversial statement 'that you know all things' [Gk oidate panta] has a textual variant which is 'and you all know' [Gk oidate pantes]. This corresponds to the difference in English between 'you know all' and 'you all know'. Personally I go with the former reading 'you know all things' because 'you all know' is not really saying anything of interest. We all know something. The radical claim is that the Holy Spirit makes us aware and teaches us in all situations. We are not orphans nor are we destitute for knowledge in God: radical, new Christian learning.

2:27 But the anointing that you have received from Him abides in you and you do not need anyone to teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, just as it (He) has taught you abide in it (Him).

This is the power of the anointing. I want to be taught by God. School and university recognise learning and accept that learning (expertise) has taken place. Yet they need not be the source and frame of learning. God is my teacher: His commandments make me wiser than my enemies and I have more understanding than my teachers (Ps 119:97-100). It is a tyranny that we can only learn from Institutes for that purpose. This is a major control over our

society. Education is in the control of government. Look to God not the government for learning, understanding, wisdom and hope. There is a role for government in the provision for learning environments. However, let us see God as the source of knowledge not the mind of man. Demolish strongholds; honour Christ: bring every (culture) thought obedient to Him (2Cor 10:5).

God as the Source of Knowledge: the Argument

- 1) God exists
- 2) God conceives and uses language
- 3) Creation is by speaking
- 4) That which is spoken is understandable and conceivable
- 5) What God creates is essentially understandable
- 6) Although we may not know it everything is basically knowable
- 7) We know about God by words
- 8) Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom 10:17)
- 9) God's word can abide in us (Jn 15:7)
- 10) The Word of God comes by preaching and hearing (Lk 4:18)
- 11) 'The humble poor believe' the preached word
- 12) People are at a loss without words
- 13) People can long to hear the gospel proclaimed
- 14) Only humans have the capacity for symbolic language (writing)
- 15) A major missionary thrust is to give people a Bible in their native tongue (Summer Institute of Linguistics/ Wycliffe Bible Translators. Missionaries have rescued some indigenous languages.)
- 16) Babel, the confusion of tongues, was an act of God
- 17) Pentecost proved the power of the Holy Spirit and language
- 18) The Bible as text states the mind of God
- 19) The Christian life is describable in words and is therefore basically understandable, not mystifying nor essentially emotional
- 20) The Word of God can grow in us (Acts 6:7)
- 21) Languages (human and artificial) help us to use the creation
- 22) We can only use what can be reduced to (expressed in) language
- 23) Salvation is communicated and received by words