

THINKING IS ALWAYS BASED UPON THE PAST.....IT'S ALWAYS BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE.....And that's usually considered good – to be able to base your actions on experience. “Oh, he's had a lot of experience and it shows in everything thing he does. He's excellent in his work and it's a result of his experience.” You see? But I'm going to tell you something: Your experience has always been colored by or based in learning that reflects NOT being joined with your right Mind.

Your experience in the world, in life as its generally perceived, is a result of being conscious of events without realizing that they have a connection with God – with a Prime Mover of pure intelligence. Not only that, that the Prime Mover acts always in the “Now.” And therefore, the experience is always brand new and never based upon the past.

Without that conscious awareness, the Reality of what one is experiencing is lost. And what one is left with is illusion, is memory imbued with, colored with nothing but misunderstanding and misperception.

You see, becoming disenchanted with your thinking means something significant. And you end up in your disenchantment with your thinking in a place where you can experience no self–appreciation because of your thinking, something which for most every one of you has been a source of pride and has lent you credibility and recognition. Oh yes, he, she, you have quite a bit of experience and it shows and you're to be honored and you're to be respected because you don't base things on your imagination but rather on your experience.

Now it's time for the word “experience” to mean something new. It's time for the word “experience” to mean what happens when you're in the silence and you are not asserting a personal private intent or sense of self. And in the absence of a sense of self, but the presence of Mind that you Are, truth is revealed to you. Clarity comes, behavior arises out of it, not out of your best thinking, not out of your best judgment, not out of your vast experience.

And that behavior arising out of the absence of personal private self–assertion, provides you with an experience of what your right Mind truly is: the Holy Spirit, the Presence of the Mind of God Being all there is to the Presence of Mind that you Are.

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