



Welcome to Unity's Interactive Worship Service

Today's Topic: Spiritual Wisdom

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The writer's of 1 Kings 7-15 give us this account of a young King Solomon after having assumed the role of leader from his late father, King David. Solomon is speaking to God:

"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties."

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"Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

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So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

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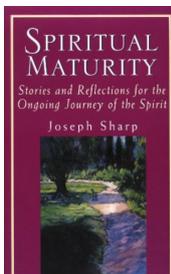
The need for spiritual wisdom as part of our spiritual growth and evolution is not new. In fact it's been taught in many ways by many spiritual teachers.

During the last few months of Buddha's life, the great teacher was asked by worried students who they should follow after his death. Who was to be their next teacher, their next guide? Who was going to teach them the wisdom of the ages? The Buddha's response was simply this: "Be a light unto yourself."

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Some five-hundred years later another great teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, admonished his followers not to look to him but within themselves. When asked how to pray he said: go within. When asked when the kingdom of heaven would come he said: don't look for it here or there, for the kingdom of heaven is within you. And when they asked who shall lead them he said: I will send you the Holy Spirit which will guide and instruct you.

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In his book Spiritual Maturity, Joseph Sharp explains that each of us has our very own spiritual wisdom we can draw from: He writes:

Each life is marked by a uniqueness in personal character, experience, and expression, a one-of-a-kind soul. This truth suggests a radical possibility: that the sacred, as expressed by humanity, can be as diverse and multifaceted as we are as individuals.

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Like Solomon of old, we too, have access to all the wisdom we will ever need. And instead of just dreaming about having it, we can affirm that it is already available to us at any time and any place. It only requires us to acknowledge God as the creator of all wisdom and therefore affirm:

I trust God's divine plan for me as I follow Spirit's direction, and all wisdom is mine to use.

As today's Hymn declared: Infinite wisdom guides my way.

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This three part affirmation reveals where spiritual wisdom is available to everyone who desires it if they will but:

- 1) Seek God first in prayer and meditation affirming trust in God;**
- 2) Know that they are not alone and that God has a divine plan; and**
- 3) The wisdom they require is there if they follow Spirit's direction.**

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A reporter once asked Mother Teresa of India what it felt like to have the spiritual wisdom of a living saint. She replied: "*Spiritual wisdom is not just for a few people. It's for everyone, including you, sir.*"

Mother Teresa understood and practiced spiritual wisdom and maturity. And in her statement to the reporter you can hear Jesus's mandate to each of us: *The things that I do you and do to, and greater will you do.*

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The process of developing our spiritual wisdom so that we may become spiritually mature, requires that we become aware of how our soul experiences contribute to our overall spiritual development.

As someone once said, "The soul always knows what to do to heal itself. The challenge is to silence the mind so we can hear what she has to say."

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If spiritual wisdom is God's call to the soul, what kind of dialogue might be taking place? Let's listen in...

"Hey you, yes, you. Here's a bit of wisdom I would like to share with you today."

"Stop being unhappy with yourself, after all I made you and you're perfect."

"Stop wishing you looked like someone else, you're unique and one of kind."

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“Stop wishing people liked you as much as they like someone else. Everyone has the freedom to chose their emotions.”

“Stop trying to get attention from those who hurt you. Let them move on so you can move on.”

“Stop hating your body, your personality, your quirks. They are what makes you, you. Love them because you deserve to be loved.”

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“Start each day being confident with who you are, smile more and you’ll draw others to you.”

“Remember, if others dislike you for being happy about who you are, move on, cause they aren’t worth your time or trouble.”

“And finally, I love you, I love your flaws, I love your imperfections, because I am in you and you are in me.”

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Affirm each day the words from today’s Hymn: *Infinite wisdom guides my way; My path appears as bright as day!*
And remember to...

