

Readings from the Word of God

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Psalm 139:13-18 (Kempton Project Translation, modified)

¹³ For You formed my kidneys;
You sheltered me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I will confess You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows this very well.
¹⁵ My bone was not concealed from You,
When I was made in hiding,
I was embroidered in the lower parts of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw me rolled up,
And in Your book the days were written, all of them;
They were formed,
And not one of them was missing.
¹⁷ And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How numerous is the sum of them!
¹⁸ If I should number them, they are more multiplied than sand;
I awake, and I am still with You.

Secrets of Heaven §1495:2-3

The proper order is for the heavenly [or celestial] dimension to act on the spiritual dimension and adapt it to its own purposes. The spiritual dimension should act on the rational and adapt this to its own purposes. And the rational dimension should act on the factual and adapt this to its own purposes.

This is indeed the order that we follow in earliest childhood, when we are learning, but the appearance is exactly the opposite: we seem to proceed from facts to rational thinking, from this to spiritual ideas, and finally to heavenly concepts. This is the way it

appears because this is how a path to the heavenly dimension — the inmost dimension — opens up. All instruction is simply an opening of the path. To the extent that the path opens (or to put it another way, to the extent that the receiving vessels open), these entities flow into one another in sequence, as noted.... These heavenly and spiritual things are constantly presenting themselves, and they also are preparing and forming for themselves appropriate vessels, which are then opened up.

Luke 3:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴ “The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make His paths straight.
⁵ Every valley shall be filled
And every mountain and hill brought low;
The crooked places shall be made straight
And the rough ways smooth;
⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Secrets of Heaven §3470:2

At first children learn very many things, including things that are trivial—games and so on—not to make them wise but to prepare the way for them to receive the useful things that lead to wisdom. Once they have received useful things that lead to wisdom, the trivial things are separated, indeed they are put away.

Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 12-13 (NKJV)

⁴ Show me Your ways, O Jehovah;
Teach me Your paths.
⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.

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⁸ Good and upright is Jehovah;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

⁹ The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.

¹⁰ All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

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¹² Who is the man that fears Jehovah?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.