

REFLECTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART

[Exhortations From The Father]

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* When one seeks after "factual knowledge" in an attempt to see perfect liberty [*freedom*] "effected" [*become a reality*] in their life [*through their own self-effort and understanding {sense knowledge, mental ascension}*] then it is certain that they will only be drawn deeper into deception - a deception that not only "negates" [*hinders, blocks*] their entrance into perfect liberty but, also, takes them to [*and keeps them in*] a place of darkness far below their true Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ.

"**effect**" - power to produce results;

"**sense knowledge**" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances; that which is perceived [*and expressed*] through the soul [*mind, will, emotions*] - apart from "revelation" [*the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation*];

"**mental ascension**" - the reaching out [*"up"*] to understand the Word [*Will*] of God in one's "own" [*soulish*] strength and understanding [*intellect*];

....*"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding [sense-knowledge and perception]. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him [through the continual accessing of His Grace], and He [the Spirit of Grace] will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation*

FOR

....*"There is a way which seems right[eous] to a man, but its end is the way of death".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB*

THEREFORE

....*"take heed, then, lest the light that is in thee be darkness"....Luke 11:35*

Young's Literal Translation

.... "[mere {natural}] knowledge causes people to be puffed up (to bear themselves loftily and be proud), but [revelation - born of] love (affection and goodwill and benevolence) edifies and builds up and encourages one to grow [to his full stature {in Christ}]" 1 Corinthians 8:1 The Amplified Translation

.... "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord [Who is the Spirit of Grace, Love, Truth, Wisdom etc.] is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom] [Isa. 61:1, 2]. And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit" 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 The Amplified Translation