

Capacities and Powers of Man – Spiritually Understood Treatment or Healing by True Prayer ~ Frederick L Rawson pgs 275-281

Let it be quite understood that to heal well it is not necessary to have this knowledge; but, the greater the knowledge of the world of reality and the more accurate the knowledge of its details, the easier it is to heal. In any case, this tends to greater activity of thought and a better elimination of thoughts of materiality.' "As material knowledge diminishes and spiritual understanding increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally instead of materially " (*Science and Healthy* p. 96, Mary Baker Eddy).

As the material world is the exact opposite of the spiritual, the highest things in heaven are the realities of the lowest in the material world. The highest thing that a man can do in heaven is to group the ideas of God together into new combinations, and pass them on to his fellow-man. This appears materially, or in counterfeit, as food passing through the system. As there are two kinds of blood, the bright, clean, arterial blood as it passes from the heart to the extremities, and the venal blood which comes back, bringing the impurities with it, so these are the counterfeits of two kinds of joy, the spiritual reality of the former being the joy that we receive when we are passed a beautiful idea, and the latter the more unselfish joy that we receive as we pass it on to our fellow-man.

First, with regard to the human being. All the parts of the human head are the counterfeit of the spiritual capacity that man has, the capacity to know things, the Christ capacity. The actual doing, or knowing, as distinguished from the capacity to know, is done with the spiritual reality of the parts of the body. This is evidenced in the material man; for instance, a man does not see with his material eyes, or hear with his material ears; Sight and hearing are the result of vibration along the lines of the ether direct to the human mind. A man can see and hear just as well when his so-called mind has temporarily left the body.

I was once asked to explain the eleventh chapter of I Corinthians. Treating for knowledge I explained that it had to be taken spiritually, and among other things stated that when Paul said in the third verse, "the head of every man is Christ," he meant that Christ was man's capacity to know God.

The following will now be more easily understood:—

HEAD OR CAPACITY

HEAD—capacity to know God.

BRAINS—capacity to think.

FACE—capacity to recognise.

EYES—capacity to discern God's ideas.

EARS—capacity to understand.

EAR-DRUMS—capacity to respond in thought, NOSE—capacity to pursue a train of thought.

TEETH—capacity to analyse and dissect ideas.

GUMS—God's loving support of the capacity to analyse and dissect ideas.

MOUTH—capacity to rejoice, praise and respond.

LIPS—capacity to speak.

TONGUE—capacity to enjoy.

PALATE—capacity to appreciate God's ideas.

TONSILS—capacity to differentiate God's ideas.

VOICE—capacity to transmit God's ideas.

LARYNX—God's capacity of declaring the truth by means of which God's ideas are expressed.

NECK—capacity to turn in thought to any idea. BREATHING—capacity to receive and pass on God's ideas ;
 inspiration.

HAIR ON HEAD—capacity to discern the ideas of God from whatever source or direction they come.

BODY OR POWERS

BODY—body of ideas, the infinite combinations of God's ideas which have come to man in an infinite past. CHEST—God's loving support, which enables man to hold the combinations of ideas which form the body.

THROAT—channel through which God's ideas come and go.