

The evolution of mankind and the evolution of the knowledge of God—

It is written that God was present with ‘Adam’ in the Garden; after they had done what was forbidden for them to do, the eyes of them both were open and they saw that they were naked. “They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” And “Who told you that you were naked?”

The ‘physical understanding’ and expression of the knowledge of the Lord God began, and continued for more than 4000 years; in the form of sacrifices, rituals, rules, etc. Religions were the ruler of choice for mankind (both the Jews and the Gentiles).

“In the fullness of time” the Lord God came in the flesh in the man Jesus. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory...” Again the Lord God was present with man, in a form they could relate to personally, but did they? Did they behold His glory? Do we?

At the beginning of this 2000 year period, following His appearance as Jesus, He appeared as Christ, and then He returned as Spirit. The ‘mental understanding’ and expression of the knowledge of the Lord God began, and has continued until today.

This has been a period of trying by ‘mental power’ to understand what in the world happened by Jesus’ birth, death, resurrection, and ascension... searching and studying the scriptures (nothing wrong with that), even though He said, “the Spirit will teach you all things”.

The power of the Spirit, not what is visible to the naked eye or perceived by the natural mind, is what this new period is about. We will know Him by the Spirit (within).

—The knowledge of God comes not by physical might, nor by mental power, but by the Spirit. —

“In all wisdom and insight He (the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ) made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the FULNESS OF THE TIMES, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.”

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