

For
Works
of
Francis William Bessler,
Go to the End.

WISDOM

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Preface

Welcome! I am calling this essay WISDOM because that is where I started - or with which I started back in 1963. I have lost the original WISDOM, but in this article I will try to retrace it a bit - though in a different format than the original. The original was written in allegory story form. This "remake" at the end of 2011 will follow an essay/song format. I think, though, that it is worthwhile to try and recapture my original story - and then see where we might go from there. OK?

My Original Story

I won't go into detail because I do not even remember much of the detail myself, but the original story was about an angel who was convinced perspective is at the heart of all conduct - both good and bad. He believed that all of the conflict within mankind was due to people being led to believe they are

no good. He opined that if one is taught he or she is no good, then the practical end of such an instruction is that he or she will do precisely as they are led to believe they are. That was the basis of his *wisdom* - if you want to call it that.

I called my angel of wisdom by the same name - *Wisdom*. I must admit he was a very impractical angel, but be that as it may, such was his perspective. He thought that it would be a good idea to try and instruct two children of the world of man that they are really the same as he was - angels - and then the two children could go forward and become teachers themselves.

Well, that was the gist of it. I forget the names of the two children he selected for his "experiment," but he changed their names anyway. So, their original names could only be found in the first chapter of the story.

The children he selected for his experiment were a twin brother and sister about the age of twelve. This duo was a very pleasing and *well behaved* couple of kids. So, angel *Wisdom* really was dealing with great material in the first place. He did not have to "convert" this brother and sister to his peaceful and kind ways because they were already of that sort; and that was his story anyway. He believed that everyone is born of peaceful and kind character, but is only instructed later to be other than that. *Wisdom* only encountered two peaceful kids before they would become otherwise. He might have selected twelve year olds because it would be too late for thirteen year olds to still be innocent; but talk about a coward in a way. How hard is it to urge someone who is already at peace to stay with his or her peaceful ways?

No matter. Our angel, *Wisdom*, was only about emphasizing what was already true of his two pupils. How would you emphasize the present *innocence* of an innocent girl - or innocent boy? Well, *Wisdom* decided he would do it by renaming them. So he renamed the girl to *Innocence*. Then he opined that the way for anyone who is really *innocent* to stay innocent would be to *practice innocence*. His way of doing that was to always act the same way with everyone. Don't act one way with one person and another with another person. It is such confusing behavior that allows for one who is really innocent in the beginning to lose that innocence and become, as it were, a devil.

So, *Wisdom* renamed the boy *Simplicity* to emphasize simplicity as the necessary practice to retain innocence. Then *Wisdom* decided that his two pupils needed a "new uniform" with which to go out into the world. He asked his two pupils to disrobe to ready themselves for their "new uniform." Then he dressed them with an invisible robe he called a *sanctimonia*. Now, they were no longer naked; however, they had not seen themselves as naked without clothing in the first place. The idea there was that no one really needs a covering to know and practice innocence, but if it helps, it doesn't hurt to imagine one is covered.

The point there is to always be conscious of your own purity in order to retain it. A *sanctimonia* was only to emphasize that anyone dressed in innocence should be aware of their state of innocence in order to retain it. It is the awareness that is the robe. To lose awareness of innocence is really, in

effect, to lose innocence - even though a body may have never changed. If you think it changed to assume some guilty state, in effect, it did change.

Anyway, that was the story. It was a bit of a short story - although I think it numbered 100 pages or so. How I ever got a simple story like that to take 100 pages is a good question. I had *Wisdom* and *Innocence* and *Simplicity* conversing a lot. So, that took up most of the space. Later I would write other stories and it was always the same - the characters talked a lot more than they acted. For all of the stories I have written that I have also published, see my book I call *FIVE HEAVEN ON EARTH STORIES*.

Is WISDOM Right?

The big question is - *is Wisdom, my angel of Innocence, right?* Are we as human beings really already "right with God"? Are various traditions that preaches the contrary wrong? If *Wisdom* is right, then it would seem all spiritual teaching that offers that man and woman lost their innocence due to some act of disobedience to God is wrong.

What is *innocence*, spiritually speaking? In my opinion, it is simply man being devoid of inherited sin. That is what it is. It is man being dressed in Divinity. That is what it is. It is man living in a state of the presence of God. That is what it is. It is man being "right with God." We are simply innocent of being separated from God - if *Wisdom* is right.

Is it possible we will never be closer to God than we are right now? Is it possible that we have been mistaken in the first place in assuming that God is a person rather than simply an *Infinite Presence*? Why have we believed that God is a person and not simply a presence? I think the answer to that is those ignorant of God have assumed that their speculation that God is a person like they are is correct. Separation from God makes sense if you think of God as being an individual who can relate to all others as individuals; but it makes no sense if God is really Infinite and thereby necessarily IN everything. So, what is the truth? Is God *Infinite Presence* - or *Individual Person*?

And how about *Wisdom's* idea of *Simplicity*? Is simplicity - defined in *Wisdom's* terms - necessary to retain innocence? Why should I have to act the same to stay innocent? Why can't I conduct myself one way at one time and another way at another time?

Well, simplicity is not so much acting the same in all situations as it is practicing only innocence at all times. In effect, that translates as *being shameless with others as one is with oneself*. It translates as doing only in front of others what you delight in doing alone - and not doing alone what you would be ashamed to do in front of others. It is simply extending shamelessness when alone to that same shamelessness when with others. That is really what simplicity is all about. *It is only finding Heaven everywhere - and acting like Heaven is everywhere*. Would you carry on in a certain way if you knew you are

in Heaven? If you argue to yourself that you would not conduct yourself in such a way if you knew you were in Heaven, then don't do it anywhere. That is simplicity.

The Way Of Innocence

Am I really innocent of being separated from God? Or am I only imagining that I am innocent? In any case, I believe in innocence. I believe in it because the contrary of separation from God makes no sense to me. I believe in it because, upon reviewing life itself, I find no evidence that life itself is not a miracle. I believe in it because I cannot look at my breast and imagine that the wonder of creation and God is not happening there. I believe in it because I am amazed by the idea that within me a heart is pumping and that wonderful organ is delivering life sustaining blood throughout my body.

Did my heart just happen without some wonderful design? I cannot believe it could have. Who designed my heart in the first place? Whoever or whatever it was did a fantastic job; and I am so very grateful for the artistry. I look at my hands - and I say, Wow! They work - just as designed. It's a miracle! I look at my eyes. They see - just as designed; and I shout - it's a miracle! I look at my belly - and I feel my belly - and I know my belly is good. Who designed my belly? Not me, for sure, but again, whoever or whatever is the benefactor deserves my gratitude. I feel my genitals. They swell a little in my hands when I hold them - just as designed; and I say Wow! It's a miracle!

Innocence & Nakedness

Let the debate go on! Am I really as innocent as I think I am? - Or is my nature swallowed in sin? Am I really one with God? - or is God way over there and I have to yell to get His attention? Is God really a guy with penis and testicles - or is God a Mysterious Presence within all penises and testicles and vaginas and breasts? Are only Jews children of God - or are Egyptians children of God too?

When I was a child, I was taught that God favored Jews over Egyptians. It was right there in **THE BOOK**. God was for the Jews - and God selected one called Moses to lead his favored Jews out of the land of Egypt into the "favored" land of Israel. Then I asked myself - can it be true? *Could a real God favor some over others?* If I were an Egyptian in that tale of one being favored over the other, how would it have been if I had been an Egyptian? Those who believe in favoritism ought to take just one moment and ask that question of themselves - and then, how would they answer the "question of favoritism"?

Also, however, when I was a child, I had available to me a field. I grew up within a farm outside of Powell, Wyoming. I am not sure why I was so bent on

dealing with the issue of favoritism and innocence and guilt, but I was; and one of the ways I resolved the issue - or issues - was to withdraw to one of our fields, take off my clothes, and be one with the fields. I was, in fact, innocent - and my going naked taught me - or at least confirmed in me - that I am.

Lost naked among the beans and beets, the truth was obvious. If I were standing there naked with a Jew and an Egyptian, there would be no way that God would - or could - select one of us over the other. But it took being naked to drive the lesson home; and that is why going naked is so terribly, terribly important. It shows with compelling evidence that we are all the same.

An Exit - and an Ending: With A Song & An Idea!

It's time for *Wisdom & Innocence & Simplicity & I* to take our wonderful naked equality and leave you to think about what you have read. All that you have read is only opinion - nothing more and nothing less; *but opinion is wonderful*. It is what allows us to separate truth from error. I think I am really innocent of separation from God. I think all are innocent - and none are guilty; but that is only my opinion.

Seeing really is Believing, however. My greatest investment in my life has been my own nakedness. I will admit that; and I am extremely proud to admit it. Nakedness has been my greatest friend in life because it is really not just going without clothes, It is, in fact, *GOING WITH NATURE* - and perhaps everyone can admit somewhat, Nature is quite a companion. Isn't it? And since personally I equate Nature with God because an Infinite God must be IN all things and must be everywhere, I can also add as a "*Companion*" - God.

I am going to end it with a song - about turning 70 as I have just done - and looking back. In my case, looking back is also looking forward because I simply expect more of the same in the future of what has been in my past. I like what has been in my past. So there is no reason to believe I will not like what is in my future - even that mysterious future that extends beyond death; but after the song, I will close it out with an idea. Standby!

SEVEN, SEVENTEEN, & SEVENTY

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**Note: Now that I have reached 70 - on December 3rd, 2011 -
I can write the following song, though, in truth,
perhaps I have always been "qualified"
by believing one age to be the same as another.
It has been said that *what goes around comes around*.
I agree. I think that says it all.
Life is very simple, even if we perceive it as otherwise.
A next step is only a repetition of a previous step -
unless one chooses to step in a different direction.
At any time, we can change; but as importantly,
if something is working,
it makes no sense to change it -
regardless of how many
so called "wise men" suggest otherwise.**

REFRAIN:

(Repeat refrain as often as you choose)

***Seven, seventeen, and seventy,
they are ages I have known;
and I am so very grateful
for all that they have shown.
No matter how old I become
or how young again I may be,
I do believe I will always be
seven, seventeen, & seventy
for all eternity.***

**When I was only seven,
I loved to take off my clothes
and body paint with mud
from my head to my toes.
I guess I knew as a little child
that I am part of everything.
Body painting with mud
was only showing that I believed.**

**When I was seventeen,
not much had changed.
Though my body had matured,
I still retained my childish ways.
I still loved to cast man's clothes aside
and into the hills I would run,
knowing it's only right to be proud
of being God & Nature's son.**

When I was seventy,
with spouse and children in arrears,
I was still consumed in the joy
that I'd known through all the years.
I was still that little kid,
within Nature, yearning to be free
to show my soul that I know
all are equal in Divinity.

I'll always be seven,
no matter how old I grow to be.
It makes no sense to me
that seven is less worthy than seventy.
Life should always be a miracle,
no matter what the age.
To treat it the same is the way
I believe of being a sage.

Some think that a child
should be inferior to an adult;
but I think those who think that way
live life like it's at fault.
To separate lives because of age
is to split what's good in two;
but I've found that splitting good
can never lead to the truth.

I've tried to live as an adult
as if I am still a child,
loving the sensual in me
and insisting on no guile.
Sex has been a part of my life
but mostly only to conceive;
and I do believe that is why
my senses have liberated me.

Let others do as they will,
but as for me, it's clear.
I will continue being a little child
for the rest of my wondrous years.
And when I die, I will become
one to start all over again
and body paint with mud
to make of my new life a friend.

EQUAL DIVINITY

So, am I (and *Wisdom, Innocence, & Simplicity*) suggesting that everyone go naked? NO! I am only suggesting an idea of *Equal Divinity*. If one is doing it because of expressing equal Divinity in all, then going naked is expressive of the *Ideal of Equal Divinity*; but if done outside of that framework, then going naked is only going without clothes.

The important issue, however, is not going without clothes. It is *going with Nature*. It is assuming that Nature is all good - and if Nature is all good, then so are all within Nature. *Nature must be All Good because It must be found within an Infinity that is All Good.*

How many people think in terms of Infinity, however? How many pay it no mind at all? How many are aware that It probably is so and choose to lose themselves within the scope of an almost definite scope of never ending reality?

Those who are mindful of the idea of Infinity, however, can see that an Individual God within that makes no sense - in terms of there being a God with a personality that can favor one created being over another - or even one idea over another. Personality, by itself, requires "definition;" but an Infinity cannot be defined or limited - by the very virtue of definition. Accordingly, how can an Infinite God be a person? That which is "indefinable" cannot be defined. Can it? Therefore, *an indefinable God cannot be a person.*

If there is a God, that God must be equal to Divinity; and since Divinity must also be Infinite, then all within Infinity - and Divinity - must be equally Divine. That is the idea and message of Equal Divinity. No one can understand it because no one within Infinity can stand outside Infinity to look upon It; but given that galaxies go on and on and on - as it seems most within the study of astronomy believe - *the reality is probably Infinity; and Infinity is probably reality.*

So, what does that do for the idea that God can be one place and not another? What does that do for the idea that there can be a Heaven where God is and Hell where God is not - if God must be Everywhere?

In one of my songs - *THE MYSTERY OF GOD* - I declare: *The Mystery of God is all about. The Mystery is within. The Mystery of God is all about. That's why we can have no sin. The Mystery of God is all about. That's why I sing this hymn. The Mystery of God makes me shout - I'm glad I can have no sin!* But I can have no sin because I can not be separated from Infinity - which God is. That is the idea of Equal Divinity.

I can sin, however. It's just that sin is not within me. That is a very important distinction. If sin is defined as *maligning another* and not *separation from God* - then I can sin. I think, however, that the way is made very difficult for one to sin - or malign another - if one has a sense of Equal Divinity. I think, in

the end, the biggest reason people malign one another and insist on being better than one another is that they lack a sense of Equal Divinity.

Conflict happens because one thinks he - or she - is better than another.

That sense of being better often coincides with a notion that one is linked with God but the other of inferior quality is not. Thus, we have politicians claiming to be "inspired by God" to drive their campaigns and sports figures being "inspired by God" to win their games over other sportsmen who theoretically lack being "in with God." That carries over into battlefield after battlefield. This general is more inspired of God than that one. Marching on to war has a sense of "doing it for God" that inspires all the soldiers within a given army to march on - to kill in the name of God - and even to risk being killed in the name of God.

But is God in any of it? Probably Not! In that same song - *THE MYSTERY OF GOD* - I offer that *Pastor Billy claims he wants to die so he can see God face to face, but Billy doesn't seem to realize, his God is really IN the human race. God is not some person standing over there, begging for my applause; but God is the Presence in all Everywhere. If I know myself, I will know God.* Pastors and sportsmen and soldiers everywhere, however, want to believe they represent a God that can be pleased; and so they go on with life to simply "please that God."

Well, I have long ago given up the idea of "*pleasing God*;" but I have not given up the idea of "*loving God*." It is easy to love God because to love anything within Infinity is to love God, but that love is not likely going to be rewarded with *Godly Approval* or *Godly Reward* because God is not outside of me to approve me or reward me.

It's good to keep in mind, too, that "approval" or "reward" is as much a mind matter as is "disapproval" and "rejection." *We live in our minds; and in our minds, we pay a price for what we do.* We act in certain ways, but those acts are always retained in our minds. Thus, in a way, we have to pay a mighty mind price for dealing out harm to another - in spite of the justification for some harm for which we are guilty.

If I smack you in the face, do you think I can forget that I smacked you? No! I will be aware of my smacking you - even if I deny I smacked you. In my mind, I will know otherwise. If I raped you, will I be able to forget it? Of course not. I may stand in front of a judge and vow I was never there, but in my mind, I will know otherwise. In my mind, I will have to "pay" for raping you - even if a court of law finds me innocent. If I am a legal judge and I sit in judgment of you for some dire terrible thing you may have done, will I be able to forget that I sentenced you to life or death or whatever? Of course not. *My mind won't let me forget it.* If I am a president or general and I commit my armed forces to some deed to remedy some assumed aggression on me or my nation or people, will I be able to forget that others may have died or become disabled because of my decision to go to war? Of course not. Regardless of any conduct - allegedly good or bad - I will pay for that conduct by having to be constantly reminded of it; and just in having to have something in mind for having been part of it, even if

I thought it was the right thing to do, I will have to "pay" in my mind for what I did. Call it a *Mindful Law of Retribution*. No one can escape it..

Can people really live for the sake of virtue alone, however? That is the question. Can people really live happily and peacefully simply knowing they are good because they are within an Infinity and God that is All Good? Can people of the future find that enough? Or will we continue to act divisively and insist on separating ourselves from one another under the *guise of Godly favoritism* - that one of us is with God and the other is not?

Time will tell, I guess. Some of us will; and some of us will not. Some of us will claim a sort of *E.D.* - and some of us will not. What is *E.D.*? It's short for *Equal Divinity* - or a sense thereof. What is it that you have? I have *E.D.* Is that a form of sickness? Nope! On the contrary, it's an expression of "*well being*". Some might consider *E.D.* to stand for "*erectile dysfunction*" and only guys can catch it for being the only ones who can have erections - and therefore, erectile dysfunction; but my *E.D.* anyone can catch. It's not an illness. It's a way of life.

Take off mankind - or the ignorance that has been of mankind - and put on *E.D.* And be aware - it is not "going naked" - though going naked is an ideal within it if one is going naked in order to go with Nature and the God within Nature. Put on some new glasses and look at life and yourself and others differently - and put on *E.D.* Stop thinking that *Heaven* is a reward for "*doing right*" and start thinking of *Heaven* as simply the *Presence of God* - or *Infinity*. Put on *E.D.* and start living like *Life itself is the ultimate "miracle of God" and that Heaven, virtually speaking, is only knowing it - or being aware of it.*

Thank you so much listening!

Farewell!

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- 5. JESUS – ACCORDING TO THOMAS & MARY –
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