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One of the first based principles or truths within the spiritual kingdom of God, which we must settle in our hearts and minds, is that human intellectual learning or the acquiring of knowledge through mental agreement, doesn't bring us into the knowledge of God that makes us free and empowers us to be able to demonstrate a Christ like life.

Applying the learning operating systems of the world or the flesh in God's spiritual kingdom, keeps us firmly out of His life for us.

We must understand and recognise that there were 2 trees in the garden of Eden, which both produce knowledge, but not the same kind of knowledge.

Genesis 2:9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

One produces a knowledge based and defined by information, rationale, logic and reason. The other tree produces a knowledge based purely on revelation.

Q. Why is it essential we recognise and know what tree we are eating from?

We all have to ask ourselves which tree we are partaking of, because this determines the knowledge we will receive, which determines the life we receive and live out. Notice it says in this verse above that the trees produce food. The food we eat determines the life we are in.

John 6:53-55 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

It was Jesus who said He was the bread of life and the living water.

Let's contrast the difference between spiritual revelation and human learning.

Spiritual revelation which produces a living knowledge that builds us, is GIVEN to us by God Himself. Human learning which produces an informational knowledge, comes through our own personal ability of ACQUIRING through the intellect.

Let's have a look at each operating system through the scriptures.

THE TREE OF LIFE - REVELATION.

John 3:27 John replied, " A person can receive not even one thing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

Galatians 1:11-16 For I would have you know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel which was preached by me is not of human invention. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute

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the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. But when He who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood.

Matthew 11:25-27 At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well pleasing in Your sight. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal Him.

THE TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL - INFORMATION, LOGIC, REASON, RATIONALE

Acts 22:3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the Law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.

*Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came up and heard them arguing, and recognising that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no other besides Him; and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is much more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had **answered intelligently**, **He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."** And then, no one dared any longer to question Him.*

John 5:39-40 39 You examine the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those very Scriptures that testify about Me; and yet you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Q. What do you observe or recognise about the scriptures in connection to the 2 trees?

Q. Which scriptures do you have more of a reference for in your own personal life?

Q. What are you being made aware of through this session and what do you sense you need to do about that?