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Faith versus Knowledge

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The foundation of faith is our trust to what we heard or read. This concerns in particular the religious subjects.

As for knowledge, it is acquired through one's own practical experience, first of all.

There are a number of kinds of religious faith.

On the contrary, religious knowledge is one and common, though there are different levels of profundity of this knowledge, and there can be errors of particular spiritual seekers.

It is personal cognition of oneself and God that allows an intellectually developed person to gain higher and highest spiritual achievements.

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Faith is needed on the early stages of spiritual development, because it ensures one's aspiration to cognition.

Church ritualism is the most common socially-established form which contributes to gaining and strengthening faith. The religious rituals can be more

or less reasonable and effective. Some rituals can help one feel the presence of God. Others can be regarded as felonious; such are, for example, those related to bloody sacrifices or aimed at harming other people (rituals of black magic).

Also one has to take into account that against the background of ritualism, the believers are offered some kind of ideology peculiar to their religious movement: from true Teachings of God — up to hatred of mankind disguised as religion.

But even in case of the best religious rituals, at certain stage of development one begins to understand: God have never taught people ritualism! It is people that invented rituals and imparted them to next generations!

Moreover, God does not need rituals! He needs from us something completely different: He needs that we develop ourselves (as souls)! And “daily bread” that Jesus suggested to ask from the Father is not food for our bodies but higher spiritual knowledge, spiritual guidance from our Creator!

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Let every reasonable person think: what does God want from me?, what does He want me to be?

Jesus said: “Be perfect even as your Heavenly Father is perfect!” (Matt 5:48).

And: “I have known the Father” (John 17:25). “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father” (John 10:15). “I and the Father are One” (John 10:30). And: “Learn (this) from Me!” (Matt 11:29).

What does the Perfection of the Creator consist in?

In order to find answer to this question one has to understand first of all that God-the-Father is not an old man riding a cloud, as He is depicted sometimes. He is

an infinite in size *Ocean* of most subtle Consciousness abiding in the multidimensional depth of the Universe.

He is also absolute Love, Wisdom, and Power.

It is this that we have to learn from Him! And it is in the task of this learning that we have to ask His help!

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This learning from God has to begin with studying the ethical principles suggested by Him and changing oneself in accordance with them.

It is also important to gain understanding of what is God, man, the meaning of human life on the Earth, and ways of realization of this meaning.

Then one can use methods of cleansing the body and its energy structures from energetical contamination and begin work on opening and further development the spiritual heart. The latter allows worthy spiritual seekers to realize the precepts of Jesus Christ mentioned above.

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