

INTEGRATING LEVELS AND FUNCTIONS OF MIND

At the Paradise level, mind is the way, beyond our comprehension, that the Infinite Spirit unifies spiritual realities (through inherent responsiveness) and material realities (by inherent control). (102) Mind culminates in decision-action (the God of Absolute Mind is the God of Action). Mind conveys, at best, divine presence and divine ministry. We are even now engaged in the mind-gravity circuit, which attracts us to divine meanings and upholds our advances in those realms. (We are not so highly individualized insofar as mind is concerned, in contrast to our unique personality and sovereign will—1216.4.)

The cosmic mind is evolving superuniverse mind. (103.3; 191.4) The unitary original mind is expressed through the (time-conditioned) cosmic mind as causation, duty, and worship. (192) In the human personality, mind has the additional intuitive ability to recognize other-personality. (196) These are (a) unprovable assumptions, logically speaking; (b) conditions of our effective mental functioning; (c) intrinsic capacities for grasping dimensions of reality; (d) intuitions with the character of self-evidence; (d) powers that need to be sharpened; (e) gifts of God, ministries to us.

In the local universe, cosmic mind is further mediated to us as (a) non-teachable mechanical mind, which directly contacts matter, (theoretically required, inasmuch as the task that mind performs—unifying spirit and matter through decisions that mobilize the entire embodied, minded, and spirit-indwelt personality—is not a task that teachable mind can do by itself, 730.3, 739.1) and (b) teachable mind. The latter is articulated in the seven adjutant spirit circuits (401-03, 378.6-7) of the local universe (cf. the Superuniverse Power Centers taking the 3-fold incoming energy stream and transform it into the 7-fold stream available to us, 321.5). Mind encompasses both conscious and unconscious phases. (8.8)

Paradise	Superuniverse	Local Universe	
unification through spirit-responsiveness and material control	intuitions	experience and thinking	
	worship	wisdom worship	Holy Spirit ministry, 379 moral decisions, 1287.5 superthinking, 1616
		counsel	
Original Mind	duty	knowledge courage	cosmic stamina, 1002
	causation	understanding intuition	

Though the adjutant functions operate somewhat independently, they can be seen as encaptic—each one embracing the "lower" ones. Understanding associates intuitions. The spirit of knowledge mobilizes intuition and understanding. The spirit of counsel integrates the achievements of the previous adjutants with group values. Worship presupposes some idea of God as the mind's trampoline for the worship experience. Moral decision, it is interesting to note, is not just a function of our intuition of duty; knowing what we should do is not equivalent to decision and choice. Moral decision engages the entire, spiritually activated mind.

Note further how the relation between the three basic intuitions of cosmic mind and the seven adjutant mind spirit circuits manifest the unifying quality of Original Mind. The adjutant of counsel is not explicitly contained in the insight of duty, but duty pertains to relationships and is partly discerned in dialogue. The adjutant of wisdom is not explicit in the three basic insights of cosmic mind, but the unifying, co-ordinating character of mind brings it forth. (And to grasp causation one needs intuition of facts and understanding correlation of them.)

There is another list of functions: memory, imagination, reason, decision, choice, et al. (listed according to time reference, and contributing to the evolutionary functions of human mind.)

Mind is the connecting link between spirit and matter (484, 1216, 1222.4-6, 1274.5-6, 1275.2, 1271.1, 1110.4 638.5, 140.5-6, 8.6, 2097.2) Mind is most important to us as the arena in which we are free to make the choices that lead to eternity or oblivion. (1216-17)

The human mind is extensively dominated by electrical and chemical factors (1199, 1207.5, 1213.2), but it is also indwelt by a fragment of the Father's spirit, which contacts the thinking center of mind. (379.7) There are many hindrances to Adjuster functioning (1199.7, 557.5, 103.6, 1199.5), but the superconscious mind contacts the indwelling spirit (1105.1, 1099.5) and we can enhance that contact (1209.5, 1206, 2097)

In the Discourse on Mind (1479#7) Jesus rejected the notion (familiar in Buddhism and in the west since David Hume) of consciousness as a bundle of sensations without a functional center. Jesus indicates the Adjuster as the source of mental unity (cf. 2094d). Definitions are given of experience (1123.3), will (1431.5), and the role of sensation and recognition in understanding (1219.last).

The classical problem of distinguishing true knowledge from mere opinion is treated with balance. On the one hand, our knowledge is relative (1163, 1260, 42.2-4) and is based on assumptions (1139.5, 1141.7); on the other hand, we can achieve a temporarily coherent integration of our knowledge (1109.4) and the correspondence of our consciousness with reality in insight (192, 1226.last). Finally, human mind recognizes spiritual flavor of (relative) truth by its philosophic consistency, the response of the Spirit of Truth; and truth can be acted out, lived (42.7) We can make best use of these teachings if we look up to God as our Father and recall the life of Jesus. (33.1)

To what extent can we make these teachings logical to ourselves and others?

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