

# **THE FAITH and the REASON**

The French writer Pascal said: “The heart has its reasons that even the reason ignores.”

Allow me to substitute a word in that text:

**FAITH has its reasons that even the reason (the mind) ignores.**

Through the ages, man has always tried to explain everything by reasoning.

By logic, research, science and with his mind.

Instead of looking upwards, he has tried to bring the invisible God’s creation down to his level.

The heart is the recipient of FAITH and doubt. In Matthew 15: 18-20, Jesus tells us:

Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man.

James 3: 10-11: Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

## **FAITH FROM THE HEART**

Faith that comes from the heart does not reason things out; it does not argue needlessly, it does not challenge nor hesitate; faith acts with certainty without any

**contribution coming from one's reasoning. Man's five senses do not participate at all. Faith that comes from the heart is a spring of living water which bubbles even unto eternal life; it crosses the universe and reaches the throne of grace in a split second. The answer sometimes comes instantaneously or it can linger. Perseverance, with the help of the Holy Spirit, assures us of the answer.**

**Faith from the heart is patience, goodness, humility, justice, truth, unconditional forgiveness, charity and love.**

**I wonder how often we have prayed and, with the answer at our doorstep, we have doubted and have seen the answer evade us. The parable of the iniquitous judge teaches us this truth.**

**FAITH COMING FROM THE HEART cannot be explained with mere words. An insurmountable wall separates REASONING and FAITH.**

**Faith that emanates from the heart IS THE FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS.**

**MAN searches for answers; science and intelligence insists on it.**

**WISDOM answers him: Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?**

**Who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?**

**Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place?**

**By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?**

**Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Who hath given UNDERSTANDING to the heart?**

**Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?**

**Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct Him?**

**He that reproveth God, let him answer it.**

**I hear the voice of a man, saying: “If God is good, why is it He tolerates wars? If He is just, why am I crippled, sick, poor, depressed?”**

**God answers you, saying: “Gird up thy loins now like a man; for I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto Me. Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? Wilt thou condemn Me, that thou mayest be righteous?”**

**Who then is able to stand before Me? Who hath prevented Me, that I should repay him? What so ever is under the whole heaven is mine.” (The book of Job, chapters 38 – 42).**

**May our reply to God be: “I KNOW THAT THOU CANST DO EVERY THING, AND THAT NO THOUGHT CAN BE WITHHOLDEN FROM THEE (Job 42:2).”**

**“Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will speak: I will demand of Thee and declare Thou unto me. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee (Job 42: 2-5).”**

**May THE FAITH FROM THE HEART liberate us from slavery of our senses and our reasoning, ALLOWING US TO REACH THE GOAL OF US PRAYERS.**

**May our mortal human eye become a spiritual one through THE FAITH OF THE HEART.**

**Isaiah 55: My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are My ways your ways, saith the Lord. As far as the heavens are from the earth, so are My ways above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call Him while He is near.**

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