

HOLY HELPS

BRAINS – USE THEM!

God gave us a brain and He expects us to use it. It is indeed a marvelous mechanism. The inventors of the first computers studied the human brain to learn how the electrical impulses functioned in the brain and developed the technology that resulted in artificial intelligence.

In Napoleon Hill's best seller, "Think And Grow Rich," chapter thirteen is titled: "The Brain." He writes: "The number of lines which connect the brain cells one with another, equal the figure one, followed by fifteen million ciphers. It has been determined that there are from 10,000,000,000 to 14,000,000,000 nerve cells in the human cerebral cortex and we know that they are arranged in definite patterns. These arrangements are not haphazard. They are orderly. It is inconceivable that such a network of intricate machinery should be in existence for the sole purpose of carrying on the physical functions incidental to growth and maintenance of the physical body."

There is a higher and nobler purpose for the brain than to merely monitor bodily functions. God intended that we use our brains in worship, work and spiritual warfare. God's people should, therefore, be a thinking people. Cranial Christianity has always been a mark of authenticity.

Jesus' followers were thinking persons and He stimulated their thinking processes by repeatedly asking, "*What do you think?*" (Matt. 18:12; Matt. 21:28; Matt. 22:42 etc.) Non-thinking persons comprise the company of all cult leaders.

One of the most unthinking statements that I have ever personally heard came from a leader of a worship service. He said to the congregation, "When you come in, check your mind at the door and just let worship happen!" Startled at such a suggestion, I instantly thought: "how can one worship without focusing the mind upon the object of worship?" Paul's approach to worship was, "*I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*" (I Cor. 14:15) How one does that without engaging the mind is beyond me!

We can *drain* our brain by engaging it in sinful pursuits; we can *strain* our brain by worrying about our problems, or we can *train* our brain to think Christianly as Paul challenged the Philippian Christians to do: "*Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*" (Phil.4:8)

Sanctified sense is needed in our individual lives, in our families, our churches and our nation. Brains we have – let us use them for the glory of God. As Paul said, "*Think on these things!*"

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