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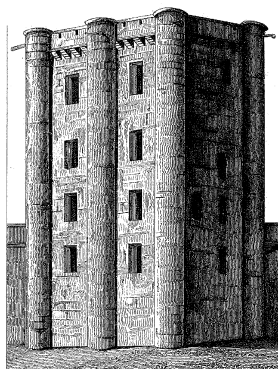
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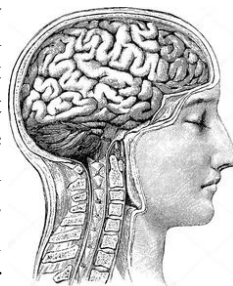
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*“Mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, that
you may tell it to the
generation following”*
Psalms 48:13

THE HUMAN MIND IS AN AMAZING THING

Spell check isn't going to like this, but see if you can read this. Only smart people can. I doubt believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a jumble and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important! Okay were you able to read the paragraph? You were? Great, isn't that amazing?



Without a doubt the human brain is an amazing thing. More often than not we sell ourselves short and allow self to slip into a mind set of mediocrity. The human mind is stifled when it settles for being mediocre. This is true intellectually, physically and of course spiritually. It is time to awaken to the fact that you have a whole lot more to you than you give yourself credit. *“So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* (Ephesians 5:17)

“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2) The appeal is quite evident, adopt a mind set that looks beyond the physical and is willing to embrace the spiritual and the victory to be

found therein. *“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace”* (Romans 8:6,)

With the proper spiritual mind set in place, there is no obstacle too great that can't be handled. A fact borne out later in the eighth chapter of Romans. When the question is posed, *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?”* (v31) Such confidence and resolve can only come about by a resolved mind, fully set on God. Remembering as well what is found in Philippians 2:5, *“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus”* Factor in as well, 1Corinthians 2:16 which notes, *“...have the mind of Christ”* There is no denying the fact, that we should emulate the mind set of Jesus.

It is said that the central theme of Philippians is joy, it could be equally asserted that it is about a properly aligned mind set. *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”* (4:13) Could this be the key verse to the whole epistle?

With the ability to read, we can clearly understand what God would have us to do. The problem that vexes so many, is the unwillingness to adopt the mind of Christ. The end result being an individual sputtering along life's pathway. But that can be changed by being *“...renewed in the spirit of your mind.”* (Ephesians 4:23 see also Romans 12:1-3) The human mind is truly amazing. (wbe)