

“Asking for God’s Answer”

(T-11.IX)

We need to “become as little children.”

The Bible tells you to become as little children. Little children recognize that they do not understand what they perceive, and so they *ask* what it means. (Paragraph 1)

Can we admit that, in the big picture, we are children?

Little child of God, you do not understand your Father. (Paragraph 6)

Beautiful child of God, you are asking only for what I promised you. (Paragraph 7)

You, my child, are afraid of your brothers and of your Father and of *yourself*. (Paragraph 13)

Can we admit that we don’t understand what we perceive?

As long as you think you know its meaning, you will see no need to ask it of Him. Yet you do not know the meaning of anything you perceive. (Paragraph 2)

Can we turn for understanding to Someone Else Who knows?

You may complain that this course is not sufficiently specific for you to understand it and *use* it. Yet it has been very specific, and you have not done what it specifically advocates....Nothing could be more specific than to be told very clearly that if you ask you will receive. The Holy Spirit will answer every specific problem as long as you believe that problems *are* specific. His answer is both many and one as long as you believe that the One *is* many....

Realize that you are *afraid* of His specificity, for fear of what you think it will demand of you. (Paragraphs 4-5)

Can we openly and sincerely ask who our brothers are?

Ask, then, to learn of the reality of your brother, because this is what you will to perceive in him, and you will see your beauty reflected in *him*. (Paragraph 9)

Exercise

Choose someone you have been seeing in a negative light, someone you have built up a grand story about, woven of many, many past events, all adding up to a story of who this person is. Now silently say:

In the big picture, I admit that I am just a little child.

I therefore do not really understand anything I see.

When I look at [name], I think I see a monster.

But being a little child, I could be mistaken.

I am willing to learn the truth.

Holy Spirit, tell me who [name] really is, for You surely know better than I do.

Take a moment to set aside your story of who this person is. You don't know. And open your mind to Someone Who really knows. Ask the Holy Spirit and then receptively listen.