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Excerpts from Breaking Cycles

“Our flawed religious logic keeps us connected to the sense of lack, thereby trapping us in an endless cycle of destruction. How does it work? First we create beliefs based on our experiences. That subjective illusion becomes our sense of reality. Then we create a theology that explains the lie. The whole thing is what I call circumstance theology.”

The way our mind comes to understand God's phenomenon starts with believing. Once we believe, our mind gains the capacity to perceive and understand. What we are not willing to believe, we will never have the capacity to receive.

Our mind works to prove
that which we choose to
believe.

We all are guided by our preconceived ideas. A person must at least be open to a possibility before he or she can see and perceive that possibility.

When we start from a place of trust, the Spirit of God can take us down the path of understanding. An open mind gives Him the freedom to fulfil His role as the great teacher. Our problem is we want to understand before we are willing to trust. We want God to explain an infinite reality in a way that our finite mind can grasp.

We want God to submit His wisdom to our judgment. In our smug self-righteousness, we approve or disapprove of God's wisdom based on our limited understanding. The result is we do not allow God to take us to any level of existence that we do not understand.

When we insist that we must understand before we trust, we turn the entire process upside down. Belief that is based on understanding is subject to change if someone else comes along and presents a stronger or more reasonable argument. When our logic is the reasoning that directs our beliefs, we are like a boat tossed by the waves of the circumstance.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Trust

- to trust, trust in
- to have confidence, be confident
- to be bold
- to be secure

“God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”

Charles Spurgeon

You don't have to know it all. Just trust the one
who knows it all

Jerry Hutchins

Trust in the Lord

With All Thine Heart

- inner man, mind, will, heart, understanding
 - mind, knowledge, thinking, reflection, memory
 - inclination, resolution, determination (of will)
 - as seat of courage

Lean Not to thine own understanding

understanding, discernment

In All Thy Ways

- road, way, path
- journey
- direction

Acknowledge Him

- to know
- to know
 - to know, learn to know
 - to perceive
 - to perceive and see, find out and discern
 - to recognise, admit, acknowledge, confess
 - to consider
- to know, be acquainted with

He will direct your path

- to be right, be straight, be level, be upright, be just, be lawful, be smooth

“God desires to take us to a quality of life that is beyond our comprehension. In our attempt to fit God into our flawed logic, we have limited our experience with God to our subjective reasoning. Consequently, we have come to believe in God as He exists in our mind, which may be a total contradiction to what Jesus showed us.”

1 Corinthians 2:9

The God of Scripture is bigger than the God of our situations. We have believed God based on what situations have shown us regarding Him. We have to believe God based on what He has said about Himself.

“The hardships of the children of Israel were not the cruel testing of God. His only test for them was the test of believing. He offered them promises and their faith was tested with every promise. Their test was simply believing or not believing. When they believed the promise, their faith passed the test and they experienced the promise. When they doubted the promise they limited their experience with God and became subject to their circumstances, which were often quite destructive.”

The same is true of us today.