

The “heart of men” cannot understand the “things which God has prepared.” Human wisdom cannot delve the depths of divine wisdom and must pacify themselves with the flawed system of empiricism and rationalism which they must, at bottom, rely on faith to accept the lie.

The souls of men are not equipped to process and understand spiritual phenomena. But the believer is imputed the human spirit at the moment of salvation which is designed to comprehend spiritual phenomena, accomplished through the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. This is introduced in verse 10 by the conjunction of contrast, **δέ (dé)**: “But.”

**1 Corinthians 2:10a** - **But** [ in opposition to empiricism and rationalism ] **to us** [dative of advantage of the conjunction ἐγώ (egó) ] **God has revealed** [ aorist active indicative of ἀποκαλύπτω (*apokalúptō*): the removal of a veil to expose what was previously hidden ] **through the Holy Spirit;**

We are born with body and soul and therefore classified as dichotomous and are incapable of discerning spiritual things.

The believer at spiritual birth is classified as trichotomous: body, soul and human spirit, the latter endowing him with the necessary asset for the Holy Spirit to teach spiritual phenomena.

In this condition, God can reveal what was previously inscrutable through the teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit reveals doctrine, the aorist active indicative of the verb **ἀποκαλύπτω (*apokalúptō*)**. The aorist is constative which contemplates the action in its entirety. The active voice indicates that God the Father produces the action of the verb which is the system of grace didactics under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit which encompasses the canon of Scripture as the curriculum.

The Indicative mood indicates that this system's availability, functionality, and power are facts certified by God.

The Holy Spirit is the only Professor in the Grace Academy and the only approved textbooks are the Hebrew Tanakh and the Greek New Testament.<sup>1</sup>

The ministries of the Holy Spirit are described in the last half of the verse:

**1 Corinthians 2:10b** - for the Holy Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The Holy Spirit's essential participation in the believer's spiritual advance is now described. He "searches all things." The Greek reads *πᾶς ἐρευνᾷ βάθος (pás ereunáō báthos)*.

*Pás* is plural thus describing all divine knowledge, or "all things." What the Holy Spirit does is "to search or investigate," the present active indicative of the verb *ereunáō*. The present tense is customary which denotes what habitually occurs or may be expected to occur.

The present tense indicates that the Holy Spirit produces the action of searching all things in his instruction to the believer. The indicative mood indicates His research is a statement of fact.

The concept is reiterated and expanded by the adjective *báthos* which means He searches the inscrutable, abstruse, and deep things of God

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<sup>1</sup> The canon was closed in A.D. 96 with the completion of the Book of Revelation. Since then, God has not revealed anything to anyone, angelic or human. Those who claim to have seen visions from God or Jesus, had dreams of visiting angels, received prophetic utterances while in an euphoric state, or ancient writings that allegedly expand the canon are bogus and are agents of the Dark Side. Since the ascension of Jesus in A.D. 33, no individual has represented the Trinity on Earth. No one has produced a divinely authorized writing that contains any divine inspiration, doctrinal, prophetic, literary, or poetic, since A.D. 96. This removes from consideration any of the followings writings: Mormonism: The Book of Mormon, Doctrines and Covenants, & The Pearl of Great Price; Islam: Qur'an: Sunnah, Shari'a, and Hadith; Hindu: Veda, Catholic: Apocrypha; Pseudepigrapha: gospels, epistles, apocalypses, or other spurious writings.

**1 Corinthians 2:10** - But [ in opposition to empiricism and rationalism ] to us [dative of advantage of the conjunction ἐγώ (egó) ] God has revealed [ aorist active indicative of ἀποκαλύπτω (apokalúptō): the removal of a veil to expose what was previously hidden ] them through the Holy Spirit; for the Holy Spirit investigates all things, even the inscrutable things of God. (EXT)

Paul now returns to human perception. In verse 9, Paul took up empiricism and rationalism, in verse 10, the failure of empiricism and the success of God's system of discerning truth through the ministries of the Holy Spirit.

Paul now returns to human perception again in verse 11:

**1 Corinthians 2:11** - For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the things of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. (NASB)

“Who knows the thoughts of man?” indicates that Paul returns to the subject of rationalism.

In addition, we have the use of the word “spirit” in the phrase, “spirit of the man.” In this chapter there are five different meanings for the word and we will note them as they appear. Here the “spirit of man” is rationalism which is just a system of human perception.

Reason is the ability to think, plan, and argue on logical grounds. Reason is often contrasted with faith or with feeling. Arguments based on faith appeal to the authority of God or a holy text for their validity. Those arguments based on feeling appeal to personal or group emotions. Arguments based on reason, however, use logical arguments and appeal to the test of experience or to scientific law.

Reason has played a central role in the history of human thought. It is believed to be that faculty of the mind that prohibits error and allows for universal agreement.<sup>2</sup>

Here is the usual form of deductive reasoning prior to the resurrection:

Major Premise:	The Messiah will be resurrected.
Minor Premise	No one has been resurrected.
Conclusion:	The Messiah is currently unknown.

<sup>2</sup> Herbert Cole, *From Archetype to Zeitgeist* (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1992), 80–81.

Here's a post-resurrection example of deductive reasoning:

**Major premise:** Jesus was resurrected.

**Conclusion:** Mohamed, Gandhi, and Joe Smith were not resurrected.

**Logical connection:** Jesus is the Messiah

If the components of the rationale are true then the system works – logically.

The “spirit of man” cannot be the human spirit or the Holy Spirit. It refers to human perception. Further, the things of God no one knows but the Spirit of God.

Unassisted, no one can understand the things of God but the Holy Spirit. Only the believer has access to the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit Who can reveal them to believers inside the bubble.