

3. If the person does not believe what is taught then a number of reasons are put into play: **(1)** negative volition, **(2)** lack of a frame of reference, **(3)** little exposure to doctrine, **(4)** distractions from the devil's world, and **(5)** an erroneous scale of values.
4. If a believer responds positively to what is taught then receptive comprehension has occurred. This is the *Gnōsis* stage but it cannot result in spiritual growth.
5. It is the believer's personal faith that the information is true that results in the Holy Spirit converting *gnōsis* into **ἐπίγνωσις** (*epignōsis*).
6. The prefix **ἐπί** (*epí*) has a number of applications. With regard to the noun, *epignōsis* it indicates direction "to a higher place, implying elevation or placing upon, i.e., up upon, up over, up to, over."¹
7. This word indicates that the believer has responded to the information communicated resulting in the Holy Spirit transferring the idea over to the *kardía* where it becomes accessible for recall and application.
8. This process occurs by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and is not dependent upon human IQ.

Faith Perception

1. Faith Perception occurs when principles, doctrines, and categories are transferred over to the soul as *epignōsis*.
2. This is the ongoing process of accumulating a biblical IQ as spiritual growth advances the believer toward spiritual maturity.
3. This growth process is solely dependent upon the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit and the gift of communication by a pastor-teacher.
4. The only doctrine the Holy Spirit can teach is that inculcated by His teaching ministry and the subsequent positive response to the information.

¹ Spiros Zodhiates, ed., "ἐπί," in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 620.

5. When the volition of the believer understands the information and responds positively, then the information is transferred as *epignōsis*, divine truth that can only be acquired by the efficacious grace transfer by the Holy Spirit.
6. There is no application possible except from this ever-increasing inventory of divine thought categorized in the *kardía* by the Holy Spirit.
7. The information is understood by faith, believed on by faith, accessed by faith, and applied by faith.
8. The entire system progresses under the principle of non-meritorious grace. Therefore, this grace system does not depend on human IQ but the spiritual IQ developed by the Holy Spirit.
9. The development of this body of information is totally dependent on faith response, faith transfer, faith retention, faith recall, and faith application.

Faith Application

1. In this stage, the volition of the believer accesses resident doctrine in the stream of consciousness and parlays it as a problem-solving device directed toward current circumstances.
2. In this stage, the believer accesses by faith doctrinal truth originally converted from γνῶσις to ἐπίγνωσις, so that same faith may be used to next apply the information to life and circumstances.
3. When doctrine is applied by faith it results in facilitating that response in the neural pathways of the brain.
4. When similar circumstances occur in the future, the Holy Spirit enables the soul to recall that experience and motivate its application to the present situation.
5. The soul's doctrinal storage is sorted into seven categories which we have called the Stream of Consciousness. Here is a brief summary of each categories' function:
 - (1) **Frame of Reference:** The data center where ἐπίγνωσις doctrine is recalled for application to the situations and exigencies of life.

- (2) **Vocabulary Storage:** A collection of words, phrases, markers, and terms that enable the believer to access nomenclature, principles, categories, and doctrines.
 - (3) **Memory Center:** The ability to recall pertinent information to apply to current circumstances. This category works in conjunction with the wheel-tracks, associations, and constellations of doctrine stored in the neural pathways of the brain.
 - (4) **Categorical Storage:** This is the area of the soul where categories of doctrine are stored in the eleven categories of systematic theology and ever available for access for application.
 - (5) **Conscience:** The category where ἐπίγνωσις doctrine facilitates biblical standards for behavior, character traits, and lifestyle while inhibiting others that require expungement.
 - (6) **The Launching Pad:** The area of the soul used for application of ἐπίγνωσις doctrine to life and circumstances by reverse concentration on information available in the previous categories of storage.
 - (7) **Wisdom:** The cumulative inventory of knowledge that enables the believer to do the will of God. It is developed through a process that, over time, enlarges one's ability to know what is true and right combined with good judgment.
6. Advance within the process of acquiring the summum bonum of these seven categories produces the copacetic spiritual life:

Psalm 100:1 Shout the shout of great happiness [רוע (rua'): cry of joy following victory] to the Lord, all the land [client nation].

v. 2 Serve the Lord with a superabundance of happiness [שִׂמְחָה (simchah)]; come into His presence with singing [רִנְנָה (renanah): songs of praise for Him].

Psalm 100:3 Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who delivered us [**Jesus Christ controls history**], and not we ourselves [**human power**]; we are His people [**believers**] and the sheep of His pasture [**the Pivot**].

v. 4 Enter into His gates [**place of worship**] with thanksgiving [**attitude of gratitude**] and into His courts [**חֲצֵר (chaser) outer courts of the temple**] with praise [**תְּהִלָּה (tehillah): a song of gratitude**]. Give thanks to Him, salute [**בָּרַךְ (barach)**] His name.

v. 5 For the Lord is absolute good [**integrity**]; His unfailing love [**חֶסֶד (cheseth)**] is everlasting [**divine essence**] and His faithfulness [**אֱמוּנָה ('emunah): divine consistency**] to all generations [**divine provision, care, and protection**]. (EXT)

7. Superabundance of happiness is not dependent upon the things of this life but is far greater than anything this world can provide.
8. Its magnitude increases through the sequential events of time and eternity, deliverance from historical disaster, physical death, interim body, resurrection body, the evaluation tribunal, the millennial kingdom, and the eternal state.
9. The advancing believer will be guarded, protected, and advanced through the relentless assaults common to the angelic conflict.
10. Superabundance of happiness—**שִׂמְחָה (simchah)**—is tested in two ways:
 - (1) Having advanced to spiritual maturity will a believer arrogantly assume he deserves the blessings because of what he did other than having followed the guidance of Scripture while being pursued by the grace of God?
 - (2) Part of being tested among the Pivot of the client nation is the challenge to endure historical disaster or the stages of the five cycles of discipline.

Provision for Perception

1. God has provided the mechanics of inspiration for the formation and preservation the canon of Scripture which included about 40 writers.
2. The Tanakh was written over the course of about 1,000 years: 1450–1410 B.C. with Moses' development of the first five books referred to as the Pentateuch.
3. These writings established and sustained the spiritual life of the Israelites plus Joshua's history of how the Jews took the Promised Land (c. 1,400), for a period of around 3,000 years.
4. The next entry did not occur until the eleventh century when the book of Judges which documents the rule of the judges which preceded the monarchy under Saul documented later in 1 Samuel.
5. During the tenth century the following books were added to the canon: Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon with Joel's prophecy appearing the ninth century.
6. The eighth century was a period when several prophets were inspired to write: Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Jonah, and Micah followed in the seventh by Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah.
7. The sixth century saw the further expansion of the prophetic oeuvre with the contributions of Daniel, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Haggai, and Zechariah. In addition the history of the Israelite kings was documented in 1 and 2 Kings.
8. The fifth century was a period when several categories were completed. Malachi was the last prophet to write, historical books were added by Ezra, Nehemiah and, Esther, plus the two books of Chronicles.
9. The date of the book of Job is unknown. Some biblical historians place it as far back as 2,000 B.C. and others as early as the period following the Pentateuch.
10. The doctrine of Inspiration presents the process of the development of the entire canon under the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

11. The System of Divine Didactics is what provides believers with the resources to activate the soul's capacity to acquire divine knowledge and ultimately divine viewpoint.
12. It is James's use of the term "implanted word" in verse 21 that directed us to this review of Operation Z. Here is the expanded translation of that verse so far:

James 1:21 Therefore, put away from yourself mental attitude sins that pollute the soul and all the excesses of an evil habit of mind, you must receive with humility the implanted word ...

1. The word "engrafted" in the KJV is its translation of the adjective **ἐμφυτός** (*émphutos*). It presents an illustration of a pregnancy.
2. When the word arrives in the **νοῦς** (*noús*) of the soul it does not germinate unless the believer provides a positive response.
3. This results in a pregnancy as the idea is shifted by the Holy Spirit over to the *kardía* as *epígnōsis*. At that point it might be characterized as a "Word of God" that has the potential to become "alive and powerful" when it is applied.
4. The NASB has chosen the word "implanted" to translate *émphutos*, and we will stay with that. Here's why:
Implant. To set permanently in the consciousness or habit patterns. Synonyms: IMPLANT implies teaching that makes for permanence of what is taught. INSTILL stresses gradual, gentle imparting of knowledge over a long period of time. INFIX stresses firmly inculcating a habit of thought.²
5. Ergo, what is implanted is the word for "word," the direct object, **λόγος** (*lógos*), which in this context is collective for the entire Scripture.
6. Each of these definitions adequately describes the spiritual growth process which occurs in Operation Z.

² Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. "implant."