

4. Categorical Storage

This introduces us to five important terms for our frames of reference:

1. Vector: Bits of data which make up a memory trace.
2. Memory Trace: All the vectors which make up an idea, a principle, or a concept. (What Karl Lashley called an engram; what we call a wheel-track.)
3. Association: Two memory traces interconnected by common vectors.
4. Constellation: Several memory traces interconnected by common vectors and associations. A category.
5. Neural Network: All spiritual information stored in long-term memory constituting one's inventory of ideas.
 - The ultimate level of recall by the Holy Spirit which includes all possible interconnections among vectors, memory traces, associations, and constellations.
 - Enables the believer to enjoy complete access to every branch of systematic theology contained in his stream of consciousness for application to life: problem-solving, decision-making, or spiritual growth.

A second constellation in the stream of consciousness is the next compartment.

This is the compartment which distinguishes between right and wrong and then motivates the person to do what is right and refrain from doing what is wrong.

It is from doctrine that the believer develops divine norms and standards and from which emerges his Christian integrity. As one grows spiritually, he metabolizes certain absolutes which come to form the foundation of his core beliefs. These norms and standards are drawn from almost every doctrinal trace and come together to constitute the command post for correct thought, decision, and action.

Although norms and standards start out as single memory traces, they expand into constellations with spiritual growth. For example, a man may be faithful to his wife at first because he understands the establishment principle which forbids adultery. However, later he comes to understand the principle of authority under which he is responsible for the protection of his wife's soul. Associations begin to develop. Added to this is inculcation of the mandate to love his wife unconditionally. Later comes the realization that, as the husband in the Christian institution of marriage, he is an example to the world, along with his wife, of the relationship between Christ and His Church.

Other concepts which motivate loyalty are: responsibility to a stable household, the nurturing of children, and preservation of freedom in a client nation. The naïve would say that any man who truly loves his wife will never be unfaithful. But, over the course of a lifetime, it is not personal love but rather integrity which rides out the storms of life.

Christian integrity is based on the norms and standards of the soul, not expressions of emotion which last only so long as expectations are met. As British Cavalier poet Richard Loveless wrote in his poem, "Going to the Wars,"

I could not love thee, dear, so much, / Loved I not honor more.

All of these vectors, memory traces, associations, and constellations are enlarged into paths of least resistance by means of facilitation which results in spiritual ...