

GA: Lewis Carroll *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Less familiar w/the sequel entitled *Through the Looking-Glass—Jabberwocky*:

- Twas brillig, & the slithy toves—did gyre & gimble in the wabe;
- All mimsy were the borogoves—& the mome raths outgrabe.
- Beware the Jabberwock, my son!—The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
- Beware the Jubjub bird & shun—The frumious Bandersnatch!
- He took his vorpal sword in hand—Long time the manxome foe he sought

SI: Wouldn't you like to ask Lewis Carrol something? What did you mean?

ORT: Ever felt similar reading Θ 's Word? It's not His message—it is our mind. **Ps 19:8** *The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.* Jabber vs. James.

SUM: 1) Pay attention to our walk 2) don't be foolish—understand the Lord's will 3) we are all to be continuously filled/controlled by S.

CXT: Human wisdom was keeping believers from 1) godly wisdom 2) spiritual growth 3) unity.

CIT: **1 Cor 2:10-16** (1012). Impossible for man to discover Θ 's truth on his own. What we have, we have because Θ chose to reveal. If they understood Θ **v8** *they would not have crucified the Lord of glory*. Instead, **2:9-10** *What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, & no human heart has conceived— Θ has prepared these things for those who love Him* (heaven). NO objective reasoning/subjective feeling that will connect us to the unknowable Θ .

CIS: Thru the HS, Θ has made Himself known to our closed heart & mind.

Act 1—The S reveals the perfect mind of Θ to you through revelation.

- The S is the Trinity's agent of transmission & communication.
- *Revelation— Θ to holy men.* Θ 's mind [truth] transmitted to men's minds.

10 Now Θ has revealed ^{aorist} these things to us [*writers of Scripture*] by the S, since the S searches everything, even the depths of Θ . **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit w/in him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of Θ except the S of Θ .

- **v10** The S is the author of Scripture—the revelation is Θ 's pure Word.
- **v11** Ourselves as illustration—not even mates share intimate thoughts.
- **No** further revelation – no papal bull, book of Mormon, no Θ *told me!*

Trans: How can a holy Θ reveal a holy Word through sinful men & keep it holy?

Act 2—The \underline{S} reveals the perfect mind of Θ to you through inspiration.

- *Inspiration* – **holy men to paper**. Θ 's mind [truth] transmitted to the minds of men who wrote down holy words.
- Θ 's truth cannot be discovered by man—only received.

12 Now we [*writers*] have not received the spirit of the world, but the \underline{S} who comes from Θ , so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by Θ . **13** We also speak *impart* these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the \underline{S} , explaining spiritual things to spiritual people.

- We & us of **vv12-13, 6-7, 10** refer to Xians generally. Word is for all believers but was **revealed** only to the apostles & the other writers of Scripture. Only those men properly can be said to have been **inspired**.
- The Bible is the \underline{S} 's vehicle for bringing Θ 's revelation.

2 Tim 3:15-16 *you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in XJ. All Scripture is inspired by Θ .*

- HS used human writers & their backgrounds & vocabularies—but He selected what would be said & how it would be said.
- The writers of Scripture did not record their ideas & interpretations. They recorded what Θ gave them & only what Θ gave them.

2 Pet 1:20-21 *Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from Θ as they were carried along by the HS.*

Trans: Possible to read Word—yet not understand it? Is it possible to study for a lifetime, memorizing w/no understanding? Scribes & Pharisees. Why?

Act 3—The \underline{S} reveals the perfect mind of Θ to you through illumination.

- *Illumination* – **paper to your mind**. The process whereby the \underline{S} enables us to understand Θ 's mind [His truth] as revealed in Scripture.
- Primary way \underline{S} brings Word to us is not *illumination*— \underline{S} has already brought Θ 's Word to us perfectly & sufficiently through *inspiration*.

14 But the person w/o the \underline{S} **does not receive what comes from Θ 's \underline{S}** , because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.

- Natural man does not accept it as Θ 's authoritative revelation.

- **Θ**'s Word is spiritually evaluated, spiritually discerned, spiritually understood & the natural man is spiritually dead.

Ps 119:18 *Open my eyes so that I may see wondrous things from your instruction.*

- **N**ot simply study, talent, skill—we need the **S**.

The horizons of our knowledge are always the frontiers of our ignorance.

- **A**s the physically blind can't see sun—spiritually blind can't see Son.

Eph 1:18 *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.*

15 The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, & yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. —**Θ** accepts the Word for what it is & submits.

- This verse does not speak of *intellectual* but *spiritual* understanding.
- **T**he world does not understand those who understand **Θ**'s Word.

Anointing – The **S**'s enablement whereby we receive what we once could not. **H**agin *Electricity is Θ's power in the natural realm & the **HS** is Θ's power in the spiritual realm—**HS**'s power is better conducted thru cloth (**Acts**)—The anointing can be transferred to other people (**Mk 5**-woman w/blood).*

- **2 Cor 1:21** *Now it is Θ who strengthens us together w/you in X, & who has **anointed** [at some past point] us——**v22** sealed, pledge.*
- **1 Jn 2:20** *But you [continuously] **have an** [continuous] **anointing from the Holy One, & all of you know** [at some past point] **the truth.***
- **1 Jn2:27** *As for [Θ's children], **the anointing you received** [at some past point] **from** [the **S**] [continuously] **remains in you, & you don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, His anointing** [continuously] **teaches you about all things & is true & is not a lie.***

Hinn – blows/coat? (anointing is strong) – emanates from **KK** & **ASM** bones.

- 1) Points to a place of service for all believer's & power for that service.
- 2) The capacity to know the Scriptures are **Θ**'s Word.
- 3) The capacity to know/understand **Θ**'s truth.
- 4) The capacity to discerning truth from error when taught.

Know what my anointing is telling me? **KH/BH** & the like are false prophets, hirelings who have departed from the truth—whose teaching is like gangrene.

- **H**ave you noticed how the world tries to correct Θ 's truth? Folly!

16 For *who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct Him?* But we have the mind *understanding* of X.

- What natural man thinks/understands Θ 's thoughts? **Not** a single one!

Θ 's children need help! **You gave Your good S to instruct them** **Neh 9:20.**

Θ gave us help! *Then [JX] opened their minds to grasp the Scriptures* **Lk 24:45.**

- But Θ instructs us—we understand all things—we have His mind.

- 1) Does not function outside Θ 's Word—does not make Word alive...
- 2) Does not guarantee every Xian will agree/correct or instantly grasp.
- 3) Does not mean that all about Θ is known (**Dt 29:29** the hidden things)
- 4) Does not render the need for human teachers unnecessary.
- 5) Does not replace dedicated, personal study (**2 Tim 2:15**).
- 6) Does not give new *meaning* to biblical texts.
- 7) Does not make Scripture clear (it is clear).

S illumines/enlightens the *mind/heart of believers* to know **a)** Θ 's Word is authoritative **b)** Θ 's Word is truthful **c)** Θ 's truth from error.

CEP: Application – change in your life. **v4** *My speech & my preaching were not w/persuasive words of wisdom but w/a demonstration of the S's power.*

Communication – change in other people's lives. **v5** *so that your faith might not be based on human wisdom but on Θ 's power.*

- *Revelation— Θ 's mind to holy men.*
- *Inspiration – holy men to paper*
- *Illumination – paper to your mind.*
- *Application – your mind to a transforming life* [mind of X].
- *Communication – the mind of X to other people's lives.*

C: 2:9-10 *What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, & no human heart has conceived— Θ has prepared these things for those who love Him.*