

Spirit!

The Christians Sixth Sense

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

Father has equipped mankind with five senses in order that they may survive and live a fruitful life. The five senses are the avenue for natural man, whereby they receive all information. The Christian has received an additional organ of perception, which is the gift of holy spirit. I will call this organ of perception (holy spirit), our sixth sense for educational purposes. The dictionary defines, “sixth sense,” as “a power of perception which seems as strong as any of the five senses: intuition. Intuition is the immediate knowing of something; instantaneous apprehension without the conscious use of reasoning.” The Christian has been enabled to receive true information from Yahweh by way of the spirit of Yahweh also known as holy spirit. The apprehension of spirit (which can not be seen, touched, heard, smelled or tasted) can best be understood when comparing it to our five senses.

(There are many ways our Father guides His children; written word, messengers (angels), visions, prophesy, audible voice, still small voice and the inward witness. The inward witness is predominately what we will be discussing; “The Spirit [Yahweh¹] itself, beareth witness [summartureo]² together with our spirit [gift of holy spirit also known as spirit of Yahweh³, spirit of Elohim], that we are children of Yahweh” (Rom. 8:16). Witness (martureo) means, “to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something or that he knows it because *he has been* taught by divine revelation or inspiration.”)

First let us consider what it is to communicate. Yahweh communicates to us by visions (sight), messengers (sight and hearing), prophecy (hearing), still small voice (spiritual hearing) and by bearing witness (an inward knowing). To communicate is to make known, transmit or signal information. Visual and audio affects would be a nice avenue to receive information from our Father but our Father communicates to his children predominately by His Written Word and, I believe, by bearing witness to our holy spirit. Yahweh bearing witness with our spirit is a communication from our Father to His children manifested as an inward knowing, perception and recognition, an intuition.⁴

¹ Hebrews 10:15,16 and Jeremiah 31:33

² Ro 2:15 Who, indeed, shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience therewith bearing witness [summartureo], and, between one another, their reasonings accusing—or, even excusing, them:— Ro 8:16 The Spirit itself, beareth witness [summartureo], together with our spirit that we are children of Yahweh; Ro 9:1 ¶ Truth, say I, in Christ, I utter no falsehood,—my conscience bearing witness [summartureo], with me in the holy spirit,—

³ Isaiah 11:1, 61:1 and Acts 10:38

⁴ Ac 17:16 ¶ But, while, in Athens, Paul was expecting them, his spirit within him was being urged on, seeing how the city was given to idols. Ac 27:10 saying to them—Sirs! I perceive that, with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and of the ship, but even of our persons, shall the voyage certainly be attended. Joh 14:17 The spirit of truth,—which, the world, cannot receive, because it beholdeth it not, nor getteth to know it. But, ye, are getting to know it; because, with you, it abideth, and, in you, it is.

The definition of sense is, “the ability of the nerves and the brain to receive and react to stimuli such as light, sound etc. Confined to denoting any of five faculties of receiving impressions through the specific organs (five senses) and the nerves associated with them; feelings, impressions, perceptions, recognition, awareness, uneasiness, ability to judge, to distinguish and to discriminate⁵.” The senses must be exercised in order to learn. Let us begin with the example of a child.

A child is born with the same senses as an adult. The difference between the two is an exercising (practice) of the senses. A child runs into walls, touches things that are hot and eats bugs, all because they are born with very little information. They receive and accumulate information as they exercise their senses. For example, we can determine when milk is sour by smell. The sour smell makes an impression, recognition that I could be harmed. A child has to be instructed that when milk smells this way, (sour smell) do not drink it because it could harm you. Our spirit operates in the same way by providing us with necessary information. At first we do not recognize a message from the Spirit to our spirit because we have not been taught how our spirits’ operate. (An example is listed in first Samuel chapter three⁶.) A child will touch hot things before testing the area, so also we harm ourselves because we act first before we receive communications from our spirit. We receive communications from our spirit by impressions, feelings and perceptions, concerning the matter in question. Seeking our Father’s guidance by paying attention to our spirit is walking by faith and not by sight. True information comes from Yahweh, by way of the spirit of Yahweh.⁷

Father gave us a new sense when He gave us spirit. If a person was blind all of his life and then received sight it would take time to learn how to use his eyes. We also have received our spiritual eyes (spirit) and we must learn how to operate our spiritual eyes by obeying Yahweh’s Word and His inward stirring. What are these signals from Yahweh?

We use our five senses to benefit us and to protect us. For example, if an expiration date on a milk carton is getting near, we will first visually inspect, then we will smell it and then we will taste it, thereby using three of the five senses. I have chosen to use my senses one at a time, which will send signals of information to my brain. There are basically four signals we respond to:

- 1.) No signal at all means everything is fine. (Peace)
- (Green) 2.) A go signal means to proceed.
- (Yellow) 3.) Proceed with caution signal means there may be a potential problem.
- (Red) 4.) A stop signal means do not proceed, danger.

⁵ Webster’s New World Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition

⁶ “And again Yahweh called once there—Samuel! Then rose Samuel, and went unto Eli, and said—Behold me! for thou calledst me. And he said—I called not, my son, return—lie down. Now, Samuel, as yet knew not Yahweh,—nor, as yet, had been revealed unto him, the word of Yahweh. And again Yahweh called—Samuel! a third time. Then he arose, and went unto Eli, and said—Behold me! for thou calledst me. Then did Eli perceive, that, Yahweh, was calling the boy. So Eli said to Samuel—Go, lie down, and it shall be, if he call unto thee, that thou shalt say—Speak, Yahweh, for thy servant is listening” (I Samuel 3:6-9).

⁷ Jud 13:25 And the spirit of Yahweh began to urge him [Samson] to and fro, in the camp of Dan,—between Zorah and Eshtaol. Jud 6:34 But, the spirit of Yahweh, clothed Gideon,—so he blew with a horn, and Abiezer was gathered after him.

The spirit of Yahweh residing in us is going to communicate in the same manner. A sense of peace is also important because Yahweh is an Elohim of Peace. Our Father does not work by using fear. If you are fearful, the communication is not from Yahweh; “Peace I leave to you; my peace I give to you, not according as the world did give do I give to you; let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid” (Jn. 14:27).

The spirit, which has been given to each one of us, is called the spirit of Yahweh, holy spirit, the spirit of truth, the advocate and living water. Holy means set apart from the world; truth means the revealed reality, veritable essence of a matter; advocate means helper or called to one’s aid. Yahshua called the spirit, “Another advocate” (Jn 14:16). Yahshua is still called our advocate (helper) as also is our spirit (I Jn. 2:1). The spirit of Yahweh is our helper and its purpose is to:

- 1.) Teach you all things. Jn. 14:26
- 2.) Bring to remembrance what I have told you. Jn. 14:26
- 3.) Bear witness concerning me [Yahshua]. Jn 15:26
- 4.) Reprove the world concerning sin. Jn. 16:8
- 5.) Guide you into all truth. Jn. 16:13
- 6.) It does not speak of itself but what it hears it speaks. Jn. 16:13
- 7.) Speak concerning things to come. Jn. 16:14
- 8.) Glorifies Yahshua. Jn. 16:14
- 9.) Leads. Rom. 8:14

Yahshua’s life, as recorded in the scriptures, is our teacher on how our spirit is to be guided by the Spirit (Yahweh). Yahshua received the spirit of Yahweh⁸ (holy spirit) when he was baptized by John; “And, straightway, the Spirit urgeth him forth into the wilderness” (Mk. 1:12). In Mark 2:8 Yahshua is informed by way of spirit, what others were thinking; “And Yahshua, straightway, taking note in his spirit, that thus they are deliberating within themselves.” In the case of the death and resurrection of Lazarus recorded in John chapter eleven, Yahshua demonstrated knowing things to come, which comes by way of spirit. Yahshua knows that Lazarus’ sickness is not unto death. He knows not to go heal him when first requested by Mary and Martha. He knows to stay two more days where they were dwelling. He knows he can then go back to Judea where the Jews want to kill him and he will not be harmed. He knows Lazarus died. All this information could not be received by or is contrary to the five senses but Yahshua knew all these things. Why? Yahweh communicated this information to him through means of the spirit of Yahweh, which was given when John baptized him. Walking by spirit is walking in the day. Yahshua said, “If one walk in the day, he doth not stumble” (Jn. 11:9) Our Father has given us spirit so we do not stumble because we have the ability to know, even as Yahshua knew.

⁸ The spirit of My Lord Yahweh, is upon me,—Because Yahweh, Hath anointed me, to tell good tidings to the oppressed, Hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim, To captives, liberty, To them who are bound, the opening of the prison; (Is. 61:1) And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest, upon him,—The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge, and reverence of Yahweh; (Is. 11:2)

Our ability to know spiritual things is explained in first Corinthians chapter two; “I, therefore, brethren, when I came unto you...in demonstration of spirit and power: In order that, your faith, might not be in men’s wisdom, but in Yahweh’s power...Unto us, in fact, hath Yahweh revealed through the spirit; for, the spirit, into all things, maketh search, yea! the deep things of Yahweh. For who of men knoweth the things of a man,—save the spirit of the man that is in him? thus, even the things of Yahweh, hath no one come to know, save the spirit of Yahweh. But, as for us,—not the spirit of the world, have we received, but the spirit which is of Yahweh,—that we might know the things which, by Yahweh, have been given in favour unto us:—Which we also speak—not in words taught of human wisdom, but in such as are taught of *the* spirit, by spiritual words, spiritual things, explaining. But, a man of the soul, doth not welcome the things of the spirit of Yahweh, for they are foolishness unto him, and he cannot get to know them, because, spiritually, are they examined; But, the man of the spirit, on the one hand, examined all things, but, on the other, he himself, by no one, is examined. For who hath come to know the mind of the Lord, that shall instruct him? But, we, have, the mind of Christ.” In the above chapter we have:

- 1.) The spirit can be demonstrated which is power.
- 2.) The spirit reveals the things of Yahweh.
- 3.) The spirit searches the depth of Yahweh.
- 4.) The spirit makes known the things of Yahweh.
- 5.) The spirit teaches us.
- 6.) The spirit discerns all things.
- 7.) The spirit is the mind of Christ.

We are children of Elohim and have been given spirit that we might know the things of Yahweh, which fully equips us to do His will. The inward witness of our spirit, which is an ascertaining of information provided by Yahweh to our spirit, reveals the true (spiritual) world. The book of Acts has accounts of the inward witness Paul experienced.

Paul desired to go to Jerusalem but it was not the Holy Spirit’s (Yahweh’s) will; “And, now, lo! I, bound in my spirit, am journeying unto Jerusalem; the things which therein shall befall me, not knowing,—save that, the Holy Spirit, from city to city, doth bear me full witness, saying that, bonds and tribulations, await” (Acts 20:22,23); “And having found out the disciples, we tarried there seven days, and they said to Paul, through the spirit, not to go up to Jerusalem” (Acts 21:4). Yahweh was communicating to Paul and other believers, by spirit, to stop him from going to Jerusalem. We must mature in the communications from our spirit in order that we can understand, perceive and recognize our Father’s will.

We must grow up in Yahweh; “For, every one partaking of milk, is unskilled in discourse of righteousness, for he is, a babe; But, to such as are mature, pertaineth, the strong food, to them who, by reason of habit, have their organs of perception well trained for discriminating both good and evil” (Heb. 5:13,14). We grow up by sharpening, in love, our spiritual skills as an athlete sharpens their physical skills. Everyone has two eyes and hands but an athlete will

surpass the average person because they exercise their senses by practice. Our major source of information should be Yahweh's written word, which is then followed by the witness of our spirit. Our spirit will not contradict Yahweh's Word, except under rare circumstances. For example, Paul circumcising Timothy went against the original instructions.⁹ We should be checking in with our spirit every day and many times per day. Practicing a daily prayer time is important because this may be the time of day you will receive supernatural information as did Peter and Cornelius.¹⁰ By doing this we are acknowledging our Father and our Lord as our source of true information. Father is well pleased when we trust Him. As we mature in the things of Yahweh, we can teach our children, as Eli did to Samuel, how to pay attention to the witness of their spirit and to stay away from darkness and other avenues that hinder spiritual progress. Certain habits in our lives can weaken our five senses as well as our inward witness. Alcohol, drugs, fatigue, weak mental preparation and a lack of exercise weaken an athlete as also a person who is being guided by the spirit. Our mind and body must not be dull nor distracted or the inward witness may be difficult or impossible to perceive.

We have such an advantage over natural man. We have six senses while natural man has only five. Under the Old Covenant, Yahweh communicated through the five senses because the masses did not have the spirit of Yahweh; "And Mount Sinai, smoked, all over, because Yahweh had come down thereon in fire,—and the smoke thereof went up as the smoke of a furnace, and all the mountain trembled exceedingly. And, all the people, were witnessing the voices and the torches, and the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking,—so then the people were struck with awe and shrank back, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak, thou, with us, and we will hear,—but let not Yahweh speak with us lest we die" (Ex. 19:18, 20:18,19). Under the New Covenant, Yahweh (the Holy Spirit) communicates directly to our spirit, the spirit of Yahweh, in the form of an inward witness; "The Spirit itself, bears witness together with our spirit that we are children of Yahweh" (Rm. 8:16). We, as children of Yahweh, receive instruction, walk and are led by the spirit (Rm. 8:4, 14). Most Christians do not know that they have received the spirit of Yahweh while others do not know how to operate it. We can demonstrate spirit, which is power by acting on the information Yahweh has given to us, as Yahshua also did. We manifest and glorify our Father when we walk by the spirit of Yahweh in love. Exercise your sixth sense in love for the Glory of Yahweh!

⁹ Acts 15; The same, would Paul have go forth with him, and took and circumcised him [Timothy], on account of the Jews who were in those places; for they one and all knew that, his father, was, a Greek. (Acts 16:3)

¹⁰ ...Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour; But he became hungry, and wished to eat,—and, while they were making ready, there came upon him a ekstasis (a throwing of the mind out of its normal state) (Acts 10:9-10) And Cornelius said—Four days ago, counting unto this very hour, I was keeping, the ninth hour, as one of prayer, in my house. And lo! a man stood before me, in bright clothing, (Acts 10:30).