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**Creativity and Analytical Thinking - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/4 10:38**

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**Re: Creativity and Analytical Thinking - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/8/4 12:09**

The ability to reason things through and creative thinking are gifts from God. God certainly can use creative people. Just remember He is the source of all truth and His wisdom is beyond our understanding. Weigh everything against the truth of the Scriptures and study to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

P.S. C.S. Lewis was a brilliant mind and a creative thinker; and God used him mightily!!

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**Re: Creativity and Analytical Thinking, on: 2007/8/4 16:46**

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Hi Nile

It is wonderful when the Lord gives us gifts that can be used for Him.

However, just a word of warning, He might want to use you in a different way, a way in which you never thought you had a gift. Be open to His leading, don't assume that these are the main things God intends to use you in - He may have something else in store.

There is also a sense in which an analytical way of thinking can be a snare. Especially in understanding the Bible, and in other matters of faith. I speak as one who is rather analytical by nature, (natural inclination and being trained in science)

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e subjects). To bring our human reasoning to bear on the things of the Spirit can make us miss what the Lord is trying to say to us. Like Thomas (who was also the most doggedly loyal perhaps of all the disciples), "I will not believe...unless I see..."

Finally, our natural gifts have to "go to the Cross" before God can use them as greatly as He wants. As the hymn says,

*"Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to thy cross I cling"*

There is a "dying to self" involved in the use of any gift; "dying" to what we think, or even know that we can do well. Sometimes He even takes away the gift until we've learnt this fully, or doesn't let us use it. Maybe for a season, maybe permanently.

(I've been there).

Hold your gifts lightly. Bring them, as it were, to the altar, and "let them go" to Him.

This need not mean giving up the use of your gifts, (though it might). Rather let your gifts be as the OT sacrifice of the "wave" and "heave" offerings. The worshipper gave these to the priest who waved the breast of the sacrifice, or lifted up the shoulder portion, before the Lord.

Thus your heart and your strength of abilities and giftings are offered to Him, through Jesus, our Priest and our sacrifice.

Then your gifts will blaze with His glory and no-one will see you any more, only the Giver!

In Him

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/8/4 17:06**

Thanks Jeanette, I really needed that word.

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I think I'm on the right track again =)

God bless you,  
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**Re:, on: 2007/8/4 17:10**

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I'm already blessed by your response! :-D

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Jeannette