## THIS HOLY MESSENGER

## THE ONTOLOGY OF IGNORANCE AND WISDOM

Our Empire is facing dark times; uncertainty clouds the judgment of even the most learned and well-intentioned, leading us to associate with villians. But I say to you Beware! Beware those who would exploit your doubt, who would tempt you into wickedness. You have within you the wisdom of the Divine to recognize the path of righteousness, if only you open your eyes and ears to them. So many of us have chose to close our hearts to the Divine, thus permitting falsehoods and pleasing words to delude our thoughts, turning us from the righteous path. When we ignore the wisdom granted to us by the Divine, trusting instead our limited mortal view on things, we embrace ignorance and invite corruption into our hearts.

Ignorance is the absence of wisdom, and the root of all evil. In wisdom comes the power to discern right from wrong, health from harm, and beauty from ugliness. Wisdom is the cure for ignorance, but wisdom does not come from the self; it is not some trivia that can be memorized, not a formula whereby the good of an action is weighed against the evil of another and thereby discern the righteous path. This sort of analysis is but the imitation of wisdom, and such shallow consideration gives way to the machinations of greed and fear, animal instincts that obscure the true wisdom the Divine has given to us.

True wisdom is granted, laid before us freely as a gift. It is the spark of divinity that all souls inherently possess, the part of our being that makes us greater than beasts, and more capable than the forgeries of life. When we become attuned with the Divine by understanding the sacred texts and adhering to the ten virtues, our souls speak to us, imparting the wisdom of the Divine unto us as seamlessly as the birth of a notion. We need only choose to hear it, and no self-loving individual would choose to be deaf to it, for no one prefers to live in wretchedness.

For wisdom is the tool by which we direct our actions to attain the ultimate design of the Divine, for by no other means might we attain supreme happiness. It is Divine will that we act in wisdom rather than ignorance, and by doing so are rewarded with supreme happiness. As illuminated in the sacred texts, to act in wisdom, we must set aside our selfish desires and behave in accordance with the Divine will, for it is only by the Divine's ultimate design that we will find the satisfaction and contentedness that we all desire. The pursuit for material things, the desires of the flesh, and domination over others does not yield the happiness that we think it does. These are merely transient gratifications that leave you wanting. It is through and only through the wisdom of the Divine that true happiness can be found.

Pray for those who live without wisdom, that they might soon return to the righteous path and be spared an empty life. Pray for those who suffer at the hands of those who live in ignorance, that they might find forgiveness for their oppressors who do not know what they do. Pray for the Emperox, that they return wisdom to Acheron Rho.

Ten blessings, Torpel Woburn, Priest

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