

XI. The Association Cortex: Staging Area for Academic Understanding

Once volition decides to accept the information a fact, it is permanently recorded in the brain as a memory trace.

In the case of Bible doctrine, the association cortex is not capable of processing the information. The reason? Bible doctrine is the product of divine thought which is infinitely beyond the capacity of the human mind to understand. This is why the Bible says that divine thought is considered by the unbeliever—or the reversionist—to be foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:18 - For the Word of the cross [the Gospel] is to those who are perishing foolishness ...

This is why at Gospel Hearing the Holy Spirit must act as a human spirit so that the meaning of the Gospel can be calculated in Wernicke's area and given proper syntax in Broka's area.

We have often studied how the Holy Spirit must teach doctrine first of all to the human spirit. In the case of the unbeliever, the Holy Spirit functions in that regard so academic understanding of the Gospel can be realized in the association cortex.

Once the spiritual principle of salvation by means of faith alone in Christ alone is fully understood, then volition must then make the decision whether to believe the claim as truth or to reject it as foolishness. If it is accepted as truth, then the Holy Spirit, whose power fills the soul, activates whatever combination of genes necessary to create the memory trace of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 - Our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit ...

This same process is carried out when the believer learns doctrine. The human spirit obviously creates a capacity within the neurons of the brain that enables them to process and bring to academic understanding the principles of doctrinal truth.

Once positive volition is expressed in the association cortex, then the Holy Spirit initiates the electrochemical process which permanently records that belief into the memory traces of the brain—a wheel-track of righteousness. This belief goes into long-term memory available for recall and application at a later time.