



Thinking Differently

welcome to the ekklesia fellowship
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Walk by the Spirit

Exodus 14:13 – stand still and see the Lord

Steps to the abundant life, where Truth sets us free:
Know → **Count** → **Present** → **Walk by the Spirit**
Rom. 6:6,9 Rom. 6:11 Rom. 6:13 Rom. 8:4

Isaiah 30:15 –

- In *rest* you shall be saved.
- In *quietness* and *trust* is your strength.
- But you were not willing.*

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- Who knows what to believe today?
 - Listen to all the voices around and you will come up with many kinds of conflicting philosophies.
 - No wonder so many are confused and ready to follow any voice that seems to offer a way out.
- Learning to walk in the Spirit starts in the mind.
 - **Acts 2:42** – continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching.
 - **2 Corinthians 10:5** – taking every thought captive
 - **2 Corinthians 4:18** – look at the things that are unseen
 - **Acts 17:11** – examining the scriptures daily...

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- Walking by the Spirit starts in the mind.
 - **Romans 8:5-9**
 - mind set on flesh – death
 - mind set on the Spirit – life
- Do you want to continue in confusion or begin to be set free and live in abundance?
Ephesians 4:17- 24
 1. "Affirm together with the Lord"
 - This is not simple human reasoning, this is a result of divine revelation.
 - This is the finger of God placed squarely at the root of a human problem.

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2. "that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles"
 - Gentiles – "Nations" or "those outside of Christ"
 - How do they walk?
3. "in the futility of their mind"
 - Notice Paul doesn't start with doing – actions – he starts with the root of the problem – the mind.
 - The place to start in living the abundant life is to recognize that we must think differently than the world does.
 - **Colossians 2:8** -- you must not adopt the world's philosophy of living
 - *futility* – "void of purpose or appropriateness" pointless.

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- "Do not live as the gentiles live. For they live blindfolded in a world of illusion," (**Eph 4:17b-18a** J. B. Phillips)
- The wisdom of the world vs. the wisdom of God
 - "Professing to be wise, they became fools;" (**Romans 1:22**)
 - "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" (**1 Cor 1:20**)
 - "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God." (**1 Cor 3:19**)



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- Information: non random patterns
- **Four requirements for information:**
 - **Sender** (intelligent, rational being)
 - **Medium** (paper & ink, radio signal, base pairs, etc...)
 - **Message** (rational pattern or logical expression - CODE)
 - **Receiver** (intelligent, rational being)
- Natural Causes – random patterns
- Intelligent Cause – non random patterns

Searching for Intelligence

SETI
Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

The image shows an aerial view of a large radio telescope dish. To the right, there are several scientific charts and diagrams. One chart shows a frequency spectrum with labels like '1371', '1401.5', '1410.5', '1420.5', '1430.5', '1440', '1450', '1460'. Another chart shows a 'Work Week' with a '2.5 Mhz wide sweep' and '250 channels with 975 Hz'. There are also diagrams of a 'Doughnut-shaped' antenna and a 'Radio telescope' with labels like '13.3 sekunder', '17.3 sekunder', '13.3 sekunder', '17.3 sekunder', '13.3 sekunder', '17.3 sekunder'. A small diagram shows 'På Aracibo och på Berkeley' and '1 Satellit i omloppsbana'. There is also a small diagram of a 'Radio teleskop' with labels like '13.3 sekunder', '17.3 sekunder', '13.3 sekunder', '17.3 sekunder'.

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- Example: *Natural Causes* or *Intelligent Cause*?

The image displays a collection of images arranged in two rows. The top row shows five stone arrowheads of varying shapes and sizes, followed by a large, leafy green tree. The bottom row shows the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, a modern glass skyscraper, a glowing DNA double helix structure, and three human skeletons of different sizes and colors (orange, yellow, green).

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- **1 John 2:15** – we can't love both.
- **James 4:4** – hostility toward God!
- **Luke 16:15** – detestable in the sight of God
- **Romans 12:1,2** – transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- How is your transformation coming along?
- Are you allowing the Truth to renew your mind?
- Are you learning to think differently?