

Word Study on “Wisdom”

Mis. 364:12-17

[Christian Science] is not a search after wisdom, it is wisdom: it is God’s right hand grasping the universe, — all time, space, immortality, thought, extension, cause, and effect; constituting and governing all identity, individuality, law, and power.

Wisdom in Greek is 4678 (Sopia)

- **Broad and full intelligence**
- **Use of knowledge in very diverse matters**
- **Varied knowledge of things human and divine, Acquired by acuteness and experience**
- **The science and learning**
- **Supreme intelligence such as belongs to God or Christ**
- **The wisdom of God in forming and executing the formation and government of the world and the Scriptures**
- **A knowledge of the divine plan, previously hidden, providing salvation for men by the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus**

Wisdom: 1828 Webster’s Dictionary

The right use or exercise of knowledge;

Faculty of the mind: the faculty of discerning or judging what is most just, proper and useful

In Scripture, human learning; erudition; knowledge of arts and sciences

Quickness of intellect; readiness of apprehension; dexterity in execution

Wisdom is true religion; godliness; piety; the knowledge and fear of God; sincere and uniform obedience to his commands

Wisdom: Hebrew – *chokmah* – Strong’s #2451

Wisdom; skillful man

Skill in war; in administration

Shrewdness

Dexterity

Piety towards God

Ascribed to a ruler

Ascribed to God

Instruction: in Hebrew *muwcar*: correction; chasten; chastisement; check; discipline; doctrine

Understanding: Hebrew – *biynah* – Strong's #998

Understanding; discernment

Faculty

Meaning

Wisdom

Intelligence

Insight

Skilled in understanding

Understanding: Greek – *synesis* Strong's #4907

Understanding; knowledge

The mind so far forth as it understands

Mentally putting together, i.e. intelligence or (concretely) the intellect

A running together

A flowing together

Understanding in 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

Comprehending; apprehending the ideas or sense of another

Learning or being informed

Knowing

Skillful

The faculty of the human mind by which it apprehends the real state of things presented to it, or by which it receives or comprehends the ideas which others express and intend to communicate.

The intellectual faculty

Exact comprehension