

Prayer to Call Forth the Wisdom of the True Image

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WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN. To be a child of God means that God's life dwells within us and sustains us. A close biological study of the human body shows that what makes the body function is not a physical mechanism but God's life. It is clear that the wisdom which digests the components of the food we partake and arranges them to constitute a particular human body does not come from the physical.

Some people who take a materialistic view compare the complex, mysterious mechanism of the brain to a computer and believe that the brain's response is what produces a mental or reflexive action. The brain may function like a computer but it clearly is not composed of various physical parts like a computer. Even the most complex machines were preceded by the human mind which invented, planned, and constructed them. Although the brain is a small and compact organ, it has more than 1.5 trillion cells arranged in perfect order, allowing us to think and create freely, which a computer cannot do. The intricate brain simply cannot be created by

material elements. There must be a mysterious intellect behind our physical existence which created even the brain. This mysterious, wise being beyond the physical is "God's child" or man's true self, God within.

This marvelous, ethereal wise being does not usually use God's intellect in daily living but leaves everything to the automatic functioning of the physical brain. However, when we do Shinsokan meditation and call upon this mysterious, wise being, that wisdom is activated to work in us and guide us. Therefore, we do Shinsokan at least once a day to visualize the perfection of our True Image, to obey the divine wisdom of the True Image, to live a meaningful life for the prosperity and spiritual progress of all our family, and to contribute to the welfare of our community, our country, and mankind.

O God, I am thankful to Thee for teaching me this invaluable Truth.

— From *Shinri No Ginsbo*, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 75-79