

Prayer to Obey God's All-Encompassing Wisdom

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GOD is Infinite Wisdom, wisdom that knows everything. He is our eternal teacher and guide whose life flows into me to become my life so that I am one with His infinite wisdom.

I am a child of God and also one with God. I hereby resolve that I shall turn to His wisdom and live in humble and total obedience to His guidance. Hereafter, I shall place my every act in God's hands, and I shall not think about pursuing my own selfish interests. God's wisdom is all-encompassing. It is wisdom in which individual prosperity becomes at once the prosperity of the whole.

Intelligence that works only for the good of the self may seem to bring prosperity to the self alone, but this is like cancer cells that appear to multiply for a time and to overpower other cells. However, these cancer cells will eventually be removed by surgery or die together with the rest of the body. I know that, in the same way, selfish intelligence will eventually be separated from God's all-encompassing wisdom and ultimately lead to one's downfall.

Being aware of this Truth, I will forget my own selfish interests and work for the good of the whole. As I become selfless and receive God's wisdom, good ideas will flow into me in an endless stream from the reservoir of divine wisdom. I carry out

my tasks diligently by relying totally on the guidance of God's wisdom. Though it may seem that I am walking through a barren desert, I shall in time reach a heavenly place adorned with saffron blossoms and filled with the song of golden birds.

God's divine wisdom guides me, so I do not have the stress of egotism. Since I never burden my mind with egotistic thoughts, I am always at peace in mind and body. A sense of rest, harmony, and peace always fills my mind and my environment to overflowing. God's wisdom resolves all problems no matter how difficult they may be.

God never guides mankind by means of suffering, poverty, or disaster. God does not use a whip to torment mankind. All suffering, poverty, disaster, and the like occur because my mental rhythm has gone awry and is no longer able to tune in to God's wisdom. No matter how difficult a problem may be, it appears so only because it is seen through man's eyes; any problem can be easily resolved when viewed through God's wisdom. God always resolves my problems.

God fills me to overflowing with His infinite wisdom. Since I deal with all matters by consulting God's wisdom, I never err.

O God, I am grateful to be able to rely totally on Your wisdom.

—From *Shinri No Ginsbo*, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 300-303