

Thinking Well

by A.W. Tozer

To think well and usefully, one must be completely honest and transparently sincere, with a grave attitude toward life, mankind, and God.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 4:23, Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 5:8, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3:2, James 1:5, 1 Peter 5:8

Topics: "Sincerity in Faith", "Creative Thinking"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that true religious thinkers are deeply engaged with the struggles of life rather than detached intellectuals. They are often burdened individuals who seek practical solutions in a troubled world, rather than mere theorists. To think well, one must possess honesty and sincerity, as insincerity disqualifies a person from grasping divine thoughts. The sanctified thinker is portrayed as a traveler in a wilderness, focused on finding a way to safety rather than on the impact of their path on others. Tozer asserts that great thoughts require a serious and grave attitude towards life, God, and humanity.

Transcript

The creative religious thinker is not a daydreamer, not an ivory tower intellectual carrying on his lofty cogitations remote from the rough world; he is more likely to be a troubled, burdened man weighed down by the woes of existence, occupied not with matters academic or theoretical but the practical and personal. The great religious thinkers of the past were rarely men of leisure; mostly they were men of affairs, close to and very much a part of the troubled world. Neither will the sanctified thinker of our times be a poet gazing at a sunset from some quiet secluded spot, but one who feels himself a traveler lost in a wilderness who must find his way to safety.

That others will later follow the path he makes will not be primary in his thinking.

Later he will understand this, but for the time being he will be all engaged hunting the way out for himself. To think well and usefully a man must be endowed with certain indispensable qualifications. He must, for one thing, be completely honest and transparently sincere. The trifler is automatically eliminated. He is weighed in the balance and found too light to be entrusted with the thoughts of God. Let but a breath of levity enter the mind and the power to do creative thinking instantly goes out. And by levity I do not mean wit or even humor; I do mean insincerity, sham, the absence of moral seriousness. Great thoughts require a grave attitude toward life and mankind and God.

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