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We Will Understand Sometime

The Country-Western music star, Bill Anderson, made a hit of a song entitled "Someday It Will All Make Sense." Learning and growing is a major part of life. In fact, progress is the very reason for our existence here on earth. But with our learning we must also obtain "understanding." As the great, wise, King Solomon, was counseled by his father, "Wisdom is the principal thing", therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.

Understanding is very often difficult, but without it knowledge can be a dangerous thing. As one wise man remarked, "Some of our students apparently haven't learned that this little learning was not a dangerous thing if they realized that what they know was only a little learning."

We live in a time of great scientific discovery and advancement, a time which requires much understanding. A great part of that understanding which is required of us is the realization that God controls the amount of knowledge man receives. It is more than coincidental that the human race had made little or no progress for thousands of years, and then, within the last century and a half has made great strides even our wise forefathers would find difficult to comprehend. Understanding that our discoveries are controlled by the hand of God is as important as the knowledge itself.

It is also important to know that there are some things we may not be permitted to understand. "God does move in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." Have we not all experienced tragedy and heartache and asked ourselves, "Why?" Who is there who has not prayed and seemingly received no answer? And who has not looked into the heavens and wondered how it was all possible? One of the most comforting presumptions we may have is to know that we may not be permitted to understand all things now, but that all answers will be revealed in time.

Another songwriter, Maxwell Cornelius, expressed it best in the words, "Not now, but in the coming years... We'll read the meaning of our times, we'll catch the broken threads again and finish what we have begun; Heaven will the mysteries explain; and then, au, then we'll understand."

And so it is with all our learning, which is great and good, we also need understanding - the most important being a trust in God and to know that "sometime, sometime we'll understand."

Rev. Hans Lillejord