



GAP, Stage 2: The Holy Spirit Teaches the Human Spirit; Stage 3: Academic Understanding to the Nous; Stage 4: Epignōsis to the Kardia

8. As each dispensation occurs on the time line of human history some aspects of the preceding period are retained (e.g., salvation through faith alone in Christ alone), some are rescinded (e.g., the ritual plan of God such as יוֹם כִּפּוּר *Yom Kippur*), and new ones are revealed (e.g., the mystery doctrines of the Church Age). In this case, the Lord reveals a unique aspect of the coming dispensation which is one of the mystery doctrines of the New Testament.
9. When the Holy Spirit indwells and fills the Church Age believer He provides the spiritual IQ necessary for spiritual growth attained through Bible study.
10. With spiritual IQ the believer is prepared to be taught by the Holy Spirit, indicated by the verb διδάσκω, *didaskō*, "He will teach you all things."
11. The target of this supernatural instruction is the human spirit which is a divinely provided asset that enables the human mind to comprehend divine thought.
12. When this comprehension occurs it is called πνευματικός, *pneumatikos*: "spiritual phenomena."
13. You will recall that in 1 Corinthians 2:13 that this word is repeated at the end of the verse. The first use is πνευματικῶς, *pneumatikōis* and refers to "spiritual things," i.e., the content of what is communicated by the pastor and taught by the Holy Spirit to the human spirit.
14. The second use is πνευματικά, *pneumatika* and refers to the spiritual system, the entire process that we have identified as the Grace Apparatus for Perception.
15. This is the sequence of events that must occur for the believer to acquire academic understanding of Bible doctrine.
16. When this understanding is accomplished, the Holy Spirit then transfers the information from the human spirit to the soul.
17. **Stage 3:** When "spiritual phenomena" first arrive from the human spirit, the Holy Spirit directs it to the area of the soul called νοῦς, *nous*. Here the soul is linked up with the association cortex of the brain.
18. This may be referred to as "receptive comprehension." Here one considers whether he will accept or reject the information now understood academically.
19. The knowledge now being considered by the believer is strictly academic and is referred to as γνῶσις, *gnōsis*.
20. At this point the volition is challenged: "Do you believe the information that you now understand academically to be true, or do you not so believe?"



21. If the information is rejected then, since it is considered only in the short-term memory, it is quickly forgotten and the current belief system is retained unaltered.
22. However, if the information is accepted, the Holy Spirit transfers the information to the **καρδία, kardia** as **ἐπίγνωσις, epignōsis**: human cognizance and retention of divine thought.
23. **Stage 4:** We have studied *epignōsis* and understand it to refer to human cognizance of divine thought.
24. The word *kardia* is unfortunately translated “heart” in the English but which we have classified as the stream of consciousness of the soul.
24. This is the area where retention of divine thought occurs in seven compartments of the soul. As doctrine is learned one’s inventory of ideas is increased in: (1) the frame of reference, (2) memory center, (3) vocabulary, (4) doctrinal categories, and (5) the conscience.
25. These five inventories are advanced by the consistent inculcation of *epignōsis* and constitute the advance illustrated by the left column of the double-column phalanx.
26. This advance in turn develops the sixth compartment called momentum which is the product of one’s motivation for the advance in the right column.
27. This simultaneous advance is characterized by the seventh compartment called wisdom, the ability to relate Bible doctrine to every exigency in life.
28. Wisdom is the function of *epignōsis* knowledge in the stream of consciousness plus motivation for the advance from reciprocity and results in spiritual growth and the execution of the Christian way of life. This is called “the fullness of God,” or **πλήρωμα, plērōma**.
29. Retention also occurs in the brain which serves as the hard disk of the soul. Doctrine believed is stored along with other knowledge in the cerebral cortex where it is available for recall and application under the recall ministry of the Holy Spirit.