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THE RIGHTNESS OF GOD—Duty God perfect judgment? Or both the Almighty perfect justice, Job 3:2.

What Is Intelligence?

By Professor Cecil F. Lavell
(In "Grinnell and You")

I have difficulties with the word "intelligence." I know that certain of my colleagues might tell me that if I took one or two of their courses in psychology my difficulties would disappear. But I doubt it, because my trouble is not with the word as it would be defined by a trained psychologist but with the word in its ordinary use of conversation and disputation. We are all sure we know what we mean by it, but it seems to mean different things at different times. As Plato put it once some words are like the automatic servants made by Daedalus. They are useful but unreliable; they move about in ways hard to anticipate, and the least change in their combination makes a disconcerting difference in the result.

Now in the case of this word "intelligence" I propose to try here and now the Socratic method and see what happens. Behold then, Socrates and his friend James, (not William James, and not Henry, just James) talking on a bench in the park. "I am glad to hear," says Socrates, "that you have been thinking about the word 'intelligence'." "Yes," says James, "I have been thinking about it. I have been wondering about it lately since talking with Hippocrates the mathematician, especially why the mathematicians are all so sure that you can't square a circle. Could he tell me, do you think?"

"No, Socrates, I am afraid not, but I am told that at school the best grade he ever got in his mathematics was a D, and he was lucky at that." "Indeed then that is too bad. But perhaps he could tell me another thing. Why, for instance, it should be so cold in Labrador and so warm at the same latitude on the Pacific coast, for it seems unreasonable. There are many other problems of heat and cold too that are beyond my understanding, and no doubt he could make clear the real reason for all of them. For I once heard a learned man say that the whole world as we have it is an accident of temperature, and I should like to know how this can be."

"But, Socrates, he never had any training in physics. He took botany instead and only got C minus, and he knows less about these matters than you do." "Well, well, his field must be in literature and history then, so I shall ask him what Porthos would have done if Dumas had chosen the wrong boy, I know the answer to that. I think, but I should like to see whether his answer is the same as mine. Or better still I shall ask why, when Hamlet accidentally killed Polonius, who was after all a nice old thing and had never done Hamlet any harm, why Hamlet showed no more regret. Was Hamlet foolish or did he suspect, or did Shakespeare exaggerate?"

"No, no, Socrates, you must not ask Socrates anything of that sort, for I have heard him say that Shakespeare gave him a headache, and worse." "Oh, I see I am making blunders. The man is married, I think you said." "Not just now, Socrates. He has been married twice, but his first wife left him and his second he divorced. I have heard recently that he is to be married again." "Oh," said Socrates, "you are certainly not a mathematician. You are intelligent. In his intelligence in war or in politics or in philosophy or in selling real estate or in the understanding of automobiles or what? Or perhaps he is skilled in finance and could advise me about investments."

"None of these things, Socrates. Your questions have confused me a little, but he told the truth when I said he was intelligent. It was because he is the best all-around thinker I know, and writes better than any man I know. You said he was intelligent. In his intelligence in war or in politics or in philosophy or in selling real estate or in the understanding of automobiles or what? Or perhaps he is skilled in finance and could advise me about investments."

"Yes, James, yes, no doubt. I am afraid I am afraid I am intelligent in the same way and to the same degree—about one-tenth of one per cent. Yet if I had a house with a school of red on one corner you would not call it a red house, would you?" "No, Socrates." "But if you could not only a little of the house and that little was red you would naturally say it was a red house, would you?" "Yes, Socrates." "And when people call a man intelligent they may think he is indicating by some small part of him and he may really be intelligent a great deal. It seems so, Socrates."

"And on the other hand if you have a man say that the world is round and that people live on the other side who walk about with their heads upside down, and you call him a fool without further evidence, will you not?" "Yes, Socrates." "Given though for all you know he may be wise in matters relating to Japanese politics, or Somerset poetry, or shooting hares or many other things?" "Yes, Socrates. When I call a man a fool it is because I think with reference to some one kind of foolishness." "Then, James, while you may have unintentionally paid only one foolishness you do draw the inference that he is a fool and you would call him so?" "Yes."

"And the thing that causes people to think him a fool is some one or more words in which he differs from sensible persons like you or me?" "Yes."

"I suppose it is just as a lawyer will be approved by other lawyers."

Billion in Gems Is Dirt to Him



—NEA, Los Angeles Bureau
A billion dollars worth of diamonds and gold is merely so much dirt to Major Alexander Wilcox. The major, arriving recently in Los Angeles for his first glimpse of America, has supervised the extraction of a billion dollars worth of gems and precious metal from the South African mines.

Equip Dirigible With Weather Map

LAKEHURST, N. J., April 2 (AP).—Complete weather maps will be carried through the air to the naval dirigible Los Angeles as a result of a new apparatus shortly to be installed in the ship. Tests of the new apparatus have been in progress the last few days, and are said to have proved entirely successful. Complete maps are sent in 25 minutes from Washington radio stations. The recording apparatus weighs 150 pounds and occupies space about one yard square.

INSURANCE DECISION MADE
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP).—A decision affecting the method of determination of taxes on gross estates in which the proceeds of insurance policies are a factor was made today by the board of tax appeals. It held in a case from Chicago that the proceeds of such policies, where a beneficiary other than the insured or his estate has been named prior to the effective date of the revenue act of 1921 and not since changed, should not be included in the valuation of a gross estate.

NEW YORK—Walter Dunsbach would go far before disappointing a symphony audience, especially when his specialty, Wagner, is on the program. He kept an engagement to conduct in Carnegie Hall, though a doctor and a nurse were back stage attending him as often as possible during the two hours of music.

you have discovered how foolishness may be a kind of unexpected wisdom. And now for your further comfort let me tell you something that my inner monitor has whispered to me, something that will be said by a philosopher named Plato in about four hundred years or so. It is this: "Let him among you that thinks he is wise become a fool that he may become wise." Our Father, teach us how little we know; teach us not to be deceived by words; or to be too pleased with ourselves; teach us willingness to open our eyes and our minds to all truth even if it seems unreasonable; teach us to be as little children; however, while we speak, seeking that we may find, that we may know The Kingdom.

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INVENTOR DIES
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2 (AP).—Charles Julius Weindal, 84, who worked beside Thomas A. Edison many years ago in constructing telegraph instruments, is dead here. He invented the American semaphore for railroads.

LAND SALES HIGH
PENDLETON, Apr. 2 (AP).—Recent land sales in Umatilla county aggregating \$45,000 indicate a growing demand for high grade wheat lands, according to local realtors handling the deals. Eighty acre tracts predominated in most of the recent sales.

A sport writer has one thing to be thankful for these days. He doesn't have to make any wise cracks about Sinclair Lewis.

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NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (AP).—Robert James Pratt, six-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett S. Pratt, of Des Moines, Iowa, at present guests of the Hotel Plaza, was taken from her foster parents today by Justice Levi and turned over to the children's society.

Upon complaint from a guest at the hotel, Vincent T. Pisarra, all agent of the society, together with a doctor investigated the case, reporting that the child had been maltreated. An affidavit was submitted today showing that the child's legs and lower back were scarred by 27 half heated burns and bruises.

REVOKES HARDING ORDER
WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP).—President Coolidge has revoked the Harding executive order of May 21, 1921, under which Albert R. Fall, an interior secretary, made the leases of naval oil reserves which has led to both criminal and civil actions in the courts.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The three are immune from feminine wiles. Her house raided, Mrs. Josephine Poplock kissed and hugged the police. But they enforced the law finding liquor they sought and seizing it.

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