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## Talking God's Language

Hunting whales has been around since men first discovered the value of their blubber and meat. The demand for whale oil began to spread around the globe in the early 1800s. That is when hunting them became more industrial, driven by that demand, as men sailed out into the oceans. The main targets at that time were the giant humpback and sperm whales. These giants had no real enemies except for the orca — the ocean's greatest hunters, who also carry the nickname "killer whales." The orcas would mainly separate a calf from its mother and then kill it. The giant whales devised a genius defense to protect their babies. The pod of adults would surround the calves in a circle with their powerful tails facing outwards. Using their tails as weapons against the orcas, they figured out a way to protect their young.

So, when a bunch of men in their ships sailed up to hunt them, the giant whales used the same defense. Never having experienced this enemy from above the waters, their plan actually made it easier for the sailors to kill them. It allowed the hunters to harvest many adults in the beginning of this new industry. It was easy pickings in the early years. As the ships sailed up to the pod, the whales would form their circle and wait.

One ship captain kept very specific records of locations, sightings, harpoon attempts, and kills. Using these daily logs, he discovered something both amazing and puzzling: two and a half years after initial contact, the hunters' success rate fell by 58%. They discovered that the whales had changed their tactics to defend against the humans. Now, instead of forming a circle, they would swim upwind, making it more difficult for the ships to catch the wind and chase them.

Even more puzzling was that pods that had never experienced men had somehow learned this new defense. They were able to communicate this new survival strategy to one another and pass it along. There are many examples of animals' ability to communicate information to one another that still baffle scientists today. Whales use songs and clicks, but each species has its own language specific to itself.

Each species has its own way of sharing information with others of its kind. The modern church desperately needs to learn this message of the whales. The moment you were born again, your inner man was rebirthed from darkness into light, making you a new species. Your spirit man has now been birthed by God Himself, while your outward man was left in darkness and death. Although the original man, Adam, was created in the image of God, from the moment he sinned, mankind no longer carried that image. Mankind became a different species from its sinful beginning, as different as darkness is from light. Everything God is comes from His pure righteousness and light. He could not fix the human race because sin had caused us to become a species of darkness. He needed to rescue us out of Adam's family by creating a new family of the righteous. Through Jesus, He began a new species called the children of God and invited all of us to be born into this family.

When you accepted Christ, your inner man was lit up by the new nature, and you were born into this new species. As with any species, there is a unique language and knowledge that it uses to pass information from one to another. It's no different with God, and if you miss it, you'll spend a lifetime attempting to interpret His meaning for you. God desires to speak clearly to you and share all His heavenly wisdom.

Paul shares this in 1 Corinthians 2:6-7: *"However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory."* It is clearly defined that human wisdom is different than God's wisdom, much like a dog's understanding is different than a bird's. They can see and understand each other to a certain extent, but never truly communicate.

Religion has caused us to attempt to know God through our carnal mind, which is still from Adam. There is a more excellent way for us to know Him and His eternal knowledge, and it begins by using the language of your rebirthed spirit man. He has birthed your inner man, which can both speak and understand His language. Here are three ways I found in Scripture that any believer can speak God's language and receive His knowledge:

First, the written Word of God serves as a primary channel: *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Second, praying in tongues allows direct communication with God beyond human understanding: *"For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries."* (1 Corinthians 14:2)

Third, authentic worship transcends the natural realm: *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* (John 4:23-24)

Just as whales learned to adapt to their ancient defense and transmit that knowledge throughout their kind, believers must learn to operate consistently in the language of their new species. Only then can they fully receive the hidden wisdom God ordained for their glory and walk in the completeness He intends. You are no longer your past; you are now a new person given unlimited potential in Him. You can have as much of God as you want, simply speak to Him in His language.

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