



SEVEN DIVINE INSIGHTS IN A SECULAR AGE

Romans 13:12

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light”.

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INTRODUCTION: Unlocking the Power of Insight in the Modern Era

Isaia 28:29

“This insight also comes from the LORD of the Heavenly Armies, who is distinguished in practical advice and magnificent in sound wisdom”.

In today's complex and rapidly evolving world, **insight** is more essential than ever. It serves as a guiding light through the noise and uncertainty of modern life, helping us discern truth, make wise decisions, and connect with deeper meaning.

Raymond Ackerman, in his thought-provoking book ¹*Hearing Grasshoppers Jump*, explores this profound theme with clarity and conviction. He emphasizes the importance of cultivating insight, not just as a mental faculty, but as a way of perceiving the world with depth and discernment.

Beyond the intellectual realm, the Bible elevates insight to a spiritual dimension. Scripture reveals that God bestows divine gifts upon His children, gifts of wisdom, understanding, and prophetic revelation. These spiritual endowments are not merely abstract concepts; they are living expressions of God's presence and guidance in our lives. From His sovereign position in the spiritual realm, God governs the universe with perfect knowledge, knowing the end from the beginning. He speaks to us daily, gently calling us to listen to the voice of the Shepherd.

This thesis seeks to explore the **foundations of divine insight** within the context of a secular age. It will examine how spiritual discernment can be nurtured, understood, and applied in a world that often overlooks the sacred. May the reflections and revelations within these pages serve as a blessing to every reader, awakening a deeper awareness of the voice that still speaks—if only we are willing to hear.

¹Raymond Ackerman, *Hearing Grasshoppers Jump: The Story of Raymond Ackerman*, published by D. Philip, First Edition, 2001.

1. GODLY VISION

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Vision is the lens that grants us the clarity and perspective to peer into the uncertainties of the future.

Without it, we drift aimlessly, lost in the present without direction or purpose.

The great Sir ²Isaac Newton once humbly remarked, *“I could see further than normal men because I stood on the shoulders of giants.”* Vision, much like Newton’s insight, enables us to build upon the foundations laid before us, allowing us to perceive possibilities that remain hidden to others. It transforms the unseen into something tangible, giving us the courage and clarity to pursue what lies beyond our immediate reach.

Vision is the dynamic force propelling us forward, guiding us toward our ultimate destination. It ignites a passionate desire to dream boldly and instills in us the confidence to trust a faithful and unfailing God. When we plant seeds of possibility, guided by divine wisdom, there is no limit to what we can achieve. With God’s insight as our compass, even the loftiest goals become attainable. But when a nation loses its vision, it is cast into a shadow, a place where hope diminishes and progress grinds to a halt. Vision is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

This is why we must return to the timeless truths found in Scripture. It is there that we rediscover clarity, direction, and purpose, not just for ourselves, but for our families, our communities, our schools, our churches, and the very soul of our nations. With God’s guidance, we can boldly navigate toward a future rich in meaning, filled with promise, and anchored in hope.

²Newton, I. (1675). *Letter to Robert Hooke*. As cited in *Standing on the shoulders of giants* Wikipedia article.

Consider this simple analogy: Imagine a race to complete a puzzle. Three individuals are given different starting points. The first receives a puzzle with no reference image. The second is handed a puzzle with missing pieces. The third is given a complete puzzle along with the full picture. Who do you think will finish first?

Surely, we would agree, the person with the complete puzzle and the clear image will win! This illustrates the power of **vision**. Without a full picture, our efforts become scattered and uncertain. But with divine vision- clear, complete, and inspired - we are equipped to fulfil our mission in life with confidence and clarity.

2. GODLY ASSIGNMENT

Isaia 6:8

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me”.

We often lose sight of the profound significance of living with a mission, whether in the spiritual realm or in our physical, everyday lives. Yet, when a person is truly driven by purpose, it is unmistakable. A man on a mission radiates clarity, determination, and unwavering focus. His goals are not just tasks, they are convictions.

Our workplaces, too, must be seen as mission fields, places where both spiritual and practical assignments unfold. They are arenas for influence, transformation, and service. In the ³BLS200 course,

³*Dennis Peacocke GoBusiness200 - Changing Man and His Institutions*

Dennis Peacocke shares a powerful illustration: some of the great cathedrals of Europe took over 500 years to complete. The visionaries who began these monumental projects planted trees, knowing that their wood would one day form the trusses of roofs they would never live to see. Their commitment was generational. Their mission was rooted in faith, foresight, and legacy.

This kind of long-term, godly thinking is essential for shaping a future that honours both divine calling and human responsibility. Our assignments are not just for today; they are seeds for tomorrow. When we embrace this perspective, we begin to build not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

3. GODLY ALIGNMENT

When God desires to bless someone, He often does so through people, divinely appointed relationships that bring encouragement, opportunity, and wisdom. Likewise, when the enemy seeks to derail a person's life, he too uses people, those who sow confusion, distraction, or division. The difference lies in our ability to **discern**. We must learn to recognize the spiritual significance of the connections we form and the tasks we pursue.

Alignment is everything. Just as Moses received a precise blueprint from God for the construction of the tabernacle, with the instruction to build it exactly as revealed, we too must ensure that our pursuits are rooted in divine instruction. What we chase after in life should reflect heaven's design, not our own ambition.

When we walk in **godly alignment**, both in our relationships and our assignments, we move with clarity and strength. It breaks us free from the "limping-mode" seasons - those frustrating, stagnant places designed to hinder our spiritual progress. Divine alignment

restores momentum, purpose, and spiritual authority, allowing us to advance with confidence toward the destiny God has prepared.

4. GODLY DIRECTION

Success is living in alignment with God's Word. When we integrate His principles into our daily decisions, whether in business or personal life, His Word becomes the yardstick by which we measure our progress and purpose. It guides our direction, shapes our values, and ultimately propels us toward the goals He has set before us.

5. GODLY TIMING

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

You can't sow watermelon seeds in the dead of winter and expect a fruitful harvest. Timing matters—and in the Kingdom of God, **divine timing is everything**. There's a season for pruning, and when that time comes, you must prune. There's a season for reaping, and when it arrives, you must be ready to gather the harvest.

Understanding and aligning with God's timing is a mark of spiritual maturity. When the season of overflow comes, it's not just a blessing, it's a divine invitation to receive more than enough. So, stay prepared, stay expectant. Just like the widow who borrowed vessels for the oil, make room for what God is about to pour out. Don't limit the flow - gather abundantly, because the supply is supernatural.

6. GODLY INSTRUMENT PANELS

In his book, gospel singer ⁴Retief Burger recounts a gripping story about a friend who found himself caught in a violent storm while flying a small aircraft. The skies were ominous—thick with dark clouds, flashing with lightning, and roaring with thunder. Gale-force winds battered the plane, causing it to shake uncontrollably as it soared over treacherous mountainous terrain. Fear gripped him. Panic began to set in. How could he possibly survive such a terrifying ordeal?

In that moment of desperation, he heard the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit: **“Trust the instruments.”** He immediately checked his altitude - he was flying high enough. He reviewed the wind speed and direction - he was still on course. Reassured, he held steady. Hours later, he landed safely at his destination, not because the storm had passed, but because he trusted the instruments.

This powerful testimony reminds us of a deeper truth: **we have access to the greatest instrument panel of all time - the Word of God.** In life’s storms, when visibility is low and fear threatens to take hold, we must rely on the divine guidance of Scripture. Trust it, lean into it, and let it steer you - because your life truly depends on it.

⁴*Gospel Sanger: Retief Burger – “In die middle van die Storm”*

7. GODLY DESTINY

Throughout the ⁵BLS200 course, we engaged in meaningful discussions around presuppositions and personal standpoints. Ideas were exchanged, perspectives broadened, and deep insights uncovered. But what is the true value of this journey, if not to advance the Kingdom of God?

It's about becoming servant leaders - equipped with godly wisdom and skills that endure beyond the temporary things of this world. Even if everything else is stripped away, the divine abilities God has entrusted to us remain. They are eternal, and they empower us to begin again.

We rise as men and women of God, ignited by His holy fire, ready to confront a secular world with courage and conviction. We are not aimless - we are destined for glory in the presence of our Creator. If God has called you, He has also appointed you. And if He has appointed you, then you must walk boldly in the heavenly mandate placed upon your life.

⁵*Dennis Peacocke GoBusiness200 - Changing Man and His Institutions*

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