

8 Fun Facts You Probably Didn't Know About Wisdom *by* Edgar Trollip

Introduction

It is truly shocking. I mean the way we have neglected her. How long does a lady need to be ignored before stepping out of the room? Not that she is impatient.

In my weekly exploration through the Torah, I decided to include a heavy dose of wisdom literature. Wisdom literature really unlocks many Torah principles. If Torah is the lock Wisdom is the key able to turn it in the appropriate manner. Wisdom books offer simple and understandable explanations that uncover the heart's intent.

To my surprise, even in the faith circles I gather in, the wisdom books are often overlooked. Believers often talk about the books of Moshe, the prophets, the Gospels and obviously everybody's favorite is Paul's letters. But for some unknown reason wisdom literature has not been given the airtime it is due. Maybe that does say something about the positioning of our hearts.

As we read through Proverbs around the dinner table and discuss it with our children, I have come to realize some interesting, somewhat unknown, facts on Wisdom. Some of the verses we deliberated around the dinner table sparked my interest. I thought maybe it will be best to excavate even further and showcase my findings. Wisdom is precious.

But whence has wisdom been discovered? and what is the place of knowledge? A mortal has not known its way, neither indeed has it been discovered among men. The depth said, It is not in me: and the sea said, It is not with me. One shall not give fine gold instead of it, neither shall silver be weighed in exchange for it. Neither shall it be compared with gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx and sapphire. Gold and crystal shall not be equalled to it, neither shall vessels of gold be its exchange. Coral and fine pearl shall not be mentioned: but do thou esteem wisdom above the most precious things. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be equalled to it; it shall not be compared with pure gold. Whence then is wisdom found? and of what kind is the

place of understanding? Job 28:12-20 (LXXE)

I told you so. The value of Wisdom, yes capital 'W', far exceeds that of obtaining all these precious stones mentioned. Now, except for the feminine Ruach aspect there are also other attributes you might have overlooked or never even considered before pertaining to Wisdom. So here we go! 8 Fun Facts You Probably Didn't Know About Wisdom:

1. Wisdom was created

To be fair, you might have known this one. Or maybe you had the most legit Sunday school teacher of all time to point this out to you. If you read carefully through the 66-book canon you might be able to fish this one out. The first text that comes to mind is Proverbs 8:

Yahuah **made** me the beginning of his ways for his works. He **established** me before time was in the beginning, before he made the earth: even before he made the depths; before the fountains of water came forth: before the mountains were settled, and before all hills, **be begets me**. Yahuah made countries and uninhabited tracks, and the highest inhabited parts of the world. When he prepared the heaven, I was present with him; and when he prepared his throne upon the winds: and when he strengthened the clouds above; and when he secured the fountains of the earth: **I was by him, suiting myself to him, I was that wherein he took delight; and daily I rejoiced in his presence continually. For he rejoiced when he had completed the world, and rejoiced among the children of men. Proverbs 8:22-31 (LXXE)**

'Made', 'established' and 'beget' all sound like terms that would make Wisdom or the Ruach subject to the Father. He is the one creating, making, begetting, establishing Wisdom. Some might argue 'begetting' is not the same as 'creating'. Either way, Abba is the Source or Originator of Wisdom. I already sense some Trinitarian nostrils flaring up from the otherwise pew warmers. Do not let the cog-dis get the best of you. Do not lose sleep over this. We can all still be friends. If you need to, take an extra helping at the Sunday buffet table or pour some *Amarula* over your ice cream or something to calm the nerves. We will get through this. There are plenty more beautiful scriptures I want to share with you, so hang it there.

Now that you are warmed up to the idea, you are in for a treat. There are two more witnesses to the fact that Yahuah created Wisdom. The first comes from an apocryphal work named Ecclesiasticus or Sirach that was included in the 1611 KJV and 1599 Geneva Bible:

Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of Elohim most high is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments. He created her, and saw her, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works.

Ecclesiasticus 1:4-5,9

'Created'. Well there you go fact checkers. Nothing new here from my perspective though. Unlike co-equal and co-substansial and *homoousios*(same substance)-thinking, Wisdom is created. She is a creation or creature. Who created her? The Father, Alahayam. It could not be any clearer.

Here is yet another witness from the Odes of Solomon. The Odes of Solomon, also known as the *Pistis Sophia* (Faith of Wisdom) is a collection of writings dating back to the first or second century. The bulk of the text conveys a post-resurrection message Yahusha relays to his followers. It is an absolutely fascinating work. For instance here is an excerpt on Wisdom: The Father of knowledge is the Word of knowledge. <mark>He who created wisdom</mark> is wiser than His works. And He who created me (Wisdom) when yet I was not, knew what I would do when I came into being. Odes of Solomon 7:7-9

The Father was there before her. He is the One that knew what or rather who Wisdom would become when she was created. Again, the Father knew the exact purpose and plans for Wisdom would do and the reason He had created her. She would be a Helper and Comforter and (obviously) grant wisdom to those that seek her. She is an integral part of the heavenly family.

> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. Ephesians 3:14-15

2. Wisdom Has Children

What would a family be without children? I will really need to do a future paper on the inheritance of the Sons of Alahayam (Elohim). As I began searching out the verses on Wisdom it became apparent that those who have Her would become sons (again) and be able to inherit. For now the teaser will have to suffice. There is something else in scripture I need to zoom in on. It is not given much airtime in the church. Blink and you'll miss it. Did you know **Wisdom has children**? Is says so right here:

I am the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope: I therefore, being eternal, am given to all my children which are named of him. Come unto me, all ye that be desirous of me, and fill yourselves with my fruits. For my memorial is sweeter than honey, and mine inheritance than the honeycomb. Ecclesiasticus 24:18-20

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children." Luke 7:34-35 (NASB1995)

As far as I know for children to be propagated there is a male and female party present, right? I am not saying this to be controversial. Remember our Adon's prayer "as it is in heaven, let it be so on the earth"

or the occult rendering of "as above so below". There has to be some correlation to mothers in heaven if that is who is bringing forth children.

If you are prepared to go a little more off-the-cuff, there is also this passage in the Gospel of Kaliedy a.k.a. The Books of the Natsarim:

The disciples said, "Master, we are grateful for what you give us. We know each of us is a part of the everlasting Ruach. We have truly found Truth and see it more clearly than others. <mark>We are children of the</mark>

Light and of the Ruach, even as we are children of the Father. None of us can ever repay you, for we have been given treasure beyond riches. Only the Heavenly Father can provide proper recompense for your labors among men." The Books of the Natsarim 3:27

So we are children of the Father and the Ruach. Again, consider that it is the feminine aspect that gives birth and can bring children into this world. However that is not what we are arguing today. I hope you can see we become her children. To be a child of Wisdom is one of the greatest gifts a follower of Yahusha could be granted. As you will shortly see, the children of Wisdom are those that build the tabernacle, make the priestly garments and sometimes even rule nations. Yahuah grants Wisdom to those that seek her.

Yahusha answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of **the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is **born of the Spirit**.

John 3:5-8 (KJV)

We need to be born of Wisdom/Spirit. I do agree that this passage is talking about the resurrection and we all will be able to enter the Kingdom once we have our resurrected bodies. However, it is not only those that are resurrected that are considered children of Wisdom or the Ruach. Consider the following passage:

But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Galatians 4:29 (KJV)

"Now" ties it down to that exact moment in time. At that moment there are those born of spirit, redeeming their sonship. The above passage is talking about Isaac and Ismael. Noel does a pretty good job

at explaining the divine conception of Isaac <u>here</u>. I will not attempt to explain that now. However, it does not take away from the fact that Isaac was **born of Ruach**. And we know the Ruach is called 'Wisdom' in many instances. Therefore Isaac was a child of Wisdom. He was not resurrected, yet. Still he is considered born of Spirit and she is Wisdom. **Isaac was a child of Wisdom**. Even though we will receive the fullness of Wisdom at the rebirth on resurrection day I do believe we can obtain Wisdom today. There are many examples in the scripture of peeps with Wisdom.

And would it surprise you to know the first mention of 'chokmah' or 'wisdom', is in fact when someone is making garments for the high priest?

And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have <mark>filled with the spirit of wisdom</mark>, that they may **make Aaron's garments** to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. **Exodus 28:3 (KJV)**

Those filled with Wisdom are making outfits for the priesthood. This reminds me of something. The Proverbs 31-woman also makes garments, doesn't she?

She makes for her husband clothes of double texture, and garments for herself of <mark>fine linen</mark> and <mark>scarlet</mark>. **Proverbs 31:22 (LXXE)**

I do admit this is highly speculation but it does make one wonder. Was she working for a priest or maybe those that were assigned to make the priestly garments or a judge of Israel.

And under the fringe of the robe below thou shalt make as it were pomegranates of a flowering pomegranate tree, of blue, and purple, and spun **scarlet**, and **fine linen** spun, under the fringe of the robe round about: golden pomegranates of the same shape, and bells round about between these.

Exodus 28:33 (LXXE)

Both fine linen and scarlet are used to make priestly garments and the tabernacle. We find the Proverbs-31 lady making clothes with both these materials. Could she be Wisdom or a child of Wisdom? Before you blurt out the answer, here is more.

It does not stop with the making of priestly garb. Bezaleel (from Judah) and Aholiah (from Dan) are assigned to complete the priestly crib, a.k.a. the tabernacle. They are considered to be filled with Wisdom.

Behold, I have called by name Beseleel the son of Urias the son of Or, of the tribe of Juda. And I have filled him with a divine spirit of wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge, to invent in every work, and to frame works, to labour in gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and works in stone, and for artificers' work in wood, to work at all works.

Exodus 31:2-5 (LXXE)

Bezaleel and Aholiah were not just your average Joe that was doing some odd jobs and minor house alterations. They were filled with Wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge to construct the wilderness tabernacle. I wonder if that is what makes it so special. Were the guys working on the Temple of Solomon also filled with Wisdom?

Nope, I couldn't find it. Seems like their craft had a missing ingredient, called Wisdom. Oh, wait. Here it is, before fact checkers get on my case. His name should ring a bell, Hiram.

And Sovereign Shelomoh sent and brought Hiram from Tsor. He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tsor, a bronze worker. And he was **filled with wisdom** and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to Sovereign Shelomoh and did all his work. **1 Kings 7:13-14 (TS2009)**

And king Solomon sent, and took Chiram out of Tyre, the son of a widow woman; and he was of the tribe of Nephthalim, and his father was a Tyrian; a worker in brass, and accomplished in art and skill and knowledge to work every work in brass: and he was brought in to king Solomon, and he wrought all the works. **1 Kings 7:13-14 (LXXE)**

I was looking in the LXX which omits 'wisdom' from the texts. Which makes its addition to the Masoretic text suspicious to say the least.

The builders of the wilderness tabernacle were filled with Wisdom, however I am not convinced the same can be said about the blokes that constructed Solomon's temple. Have you ever wondered why Freemasons are so obsessed with Solomon's temple? Freemasons revere Solomon's temple so much, not because it was necessarily inspired by the Ruach. Most probably rather because of the evil spirits and occult symbolism associated with it. I could be mistaken on this one, but I think on Zen Garcia's show he or one of his guests made the claim that Nephilim built the temple. Well, I guess therein lies my answer.

The Lodge brothers love their occult and Nephilim vibes. When you become part of the lodge you are possibly representing a Nephilim or evil ruach of Solomon's temple. And oh, yes, they dig Solomon's ring

of power that was able to control demons and all that jazz. While in actual fact the more I study those accounts the ring was just a farce so Solomon could imagine he is controlling them. In my opinion they were manipulating and controlling Solomon. Anywho, back to Wisdom.

Doesn't Wisdom also build her own house? Oh, yes! She does! Says so right here:

Wisdom has built a house for herself, and set up seven pillars. **Proverbs 9:1 LXXE**

There you have it. Just like Yahuah's tabernacle had to be built by Wisdom. Even the seven pillar-construction should point you back to the sevenfold Ruach described in Isaiah 11. I always remember it as the 7-eleven-connection. 7 spirits in Isaiah 11. Here is yet another:

A house is built by wisdom, and is set up by understanding. By discretion the chambers are filled with all precious and excellent wealth. Proverbs 24:3-4 (LXXE)

Which fits like a glove considering the men constructing the wilderness tabernacle and the priestly garments required Wisdom. She knows what she is doing. Then we have the account of King Solomon himself. Here we do see the leader of the world filled with Wisdom.

And <mark>Yahuah gave wisdom to Solomon</mark> as he promised him; and there was peace between Chiram and Solomon, and they made a covenant between them.

1 Kings 5:12 (LXXE)

I wonder how many of the current world leaders are searching for Wisdom and seeking her out? By the state of the matters it seems as though they are too busy building their own multi-million dollar underground bunkers awaiting the next worldwide catastrophe while on the other hand preparing the citizens for an I-Robot takeover to seek Wisdom.

How do you know a leader or anybody for that matter is being led by Wisdom? Well at least we do not have to go searching too far to find the answer. Romans 8 already told us.

For all who are being led by the <mark>Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim.</mark> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption** as sons by which

we cry out, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:14-15 NASB1995

Wisdom-filled persons are not slaves of fear. They walk by faith and walk in their Yah-given identity as sons. Maybe some examples would be practical. As I went on this study and wild goose (which is what Celtic believers called the Ruach) chase to find individuals filled with Wisdom in Biblical and extra-biblical texts I ended up with this list:

Adam	And Joseph taught unto those faithful to Yahuah the <mark>hidden</mark>	
	wisdom of the fathers saying: of a truth, this wisdom was given to	
	Adam , and it has come down to us by the hands of my fathers. And	
	many things did Joseph teach unto the faithful which cannot be	
	written. And, yes, it is not to be had among the wicked and	
	unbelieving. For Yahuah shall not allow his <mark>holy wisdom</mark> to be	
	defiled. And Joseph taught them all things pertaining to the priesthood	
	of the Most High.	
	Book Of The Two Pearls 14:6-8	
Noah	AND the child grew and <mark>waxed strong in wisdom</mark> (Noah)	
	and mighty in the power of the priesthood for he was initiated into the Order of	
	the Ancients in his childhood and learned the rites and ordinances and the powers	
	of the priesthood with the signs and tokens and key words wherewith he could call	
	upon the powers of heaven to combat the forces of the adversary.	
	Writings of Abraham 10:1	
	And the child (Noah) grew and waxed <mark>strong in wisdom</mark> and <mark>he was</mark>	
	initiated into the order of the ancients and learned the rites and	
	ordinances and the powers of the builders with the signs and tokens	
	and key words wherewith he could call upon the powers to combat	
	the forces of the adversary.	
	Book Of The Two Pearls 28:5	
Abraham	My kinsman Abram is a man <mark>full of wisdom</mark> and of the Spirit of our Elohim.	

Table 1: Individuals Filled With Wisdom

	Writings of Abraham 70:2	
Sarah	Truly no maiden was fairer than Sarai, the daughter of Haran, for her beauty was greater than all other women and she excelled them all. But with her beauty was great wisdom and perfect faith in Yahuah and constant service in behalf of the saints, for her hands never cease from blessing the people of Elohim. Writings of Abraham 50:9-10	
Bezaleel and Aholiah	Behold, I have called by name Beseleel the son of Urias the son of Or, of the tribe of Juda. And I have filled him with a divine spirit of wisdom , and understanding, and knowledge, to invent in every work, and to frame works, to labour in gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and works in stone, and for artificers' work in wood, to work at all works. Exodus 31:2-5 (LXXE)	
Yehoshua son of Nun	And <mark>Yehoshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom</mark> , for Mosheh had laid his hands on him. And the children of Yisra'ël listened to him, and did as הווה had commanded Mosheh. Deuteronomy 34:9 (TS2009)	
King Solomon	And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. 1 Kings 4:30 (KJV)	
Hiram	And Sovereign Shelomoh sent and brought Hiram from Tsor. He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tsor, a bronze worker. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work . So he came to Sovereign Shelomoh and did all his work. 1Kings 7:13-14 (TS2009)	
Daniel and friends	As for these four children, Elohim gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and <mark>wisdom</mark> : and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Daniel 1:17 (KJV)	

Ezra	And thou, Esdras, as the <mark>wisdom of Elohim</mark> is in thy hand, appoint scribes and judges, that they may judge for all the people beyond the river, all that <mark>know the law of Yahuah thy Elohim</mark> ; and ye shall make it known to him that knows not. Ezra 7:25 (LXXE)
Yahusha	And the Child grew and <mark>became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom</mark> . And the favour of Elohim was upon Him. Luke 2:40 (TS2009)

I am not convinced that this is a comprehensive list by any stretch of the imagination. However it does indicate how Wisdom has Her children. Whether it be the builders of the tabernacle or temple, a tailor for the priests or leaders of the people, they all required her. She has always been at work in and through the works of her children. I truly think that is what the gospel writers are getting at when Matthew writes **"Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children"** or Luke's version of **"Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."**

The deeds of Wisdom can also be described as her fruits. It is wisdom that helps us to bear the juicy fruit Yahuah expects from His beloved children. Do you remember the verse in Ecclesiasticus? Here it is again.

I am the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope: I therefore, being eternal, am given to all my children which are named of him. Come unto me, all ye that be desirous of me, and fill yourselves with my fruits.
For my memorial is sweeter than honey, and mine inheritance than the honeycomb. Ecclesiasticus 24:18-20 (KJV)

3. Wisdom has fruit

You might be thinking of Paul's letter to the Galatians and the fruits of the spirit fruit salad in Galatians 5. However, it is James who makes the Wisdom-connection. Just in case you missed it or you have been using your Bible as a doorstop here it is:

But the <mark>wisdom</mark> from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and <mark>good fruits</mark>, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And **the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace**.

James 3:17-18 (NASB)

There you have it. If you have Wisdom you should bear the fruit of Wisdom. Is it possible to have Wisdom and still not bear fruit? You betcha. Go ask Solomon. There is an active attempt by our adversary to destroy the crop yield of the Kingdom. When Abba gives us the tools to work the ground it is not to be taken for granted that we will bear fruit. We are still required to be good stewards of the ground Yahuah has given us.

Fruits are not produced without any effort. Trust me, I have a garden and sometimes it just feels like the work is never ending. Things do not magically start to happen even if you have the best equipment and intentions. Faith and works go together brother. Man was cursed to till infertile ground and by the sweat of his brow obtain bread. Last time I checked till was a verb. You need grain to make bread and that grain would only come through toil and much care for the crop. I am talking physical and spiritual here.

To fear Yahuah is fullness of <mark>wisdom</mark>, and <mark>filleth men with her fruits</mark>. Ecclesiasticus 1:16 (KJV)

That was a reference to our spiritual silos or barns if you were wondering. Bumper crop yields are expected from the Master. We can only do this when He abides in us. Remember John 15? He is the vine and we are the branches?

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who stays in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit. Because without Me you are able to do naught! John 15:5 (TS2009)

When we abide in Messiah fruit will flow from our lives just like the fountains of living water coming from our innermost parts. Have you noticed both **Wisdom and the Spirit both have fruits?** This implies they are one and the same. I think most Christians are aware that we should be bearing the fruit of the spirit. But would it surprise you to know that **the Wycliffe Bible mentions 12 fruits** of the spirit instead of the standard 9? Here is a quick comparison:

But the fruit of the Spirit is	But the fruyt of the spirit is
(1) love,	1. charite,
(2) joy,	2. ioye,
(3) peace,	3. pees,

(4) longsuffering,	4. pacience,
(5) gentleness,	5. long abidyng,
(6) goodness,	6. benygnyte,
(7) faith,	7. goodnesse,
(8) meekness,	8. myldenesse,
(9) temperance:	9. feith,
against such there is no law.	10. temperaunce,
Gal 5:22-23 (KJV)	11. contynence,
	12. chastite;
	ayen suche thingis is no lawe.
	Gal 5:22-23 (Wycliffe)

You go mr. Wycliffe you. Mmhmm... 12 fruits. Where have we seen that before? Ah, I remember:

And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:1-2 (TS2009)

There is your tie into the 12 fruits of Galatians 5. I will not attempt to debate a 12 month vs. 13 month calendar here. The point I am trying to make here is that the Ruach, a.k.a. Wisdom bears fruit.

And of Yosĕph he said, "Blessed of ההוה is his land, with the choicest from the heavens, with the dew, and the deep lying beneath, with the choice fruits of the sun, with the choice yield of the months. Deuteronomy 33:13-14 (TS2009)

That was the blessing Moshe gave to the tribe of Joseph. They should bear a choice yield of the month. Just like in the Ruach, there was an expectation for the physical ground of Joseph to yield fruits monthly. Evenmore, we are expected to bear fruit every season. The drought stricken ones as well. Because we should draw water from the rivers of life, found in His Torah.

Blessed is the man who shall not walk in the counsel of the wrong, And shall not stand in the path of sinners, And shall not sit in the seat of scoffers, but his delight is in the Torah of יהוה, and he meditates in His

Torah day and night. For he shall be as a tree planted by the rivers of water, that yields its fruit in its season, And whose leaf does not wither, and whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:1-3 (TS2009)

When we are walking in His way we are bearing the fruits of Wisdom. It appears as though Wisdom's instruction is to walk in the torah of Yahuah among others. I hope you are ready to get your hands dirty. The fruits of Wisdom do not come easy.

My son, **gather instruction** from thy youth up: so shalt thou **find wisdom** till thine old age. Come unto her as one that **ploweth and soweth**, and **wait for her good fruits**: for thou shalt not toil much in labouring about her, but thou shalt eat of **her fruits** right soon. **Ecclesiasticus 6:18-19**

This is a truly beautiful passage. Definitely one my homestead and farmer friends will enjoy. It summarizes everything we went over in this section perfectly. how the Wisdom and the Word work in tangent. You know Spirit and Truth. Not Spirit **or** Truth. We need both unlike churchianity and the denominational win-'n-spin wheel would have us believe. The Enemy likes to segregate the body parts, leaving the body powerless. In the next section we will dive deeper into the connection between Wisdom and Torah.

4. Wisdom is paired up with walking in Yahuah's ways

Talk about Spirit and Truth. Have you ever noticed how Wisdom and Yah's commandments go hand in hand? Like the prosperity gospel and Creflo Dollar are difficult to separate, so are Wisdom and His instructions in righteousness. Like the heavens and the earth, they go together. Consider the following passage:

The word of Elohim most high is the fountain of <mark>wisdom</mark>; and her ways are everlasting commandments. If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and Yahuah shall give her unto thee. For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight. Ecclesiasticus 1:5, 26-27

It is both. Wisdom and commandments. When you gain the fear of Yahuah, you want to walk in His ways. While walking in His ways there is Wisdom to be found. This creates a cycle of righteous living that manifests the fruit of the Ruach.

He that keepeth the <mark>law</mark> of Yahuah getteth the <mark>understanding</mark> thereof: and the <mark>perfection of the fear of Yahuah is wisdom</mark>. Ecclesiasticus 21:11

This verse is very similar to the previous one. Except here it point blank tells you that the starting point is the fear of Yahuah and the end destination is Wisdom. And we can keep running around the Fear of Yah and Wisdom track all day long like Ezra when we abide in His word. When we hear His words and do them.

And thou, Esdras, as <mark>the wisdom of Elohim</mark> is in thy hand, appoint scribes and judges, that they may judge for all the people beyond the river, all that <mark>know the law of Yahuah thy Elohim</mark>; and ye shall make it known to him that knows not.

Ezra 7:25 (LXXE)

When we are a people filled with the Wisdom of Alahayam (Elohim) we teach those around us the law of the Most High (El Elyon). This is an easy and clear litmus test for those who claim to be children of Wisdom. Even my bestie, Paul, has something to say on the matter:

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:6-7 (NASB1995)

There you have it. Paul said it. Walking in the flesh is when we are not subject to the law of Elohim. Walking in the spirit (wisdom) is when we walk in his instructions and subject ourselves to his law.

5. Few Find Her

The book of James makes it sound easy. You know, just ask for wisdom and it will be granted. And don't get me wrong, that is the starting point. In the words of Yahusha, 'you do not have because you do not ask' is a straightforward invitation to 'ask'. However, asking for wisdom is only the launchpad to search and seek her out. According to Ecclesiasticus there are but few that find her:



My son, gather instruction from thy youth up: so shalt thou find wisdom till thine old age. Come unto her as one that ploweth and soweth, and wait for her good fruits: for thou shalt not toil much in labouring about her, but thou shalt eat of her fruits right soon.

For wisdom is according to her name, and she is not manifest unto many.

Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel. And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her chain. **Bow down thy shoulder, and bear her**, and be not grieved with her bonds. Come unto her with thy **whole heart**, and **keep her ways with all thy power**.

Search, and seek, and she shall be made known unto thee: and when thou hast got hold of her, let her not go. For at the last thou shalt <mark>find her</mark> rest, and that shall be turned to thy joy. Then shall her fetters be a strong defence for thee, and <mark>her chains a robe of glory</mark>. Ecclesiasticus 6:18-19, 22-29

We will get into the robe of glory a bit later. Did you get the 'she is not manifest unto many' part? Again we see the imagery of a person working the ground. This is hard labour any farmer will tell you. We also see the image of an ox being yoked. Oxen don't have it easy. Wisdom has a yoke. Just like Yahusha said His yoke is easy and his burden is light. Still, we need to bear her yoke upon us. It does not come easy. However, she will come and it is worth the sweat and the submission. This act can only be done with a

100% heart commitment. As I said, not an easy feat. We always need to check our heart's intent.

Do you recall the passage in Job we read on page one of this paper? Wisdom is often considered more valuable than gold, silver or other precious stones. You would have had to dig through a lot of dirt to get to these much cherished treasures. That is the simple reason they are precious. They are hard to find and even harder to keep. I wonder if the parable of the treasure or the precious pearl are also pertaining to Wisdom. That investigation will have to wait for another day. This passage ended with *"her chains (are) a robe of glory"* and with good reason. Come, there is something else I have to show you and I think you'll enjoy.

6. Wisdom's Dress Code

I am now reminded of my wedding day. I find it really enjoyable dressing up for the occasion. But this time was different. I remember preparing for my wedding. Except for the normal wedding day butterflies, the best way I can describe that feeling is like a dream. The best dream I ever had. I was thinking to myself, *please don't wake up*, *please don't wake up*. As I was showering and suiting up it felt almost supernatural. It

felt like I was clothing myself in slow motion. I was so excited and Yahuah's unmeasurable goodness was being poured out on me and I did not want the moment to end abruptly.

Thankfully it didn't. It wasn't just a dream. I got married to Carmen on a beautiful spring day in a poplar forest next to the Vaal river. She was truly beautiful in every way. And she still is by the way. I think my wedding was a micro level or a teeny tiny shadow of what we will experience when we are clothed in glory at the resurrection.

"A man who can be trusted in small matters can also be trusted with greater things. The man whose transgressions are petty would commit much greater ones if given the opportunity, or if he had greater courage. The purpose of life is to establish a man's credentials. For if he is found unreliable in dealing with things of this world - which quickly pass on the wings of days - how can he be trusted with things of glory in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

"For glory is the garment with which each one who comes to the Kingdom of Heaven will be clothed, and each one who comes will be given attire and station according to the credentials established on Earth." The Books of the Natsarim 14:63-64

To quote Gladiator, the movie, *what we do in life echoes in eternity*. Furthermore, any lady enjoys a good dress. Or some ladies would prefer the term 'outfit'. Wisdom is no different. She has a beautiful robe. A robe of glory if you will. Not only that, She also likes to dress those that follow Her instructions, like priests. Remember how we read in Proverbs 31 how She makes fine lines garments? That got my gears turning.

For there is a golden ornament upon her (Wisdom), and her bands are **purple lace**. Thou shalt **put her on as a robe of honour**, and shalt put her about thee as a crown of joy. **Ecclesiasticus 6:30-31**

She wears purple lace in the Spirit and also clothes those that walk in Her ways in similar fashion. Literal fashion that is. You can wear wisdom bro. Let that sink in. We have often spoken of Adam and Eve wearing priestly attire. Unfortunately they were disqualified as priests due to the transgression of Abba's instructions they were stripped of the priestly robes:

And the eyes of both were enlightened, and they knew that they were naked, <mark>divested of the purple robe in which they had been created</mark>. And they saw the sight of their shame, and sewed to themselves the leaves of figs, and made to them cinctures. Genesis 3:7 (Targum Jonathan)

Wisdom is like a crown or garment. She wants to adorn her children in similar fashion. With this understanding, let's take another look at Proverbs 31:

She makes coverings for her bed; she is <mark>clothed in fine linen and purple.</mark> Proverbs 31:22 (ESV)

Both are clothed in purple, Wisdom and the Proverbs 31-woman. Again, I am thinking the Proverb 31-woman is Wisdom. Priests were clothed in purple, yet Wisdom is also clothed in purple. What are the chances that the last robe Yahusha wore before his death was a purple one? Excellent.

They put a **purple robe** on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the **purple robe** and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. **Mark 15:17, 20**

Even the heavenly priests also wear purple robes when encountering Abraham. I am not sure if the being with Abraham is YAHUAHA (Yahuah) or Michael, but here is the passage I am referring to:

And I rose up and saw him who had grasped me by the right hand and set me upon my feet, and the appearance of his body was like sapphire, and the look of his countenance like crysolite, and the hair of his head like snow, and the turban on his head like the appearance of the rainbow, and the clothing of his garments like purple, and a golden sceptre was in his right hand Apocalypse of Abraham 11:6

Just like those involved in the earthly priesthood, those in the heavenly priesthood were clothed in purple or Wisdom. You can read more on the heavenly priesthood in my paper, <u>The Priesthood Precedes Aaron</u>. For now we will continue to consider Wisdom's influence on the dress code of the priesthood.

No wonder the first mention in our 66-book canon of *chokmah*, in Hebrew, or wisdom, is here:

"And you, speak to all the wise of heart, <mark>whom I have filled with a spirit of wisdom</mark>, and <mark>they shall make the garments of Aharon</mark>, to set him apart, for him to serve as priest to Me. Exodus 28:3 (TS2009)

The first scripture that mentions *chokmah* is where the "wise of heart" and "filled with wisdom" were to make the garments of the High Priest. Wisdom literally clothes the High Priest. The outfit of the High Priestly attire seems like the runway look if Wisdom were to run a fashion show. We would all be clothed in purple garb and crowned.

Clearly from the above passages, <mark>Wisdom is associated with the color purple</mark>. We see priests and later Yahusha himself being clothed in purple. Coincidence? I think not.

"The Torah is to <mark>wear the clothes of purity</mark>, and to <mark>absorb the words of the Holy Books is to be</mark> <mark>anointed with wisdom</mark>. For the Holy Books of <mark>Wisdom are weavers preparing the garments of</mark> <mark>eternal life in glory</mark>. They are available to all and may be either accepted or ignored."

The Books of the Natsarim 16:44

You see here is where the books and the garments come together. Interesting that it states "They are available to all..."Did everybody have access to Wisdom literature in the time of Yahusha? Could be. I don't know. There is a possibility. When we walk in the instruction of Wisdom it is as if the Weaver is set in motion to weave our heavenly garments. That is the image I am obtaining from the passage. Now, I wonder if Wisdom has children and wears a garment, does Wisdom have a body?

7. Wisdom has a body

Okay, so I have heard it said from Torah groups and also the good ol' JW's that the Holy Spirit/Wisdom does not have a body and therefore is rather a force than a being. However, the Spirit/Wisdoms speaks, is grieved, comes and goes, sits and stands and a variety of other bodily functions. There are multiple problems with the force-argument. Since I am always up for a challenge, I have sought out the most difficult one to solve and that is to prove that The Spirit/Wisdom has a body. You will know that bodies can assume many different forms. That is why it is imperative to first consider what we define as a 'body'.

According to an online dictionary 'body' as a noun has multiple definitions:

- 1. an individual 3-dimensional object that has mass and that is distinguishable from other objects
- 2. the main mass of a thing
- 3. the entire structure of an organism (an animal, plant, or human being)
- 4. the body excluding the head and neck and limbs
- 5. a natural object consisting of a dead animal or person
- 6. a resonating chamber in a musical instrument
- 7. the external structure of a vehicle
- 8. a collection of particulars considered as a system

Hope I didn't lose anybody after that boring body of info. The above list is a slimmed down version from vocabulary.com. Even by the dictionary's standard a body has quite a broad sum of definitions.

Now, I do not know why a being has to have a physical body to be considered a living being. Allow me to humor those that do argue in this manner. Well, according to scripture in 1 Corinthians 15 there are only two types of bodies. There are spiritual and flesh bodies. And yes, they do have their subdivisions, for instance pertaining to flesh bodies: a camel has a hairy body while an anaconda is covered with scales. Still both are flesh bodies. Spirit bodies are no different. Consider the different



bodies of stars. Each is uniquely colorful and briljant and ever changing while moving in perfect order and synchronicity.

Why would Wisdom be any different? It does seem that Wisdom has a spiritual body, yet her attributes are unique. Just like a father, mother and son are unique. Related but different. Some would argue the below passage refers to an angel, but I would argue that this is the manifestation of Wisdom:

And Yahuah said, Look up. And when Joseph had looked up, he beheld a great multitude which had the appearance of the sons of men. And they shone like the sun. And every one of them had a golden crown on his head. And they were singing and praising Elohim around his glorious throne. And there was one in the midst of the throne which had a name written on him and his name was Eukamiel, which means wisdom of Elohim.

Book Of The Two Pearls 21:10

And every one of them had a golden crown on his head. And they were singing and praising Elohim around his glorious throne. And there was one in the midst of the throne which had a name written on him: and his name was Theosophia, which is Wisdom of Elohim. Book Of The Two Pearls 13:22

I would suggest that 'him' and 'his' probably should have been translated as 'her' and 'she'. But it does seem that she has a similar body to the angels. To be in the midst of the throne had to be some sort of high position of authority. You do not simply get to stand there for the sake of team spirit. I would argue this is Wisdom.

Even though we cannot determine if she has arms and legs and a face, she does manifest in some sort of bodily form. She has a visible manifestation. What that looks like is hard to tell. But given the fact that she has a purple dress, most probably she has arms and legs and a face and the other parts. I cannot confirm this with scripture though.

I do understand the case I am making here is paper thin. As time goes by I am sure I should be able to add more pieces to the body of evidence. Pun intended.

8. Wisdom has books

You are probably well acquainted with Her books. Well, at least some of them I should say. It is books, plural. But have you ever considered they are her books? In other words they belong to her or are ascribed to her in some sense. Evenmore they have a vital role to play in our faith journey. Consider this passage I mentioned earlier:

"The Torah is to <mark>wear the clothes of purity</mark>, and to <mark>absorb the words of the Holy Books is to be</mark> anointed with wisdom. For the Holy Books of <mark>Wisdom are weavers preparing the garments of</mark> <mark>eternal life in glory</mark>. They are available to all and may be either accepted or ignored."

The Books of the Natsarim 16:44

Wait, is this saying the Torah and Wisdom are part of our resurrection day/wedding day attire? I think it is. Even though the text in its entirety seems to pose some questionable phrases or perhaps insertions, The Books of the Natsarim (TBON) does provide some phenomenal insight. Especially when it comes to the usage of the Books of Wisdom. TBON (I am totally calling this book T-Bone from now on) is encouraging us to really delve into the books of Wisdom and obtain the riches thereof, unlike any other

book I have read before. It has a host of verses on the Books of Wisdom so it will be impossible to cover them all in this paper. I will go over a couple that stood out to me.

Yahusha said, "Do what is right and just. Study the Books of Wisdom and live according to their teachings. Exploit no one, and work for the Rule of Elohim." The Books of the Natsarim 6:26

Yes and Amen. Why was this not brought to our attention earlier? This one of the keys to labour for the Kingdom of Yah. To simply practice what is taught in the books of Wisdom. By looking at these verses it is clear that part of our faith journey should be to study the book of Wisdom. I wonder if my Bible even has all of those. More on that later.

Philip said to Yahusha, "Master, you caution us against anger, yet were you not angry when a man beat his ass with a rod?" Yahusha said, "I warn you against anger among brothers, or anger relating to yourself. There is a righteous anger which is justified. In all things there are balances and limitations, and to know these you have the **Books of Wisdom**. If a man comes against you, threatening harm, he is more dangerous if he is calm and silent than if he is unsteady with anger. The silent biting dog is more to be feared than the barking one. Therefore, is it not in your own interests that I teach you self-control?"

The Books of the Natsarim 10:24-25

There is a good kind of anger. The type Yahusha was dishing out at the temple. A whipping that would have made Indiana Jones blush. I always picture how that scene would play out in this day and age. Yahusha was probably not someone you wanted to see at the church's car boot sale or church bazaar on Saturday. Anyways, the book of Proverbs has much to say on the matter of controlling your anger and self-control. Also, notice self-control is a fruit of the Spirit/Wisdom. Yahusha taught Wisdom. No wonder Wisdom is teaching self-control.

"If a man fails to instruct his children, or permit them to grow up unruly, he is a transgressor against the Torah. And is it not obvious this affects the children? If a man chooses his wife for her beauty and charm - because she pleases him - and not for her wifely and motherly attributes, he transgresses against the Torah. Does not the effect of this fall upon his children? If a man steal, Elohim will not chastise the children. But if that man be caught and crucified, his wife sold into bondage, will not his children suffer?" "The Torah of Yahuah, as given in the Books of Wisdom, is unlike the laws of men. A man is responsible not only for what he does, but for what he fails to do. And though he spends his whole life in prayer, at places of righteousness, but overlooks his obligations under the greater Torah, he is not free of transgression." "The deeds of men are like pebbles thrown into a pool, sending out ever widening ripples; and I assure you that all harm done by the ripples shall be accounted against he who caused them, no matter how far distant it occurs."

The Books of the Natsarim 12:17-19

There is so much to say in this passage I could probably keep you busy for another hour. It is not only our transgression but also our omission of not doing the right thing as defined by Torah that have an effect. James is 100% down with this. Look what he has to say:

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17 (NASB)

Jip. Not only is transgressing the Torah a sin, but in fact when you know the instruction and refrain from doing it, James says you are still violating the Torah. For those still looking for ground zero in walking in Torah, Torah simply means instructions. Do not get confused. Yahusha even used it in that manner. For instance here Yahusha quotes Psalms but refers to it as 'Torah'.

But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written <mark>in their Law</mark>, 'They hated Me without a cause.' John 15:25 (NASB)

That phrase 'they hated Me without a cause,' does not come from what modern scholars would term the 'Torah' or pentateuch. But rather it is word for word Psalm 35:19 and Psalm 69:4. Yahusha evidently had a much broader understanding of 'law' or 'torah' that was not restricted to the books of Moses. I hope you are with me. In other words, even instructions given in Psalms and Proverbs are still to be considered Torah in my opinion.

Back to the T-Bone (Books of the Natsarim) passage, we see that neglecting to teach our children the Torah is a transgression. It is talking about what is traditionally known as the Shema, found in Deuteronomy 6. Cleary we as parents are to teach our children Yah's commands:

And these words, all that I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart and in thy soul. And thou shalt <mark>teach them to thy children</mark>, and thou shalt speak of them sitting in the house, and walking by the way, and lying down, and rising up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (LXX)

That last part "The deeds of men are like pebbles thrown into a pool, sending out ever widening ripples; and I assure you that all harm done by the ripples shall be accounted against he who caused them, no matter how far distant it occurs." made me think of the famous quote in the Gladiator movie, again.

What we do in life echoes in eternity. Maximus, Gladiator

And it does. Everything is connected. The seemingly insignificant ways we spend our spare time now will have an effect on your children and even their children's children. Just watch the *Back to the Future* movies again. It is a great example of how, what we deem to be, an insignificant decision now can create massive ripple-effects over 50 or 100 years.

"I shall prepare a place for you in the Kingdom of Yahuah and wait there to welcome you. Where I will be, you shall be also; and where you are, there too I will be. You know the way to where I am going and can follow, for the Torah and the Books of Wisdom are the Way, the Truth and the Light. I have brought you a light to show the way; follow it and you will not go astray." The Books of the Natsarim 19:30

Your John 14-detectors should be going off right now, where Yahusha says:

Yahusha saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6 (KJV)

Is Yahusha saying he is the Torah and the Books of Wisdom? As far as I could research, the book of Wisdom most likely in question is in fact the Wisdom of Solomon or *Sophia Solomon*. You can also argue it might be the Book of Wisdom included in the Kolbrin. However the bulk of evidence for me point the established canon of Yahusha's day.

The Book of Wisdom (also known as the Wisdom of Solomon or simply Wisdom) is one of the Deuterocanonical books of the Bible. It is one of the seven sapiential books of the Septuagint Old Testament, which includes Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Song of Songs), and Ecclesiasticus (Sirach). Yes, seven books if you were auditing. There is your number seven again. I am not sure if I would have included Job in this list. But then again where does Job fit in better? According to Saint Melito, the bishop of Sardis, even during the second century A.D. The Book of Wisdom was considered canonical by Jews and Christians. The christians have always considered the full tally of 7. Until recent times. Unfortunately the controllers, to the the relief of pew-warming christians, have decided to print Bibles with only 5 of the 7 Wisdom books. This is how we have neglected her. Chucking even the very book that bears her name to the curb. Not cool brethren, not cool at all.

Conclusion

Has there ever been such an age of confusion? Despite all the freely available (mis)information. Then again this stormy sea of info is drowning us. To find truthful and useful info requires just as much work than ever. Her gold lies at the bottom of the rubble. Unfortunately for us the gunk has been stacking up layers upon layers through the information age and the internet. The communist type censorship is also not helping. They can give you tons and tons of useless and profane information. No problem. The type that demoralizes and causes societies to decay. That you can get with a single click. But Wisdom does not come cheap. A good start would be getting to know the son of Wisdom, Messiah:

For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for <mark>wisdom</mark>; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of Elohim and the <mark>wisdom of Elohim</mark>.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 NASB1995

Wisdom needs to be sought out now, more than ever before. She is available. However, she knows when we are earnestly seeking her or when we are just using her as a tick box exercise. There is a difference you know? I sincerely hope I do.