



Love of Conscience

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PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION of INTELLECTUAL ENERGY

OUR INTELLECTUAL NATURE

PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION: The basic job of the intellect is to think about the knowledge that we have gained from our experiences. Intellectual energy is the *thought* aspect of thought, word, deed, and consequence that make up any action. It is responsible for our thinking aspect.

RULE: People who identify with intellectual energy investigate and study more thoroughly. They research any subject that interests them. Intellectual-energy types focus on acquiring knowledge and thinking before taking action.

Example: Indir Intellectual wants to fly fish. He goes to fly fishing class to study the techniques. He also goes to the library and gathers 3 or 4 books on making flies for fishing. He then takes a fly making class. He eventually goes to a stream to fly fish but probably knows more facts about fly-fishing than those he is with. When he provides them with information the intellectual ego is satisfied.

RULE: They learn primarily through reading, studying and observing rather than through personal experience. Please don't confuse intellectual energy as defined here with intelligence. All energies are able to learn academically.

Example: Ingrid Intellectual is studying psychology. She knows the history of psychology and the different theories and terms and will easily communicate these facts. She does not care to speak about her own childhood and how it has affected her life.

Example: Irma Intellectual and Effie Emotional are sitting on a train. There is a package on the floor blocking the aisle. Another passenger enters the train with a large parcel, unable to see the floor. Effie Emotional moves quickly to remove the package or to warn the newcomer. Irma sits in her seat absorbed in thought, not even observing what is happening around her. Even if she sees the situation, she hesitates, thinking about what to do.

RULE: They need to study or learn about a subject before they feel confident enough to work on it.



Example: Ella Emotional notices that a cabinet door is loose and asks her husband, Irving Intellectual, to fix it today. He looks at it and examines the tools in the garage, but cannot figure out what to do. There is no manual to explain how it works so he becomes frustrated. He leaves Ella a note saying that he cannot repair the cabinet. Ella Emotional comes home later and reads his note. She doesn't quite know what to do, but decides to try a few things. She brings in the tools and manages to fix the cabinet.

RULE: We gain knowledge by asking questions. Intellectual-energy types are good at asking questions.

Example: Isaac Intellectual energy is going to write six essays on Jesus. He is creating these six essays around Jesus' statement, "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free." The first six essays are entitled:

What is "the Truth"?

Why aren't we already fully conscious of the Truth?

What does it take for us to know the Truth?

How does Divine Love give us a direct knowing of the Truth?

What is the bondage from which the Truth will set us free?

What does the Truth tell us about our human nature?

RULE: Intellectual types procrastinate because they are never sure of having complete knowledge. If they need to make a decision they think of so many "what ifs".

Example: Iris Intellect plans to buy a house. She thinks, "If I purchase a house in this area, it has the advantage of good shopping facilities nearby, and it is close to the expressway and it will be easier to get to work. But the expressway is too noisy. If I want quiet, then I will have to move further away, which means it will take much longer for me to travel to work. If we move further away from the freeway, the property is cheaper. There are fewer neighbors there—I like that, but it means the children won't have playmates in the neighborhood so more children will have to come over and play. This means more noise and more driving. If we live in a subdivision of homes, there is less privacy. We would have many neighbors and I would rather stay more to myself. If I don't live in a subdivision, then I will most likely have more property, which means I will have to do more work to maintain it and I'll have less time for what I enjoy doing."

RULE: Intellectual-energy types communicate directly on factual issues, especially when someone asks them a question. They avoid communicating personal opinions, thoughts or feelings. They will avoid answering by remaining silent or changing the subject. They do not like confrontation.

Example: Igmar Intellectual is upset with his secretary. He walks into the office without greeting her. There is no communication till late in the afternoon, when he is forced to give her some instructions. She is not sure if he is mad at her or just very busy. In truth, he is quite angry.

Example: Iris Intellectual's friend says, "I have a problem with my sister. She is not helping my mother. What can I do?" Iris replies, "What do you think is a loving way to get your sister to help her?"