

Intellectual Humility 2

“What a paradox!” says Evelyn Underhill.

The intellectuals “from the East”, rich in education and worldly wealth, knelt down before a baby born to a poverty-stricken family in most unfortunate circumstances.

“There they laid down their intellectual treasures -- all pure gold to them -- and, better than that, offered the spirit of admiration.”

What these bright and wealthy men offered was the incense of giving up their will to God. They knelt, bowing their intellects as well as their knees.

It is far easier to offer money or surface-only religious observance. But it requires far greater resolve, and is of vastly greater worth to Christ, when I humbly offer Him my whole self, including my intellect and my will.



Coffee/tea thought: When I bow before Christ, can I bow my intellect and my will, as well as my body?

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Ref: *Evelyn Underhill, LIGHT OF CHRIST* (1945). Retreat thoughts given at Pleshey House, England

因知识而有的谦卑2

“这真的很矛盾！”安德希尔说。

东方来的博士，学富五车，拜倒在一个贫穷家庭出生的婴孩面前。

“在那里，他们放下他们的学识——精炼的金子——并且，献上敬拜。”

这些智慧且富有的人献上的是向神降服自己意志的馨香的祭。他们弯下膝盖时也伏下自己的智慧。

献上金钱或一些表面的宗教行为相当地容易。但向基督献上自己的全人，包括自己的知识和意志，需要多得多的决心，也是在他那里更有价值的摆上。

随想：我俯伏在基督面前时，是否也将自己的知识和意志俯伏在他面前？

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