

Loving God With Mind and Heart - Alcuin 2

Twelve-hundred years ago, Anglo-Saxon scholar Alcuin expressed these deep thoughts and feelings to God:

"O Lord, King of heaven and earth, I will honor You with the sacrifice of praise. I have few outward gifts to give You, but I offer to You those that are within as an offering of praise." -- Alcuin (adapted)

Alcuin realized that "outward gifts" were of far less importance to God than those offered from "within," from his own will and choosing.



Coffee/tea thought: Let's join Alcuin, one of the most accomplished scholars in history, in offering to God heartfelt praise from our inner being, our heart and mind.

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Ref: A Mind Intent on God -- The Prayers and Spiritual Writings of Alcuin, by Douglas Dales (2003)

盡心盡意愛神：阿爾昆(2)

一千兩百年前，盎格魯撒克遜學者阿爾昆表達了對上帝諸般的深思和感受：

“主啊，天地萬物之王，我要以讚美為獻祭來榮耀你。我毫無身外之物可獻給你，但願發自內心獻上我對你由衷的讚美。” -- 阿爾昆（摘錄）

阿爾昆深知“外在的禮物”對於上帝的重要性遠遠低於那“發自內心”，從自己的心思意念選擇獻上的禮物。



*隨想：*讓我們隨同史上最有意義的學者之一，阿爾昆，全心全意向上帝表達我們由衷的讚美。

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參考：向神的心意 -- 阿爾昆的祈禱和屬靈著作，道格拉斯·戴爾斯著（2003）