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Salumet leads this teaching with the question as to what is wisdom? He starts by asking members of the group for their opinions before a follow up discussion. It soon becomes apparent that the subject of wisdom is not easy to understand and that as humans, the best we can really hope for is to ask for guidance. We are nowhere near a state of true wisdom. For starters, we have to eliminate all extraneous thoughts, emotions and human compulsions, before we can even begin to consider wisdom. However, an important step on this road is to know ourselves. Salumet explains. (23/2/98)

I would like this time, to talk with you, about a much-used word in your world, ‘wisdom.’ If you are willing, let us have some debate upon this topic.

Les: That would be very interesting, because I think *wisdom* and *knowledge* are often confused and it has for many, many years, been part of my prayer, to ask for the *wisdom* to use properly, the *knowledge* of which I am given.

Yes, it would suffice I think, if we could have individual views, on what you think is *wisdom*.

Les: Yes, shall we start with you Margaret?

Margaret: knowledge of *life*, isn't it? What you've learned through life, then it becomes wisdom.

Les: You think its knowledge?

Margaret: Well, to have wisdom, you have to have knowledge, don't you?

We will hear all your points and then I will speak at the end.

Les: Thank you, George?

George: I would say wisdom is the proper use and application of knowledge; it would also come into the further seeking for knowledge and the use of knowledge to the common good.

Mark: I would say that it's the appropriate use of knowledge, the right use at the right time. It's a bit like when we were talking about truth. When we were talking about truth, truth was relative very much to the time and the meaning of the person, but I think wisdom has a more concreteness about it, but it must also be relative as well, I would have thought. But I don't know, it's slightly different from truth, it's more to do with the application —

Les: Right, if we could stop there please. Sarah?

Sarah: I have a feeling that wisdom is something — an inner help you get with wisdom. Knowledge is something you've *learned* and wisdom is something that comes from *within* you. You don't know why you do certain things, but you do them. It's — how can I say it, it's

not spiritual, but it's something you're helped with from inside, rather than something that you just know.

Sallie: I think the ultimate wisdom, is a form of understanding.

Jack: Wisdom, yes — the way that you use your knowledge I would say and what you gain in experience. I would define it as the way experience has taught you the way you should behave, and I think wisdom is actually applying that.

Dawn: I think wisdom comes through experience and also due to a certain amount of intuition.

Les: Right, and I think wisdom is mainly the ability to know when we are not as wise as we think we are. That I think would sum it up, because we can never require sufficient wisdom, to be cognisant of the requirements of everybody else around us, and that I think is what we must all strive to do.

Yes, my dear friends, your answers are the usual amongst human beings. You are unclear mostly, about the use of the word; it is not a word easily defined. Your understanding, your knowledge, belongs to the *physical*. Let me say this to you about wisdom: You are human; wisdom my dear friends, can never be achieved, whilst you are on this Earth. Your explanation of wisdom is mainly a physical one, combined with the word understanding, the gaining of knowledge and so forth. I would say to you my dear friends, wisdom whilst you live in these bodies, has to be the elimination of all extraneous thoughts, emotions and human compulsions, before you can even begin to consider wisdom. The young lady was partly correct in her saying, when she said she does not know where the understanding comes from. It is an innate emotion within you all; the spiritual aspect of oneself. I do approve of your human word, '*oneself*,' because in this existence, that is all that you are.

Wisdom therefore my dear friends, is a gathering of spiritual knowledge of each *self*, which is gathered together, to be taken forth, with *love*. Wisdom is a fragile gift; wisdom is the inner knowing of life itself, for surely does not the sunshine follow the clouds? Is that not wisdom? Is the doing of an act, which you would not truly do for yourself, but for another, is not that wisdom?

Les: Yes, I suppose it would be.

Do you see what I am striving towards? Wisdom is not emotion, wisdom is not a gathering of knowledge, wisdom is something each one of us continues to seek and which we can never attain, because always there is more to know, because your consciousness is ever-expanding. Do you not see, that in seeking wisdom that is what you are searching for? Can you begin to follow me, dear friends? (*General agreement*)

Les: Yes, I think we do, so to clarify a little for us, we have to look upon with a different meaning, don't we? (**Yes.**) We have to recognise that wisdom is the need to try always, to attain the spiritual, (**Yes.**) rather than concentrate on the physical attributes?

Yes, you seek and ask for wisdom, when what you mean, is to be given human understanding of all of human life. Do you see the difference? (*Yes.*) There is a difference. You were correct, when first you spoke about the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Wisdom dear friends, comes only, and I say this with love and sincerity to all those I have communion with, wisdom comes only to those higher beings, who have attained such position in spiritual knowledge and love, that they have grown so, in their own consciousness, to become part of the whole. Only then, does wisdom begin to show itself, can you understand? (*General agreement*)

Les: Yes, we can; so, we have a very long journey before us, before we can fully appreciate what wisdom is?

I would rather dear friends, in your prayers and your thoughts, not to ask for wisdom, because wisdom belongs to you naturally, it *will* come when you are ready for it. Do not seek it whilst you tread this planet; rather ask that you be shown *truth* — and *knowledge* if you must. Ask that you be guided, that you have the ability to eliminate all that *stuff* that is unnecessary to you. Only then will you have clear-seeing, only then will the understanding come to you, that *life* on this planet is hard work and only then will that love within you, come forward to encompass you and to lift you into that *Great Cosmic-Consciousness*, to which we all belong.

Les: Yes, Jesus had the same thought in mind, I imagine, when he said, ‘*What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?*’

That is one expression, yes. You must be your own overseer of the soul. After all, you have the responsibility to care for, to nurture and to allow that soul *structure* in its lifetime. You must allow the soul to grow and again dear friends, I speak not only in physical terms; you must have balance in your lives, of course you must, how else could you survive? But what I say to you is this: Leave wisdom to those who have attained some degree of it and who will help you, when the time is right. Ask dear friends only, that you can extend your love to all of mankind, to all of humanity and to genuinely give of yourself. What point is there, of asking for understanding, if you do not make use of it properly? Are you not being hypocritical in your daily lives, if you ask for something and then deny the knowledge that you are given?

Les: Yes, it would be hypocrisy. You’ve set us another big task.

I would say this to you, my dear friends and I will use this word wisdom only once in connection with your physical being: **True wisdom, is eradication of all that is unnecessary for the soul’s growth. But the true wisdom is in knowing oneself. There lies the seed of wisdom.**

Les: Yes, I can understand. I think everybody else is clear on that, is everybody? (*General agreement*) Are you sure, because I’m sure Salumet will take a question if you have it? **Yes, I would rather we discussed it fully this time, because I do feel it is a step that each one of you must make, a step-in understanding.**

Sallie: I’ve got one question please. (**Yes.**) I didn’t quite catch what you said, maybe that’s why I’m confused, but you said something about asking for understanding, being hypocritical and I didn’t quite understand what you meant?

No, in asking for understanding and not putting it to its correct *use*, would be hypocritical — better that the words were never spoken, do you understand? (*Pause*) No, she is confused.

Sallie: I’m still confused, yes.

Each one of you, at some time or another, seeks knowledge and understanding in your daily lives, do you not? (*General agreement*) When the understanding is given to you, it matters not about what, how often does that understanding be thrown by the wayside?

Les: Because it would conflict with our physical desires?

Yes, that is where I say, you would be better not to ask, it would be better to be ignorant of the knowledge. If it is given to you, it is up to *you* of course, because of your free will, but ultimately it is your choice, whether or not to use the knowledge given to you.

Les: Yes, because if we ask for it, we are implicitly accepting the responsibility, for using the understanding that we are asking for. **(Yes.)** And if we don't use it and accept that responsibility, then I quite see what you mean, it is hypocrisy.

Of course, I use the word in your physical language, for understanding only, but I say to you — and again I return to my favourite word, 'THOUGHT,' and how important that is to each one of you. That is why I say, wisdom is the elimination of all extraneous emotions. Why do you seek, if you do not use? Do you follow me?

Les: Yes, I do, are you clear Sallie?

No, she is not.

Sallie: I understand what you've explained, **(Yes.)** I understand the words that you're using, but there's something that doesn't sit right with me about what you're saying, but I don't quite understand what it is.

Yes, you feel that you have the right to ask, of course you do. But what is the purpose of asking, if you do not follow through with the knowledge that you are given?

Sallie: I understand what you mean, but there's also the feeling that unless I ask, I don't even have the opportunity, to perhaps work with that understanding. Perhaps I'm putting myself at risk, because I could be given the understanding and not use it, but there's a possibility that I could use it.

Of course, and that is where your free will comes into play. But what I would like you to know and to understand, is that if you are to grow spiritually, you must have full control of your thoughts. (Pause)_She does not understand and is not ready for this information. We will leave it with you, and I will try to help, to make it more clear to you, in your sleep state.

Sallie: Thank you.

Les: If I might say Sallie, I believe what Salumet is trying to get through to all of us, is that having asked for understanding, we must not even *think* of doing something which would effect that understand, or deny it, which is often our physical habit; we want to do the spiritual thing, but our physical inclination, **(Yes.)** makes us not do it. We mustn't even *think* of exercising that physical inclination.

You must, if you are to become *aware* spiritually, you must have *command* of the *physical thinking*, you must have *command* of the whole *physical being*. After all, I am sure you are aware in your world, of many you call masters — are they not concentrated beings of thought? You would not find in any one of them, extraneous emotional thought that is not useful to mankind. That is why they have grown so spiritually, it is the control of the emotion, control of the thought, control of understanding and the need to give love to all, without thanks.

Les: So basically, we have to guard our thoughts Sallie — all of us; that would seem to be the answer.

Sallie: There's something I'm missing in this conversation and as Salumet says, maybe I'm on the wrong track, so maybe I'll take it away and sleep on it, yeah.

Yes, clear your mind my dear friend, her understanding at this time, is not ready. After all, did I not tell you when first I came, that we would have many difficult conversations, that you could not all, in your own developmental stages, fully understand?

Les: Yes, you did that.

So, do not feel my dear friend that you are lacking because you do not fully understand. Be assured that it will come to you, when you have fully opened to it.

Sallie: Thank you.

Les: Any other questions? I think Salumet's covered it pretty fully, in what he's told Sallie. **It is a difficult topic, because most people think of wisdom as a physical attribute, something tangible that can be touched and felt and seen in others. I am here to tell you dear friends, it cannot be so simple.**

Les: So, to sum up then, wisdom is a spiritual asset, which we have not yet attained, not even really thought about properly.

I would say that after all, *one self* in one lifetime, how much wisdom could you attain, in all of eternity?

Les: No, you're quite right. Again, we're thinking in physical terms of one life, aren't we? **Yes, that is why it pleases me to hear your term '*one self*,' after all *one self*, in one lifetime, is but an iota of the whole.**

Les: Yes, well that certainly does make it clearer, that we have to recognise that we must not regard this one life, as the only method of learning.

It is not the ultimate, of course it is not. Your understanding is such now that you know or should understand that the knowledge gained in one lifetime, is *nothing, nothing* to what can be *achieved*.

Les: That makes it clearer for us all certainly, doesn't it? (*General agreement*) I'm guilty as well as the rest of you — you're not getting out of it any of you — (*chuckles*) I was just as bad, only thinking of the one lifetime, which is the crux of the matter, I think.

That is what you must all dwell upon, that you have come together this time, as like-minded people, but secure in the knowledge, that at least in this lifetime, you have had the chance and the opportunity to grow spiritually and that your lives have taken the correct pathways, to love and to light. Enlightenment in this lifetime, has been much for some of you, and for the others who are new onto their own pathway, there is a long way to go, but nevertheless, you have accepted, and you have all dear friends, stepped into the light of knowledge. I thank you this time, for listening to me with love and with patience. I can feel the confusion within some minds, but I say to you, everything can be achieved, if you will open yourselves to those who come to you, to help you and uplift you, to bring you awareness, to bring you the help that is needed when it is needed. If you will but open up your hearts to them, you would be surprised how much less difficult, life could be for you. Come to know yourselves, and you have the beginning of much growth.

Les: Thank you very, very much. (*General agreement*)

I do hope I have not tired your thinking? (*Enthusiastic thanks/gratitude expressed*)

Les: You've given us a big '*jerk up*,' in our expression — we're thinking like mad at the moment.

I feel it, I feel it.

Les: It's a wonderful avenue you've opened.

I am always warmed by the affection and the openness of your hearts. It gives me joy to know that at least the physical brain is kept alive; that many thoughts are pondered, and I ask that you use those thoughts wisely, wisely, wisely (*Voice gently fades*)

Les: We're very, very grateful for what you've told us tonight, it does for me open up a completely new wide avenue of thought and I'm sure it must do for my colleagues here too, (*General agreement*) because we do tend to think only of this one lifetime and that we must not do.

I hope that in this lifetime that this lifetime will be one, which you can reflect upon, as being one lifetime of greater understanding.

Les: Yes, I think we shall be able to say that, thanks to your being with us.

As you all reconnect to that centre of love and energy to which you belong, I know that each one of you, will find that this lifetime has brought you closer to the unity of perfection, to which we all seek.