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The study of the **nature of man** in 2017 was to understand the **power of the will**.

We saw that the will or the higher powers are designed that we can **overcome our emotions**.

The Bible talks about the **mind** and the **heart**. The **emotions** are connected to the **heart**.

The Jews believed that the feelings are in the kidneys, not in the heart.

Why?

Because the hormones like adrenaline, cortisol and also sexual hormones are produced in the kidneys. And these are connected to the emotions.

EGW says the emotions are not in the kidneys but in the heart.

We have to understand that God took his mind and created a duplicate of his mind in us.

God's mind is a counterpart of our mind. It's **not so much about the body, but more about the mind**.

His mind is revealed in our creation and in our redemption.

His glory is his character which is his thoughts and feelings and these are part of the mind. He created a copy of his mind that means it's all about our **character**, our **thoughts** and **feelings** - and not about our body.

The SDA's fell in a ditch. Between 1863 and 1888 their focus was on the keeping of the commandments especially the Sabbath: Work based religion.

Jones and Waggoner corrected that: You can't save yourself with your works. It's all about God.

Catholic church: Works - Human

Luther: Faith - God

EGW says it should be both, faith and works. Both have to be balanced.

You cannot only focus about God (faith), but you have to focus on humans (works) and God (faith).

We can't see God's mind, so we have to see the human mind. The ultimate human to look at is Jesus.

Jesus symbolize every form of relationship when we take the whole bible as parable, not only look at the four gospels. You can find Jesus in every story of the Bible.

God's mind is revealed in all the stories of redemption in the Bible, through how human beings relate to one another.

The human mind knows how to redeem someone.

The human being has all emotions that Jesus has from birth on. You are created with God's mind.

You are like God. Nothing new needs to be created in you. What needs to happen in order to turn from a sinner to a saint?

You must change the purpose of the things you are doing: For self gratification or for helping people?

Self service or service of others. That is what salvation look like.

God is limited in his ability to help us. We already have the ability for everything we are expected to do: serving human beings and learning from them. We have to do it, God doesn't do it for us.

Stop sinning means: start serving others and not yourself.

Treat one another unconditionally with respect and love. This goes through every level in the society.