

230 Standing in Awe of Creation and the Creator

In this quote from L102 (P56¶51- P59 ¶52) *The Seven Cardinal Sins*, the Guide explains how standing in awe of Creation and the Creator does not make us small, but rather it honors the Creator all the more as we become fully aware of all that we are created to be and become.

51	<p><i>QUESTION:</i> <i>I wanted to ask about the fear of the Lord.</i></p> <p><i>In the Bible it is said that</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."</i></p> <p><i>Have we properly understood the fear?</i></p> <p><i>Have we evolved beyond this?</i></p>
52	<p><i>ANSWER:</i> <i>This question has been discussed before.</i></p> <p><i>It is a question of</i> • <i>semantics</i> <i>and of</i> • <i>wrong translation.</i></p> <p><i>The word</i> <i>"fear"</i> <i>is extremely</i> • <i>misleading</i> <i>and</i> • <i>damaging.</i></p> <p><i>The original meaning is</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"respect"</i> <i>or</i> <i>"awe"</i> <i>before the greatness of the Creator.</i></p> <p><i>God's infinite greatness is such that no human being can even remotely understand it.</i></p>

As you grow into

- *emotional*
 - and
 - *spiritual*
- maturity,*

you realize
your own limitation
in understanding
the greatness of

- *Creation*

and of

- *the Creator.*

That is the

- *awe or*
- *respect*

that comes out of wisdom.

The wisdom [i.e., The WISDOM that leads you to stand in AWE and RESPECT for the GREATNESS of Creation and the Creator],

however,
lies
not in the
unhealthy attitude
of

- *making yourself a small "sinner,"*

of

- *flagellating yourself,*

or

- *diminishing your own value.*

In so doing [i.e., In holding the unhealthy attitude of making yourself small, a "sinner," of flagellating yourself, or of diminishing your own value]
you would
diminish
the value of
the Creator.

Only

- *the very immature,*
- *the spiritual infant,*
will abuse himself,

not

**knowing that
it cannot possibly grasp
the universal mind:**

God.

**Knowing that [i.e., KNOWING that one CANNOT POSSIBLY grasp
the UNIVERSAL MIND: GOD]**

**is
wisdom.**

**As you grow,
sometimes,**

**perhaps in a few short moments in a lifetime,
you will sense**

**your inability
to comprehend
Him.**

In the moment

you become aware of

**this incapacity [i.e., In the moment you become AWARE of
this INCAPACITY to COMPREHEND GOD],**

**you are already
much greater
than you were**

**when you ignored it [i.e., much greater than you were when you
IGNORED this INCAPACITY to COMPREHEND GOD].**