

Pathwork on  
**Following Truth, not Charisma**

From Pathwork Lecture 30 Self-Will, Pride and Fear

29	QUESTION: In what form do spirits who are still undeveloped see higher spirits?
30	ANSWER: When undeveloped spirits come into contact with higher spirits, they do not see them as angels or light creatures. That would be much too easy. Again the same law holds true here. If higher spirits go into lower spheres, which they do at certain intervals regularly and according to plan, they change their fluids and the light does not show. For it would be much too easy for these creatures to accept God's word because an obvious angel has spoken it. How many of you, for instance, say "If I could see God, or if I could see an angel, I would believe." But you do not listen to the words I speak. It is the same with these spirits. There is not an iota of difference. They have to learn, just as you have to learn and to distinguish between right and wrong, between truth and untruth by truth's own merit and not because the person seems to be an authority and therefore easy to believe. How many people accept something said by a respected authority and yet reject the very same words if spoken by someone whom they look down on! That does not mean they are developed. Development means independence, the ability to select truth from untruth. Therefore the spirits in the lower spheres do not see the angels as they really are. Higher spirits appear to them just like one of their own kind and they speak to them in that way. It is then left up to the spirits themselves to decide whether they want to believe what is communicated to them or not. They must accept what they hear for its own value, and therefore it is good that they believe these ideas come to them from someone on their own level.
31	<p>The same holds true for humanity; many spirits, in varying degrees of development, are incarnated on this earth; yet human shape or outer appearance does not give an indication of the entity's development. This is the only possible way for you to become truly free and independent. However, there are certain exceptions in this respect too. Not that there is ever an exception to the law of the necessity of independent selection and recognition, but at certain times light penetrates to some degree into the world of darkness. Then the angels of God show themselves. There are good reasons for that too, but it does not happen for the purpose of teaching the truth to creatures in the lower spheres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be blessed.</p>