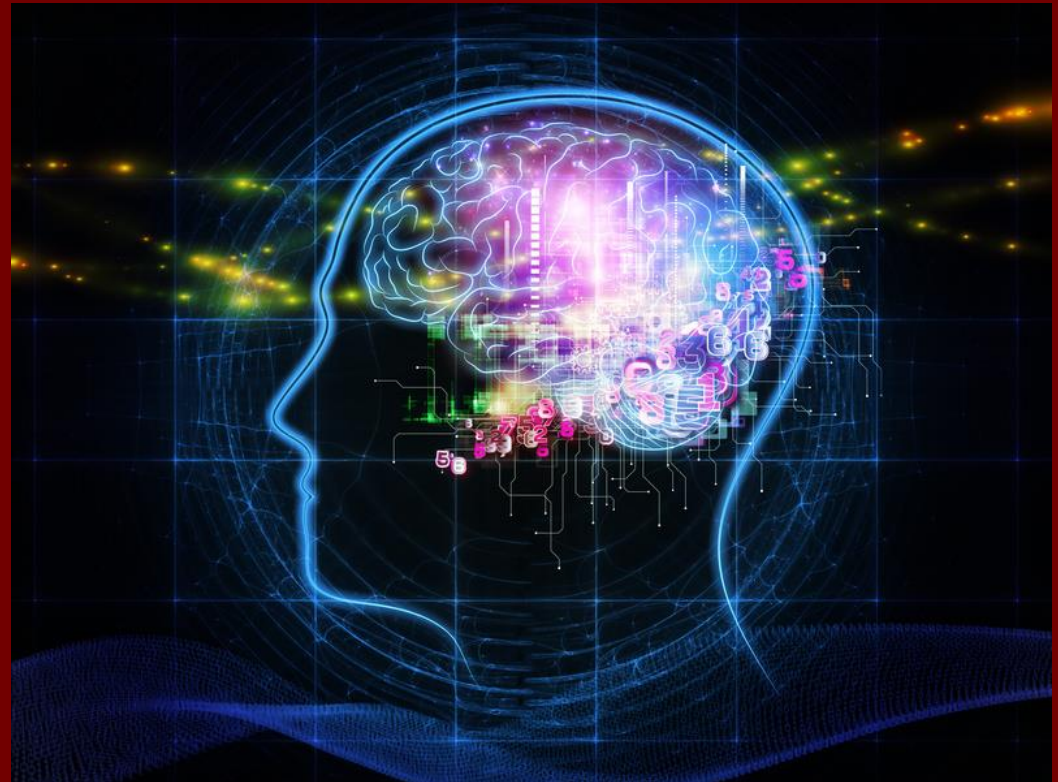


Message

Our Judgment

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Our Judgment

■ Definition of Judgment

- A legal decision, order, decree or sentence given by a judge or law court.

■ Biblical and Practical Applications to Our Conduct

- The ability to come to appropriate opinions about things.
- Power of comparing and deciding.
- Synonyms include: Discernment or “good sense”.

Our Judgment

■ **Matthew 13:10-17**

- **"It has been given to you" is a major concept.**
- ❖ **The truth is not something that they discovered.**
- ❖ **It was something that God took the initiative and gave them, even as He has given us the same thing.**
- ❖ **He did not have to; He was not forced to. But out of His mercy and His desire to see us share life with Him in the Kingdom of God, He gave it, the ability to comprehend the mystery.**

Our Judgment

■ I Corinthians 2:6-16

- In English, *mystery* means "a puzzle that is difficult to solve," but in Greek, it means "a secret that is impossible to penetrate."
- So, the Word of God, His purpose and plan, is a mystery, a secret that is impossible to penetrate.
- Paul is implying that man would never find out what God intends, unless God gives it to us by revelation.

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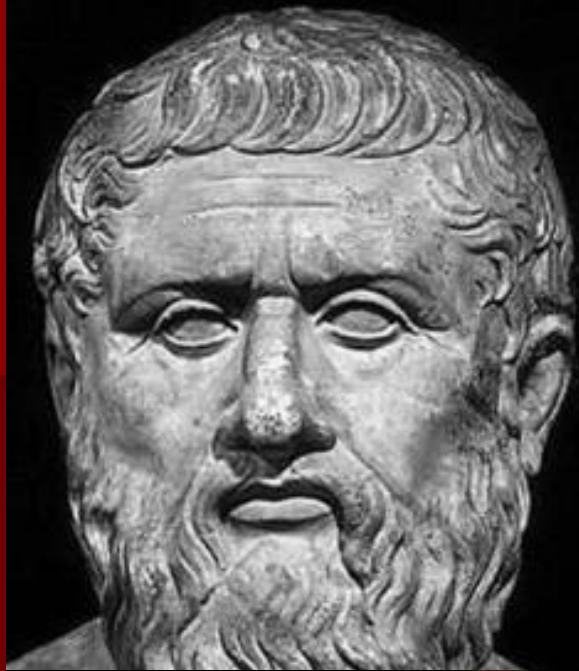
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Decoding The Energy Enigma

- **An intensive research process uncovered two key drivers.**
 - **First, global energy production and usage have all the characteristics of a complex system: numerous interdependencies, non-linear behavior, constant adaptation, path dependencies, feedback loops and time delays.**
 - **Second, human judgment – a key variable within such systems – is often materially skewed by emotions and psychology. People often make their worst decisions at exactly the wrong moment.**



Human behavior flows from three main sources: desire, emotion, and knowledge.

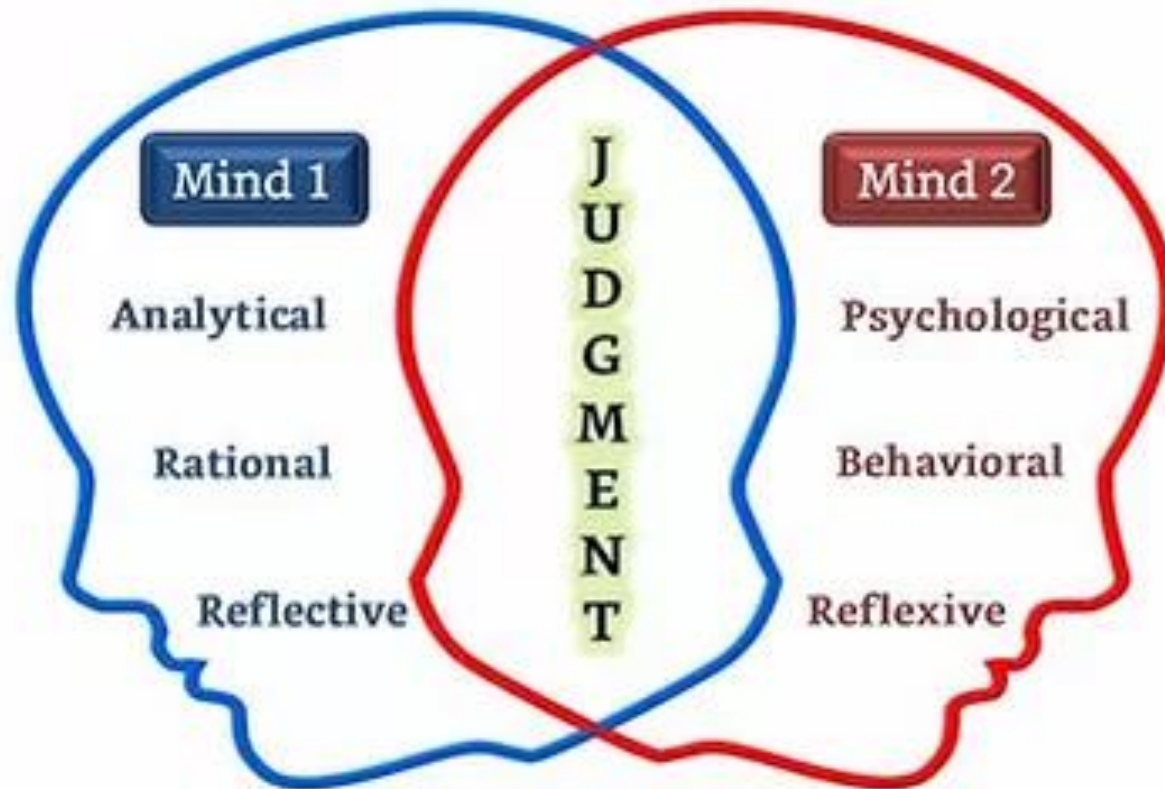
— *Plato* —



**MY FAILURES HAVE BEEN
ERRORS IN JUDGMENT,
NOT OF INTENT.**

(*Ulysses S Grant said*)

Figure 36: The Two Minds That Influence our Judgment



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Source: Michael Molnar

Our Judgment

■ How Anxiety Influences Our Judgment – Shahram Heshmat Ph.D.

“Anxiety influences our perceptions, beliefs, reasoning, and ultimately our choices. The experience of anxiety hinders one’s ability to view the situation objectively and rationally. In some situations, these tendencies may cascade into undesirable outcomes. Furthermore, the repeated practice of worry becomes habitual such that the individual automatically engages in these mental processes. Becoming aware of our thought processes is an important step in overcoming negative biases”

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Our Judgment

■ I Corinthians 11:1

1. Christ is the supreme example.
2. Christ's apostle (Paul) follows His example
3. We are to follow the apostle's example, as it follows Christ.

■ Philippians 3:17

- Observe the apostle's conduct, judge if it conforms to the life Christ lived and taught, then choose to live that way.



Our Judgment

- **Warnings About Judging One Another**
 - Matthew 7:1
 - Romans 14:1-4
 - James 4:11-12
 - John 5:18-24
- **Danger Lies in Quality of Our Judgment**
 - John 7:14-24
 - II Corinthians 5:10



Our Judgment

■ Called To Be Judges

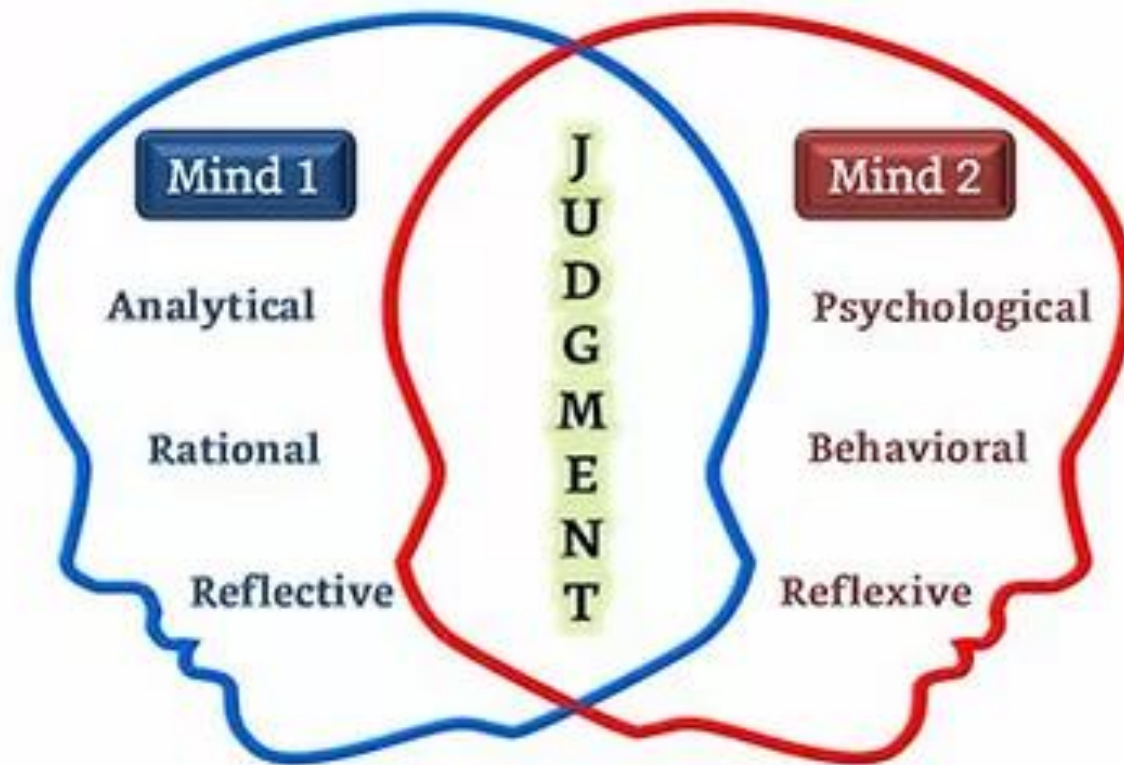
- II Chronicles 19:5-11
- Revelation 5:10
- Revelation 20:4
- I Corinthians 6:1-3

■ Care in Judgment

- Matthew 7:1-5
- Luke 6:35-38
- Romans 14:10-13
- Romans 14:4



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■ Zechariah 8:14-17

- Speak the truth to one another
- Judge with truth and Judgment for Peace

