Subject: Christian Lobotomy...
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We as Christians are faced with an interesting dilemma. Do we use our brains, or not?

When God created us, He could have easily created a race of robots that would act and react to every situation in a predictable way, using a preconceived set of instructions.

Instead, He chose to create us with a brain capable of discernment and choice.

We all know the mistakes that can be made if that mind isn't subject to God and to His will, *but* do we really understand that the mind is just as capable of right-choices --if we are walking in the light?

God never intended that the wonderful gift of volition be viewed as something negative, something that we should seek-at-all-costs to avoid using.

No, He has given us minds to be used for His glory. It brings Him no glory when we don't use our minds in situations that call for discernment and follow blindly a course of action without careful thought. How else do we think God is going to lead us? Are we to expect Him to speak audibly whenever there is a dangerous situation? Usually He expects us to put two and two together, and not plunge head-long into something when we aren't sure that it is His will.

It's the enemy of our souls who shouts "UNPARDONABLE SIN!" when we question something that we are not sure about. Do we seriously think that God is pleased when we blank our minds and follow every wind of doctrine that blows our way? I think not.

Satan needs a passive mind to be able to effectively work his devices, and if he can also promote the idea that a passive mind is a "spiritual" mind then he has achieved a great victory.

When we use our *redeemed* minds, to make judgments, discern His will, and question things we don't understand, we are doing exactly what God intended.

My point is that we should never over-ride concerns about a particular minister or ministry. If we are growing in the knowledge of God's Word, our mind (through decisions, judgments, etc.) is going to be the primary way that He leads and ultimately keeps us from disaster.

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