

Impulse 7 – Indigo: Love is the source of wisdom.

Our world is full of confusion. Even today, we could speak of "Babel," not because of the diversity of languages, but because of the diversity of opposing theories and concepts of the world. In some parts of the world, people are starving, or afflicted by social injustice, other parts of the world are governed by consumption and a throwaway society. Indifference has put armour around people's hearts, shielding them from being moved by the lives of their neighbours. We see the hardship and enslavement of many others – often in our immediate vicinity – as if from a soap bubble, but fail to respond. In his peace message for 2015, Pope Francis has warned us, "We know that God will ask each of us: What did you do for your brother? (cf. Gen 4:9-10). The globalisation of indifference, which today burdens the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters, requires all of us to forge a new worldwide solidarity and fraternity" that can restore hope. But this requires a form of wisdom that has the light of heaven and sees through the confusion on earth. That is what the Indigo in the rainbow stands for.

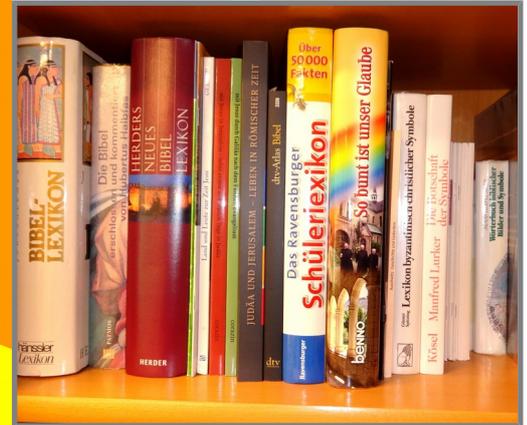
But what is **wisdom**? **It is love that sees and understands from within.** Love not only shapes life, it also makes us see things more profoundly, clearer and more distinctly than before. Love helps us to see what God wants. This aspect of the pattern of the rainbow wants to help us build that wisdom by which man can see his own life, his work, his life plan, his decisions and the whole world in the light of God.

When I look at something lovingly, I discover the positive, the precious things, the ones that build networks and are authentic. I also see the limits and risks, and that gives me prudence. But first of all, I see the opportunities and possibilities that arise in terms of giving, of sharing, of communicating. When I look at a career choice lovingly, I consider the talents and abilities of the person concerned and see the possibilities and the fulfilment a profession may bring. I see the creative potential it carries for the individual person and society as a whole. But I also see the things made impossible by this choice, the limitations of the decision. Love helps to consider the choice in terms of its opportunities for the individual and for the bigger context. It looks for the better, the divine answer. **Hence, the wisdom that grows forth from love tries to see how and where the individual person can love more and follow the divine path.**

But how does such wisdom come about? How does this way of seeing "work"? Experience has shown us that one person alone often makes many mistakes. He or she may be too timid or too generous, blind or light-headed, erratic or not flexible enough ... So we need the light of God among us. But how can we learn to find the light of God, so that we can say, "In your light we see the light?" (Psalms 36:9)

The key to enter the light of divine wisdom lies in striving to open the space between us to create room for the presence of Jesus among us. When Jesus himself is present among us, **he**

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One day Chiara Lubich understood, that wisdom could not only be found in reading and studying books. Finally she took the books to the attic. She and her companions rather found wisdom in living, sharing and reflecting their every-day-experiences in the group, experiencing the presence of HIM among them. So they finally discovered the way Jesus wanted to go together with them...



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himself will give us his light and his clarity – true to his promise, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

If someone, for example, puts their ideas on their upcoming career choice “in the midst” and considers everything together with their friends, being prepared to tell everything, to permit all thoughts and actually to let go of familiar ideas, they might earn deep clarity and assuredness or actually a completely new path they never considered. All of this comes forth from “the midst,” in which the hidden Teacher is operating, bestowing light, ideas, and inspirations that often go far beyond previous considerations. The joint effort to see things through the eyes of faith and find out the will of God gives us the strength **to see the matter to be considered in the light of God**, to make a clear decision and act.

Dear young friends, it is particularly exciting to consider one’s own life in the spirit of this wisdom. The quite practical point of this is to obtain a better understanding of the will of God for your own life and to organize your own time accordingly. The deeper someone allows themselves to ask these questions – what does God want to achieve for me and through me? / What is His will? – the more power they will have to organize their life and to adjust and change the ideas and expectations of others or actually one’s own wishes and ideas in the light of God. The guideline is always the will of God who loves us. It emerges from one’s personal situation (family, job, age, health, experience, talent ...), the circumstances that characterise one’s living environment, job, politics, society (situations of need, profound changes, new questions) and from the inner impulses of the Spirit of God (inner voice). This wisdom helps us to discover the concrete will of God in our unique, individual fields of responsibility. Such **wisdom** arises and **is given to us especially in the dialogue with others**.

Wisdom and study, the indigo of the rainbow – that is the love that structures and clarifies one’s own life and the life of others in accordance with the will of God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is referred to as the **“Seat of Wisdom”**, because she gave Christ, the incarnated Wisdom, to the

world. **Let us live a life in which Christ can live in us and among us. Then we will receive the gift of this wisdom** – for us personally and for the crucial questions of our time.

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Biblical sources

Psalms 36:9 Wisdom 6:12-15
Wisdom 7:27-30 1 Kings 3:9-12
1 Corinthians 1:25 Matthew 18:20

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- Take time to think about and write down the important things in your life, and perhaps to “look at” them with a friend / companion / group.
- Draw up a yearly, monthly, weekly and daily plan, and discuss it with your friends.
- How do you study? How do you educate yourself?
- Meet friends to read and discuss social, political or religious texts that you have found – portraying them and listening, seeking to understand them, not breaking them down.
- Have the courage to point out things you do not clearly understand, and discuss them.
- Take time to read a good book / a good article.

