

## You Really Don't Need To Understand Everything

After celebrating Holy Week and Easter and Pentecost, we feel so uplifted, so inspired. We have traveled once again on the road to Golgotha to witness the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. We have learned about His love and His teachings. We yearn to learn more and find an insatiable appetite in pursuit of this knowledge. And yet, as time passes and we learn more and more, we begin to understand Socrates when he said, "I know one thing...that I know nothing!" For the more we learn, the more we desire to know, and yet, it really isn't necessary to understand everything about God. We have finite minds. So how do we dare to approach He who is beyond infinity?

I will use the example of four of my friends. The first is an outstanding engineer. The second is a distinguished educator. The third is a brilliant scientist. The fourth is a Physician/Psychiatrist. And where do they stand? All four of these enlightened men are chanters whose chanting of the services bears witness to their love, faith and devotion for God. If you ask them they will tell you that in all their experience, with all their knowledge and intellectual achievements, they do not understand everything.

You see, we really don't have to understand everything. When we open our hearts to be accepting of God's will - by faith - and when we love God with all our heart, then our heart and soul comprehend things that the mind is incapable of understanding. So don't worry if you don't understand everything. As time goes on you will learn more and more about God and about life. And when you are old enough and/or experienced enough - you no longer rely on your own intellect alone. You will also experience God's Divine Presence within you - profoundly. Perhaps that is why we go through all these services, praying all these prayers, reciting all these readings, year after year, again and again, ...to quietly and patiently feed the soul - and thereby enrich our spiritual experience. So that in not understanding, we will realize that we are the ones who are understood, and that He who understands us will permeate our hearts and souls with His love and His grace - giving us the wondrous experience of His Divine Presence, and thereby fulfilling our lives with all that is good.