

Facing Our Future

*"A Place of Discernment:
Seeing the World as it Is"*

Proverbs 2:1-19



INTRO: Wisdom from an old monk for a new world

OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?

1. We will devote ourselves to seeing the world as it is, relying on wisdom and discernment. We can't find healing for ourselves -- or help others -- unless we understand and deal with what is really going on. Today this requires ever increasing degrees of discernment and wisdom, intentionally dismantling our filters, media bubbles, susceptibility to the lies and manipulation of mass and social media, and the reactivity that is fostered by our unprocessed trauma and the increasing violence — overt and subvert — all around us.

OUR SITUATION TODAY: "Wisdom has never been MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE, and it's never been HARDER TO GET."

WHY WE NEED THIS?

1. It's too easy to _____

2. We can't help others if we are _____

_____ ourselves

SOLOMON ON WISDOM (PROVERBS 2):

1. OUR PART: to _____ wisdom (v. 1-4)

2. GOD'S PART: to _____ wisdom (v 5-6, (Ja 1:5)

3. THE RESULTS:

— _____ (v 7)

— _____ (v 7-8)

— knowing _____ ((v 9-10)

— saved from _____

_____ (v 11-15)

— saved from _____

_____ (v16-19)

WHY DON'T WE HAVE THIS?

1. We don't really _____, so we don't _____

2. We don't _____

3. We live in a world that _____

HOW DO WE GET WISDOM?

1. We must _____ wisdom

2. We must _____ wisdom

3. We must seek _____ wisdom

4. We must _____ non-wisdom