



Spiritual Knowing: A Case Study in Entitlement

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Abstract

Not everything known can be said. This paper will explore one aspect of this voiceless realm: what we believe we know spiritually, but lack words to express. Hidden knowing in this article refers to a felt sense of what is true, but to some degree it remains hidden from the knower. It may or may not be true but it is something about which the person feels certain.

This *hidden* knowing can be contrasted with *aware* knowing. Aware knowing, happens when this sense of what is true becomes a belief, whether true or not, and can be articulated. One aspect of hidden knowing is spiritual knowing, which will be applied to a common problem in pastoral ministry – that of unhealthy entitlement.

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