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Wisdom: an elusive concept

reflecting on the impossible dream: The getting of Wisdom

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Reflections on the impossible dream
The Bible is the source of wisdom. In the wise words of the teachers and prophets, we find guidance and understanding. The stories and teachings within the Bible offer profound insights into ethical living and spiritual growth.

### The Wisdom of Wisdom

The Bible is a collection of wisdom literature that has been passed down through generations. It contains wisdom books such as Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, which offer practical advice and guidance for living a fulfilling life.

### Fruits of Wisdom

Wisdom is often portrayed as a fruit of the Spirit. In the Bible, wisdom is associated with the fruits of righteousness, peace, and love. It is a reflection of the character of God and is a valuable attribute for those who seek to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

### Possible Source and Guide to the Point of Wisdom

The source of wisdom can vary depending on one's perspective. For some, wisdom is a divine gift, while others believe it is something that can be learned through experience and study. In the context of the Bible, wisdom is often seen as a gift from God that can be cultivated through prayer, study, and meditation.

### The Bible and Wisdom

The Bible is rich in wisdom literature. It provides guidance on various aspects of life, including relationships, decision-making, and moral conduct. The wisdom books offer practical advice on how to live a life that is fulfilling and meaningful.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Bible is a treasure trove of wisdom that can guide us in our personal and spiritual journeys. It offers insights into the nature of God and the path to righteousness. As we study its teachings, we can grow in wisdom and understanding, living lives that are pleasing to God and fulfilling for ourselves.
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The Getting of Wisdom - Frank Kermode

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Frank Kermode's essay on the theme of wisdom in literature. He explores the concept of wisdom and its role in shaping human understanding and experience. Kermode discusses the nature of wisdom, arguing that it is not just a matter of accumulating knowledge but involves a deeper understanding of the world. He examines the ways in which wisdom is expressed in literature, highlighting the importance of context and perspective in its reception.

Kermode's essay is a critical exploration of wisdom, offering insights into the complexities of human experience and the ways in which literature can convey wisdom to its readers. It is a thoughtful and engaging piece that celebrates the enduring power of wisdom in shaping our understanding of the world.
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