

APPENDIX D

Developing memory aids.

On page 14 I noted the "code word" TULIP as a device for keeping in mind the deliverances of the Synod of Dordt. If you have not been to theology yet, the use is this:

T--Total depravity
U--unconditional election
L--limited atonement
I--irresistible grace
P--perseverance of the saints.

We are not, at this point, arguing for the adequacy of the "code word" not the nature of the theology behind it..that comes later, I suppose. But that is how "code-words"are invented and how they are used.

A similar thing may be done with a sentence. Here is the sentence used in our family for remembering the sons of Jacob:

Run, Sam, Lock Jock, Dogs Never Get Anything In Zoos, Just Beatings.

The sons of Jacob are indicated by the first letter of each word and if you cannot figure it out perhaps the code sentence for planets will help:

Man, Very Early, Made Jars Stand Up Neatly..and so forth.

I am not very good at this sort of thing myself but association is more in my line. The Hebrew word for putting on clothes is lavash in a crude transliteration. I have always associated it with "lavish" in English and have thereby never forgotten its meaning. This may be done with about half of the Greek vocabulary, somewhat less of the Hebrew.

Memory is a big part of learning and there are courses available to improve memory. Try to pick up the ones that will help you and be glad!