

Hearing God terms #2

“Lectio Divina” –(divine reading) a traditional [Benedictine](#) practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of [God's Word](#). It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the [Living Word](#). Traditionally, *Lectio Divina* has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate.

(a possible negative twist or interpretation would include “emptying your mind” and embracing traditions or false doctrines)

Revelation – disclosure, divulge, or expose the hidden or unknown

[Matt 16:17](#) -Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

Illumination – enlightenment, often imagined or thought up

[Ez 13:2](#) - ²“Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are now prophesying. Say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: ‘Hear the word of the LORD! ³This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

Objective – not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased:

Subjective – placing excessive emphasis on one's own moods, attitudes, opinions, etc.; unduly egocentric.

Rational – agreeable to reason, sensible, sound judgement, sane, lucid

Mystical – obscure in meaning; mysterious

[Romans 12:2](#)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of **your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

External – coming from outside of yourself

Internal – existing within your personal boundaries/ self

Meditating – consider, reflect, ponder, marinate

Contemplative – silent yielding

Cognitive – knowing, perceiving, understanding, reasoning

Carnal / Spiritual – our flesh vs our spirit, human or divine

Common sense – popular understanding by most people

Wisdom – the accumulation and combination of knowing and acting correctly in an applied circumstance.

Comfort? / discomfort ? -