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Rom.12:2 (RSV), Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God —what is good and acceptable and perfect...

The Amplified Version states, "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) **by the [entire] renewal of your mind** [by its new ideals and its new attitude]..." By the 'entire renewal of your mind,'—how is that possible?

The Message Translation further clarifies, "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, **fix your attention on God**. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." To which the Amplified adds, "...even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."

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Discerning Gods perfect will, plan and way can certainly seem a daunting task. It cannot be done by the worlds methods—but only by transforming and conforming our minds to mirror His thoughts and mind. The MSG translation says, “**fix your attention of God,**” which echo's Paul’s statement to the Colossian’s, “*Set your affections on things above.*” This indeed is “worshiper-talk.”

I believe we can accurately paraphrase Paul’s Rom.12 declaration, “Do not be conformed to this world but **be transformed by setting you affections on things above**...so that you may discern what is the perfect will of God!”
Amen. **Selah!**

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