

## 知恵の靈 ( רוּחַ חָכְמָה )

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**ABSTRACT** Tetsuo SASAKI, “The Spirit of Wisdom (רוּחַ חָכְמָה).” In the Old Testament the expression of “the spirit of wisdom (רוּחַ חָכְמָה)” appears only three times, in Exod. 28:3, Deut. 34:9 and Isa.11:2. In Exod. 28:3 it refers to skill of those who made Aaron’s garments as the narrow sense of technology of engineers like Bezalel or Oholiab who worked for building the tabernacle in Exod. 31:2-3. In Deut. 34:9 it is the result of endowing the prerogative of supreme command from Moses to Joshua. The laying on of hands is the demonstrative action which shows God’s appointment of Joshua as a commander of Israelite army. In Isa. 11:2 רוּחַ חָכְמָה paired with בִּינָה, which means the ability to separate good and evil; that is, רוּחַ חָכְמָה וּבִינָה is an hendiadystic expression which indicates a synthesis of practical ability and discernment.