

Your Faith Should Not Stand in the Wisdom of Men

“One thing only I know, and that is that I know nothing.”
- Socrates

Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Holy Ghost penned these words through the apostle Paul, **“That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”**¹ If I could give a verse to those entering college, or those going through college, or those entering into High School, I would give them this one. I have seen during my years at college that the wisdom of men (which is foolishness and vain according to God Almighty and common sense²) has spoiled and ruined many Christians. Through the wisdom of men some Christians have cast off their faith and first love and are left running around “doing good for goodness sake” not knowing anything anymore. It’s sad but science falsely so called and philosophy can get a believer to question (Genesis 3) their beliefs about God and his word and the experiences they have had with the Lord.³

However the Bible has always plainly said, that our faith **shall not stand** in the wisdom of men, **BUT** in the power of God. That means the faith can be picked apart through worldly wisdom and it can get you to question the things of God. It doesn’t jive with the man’s wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. Nevertheless it stands in the power of God. Imagine if Christians could get that? Far too often some “good, godly, Christ-like, love everybody” man (really a wolf) comes along (that doesn’t believe all the Scripture, that doesn’t witness, that doesn’t teach sound doctrine, that is ecumenical, that is compromising, that is tolerant, that believes Jesus is one of many ways to God, and whose whole goal is destroy your faith in God’s word) brings up something that seems like a contradiction in the Bible or seems like a contradiction with history and science and the average Christian faints. Why is that? This shouldn’t be the case. When you approach God and his word through worldly wisdom the faith once delivered unto the saints won’t stand. But it will stand in the power of God and in the wisdom of the Holy Ghost.

The Bible says that your faith will not stand in man’s wisdom. That’s okay. It can be picked apart and scrutinized when looking from the perspective of worldly wisdom (science and philosophy). That’s okay. God set it up that way on purpose. We Christians do however speak in wisdom, but not in the wisdom of the world, but in the wisdom of the Holy Ghost. It is a hidden wisdom God prepared before the world unto our glory.⁴ He set this thing up on purpose. He purposefully made the faith not to stand in the wisdom of men (science and philosophy) in order to confound those that are wise in their own eyes – in other words, trick those that are proud and that think they know more than God or know better than God. You say where do you get that? Glad you asked! It comes straight from scripture!

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, if pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”⁵ Isn’t this an interesting verse? The scripture says after the wisdom of God the world didn’t know God. What does that mean? It’s referring to the wisdom of God found in creation.

“O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”⁶

“The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.”⁷

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.”⁸

We read about in Romans 1:18-32, that creation itself manifests that which may be known of God. The Bible says the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.⁹ Can you imagine how foolish (Psalm 14:1) you must be to live in this creation and die in this creation and say, “The hand of the LORD hath not done this”? Right now I am typing on this computer. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that some sort of intelligent life form must have built this thing. It is a pretty complicated machine: and surely the heavens and earth are more beautiful and complicated than this. I look at this computer screen right now and I know this computer didn't get put together by chance and yet we have “Donkeys” that say the universe happened by chance, it came out of nowhere, no God was behind this, it just happened I guess by accident, maybe a big bang, I don't know and neither do you – after all, all I know is that I know nothing (Socrates). You have to be out of your mind to think this way.

As Ruckman said, “Evolution is a fairy tale for adults, for big kiddies that haven't grown up yet.” He is right. Evolution is simply man trying to give himself a clean conscience for the way he lives. It tries to soothe the conscience and say, “Don't worry, you don't have to answer to anybody for what you are doing. Do what you want to do. Live life to the fullest. There is nothing after death, no judgment, no hell, etc.” Even the devil isn't as stupid as these people, he believes in an Almighty Creator of heaven and earth. Suffice it to say, there is no evidence for evolution at all. Do the research.

Back to the text in 1 Corinthians 1:21. So the world by wisdom doesn't know God. So God looks at this thing and says, you know what, since they don't know me through my wisdom manifested to them through the creation, I am going to do this: people will know me through the foolishness of preaching and I will save those that believe what is being preached. The foolish thing with God is preaching but it sure is wiser than men because it saves a soul from death, hell, sin, and the grave and makes peace with God and gives eternal life just by believing the message being preached!¹⁰ GLORY to GOD! The wisdom of men does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR YOU! You need to get that. It does NOTHING for you when it comes to God and that is all that will matter in the end. In the end it's about, how were you and God? Do you think “knowing” biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, etc will amount to anything at the judgment? It might get you a buck on this earth but it is vanity, vanity in the sight of God.¹¹

I want to embark briefly on a tangent. Richard Dawkins is a staunch atheist and evolutionist. When asked what would he say to God if after death he met him, Richard Dawkins responded that he would say to God, "You sure went out of your way to hide yourself." Now the Bible tells us that God is a God that hides himself and he does it on purpose!¹² You say why does he hide himself if he wants to be known? Read Isaiah 59:1-2 over and over and over again. Let that sink deep, deep, down into your heart. That's why. Until that issued is resolved, God will be remained hidden! BUT **THANK GOD ALMIGHTY** he went out of his way to resolve that issue himself for us (Calvary)!!! The Lord Jesus Christ was asked by Judas (not Iscariot), how is it that you will manifest yourself unto us and not unto the world?¹³ What was the Lord's response? IF A MAN LOVE ME...¹⁴ Man I feel like shouting here! Do you see that? The condition for the Lord manifesting himself is if you love him or not, if you want him or not. WHOOOAA that'll preach! He will remain hidden to those that don't love him and don't keep his words but will be revealed to those that love him and keep his words. Amen to that! Now if I gave Richard Dawkins the Bible answer to his question what would he do? Most would say, "But I think..." or "I can't believe that..." or "I disagree", etc and therein lies their problem: their pride and haughtiness shows up and they think they are right and God is wrong and refuse to accept God's word on the matter and therefore God is FAAARRR from them still. You keep calling God a liar he will be FAARRR from you! If you had ANY wisdom in you at all you would let God be true and every man a liar.¹⁵

I have come to learn this, that through man's wisdom you cannot know anything for sure. After going through 4 years of college (wasting my time) studying psychology, religion, and a little bit of philosophy, I learned that all these people have to offer are theories (no truth whatsoever) and that they believe no one knows the absolute truth (since they don't know, and they are wiser than you, you can't possibly know) and they glory in the fact that they don't know nothing. Well that makes sense coming from blind leaders of the blind. I remember when studying the history of psychology I figured out how man's wisdom operates: one man comes along with a theory and eventually it is adopted by the majority as the "right way" to do and approach psychology. Then after some time, another man comes along with a different theory to challenge the predominant theory, and everyone throws a fit and they go back and forth. Sometimes the new theory prevails and sometimes it is crushed, but eventually the established theory is thrown out for a new one and is adopted as the new standard. This cycle keeps repeating and repeating. This is how man's wisdom works. The Bible so beautifully states it as "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."¹⁶

They never come to the knowledge of the truth. You know what the "great" Socrates said? He said, "One thing only I know, and that is that I know nothing." That's pretty pathetic isn't it? This is the anthem of the wisdom of men and all of the education systems and colleges and universities. They are ever learning and coming up with new ideas and theories, but they never get anywhere when it comes to truth. And since they don't really know anything for sure, they eventually become pragmatists and choose whatever ideals, morals, and 'truths' works best for that day and age with the goal in mind that whatever will bring world peace, that is what we must adopt and adhere to.

They pretend they care about their fellow man but that is a façade, they really only care about themselves. The people that don't know anything are okay with fornication, sex perversion (homos), drunkenness, lying, cheating, stealing, killing as long as it will help man get along with man. They preach the almighty ideal of tolerance and compromise because that will lead to world peace. Actually it leads to the cotton-picking devil showing up in the flesh and the wrath of God being outpoured, but who believes that anymore?

It really comes down to final authority because the fact of the matter is that you cannot prove anything for sure through man's wisdom. It ultimately comes down to a belief in some sort of final authority as your fountain of truth. Whether the final authority is the "scientific method", or the opinions of "recognized scholars", or your "reason", or the Holy Bible, what you hold to be true comes from what you recognize as the highest authority. For some it's themselves and whatever they feel, for others it is what the "scientific community says", for others it is what saith the LORD. For me it is what saith the LORD!

But think about it, if you ascribe to the belief that you cannot know anything for sure, you will adopt whatever truth or belief system that is most advantageous for yourself (i.e. the sin of pride and selfishness). That is the way it will work. Today it is beneficial to an individual in America to tolerate sin and accept sin because you will not be reproached, in fact you will be seen as a lover of others, even "Christ-like" (just not the right Christ). And by the way, the main goal of education is to get you to believe what Socrates believed, that you don't know and can't know anything – for sure. If they can get you to bite into that baloney sandwich, they can really screw you up and get you to call good evil and evil good and make you a tolerating, compromising infidel, with a conscience seared with a hot iron that is accepting and loving of everything under the sun. "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."¹⁷ This is how godless reprobates, people without hope and without God, live!

What they'll do is present you with contradictory theories and statements and confuse you in order to get you to say, "You're right! How can anyone know anything for sure? There are just so many different religions and ideas and beliefs, how do you know which one is right?" They'll get you to say, "Yea hath God said."¹⁸ They are ministers of Satan.

How can you know anything for sure they say? I know for sure because God said it and it is impossible for God to lie! Then they'll say well you got that out of a book. Yea you're right. But my book hasn't changed since its original copy and it has accurately predicted the future every time, not to mention the hundreds of prophecies spoken of one man fulfilled to the letter 2,000 years ago. I got saved by that book, I got born again because of that book, I got forgiveness, eternal life, justification, and righteousness because of that book: you think I'm going to exchange that for "One thing only I know, is that I know nothing", or a Koran, or eastern fairy tales and vanities that can't and don't predict the future, or "science" books that change every year because they realized the information contained in the previous years version was false and not accurate – **YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!**

Christian, your faith shall not stand in the wisdom of men. Expect it to get attacked and be easily attacked from man's wisdom. But your faith stands in the power of God. Amen. Don't let someone talk you out of your belief in God's word. They will come at you from man's wisdom (science and philosophy) but remember, God said long ago your faith wouldn't stand in that arena and that God purposefully set it up that way to confound, trick, and cause to stumble those that are filled with pride and are wise in their own eyes: he purposefully did this to take the wise in their own craftiness.

Consider the Holy Ghost's comment on man's wisdom, philosophy in Acts 17:21, "For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing." It's a bunch of lazy bums shooting their mouth off about whatever or to hear someone shoot their mouth off of some new thing. It's vanity and amounts to nothing and doesn't change a thing. The Bible calls it vain deceit in Colossians 2:8. Then in the next verse Paul, being filled with the Holy Ghost said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious." It's just a bunch of superstitious nonsense. Don't be deceived by their foolishness: they have nothing to offer anyone; they're just running their mouths like a foolish man does.¹⁹

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."²⁰

"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."²¹

¹ 1 Corinthians 2:5.

² 1 Corinthians 1:19-29, 3:18-20.

³ What the Bible says about science (1 Timothy 6:20-21) and philosophy (Colossians 2:8-10). Many have erred concerning the faith due to these two things.

⁴ 1 Corinthians 2:6-8.

⁵ 1 Corinthians 1:21.

⁶ Psalm 104:24.

⁷ Proverbs 3:19.

⁸ Psalm 19:1.

⁹ Romans 1:20.

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 1:25.

¹¹ Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:19-20.

¹² Isaiah 45:15.

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¹⁴ John 14:23-24 and compare with John 14:15-21.
¹⁵ Romans 3:4.
¹⁶ 2 Timothy 3:7.
¹⁷ 1 Corinthians 15:32.
¹⁸ Genesis 3:1.
¹⁹ Proverbs 18:2, 20:3, 29:11, Ecclesiastes 10:14.
²⁰ 1 Corinthians 1:27-29.
²¹ 1 Corinthians 3:18-23.