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TOO SMART?

By Joey Hickey

Are we too "intelligent" for the truth? A few years back, a friend of mine who recently had accepted a doctrinal truth was told, "Come on. You're too smart to believe that."

Have we become "too smart" to accept the truth in God's word? Before I go any further, please understand that I am not saying that intelligence is not useful. Intelligence is a gift from God that glorifies Him—when used for the right reasons. For example, one way to glorify God with our intellect, is by fortifying our minds with the ability to defend the truth (1 Peter 3:15). However, when "intelligence" leads people to doubt God's plan, we have become too wise to see outside our own wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-21).

God through Scripture warns, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ" (Colossians 2:8). With the rise in the concept of relativism, the devil can make you so philosophical you have no concept of truth. Yet, since the beginning of time Satan has used this tactic. Note that in the very first temptation of mankind, the serpent convinced Eve that she was "too smart" to believe God. Even today for people God has blessed with the ability to reason, the devil can make this strength a weakness by pitting his or her intelligence against God's (Proverbs 3:5). With such an attitude, it is possible that one will be "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7 NKJV)

The Bible was written for all men to understand—not just for those with great ingenuity. In fact, the religious champions of scholarship of Jesus day were "too smart" to understand or have any interest in Jesus' kingdom. In Mark 4:12 we find that the reason those who did not receive Christ's teachings did not involve their

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February TV Broadcast Schedule

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Sermon #1031
A Lot of Trouble

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A Grievous Command?

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Sermon #1034
Prayers that can Change the World

intellect, but their heart. In John 6, the multitude left Jesus because they, too, could only see through the limited lens of human wisdom.

We can only find God's will, if we have the humility to desire and find it. Let us not be too intelligent for the truth.

Upcoming Gospel Meetings

Febuary 19-21
CHURCH OF CHRIST in Frisco
9201 North County Road
Frisco, TX
Speaker: Brett Hickey and various young men
7:30 pm (19th)
6:00 pm (20th)
10:30 am & 1:30 PM (21st)

Audio / video library, transcripts and other information can be found at:
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We support Brett Hickey's message, and the truths taught in the Bible for all mankind. We assist bringing this TV program to the north Texas area, and are glad you have watched the program! We would like you to visit any of our worship services!

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