

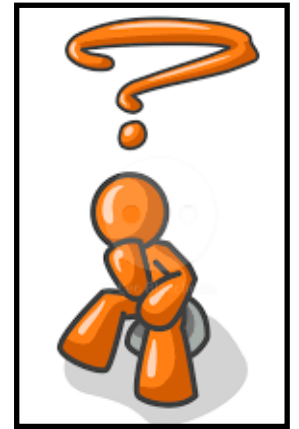
What About ...

Wisdom of God vs. Wisdom of the World, Part 1

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God commands us to know wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:1, see also 1:1-7, 8:1-36). But worldly wisdom has serious problems:



Worldly wisdom says everything evolved naturally.

Godly wisdom says everything was created supernaturally (Genesis 1:1; Psalms 104:5-9, 24-26; Isaiah 45:11-12, 18; 66:1-2; Jeremiah 27:5; Matthew 19:4).

Worldly wisdom says there is no sin, only malevolence, and people are basically good. The problem is ignorance, and the solution is education.

Godly wisdom says the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick and all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23).

Worldly wisdom says there can be value in religious forms themselves (like icons or liturgies).

Godly wisdom says there is no value in religious forms themselves (Isaiah 1:11-15; Jer 10:2-8).

Worldly wisdom says pride is a virtue.

Godly wisdom says pride is a sin (Isaiah 66:1-2; 1 John 2:16).

Worldly wisdom says we do not need to be perfect.

Godly wisdom says we do need to be perfect (Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 5:27).

Worldly wisdom says love your friends, such as those in your group.

Godly wisdom says love your enemies (Matthew 5:43-47).

Worldly wisdom says your efforts (or the government) supplies your needs.

Godly wisdom says God supplies your needs (Matthew 6:25-26).

Worldly wisdom says I should change others to my way of thinking.

Godly wisdom says I should change myself to God's way of thinking (Hosea 6:6; 2 Corinthians 10:5).

Worldly wisdom says truth is relative, what is true for one is not necessarily true for others.

Godly wisdom says truth is absolute, what is true for one is true for everybody (Romans 1:18 & 25).

Worldly wisdom says, "Fear lots of things, but do not fear God."

Godly wisdom says to fear God (Ecclesiastes 3:13; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 19:5).

Worldly wisdom says good religious leaders bring peace.

Godly wisdom says good religious leaders cause conflict (Matthew 10:34-37; 2 Corinthians 7:8-10).

Worldly wisdom says to save yourself.

Godly wisdom says lose yourself (Matthew 16:25).

Worldly wisdom changes continually.

Godly wisdom never changes (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17).