

## I DON'T NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING BUT THE BIBLE

Tongue

Going to talk about frauds I hear. Pious frauds. Pawning off something deceitful in the name of piety. Difficult to talk about because usually some truth in the pious part and and if point out the fraud accused of being carnal. Trouble is that fraud is an imbalance and in order to point that out need to overemphasize. Don't misunderstand. 1st one--Don't need to know anything but the Bible. Variations. Rather know Bible and nothing else than everything else and no Bible. What good is Phy. Sci. or Lit. I'm called to preach the Word and that's all I need to know. Lib arts courses are necessary evils--Bible is what is really important.

## I. Arguments in support of the fraud.

## A. Scriptural.

1. 1 Cor 1:20. Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
2. 1 Cor 2:14. Natural man receives not, for they are foolishness.
3. Phil 3:7-9.
4. 1 Jn 2:27. Have His, all you need. Know everything.

## B. Pragmatic. Not useful meaning I don't see any use. Everything has some use and sometimes most indirect and even temporarily useful things are ultimately best. e.g. crawling as a baby temporary but led to walking. e.g. can't sell what I see watching a sunset but does something for me.

What we mean is that secular studies not pleasurable. We do a lot of things not useful but since we enjoy we justify. If don't enjoy then say not useful. e.g. watching world series on TV.

Concl. arguments are fraud to cover up laziness. Much easier to say Lord revealed--and more pious--than to memorize a poem, learn a decl., or solve an equation.

## II. Answers to these arguments

## A. Illogical. If only important to know what's in Bible then--

1. Give up driving cars
2. setting hair
3. cooking
4. run an elevator.

*Even Bible doesn't claim to have  
all truth - e.g. Eze 6:1  
H.A. 1357, 17*

## B. Impractical. All I've said about pragmatism. These studies will affect your lives and testimonies.

### C. Unscriptural.

1. Notice examples in Bible of fully-educated men.  
Abraham. Smart business man. Cultured.  
Moses. Educated in wisdom of Egypt. Took study.  
Daniel. 3 yrs learning wisdom of Babylon.  
Christ. Read and write. Learned Script. Heb 5:8.
2. Notice examples of secular subjects mentioned in Bible.  
Bible doesn't claim to have all truth in it.  
These are not major references but show just by their incidental nature that writers were familiar with these subjects.
  1. Astronomy, Job 9:9-Arcturus, Orion, Pleiades  
Isa 13:10-stars and constellations.
  2. Philosophy, Acts 17:18. Lk knew Epic and Stoics.
  3. Language, Acts 22:2. Didn't expect Aramaic but Greek from Hellenistic Jew.  
One of most imp't things today is langs.
  4. Grammar, Acts 26:4. *ἰσχυροί*  
not *οὐδυναί* before King Agrippa and Queen Bernice. Mark of exceptional culture, not that other wrong.
  5. History, Acts 7. Own history like US
  6. Literature, Tit. 1:12.
  7. Psychology, Tit 1:12-wherefore rebuke them sharply.
  8. Medicine, Lk 18:25. Needle here is diff from what Matt and Mk use. Poss suggical needle or maybe just classical word. Either shows special education.

Concl. Isn't a ques of either Bible or other knowledge. Why not both? Which will you be? a pious fraud or an educated saint. Usually pious frauds don't know much about the Bible either. Learn everything you can and right now when pressures on, decide you'll give priority to all STUDIES.

## I'M TOO SPIRITUAL TO HAVE FUN

Last week I don't need to study anything but the Bible. Need to study everything. Hope it made the fun boys squirm (tho glad to see athletes on dean's list). Today you'll think I'm two-faced, inconsistent. Hope to make the bookworms squirm. Fraud is piety and fun can't be harmonized. I'm too spiritual to go to parties or play sports. Parties are worldly. I don't have time for such things. There are much more imp't things in life.

## I. Arguments in support of this.

## A. Priority argument. I said so myself last week.

If give priority to studies won't have time for such trivialities. But remember that a priority list has secondary things on it too to do. Not exclusive.

B. Financial argument. I don't think it's right to spend money on such frivolity. Need to be very careful about money but note--(1) pious fraud who won't have a date but who will have a hoagie every night. But it's for my body. Date is for your soul. (2) Matt. 26:6-13. Disciples said same thing but were corrected by Lord.

C. Scriptural argument. Don't really know but suppose--Phil 4:5; 1 Pet 5:8; our general impression of life of X. Pray, meditate, witness, etc.

## II. Real reasons for this pious fraud.

A. Shyness. Sympathetic to this. Don't help one another when 2x going steady. Only way to get over is to do.

B. Slovenliness. Just too lazy to make the effort to dress up, be courteous, act like a lady or gentleman.

## III. Text, Matt. 11:19a.

A. Meaning. X was not an ascetic as Jn Bap was.

He was convivial, fraternal, sociable. People weren't satisfied with anything--Jn or X so accused X of gluttony and winebibing.

B. Proof.

1. Cana. 1st miracle at party. Harder to go and behave like Son of God than stay home and pray.
2. ~~Can~~ Capernaum, house of Levi, Matt 9:9-12.

3. Bethany, house of Lazarus, Jn 12:1.
4. Peter's house, Lk 4:38-39. After synagogue and when she ministered prob means served food.
5. Pharisee's house, Lk 14:1-6. After synagogue. No record of X's refusing an invitation. Sabbath for all its restrictions was festive day esp evening meal.
6. Even Lord's supper is a meal.  
cf. Love feasts in early Church.

In X's teaching--Lk 14:12--invite those whh can't return.

Rev. 19:9--marriage supper of Lamb.

X certainly did come eating and drinking. But scandalized sanctimoniousness points finger at Xn who does.

#### IV. Dangers

- A. Over-indulgence. Most good things can be means of sinning. This isn't all X did. He also prayed, preached. Days of Neah. Lk 17:27 cf 12:19.  
*Piff. bet. being sociable & a socialite.*
- B. Wrong motive. To promote self. Nothing worse than Xn social climbing.
- C. Wrong aim. All right to enjoy self, but should also manifest His glory as He did at every party.

Concl. 1 Cor 10:31.

### Stephen Olford on Sociability

One of the outstanding characteristics of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ was His sociability. The rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the young and the old, were all alike attracted to Him.

The soul winner must diligently study and practice the art of sociability. Day-by-day contacts in the home, in the church, and in the business world provide ample opportunity and scope for this. It has been said that, if we would win some, we must be winsome.—*Successful Soul-Winning*

I DON'T NEED ANYONE TO TEACH ME THE BIBLE

Talked about the fraud of saying don't need to study anything but the Bible, now those who say they don't need any human teacher to teach them the Bible.

I. Statement

Not books--just the book

Don't use books about the Bible--just see what the Bible itself says.

Don't listen to what men say--just listen to the Bible.

Why do I need a biblio for a Bible paper? Isn't quoting the Bible enough?

This leads to two things--amysticism in meditation. I got this out of the Bible and don't you dare tell me it means anything else.

It leads to mystical leading which is misleading but blamed on the Lord.

II. Scriptural support

A. John 16:13

B. 1 Cor 2:10-12

Lots of very imp't truth in these passages. HS does teach but obviously He uses teachers or else why the gift in both Rom, Eph, and 1 Cor

III. Reason for the fraud

- A. Laziness in study. Easier to say something revealed than dug out after diligent study.
- B. Prejudice in position. Any theol system comes from the Word, is governed and corrected by the Word.
- C. Ignorance of exegesis. Ignorance profound, retreat into Lord told me.

IV. Truth

- A. INductive method. Good. Should know and use. Esp concordance, but only useful insofar as your mind is trained to use. Freshman and senior using will get diff results I hope bec senior knows more and has more tools to work with in his trained mind. e.g. doctrine of perfection by inductive method. Fear.

- B. Teaching ministry of HS. Very imp't. Thru men, thru mind. Supernatural and natl.
- C. Your inheritance. Not born in 1st c. so don't act like it. Use gifts God has given thruout ch history. e.g. Calvin Eph. 3:20. temporary gifts, e.g. subj and obj genatives. Love of X.
- D. Example of P, 2 Tim 4:13.
  - Circumstances--prison and knew end near.
  - No reason to study at eve of execution.
  - Experience--barrells of sermons yet needed to study. Used to record inspired writings yet needed to study.
  - Receipient of many direct revelations, yet wanted books.

**Concl.** Get all you can from teachers recognizing none of us perfect  
 Be sure you teachable by HS daily  
 Build a good library now. Won't have more money later.  
 Read all you can now. Don't regret you never heard HAI. Read him.

## DON'T LOOK AT ME--JUST CHRIST

Intro. These are all difficult but this one esp bec so much truth in this. Xlikeness goal for every Xn, but even this good thing becomes a front, cover-up, fraud, for exausing things.

## I. Scriptural support

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| A. Phil 1:21    | D. 1 Pet 2:21 |
| B. Gal 2:20     | E. Acts 4:13  |
| C. Gal 5:22-23. | F. Matt 17:8  |

## II. Forms of fraud (from best to worst)

- A. Prayer--hide speaker behind cross, see Jesus only.
- B. Quotes of Acts 4:13 and Matt 17:8.
- C. Degenerates into excuse for poor homiletics as long as "he really preached".
- D. Change of message to one which was unprepared.
- E. Change of invitation. All I'm going to ask you to do, then feel led to do something else.
- F. Study on job, study Bible of course even tho not supposed to study on job.
- G. Bad manners or discourtesy as long as involved in Lord's work.

## III. Examination of the evidence.

- A. ~~Matt~~ Matt. 17:8 no bearing at all.
- B. Gal 5 and 1 Pet 2 are goals in Xn life.
- C. Phil 1:21 and Gal 2:20 means.

Note: Not X living in non-entity or dead body. *Purpose Gal not method or power*  
To me to live. Emphasize I and me in Gal 2:20.

Note: What is crucified with X? Death not dying but separation. I am separated from what? Rule of old nature. Involves-- bad manners, poor homiletics, bad habits, no self-discipline. Instead I live, a res I empowered by X to be disciplined, accurate, well-mannered, and this is Xlikeness, but you are not a non-entity. Note Acts 4:13--been with Jesus bec tho untrained were lettered and spoke with authority. Matt 5:16 your light shows Father. This is the balance.

God not seen in sudden changes of mind, program, invitations in His name. Not seen by poor homiletics, poor grades, sloppy witnessing. Seen in consistently excellent work for Him. That's Gal 2:20.

#### IV. Results of genuine piety in this regard.

- A. Clean life
2. Courteousness
3. Honesty
4. Good preparation and homiletics.
5. Forethought and planning which inclds faith
6. Living a testimony which reflects X.
7. Doing your part so He'll be better able to do His. Acts 12:7-9.

Concl. This is dedication--not the crisis but the determined fight that must follow.