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3-2-2015 Raising "Stupid"

Proverbs 12:1: "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid."

"Instruction" is discipline by truth, "knowledge" is acceptance of truth. A good student thirsts for "knowledge," so Jesus Christ taught:

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

There is no learning where there is no discipline. Children whose egos are fed more than their desire to be taught are "stupid" (i.e., "brutish," like an animal, with unused human ingenuity).

Go from the presence of a foolish man, when you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. (Proverbs 14:7)

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. (Proverbs 13:20)

I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. (Psalm 73:22)

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3-3-2015 Today's Jews Are Not God's Chosen People

In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul preached Jesus Christ:

Through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:38-39)

"The law of Moses" was given only to the Israelites (Deuteronomy 5:2-3) and only until Jesus Christ came:

[The Law] was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made. (Galatians 3:19)

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That promised "Seed" is Christ (Galatians 3:16). Concerning Moses' Law, Jesus "has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Colossians 2:14). Since Jesus' death, none of the Jews can claim to be God's Chosen People. God said, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Luke 9:35)

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3-4-2015 Can Moses' Law Save Today?

God's Word plainly shows no law before Jesus Christ's Law was intended to save. For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. (Galatians 3:21-22)

The Law of Moses can save no one today, for "if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (Galatians 2:21). To keep the Law of Moses today severs one from obedience to Christ.

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. (Galatians 5:4)

It is either Moses or Christ, but not both! The Gospel saves, not ten commandments!

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3-5-2015 Is the Bible a Human Book?

David said in Psalm 18:30:

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Skeptics may say:

The Bible is a very human book. It was written, assembled, copied and translated by people. That explains the flaws, the All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

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contradictions, and the theological disagreements in its pages. [Kurt Eichenwald, *Newsweek*, 1-2-15]

Obviously, they have never read:

Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

It is one thing to speak blasphemously about God's Word, it is quite another to prove it.

The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6)

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3-6-2015 Let It Snow!

Proverbs 26:1: As snow in summer and rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.

It could be worse. At least this is our regular season for snow. If this snow came in the summer, we're ruined. Since God "says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'" (Job 37:6), then right now, God has us looking forward to His next season: Spring. God asked Job:

"Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the treasury of hail?" (Job 38:22)

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)

Thank God for snow!

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