

Divine Wisdom versus Human Wisdom

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Most Will Agree Here

Surely I can say it over and over without arousing even a ripple of opposition — that when human wisdom contradicts divine wisdom on anything, it is the human wisdom that is wrong, not the divine wisdom. I fully believe the principle *“Let God be found true, but every man a liar”* (Romans 3:4). The idea? Even in a hypothetical situation where concluding that God is right would demand that we must, in consequence, conclude that every man would then be a liar, then what are we to do? Conclude that God is true! And it will hold up. It will prove to be exactly the case. All of the facts, all of the evidence will support it. But so far we are dealing in generalities, and generalities are easier to agree with.

Clarifying A Point — What Is Divine Wisdom? What Is Human Wisdom?

Now when I speak of divine wisdom, I speak of anything that is clearly taught in the Scriptures, the Bible, the revelation of God’s will to man. It might be in the form of some **direct statement** (including commands, prohibitions, assertions, statements), or in the form of some **commended or condemned example**, or in the form of a **conclusion or point necessarily implied**, a conclusion the reader is expected to draw. I am not referring to all of the theological declarations that various individuals or churches have made concerning the Bible. The Bible has often been credited with statements it doesn’t make or doctrines it doesn’t teach. Some think that the Bible teaches that the earth is flat, that the earth is the center of our solar system, that it is wrong for people to go to the moon, that capital punishment is forbidden, that blood transfusions are prohibited, that Christians are not to eat pork or work on Saturday, etc. When I speak of human wisdom, I speak of the assertions, theories, “findings,” conclusions, observations, and opinions of any man or group of men — even those that appear to be the result of careful study and scientific research. What the Bible really does teach and what men really have established to be true never have and never will conflict. When human theology is taken for Bible teaching, and when pseudo-science is taken for science, the problems begin.

Many Will Disagree Here

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