

Our world is full of people who profess to be wise, using human philosophy to explain life and in rejecting God and Christ.

Philosophy is defined as an underlying theory or set of ideas relating to life as a whole. In other words, if we count on human nature to explain creation, there can be as many theories or beliefs as there are people on this earth.

What does the bible say about human wisdom in relation to God's wisdom?

1Cor 1:20-21: "Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

1Cor 3:18: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

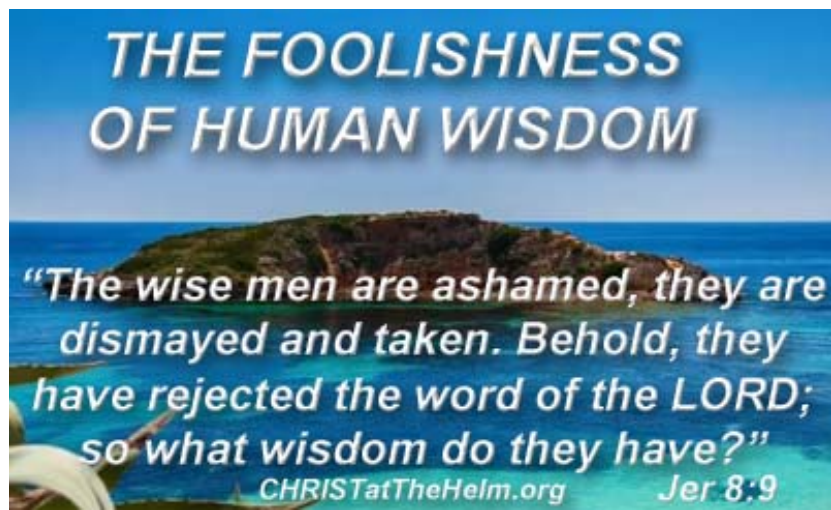
1Cor 2:13, "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Pro 14:12: "There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death."

The reason Jesus said in Mat 24:35: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

Have we adopted the world's philosophies to explain life, or do we seek God's wisdom?

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How does the Word of God describe man's wisdom?

Rom 1:20-22: "For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is*, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools."

Ps 49:12-13: "But man in *his* splendor will not endure; He is like the animals that perish. This is the way of those who are foolish, and of those after them who approve their words."

Rom 1:18-19: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them."

Why?

Jer 17:9: "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

We find God's wisdom in the Word of God, which provides us with all the knowledge and wisdom we need for this life and eternity. On the other hand, human philosophy in denying God's Word, proves its utter foolishness.

Which side are we on right now?

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Where can we find God’s wisdom?

2Peter 1:3: “His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.” In other words, the Word of God contains all the wisdom we need to live according to our creator’s purpose for mankind.

Why?

1Cor 3:19-20: “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness”; and again, “The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” In Jesus’ prayer of Mat 11:25, He confirms the foolishness of man’s wisdom, saying: “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”

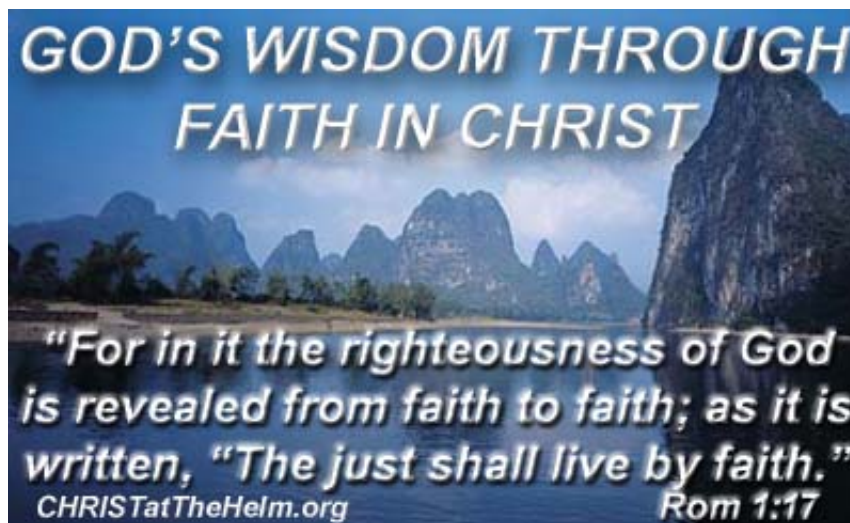
Job, even through intense trials concluded in Job 5:8-9: “But as for me, I would seek God, and to God I would commit my cause, who does great things, and unsearchable, marvelous things without number.”

Paul added this in 1Cor 1:27, “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise.”

Finally, Jesus clearly said in Mat 24:35, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

Where is our source of wisdom right now?

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How do we seek and where do we find God's wisdom for our life?

Pro 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

How do we trust God?

Heb 11:6: "Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

What is faith?

Heb 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

How do we build and strengthen our faith?

Rom 10:17: "So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

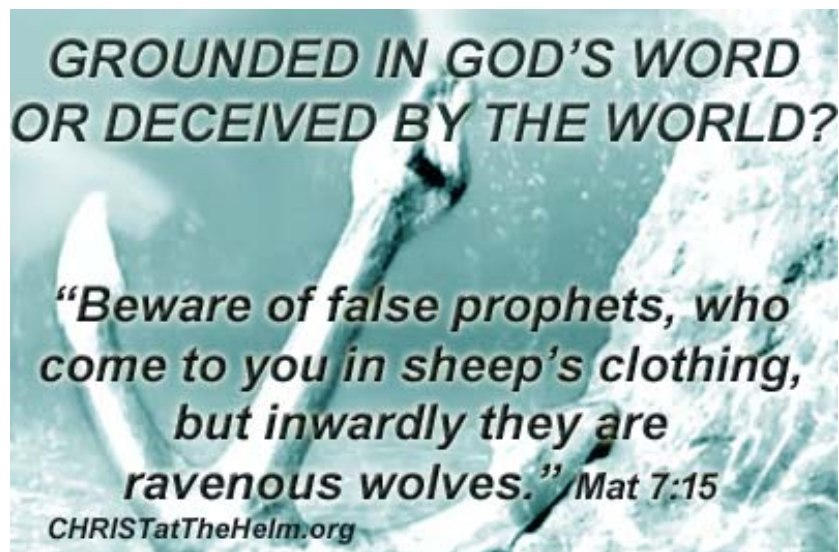
Col 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom."

What else should we understand about faith?

James 1:5-8: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

Will we follow the world's foolish philosophies, or will we choose God's wisdom through faith in His Word?

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Are there warnings against adopting the world's philosophies rather than follow God at His Word?

Col 2:8: "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."

2Peter 3:17: "You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked."

1Tim 6:20: "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge."

1John 4:1: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Obviously, the Word of God contains countless warnings against the world's philosophies and false prophets, who twist the word of God using human concepts to deceive people.

The reason 1Tim 4:1 tells us, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."

We're either grounded in God's Word, or fooled and deceived by humanistic philosophies. Where do we stand right now?

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