

A False Truth???

Man and Truth

1. No amount of rationalization, human reasoning or logic *makes* truth. Truth exists independent of human thought.
2. Accusations do not establish truth; false accusations especially do not.
3. Truth is not subject to human courts of law or any other tribunal or gathering of thinking heads (reasonable or not).

The scribes and Pharisees and Sadducees attempted to discredit Jesus. Their attempts failed because of the superior wisdom of Jesus. Even then, it was not the wisdom of Jesus that made truth true. Truth already existed independent of all the thinking and reasoning and testing and trapping; and even Jesus' wisdom. It was with depth of wisdom that Jesus appealed to truth and confounded the ones testing him.

When the Sadducees tested Jesus (Matthew 22), they were actually mocking Jesus and those who believed in the resurrection. They had constructed a hypothetical situation based on the Law of Moses that would stump the 'resurrectionists.' How mockingly brilliant they thought they were. After all, they didn't even believe in the resurrection.

Jesus used scripture to show the reality of the resurrection and it shamed the Sadducees for such a silly question. Such is human reasoning when pitted against the truth...Silly.

When Jesus was ultimately accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death, the charge against him was not true. In fact, the reason the accusers of Jesus *believed* he was guilty of blaspheming God was because they had already rejected the truth about Jesus. So they believed the very thing they 'assumed' to be true.

So, about the only thing the Sadducees accomplished was to show that a false assumption is sure to yield a false *truth*. (Think about that one.)

The flaw with science when it dabbles in questions about the origin of the universe or the origin of man is that it starts with things that already exist in the natural world. Read any introductory science book that explains the scientific method: Science investigates things that are visible, audible, touchable; things that can be tasted or smelled; things that are measurable. Science is completely dependent upon human senses and human instrumentation for detecting and measuring and evaluating.

Previous scientific accomplishments have given man the ability to peer farther and farther into space; deeper and deeper into the ocean, and even into the earth's core. Science has detected and measured infinitesimally minute particles as well as distant giants in the vastness of space. Yet, in all of this, science merely probes, tests, measures and observes *existing* matter.

It is no fault of science that it cannot probe beyond things that exist as matter. Science is ill equipped to explain *truths* involving intangibles: God, love, hope, conscience, morality, eternal life. It is the wrong tool.

It is the *fault of man* to try and use science for something it is not equipped to do. So, anyone who 'assumes' that science can reveal truth in the area of intangibles and reality beyond measurement is more like the Sadducees and Pharisees. Begin with a faulty assumption, and who knows what you'll be able to come up with???