

Science and Wisdom

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According to Google, science is defined as a branch of knowledge acquired through observation and experimentation. Wisdom is defined as the quality of having knowledge and good judgment.

A scientist can lack all knowledge about the soul and the spiritual life; while a philosopher can lack all the knowledge needed to build a computer, but it takes wisdom to know which of these two forms of knowledge is more important in the long run.

Atheistic scientists say there is not a shred of evidence in the entire universe for the existence of the supernatural. Albert Einstein, using deductive reasoning, said that there must be a Supreme Intelligence behind the universe. Einstein's view is almost universally preferred.

Atheistic scientists are very limited. They engage in the systematic study of the structure and behavior of things animate and inanimate the natural world. They do this through observation and experimentation. This preoccupation with the world leaves them little time to ponder the things of the spirit. It is a scientific fact that the earliest humans believed in an after-life. However, modern science rules it out the possibility of life beyond death. Is that wise?

At times, scientists are very helpful in supplying us with an educated opinion on important matters. For instance, 30,000 scientists recently signed a statement that "there is no scientific consensus that human activity is the cause of climate change." Some questioned whether this was a wise statement, but it certainly is the scientific outlook of a considerable number of professional scientists.

Agnostics doubt God's existence. Most of them refuse to be bound by any religious principles. George Washington said that every society needs to follow religious principles in order to survive. By promoting unfettered freedom, we end up with an opioid epidemic. Our drug subculture that has destroyed millions of lives. Is it wise to ignore what we see is happening before our eyes?

America was heading in the direction of globalism, where a country surrenders its sovereignty to international law. The proponents of globalism lacked the wisdom to see its negative economic consequences. American voters had the sagacity to challenge this movement before it blossomed into a nightmare.

A lack of wisdom can be a dangerous thing. St. Paul wrote in Hebrew 10:36, "You need endurance, so that you may receive the joy that Jesus promised those who do the will of God." It takes wisdom to discern the truth that we need to live in harmony with God's will. This is done by following Jesus, and the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

All law can be traced to the Supreme Law: "Love God, and love your neighbor as you love yourself." This wisdom has come to us directly from divine revelation, and it appeals to right reason. Wisdom is the ground of our being and life.

All the religions of the world agree that God exists; God is benign; God has a plan; God wants us to love one another; and God invites us to join Him one day in heaven after living a good life here on earth. He respects our freedom, and will allow us to decline His invitation if we so choose. I suggest that you put on the will to be obedient to God's plan for you, and enjoy your precious life both here and hereafter.

Always ask the Lord to give you the strength you need to discern the difference between wisdom and science.