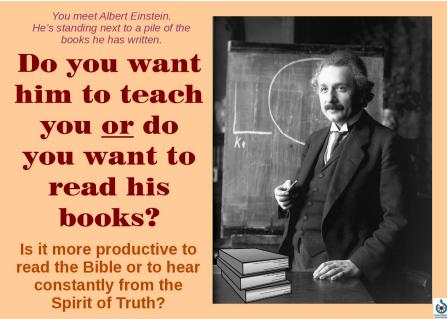


How things fit together in the Kingdom

Theological Knowledge

For millennia, protestant Christian's theological knowledge has come from the Bible, and is therefore known as biblical knowledge. This knowledge is said to allow a person to get to know what 'God'¹ is really like. In that respect, the reasoning is illogical. Let me explain.

If you want to get to know a person, you talk with them, asking them questions and listening to their answers. You don't read a biography about the person, even an autobiography – unless they have died. The same goes for the desire to be trained or taught by a person. You can read the books they've written, which has the content you want to know, but that's very limited. If you want to know <u>everything</u> a person knows, the best way is to sit under their teaching for as long as possible and take in everything they teach. For example:²



Yes, that's how illogical it is to have theological knowledge (i.e. knowledge about 'God') rather than personally knowing him and having him talk to you.

Of course, for us, it's the Trinity, not just a single being that we relate to, so we can connect with <u>all</u> of them. That's an important fact to grasp. When we communicate with one member of the Trinity, we connect with all three, because they're in oneness together. The Trinity's knowledge is also far superior and vastly more expansive than the tiny amount of spiritual knowledge that's in the Bible.

As sons, Father wants to introduce us to all that's ours and all the knowledge and understanding that pertains to our position of sonship with him. Of course, we have the 'Age to Come' to learn everything that's available to us, because we'll be in our glorified bodies and will not be limited to any longevity timeframe.³ That aside, Father wants us to be as fully conversant with what we need to know, in this life,

^{1 – &#}x27;God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.

^{2 -} SOURCE: canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Albert_Einstein.png

^{3 –} There'll be no 'three score years and ten'.

so we can be the most effective for his Kingdom - right now, not after we've died.

Many are scared to step outside of the Bible and accept spiritual knowledge that they or others have received from the Trinity. That's why the doctrine of *sola scriptura*⁴ was invented, to keep the saints from straying into error.

The problem with *sola scriptura*, as a way to eliminate error, is that the doctrine produces errors that remain undetected by those who subscribe to it. Foremostly, the Christian religion (Christianity) is an error in itself. Father never intended the teachings of his Son on the Kingdom to create a new religion, but that's what's happened. Additionly, here are a <u>few</u> problems that arise from biblical knowledge, especially from *sola scriptura*:

- The confusion of OC and NC
- Erroneous teachings, such as forbidding inter-racial marriage
- Erroneous teachings about the need to wear hats in meetings
- The misunderstanding of the glory of women's long hair
- The concept of an angry God
- The doctrine of PSA (Penal Substitutionary Atonement)
- The doctrine of ETC (Eternal Conscious Torment)
- The existence of Hell

So what happens if we deviate from sola scriptura?⁵

The simple answer is that some people will drift into error. A reading of John Crowder's book "The New Mystics"⁶ and Robert Liardon's book "God's Generals: Why they succeeded and why some failed"⁷ provides some examples of these. **BUT** – and that's a big BUT – there are countless millions of believers (past and present) who are/were in error, because they believe/believed the Christian religion is exactly what Father wanted for his people. They are believing an untruth, therefore they are in error.

The only spiritual knowledge that's worth knowing is spiritual reality – what's real and true. That knowledge is only available in abundance from the Trinity themselves. They created the knowledge, because they created everything that exists and has existed, so they are THE source, nothing else is. That's why Jesus of Nazareth stated that it was his words that had life,ⁱ nothing else. It's also why he stated that he was 'The Truth'ⁱⁱ – the source of all truth.

CONCLUSIONS In the Kingdom, it's the knowledge provided by the Trinity that's needed by us. <u>We</u> <u>don't need theological knowledge</u>. A small percentage of theological knowledge does agree with spiritual reality (Kingdom knowledge), but true spiritual knowledge far outweighs theological knowledge quantitatively.

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