

## **Are Christians Intelligent?**

SR Eph.4:17-19, Heb.11:3

**Intro.** Christians (the Lord's people) are often viewed as poor unfortunate people who lack any serious, competent education. This view is sometimes based on the conclusions drawn by observing the behavior and conduct of cults or ultra-conservative denominations, who do not encourage any exploration of knowledge outside of the bible. Most people are quick to judge all religions by the few; which isn't very fair or intelligent. The question we are most concerned with today is both very personal as well as challenging. Are we INTELLIGENT even though we go against the tide of popular thought and reject the most widely held view of the origins of mankind, evolution?

Let's take a critical look at our position and the position of the world.

### **The World.**

1. Is the evolutionary model reasonable? Organic evolution - theory of inert material coming to life by the unintelligent action of natural forces.

E.g. If I break a watch into several pieces will it come back together again in perfect working order? NO!!!! The aim of this kind of thinking is simple; there is NO GOD!

“The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God.*” They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.” Psa.14:1

#### **Why do people believe in evolution?**

- a. Tendency to conformity &
  - b. Religion is the cause of problems; dark ages, oppression & censorship
2. *Religious Diversity? Pluralism is the result of different interpretations.*  
*E.g. Baptism; sprinkling, immersion, pouring or standing and pouring??*  
*NAS Jer 4:22 "For My people are foolish, They know Me not; They are stupid children, And they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."*  
*(Denominationalists also have a tendency to conform without much thought)*

### **What about us?**

Do we blindly follow & conform or do we THINK about our faith?

Do we become Christians intelligently & reasonably?

- a. Intelligent people are teachable. Rom.10:17 says that “faith comes from hearing”.
- b. Intelligent people know where to begin. Prov.2:5-6
- c. Intelligent people listen carefully. Prov.16:20
- d. Intelligent people are discerning. 1Co.1:20, Eph.5:15
- e. Intelligent people act on what they hear. Mat.7:24
- f. Intelligent people desire to know the truth. Jn.8:32
- g. Intelligent people TRUST God. Prov.3:5-7

### **Conclusion**

It does not take much intelligence to realize that Christians rely on God for their knowledge and wisdom. In that way they/we are truly intelligent and not “rednecks”