

Devotional Thoughts :: A Pure Mind -Tozer

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Twelve hundred years before these words were uttered, Athanasius had written a profound treatise called, "The Incarnation of the Word of God." In this treatise he boldly attacked the difficult problems inherent in the doctrine of the Incarnation. The whole thing is a remarkable demonstration of pure reason engaged with divine revelation. He makes a great case for the deity of Christ, and for all who believe the Bible, settles the matter for all time. Yet so little does he trust the human mind to comprehend divine mysteries that he closes his great work with a strong warning against a mere intellectual understanding of spiritual truth. His words should be printed in large type and tacked on the desk of every pastor and theological student in the world:

"But for the searching of the Scriptures and true knowledge of them, an honorable life is needed, and a pure soul, and that virtue which is according to Christ; so that the intellect guiding its path by it, may be able to attain what it desires, and to comprehend it, in so far as it is accessible to human nature to learn concerning the word of God. For without a pure mind and a modeling of the life after the saints, a man could not possibly comprehend the words of the saints. . . . He that would comprehend the mind of those who speak of God needs begin by washing and cleansing his soul."

Prayer

Again, Gracious Father, we ask that You purify our souls, so that we can rightly understand Your Word.

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I suppose, in a sense, a book is only as good as the reader. After all, every thing we read, we filter through our mindsets . Might I be so daring as to say that a book report might reveal more about the reader than the author? (I'm not saying that all criticisms are bad)

To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. , In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. Titus 1:15

I think that this mental corruption is what Paul was trying to deal with:

“...command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a PURE heart and a good conscience. and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. 1 Tim. 1:4-7

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