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Catechized and provoking others to speak, a chance to shine or glowing with an odor of contempt - posted by ChrisJD

"And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him."

- Luke 11:53-54(KJV)

"to provoke him to speak"

G653
 apostomatizo
 ap-os-tom-at-id'-zo
 From G575 and a (presumed) derivative of G4750; to speak off hand (properly dictate), that is, to catechize (in an invidious manner): - provoke to speak.

Being challenged to answer questions about what we teach or preach can be an excellent opportunity to explain or unfold things that otherwise might have gone unmentioned. And the right question, even if it is asked by an enemy to you or from the most hostile mind or angry mouth, can be like a sweet pitch of a baseball that a slugger with a bat knocks out of the park.

Men that are challenged whom God upholds can shine in the face of criticism.

But just as criticism can cause the questioned to stand out even brighter and to bring forth truths that they otherwise might not have, it can also reveal the nature of the critic.

If the critic has no intention but to prove others wrong, or to antagonize them into mispeaking so that they can hold up their error to ridicule, or if they have come at their targets with only one acceptable answer in mind, if they will only have them to repeat word for word what it is they themselves believe and that only will be acceptable, then the moment of criticism that the critic has long sought for will be their time, not to shine, but to glow with a foul and insidious odor of ignominy and contempt.

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 not inspiring; please hold your peace!