

Christianity: A Knowledge Tradition

—Recovering the Christian Mind—

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“Given the crisis of knowledge in our time, it is crucial that the church recover her confidence that she is in possession of spiritual and ethical knowledge in Holy Scripture primarily, but also in the history of her thought about God, moral issues, the spiritual life, and other important topics.” JP Moreland, *Kingdom Triangle*

“*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...*” Hosea 4:6a

THEREFORE...

Romans 12:1* Romans 12:2a* Romans 12:2b

- ❖ “*spiritual*” = (Gk. *logikos*) _____ & _____
- ❖ “*transform*” = (Gk. *metamorphoo*) _____

What is Knowledge?

_____ = the ability to represent things as they are in thought and experience.

Three Types of Knowledge: knowledge by...

Simple seeing; direct awareness Justified True Belief Ability to do things.

The Nature of Faith: Faith (biblical or otherwise) is confidence or trust directed towards people, things, ideas or propositions.

- _____ *a person or a thing...*
- _____ *a statement or proposition is true...*

Faith is not opposed to _____ & _____!

Three Crucial Aspects of Belief

Your beliefs matter Level of confidence? How crucial is it?

** We always **ACT** based on what we **THINK & BELIEVE...**
Beliefs are the tracks our lives run on. **

Why Should I Grow in Knowledge and Intellect?

“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

❖ “warfare” = _____

What Should We Do?

1. _____ assess your beliefs. (Rom. 12:2)
2. Develop a _____ plan. (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 10:5)
3. Pray for _____. (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 10:4)

Books:

1. *The God Conversation*, J.P. Moreland;
2. *The Faith*, Chuck Colson;
3. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis;
4. *More Than a Carpenter*, Josh & Sean McDowell;
5. *The Reason for God*, Tim Keller;
6. *Think Christianly*, Jonathon Morrow;
7. *Living at the Crossroads: An Intro to Christian Worldview*, Michael Goheen & Craig Bartholomew;
8. *Life’s Biggest Questions*, Erik Thoennes;
9. *Truth Matters*, Andreas Kostenberger, Darrell Bock & Josh Chatraw;
10. *Understanding the Faith*, Jeff Myers.

Organizations/Websites: Stand To Reason (www.str.org); Summit Ministries (<https://www.summit.org>); Impact 360 Institute (<https://www.impact360institute.org>); Colson Center for Christian Worldview (<https://www.colsoncenter.org>); Breakpoint (<http://www.breakpoint.org>).

Scripture: The Gospel of John; The 10 Commandments; Lord’s Prayer; Sermon on the Mount; Romans 8; Ephesians 4; Colossians 3; Philippians 2-4.