

Ever Learning,
Never knowing

2 Tim.3:6-7

Women

“For the female of the species is more
deadly than the male” – Kipling

Women of France

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- Gnostics
- Watchtower
- 1 Tim.2:14-15, Eve
 - Mrs. Lot; Mrs. Job; Delilah; Jezebel; Athaliah...

6a: false teachers target weak, silly women

- Creep into households (invasion). Jd.4
- Make captives. POW.

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6b: their prey: gullible, weak-willed women (idle, foolish, weak, *little women*)

Schweinfurth . . .

- Loaded down (burdened) with sins: heap, pile up, load up with...
- Led away by various lusts – morally weak; swayed by various desires and cravings [many-colored, variegated]

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7: always learning...never able... Always eager for 'new truth.' Flattering personal attention...

– Excuses:

- Bible to blame. 15
- Lack knowledge to learn. 1 T.2:4; Ep.3:4 (2 Tim.3:6-7)
- Temptation too powerful. 1 Co.10:13

Yet, they could not learn truth.

“Can” and “cannot” . . .

- Permission: “I cannot tell a lie.”
1 Co.12:21. Gn.39:9-10. 2 Th.2:10-12.
- Ability: “I cannot fly like a bird.”
Jn.12:39-40, could not believe.
(Mk.6:5) Jn.5:44

What prevents some from learning truth?

I. Wrong Stance

- **John 7:17**, a promise: 'you can IF...'

Jn.17:17, know...IF
want to do

Jn.8:44, want to do
will of devil

Jn.8:31, must
continue...

Jn.9:27, listen for
wrong reason

Real problem: some are...

- Unwilling to change, Jn.3:19-20
- Unwilling to count cost, Jn.9:19-23
 - Three questions:
 1. Your son?
 2. Born blind?
 3. How see?
 - Fear overrides no.3
 - Answers to 1. and 2. sink Jewish claim

I. Wrong Stance

II. Wrong Sources

Writings of men

- Quote Einstein on economics?
...Lindberg on government?
...Actors on politics?
- Natural man, 1 Co.2:14
- Encyclopedia – Lord's supper, baptism, church, etc.

Writings of men
Seminaries

- Hotbed of false doctrines: deny Bible; MDR; creation vs evolution; pluralism, etc.
- Harvard
 - “Truth for Christ and the Church”
 - Ten of first twelve presidents: preachers
 - Half graduates became preachers
- “Be open-minded”
- “All schools eventually go astray”

Writings of men

Seminaries

Our own light

- Isaiah 50:10-11
 - Response to message = response to God
- Isaiah 65:1-2
 - Problem: not God but Israel

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III. Wrong Subjects

Bible technicalities

Masoretes (Jewish scholars, A.D.500-1000)

- Collected notes, grammatical facts
- Number of times each letter occurs in each book
- Middle letter of Pentateuch / Hebrew Bible
- BUT: did not know that Jesus was Messiah

Bible technicalities

Bible prophecies

- Advertisements frequently invite study of prophecies being fulfilled . . .
- “Could this be Armageddon?”

Bible technicalities
Bible prophecies
Secular subjects

- Lk.12:54-56
 - Son of God is in their midst
 - They know weather...
- Lk.12:57-59
 - Settle out of court – eternal destiny at stake

Conclusion

- We can know truth . . .
 - Illumination, Jn.8:31-32
 - Illustration, Ac.8:31...35
 - Incentive, 1 Tim.2:4
 - Integrity, Jn.18:38

‘Honesty has a power that very few people can handle’ – Aitchison