

Proverbs 1:7. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Knowledge has a beginning. Let's start there. I learned to read and write by learning my ABC's. I learned arithmetic by counting on my fingers. When I studied Greek, I began with the alphabet. Knowledge begins with the Lord. A Christian doctor I knew once told me, “Knowledge is knowing where to find it.” Knowledge is truth that is rooted in the character of God. Truth is as unchanging as God. Knowledge is eternal wisdom. When the Eternal God broke into time, He brought it with Him. “The Lord possessed me (wisdom) in the beginning of His way, before His works of old” (Prov. 8:22). There is no absolute knowledge without the knowledge of God. Knowledge of the truth can't be separated from the knowledge of God. Divorce yourself from God, and you divorce yourself from truth. Only fools do that. People reject God because they “despise wisdom and instruction.” He cramps their style, as well as their pride and their plans. Julian Huxley said, “In the evolutionary pattern of thought there is no need or room for the supernatural.” Make room for God and you make room for knowledge. The highest knowledge is the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. Leave God out, and you leave out the beginning. Yet God allows everyone the choice to be a fool if that is what he wants.