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*“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.”
Isaiah 40:31*



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The Intellectual Roots of Foolishness

If it seems that our leaders and wise men have lost the ability to think straight, it's because they have. We are witnessing the spreading influence of a corrupted philosophical foundation.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isa. 5:20-21).

“Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:21-22).

In the historical struggle between good and evil, one of the strategies that Satan uses to advance his cause is to mask his bait in a package of intellectualism. By portraying his destructive wares as the product of great thinkers, the masses are more likely to follow along with the ruse. Of course, this philosophical sophistication is merely a disguise, and the end result is the same old foolishness that mankind has fallen for again and again.

In Isaiah's day, this false wisdom led God's people to reverse the definitions of good and evil, to accept aberrant

behavior as decent, and condemn what is good and proper as wrong. Centuries later, Paul described the same process at work among the leading lights of the Gentiles, who rejected what could be known of God through nature in favor of a twisted version of reality. In both cases, the outcome was the same: Entire populations were led to embrace ungodly attitudes and behaviors as perfectly legitimate. In the end, this misguided world-view and the lifestyle it spawned led to their destruction. Their phony “wisdom” proved to be a foolish—and terribly costly—mistake.

The same phenomenon is at work in Western culture today. Most of the institutions that control society are dominated by a philosophical outlook known as *post-modernism*. Post-modernists argue that any attempt to define reality is necessarily limited by one's own background and circumstance. Consequently, there is no objective truth. What is “truth” for you may not be “truth” for me—and both are equally valid positions. In practice, of course, this viewpoint leads to pure relativism, where

nothing is wrong and everything is allowed. Even the most vile and destructive behaviors can be tolerated as expressions of personal “truth” for some group or culture.

Beginning (as most philosophical systems do) in institutions of higher learning, post-modernism has spread to the arts, literature, social sciences, education, history, science, politics, even religion. If it seems that our culture is becoming more crazed and illogical, understand that it is no accident. The intellectual foundations of our society have been contaminated by a poison that has effectively destroyed the ability of people to see the connection between behaviors and consequences. Professing to be wise, they have become fools.

The disease that afflicts post-modern man is the same illness that has reappeared again and again throughout history. Whenever men choose to reject God and try to devise their own way in life, the result is always the same: a brief period of haughty rebellion against God, followed by a dark age that we bring upon ourselves.

– David King