

DOES RELIGION MAKE YOU CRAZY?

John 14:27

INTRODUCTION

- A. Our graphic suggest the human brain. There is much that we have learned about the functioning human brain. We know that it consists of various parts or components and that each part is designed to perform a certain function, sometimes in unison with another or other parts. When working as God designed it, the human brain is indeed marvelous.
- B. The graphic of slide two depicts a human brain that is experiencing problems. There is electrical malfunction that can result in disability of thinking and performance. The quotation is a composite of what many have and are saying about religion. It must be admitted that some false religions do indeed teach and practice matters that are damaging to the thinking of man (cults, etc.).
- C. Beginning with side three, we see how true service to God (religion) is mentally healthy and how religion is conducive to mental development.

DISCUSSION

- I. THE GOSPEL IMPARTS UNDERSTANDING.
 - A. The Bible informs man of his origin; purpose; and destiny.
 - B. GE 1:1-2: ; EC 12:13; MT 25:46.
- II. THE BIBLE IMPARTS THE REMEDY FOR GUILT.
 - A. God offers true forgiveness.
 - B. Acts 2:38; 1 JN 1:7-10.
- III. THE BIBLE PROMOTES AND REQUIRES SELF-EXAMINATION.
 - A. Not only is self-examination taught but a standard is provided.
 - B. 2 CO 13:5.
- IV. THE BIBLE TEACHES ONE DAY AT A TIME.
 - A. Jesus taught addressing the problems within a day.
 - B. MT 6:34.
- V. THE GOSPEL PROVIDES A PRIORITY ORDER.
 - A. First things first.
 - B. MT 6:33.
- VI. THE BIBLE TEACHES AGAINST PERSONAL HATRED.
 - A. Vengeance is forbidden.
 - B. MT 5:43-47.
- VII. GOD PROVIDES WORTHY GOALS.
 - A. These goals enhance life and make us better people.
 - B. MT 5:48.

CONCLUSION

- A. This graphic illustrates a well working brain, the product of the gospel. All things considered, true religion promotes a sound mind, both physically and spiritually. A mind that thinks clearly and is able to form correct judgments.
- B. True religion is not against sound thinking and development. Rather than make people crazy, the gospel stabilizes Christians and makes them better husbands/wives; children; parents; citizens; works; and members of society. It provides peace that the world cannot provide. (JN 14: 27).