

# Abandoning Common Sense

Luke 11:14-20



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- Our society applauds the quest for higher learning.
- Recently, there were two positive reports on education in our area.
  - Decatur City High Schools are graduating students at a better rate than the state average.
  - Hartselle High School just finished in the top 10 in the state in every academic marker.



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- The Bible is also very interested in people increasing in wisdom and knowledge.
- In fact, it is COMMANDED!
  - II Peter 3:18- “Grow in the grace and knowledge..”
  - II Tim. 2:15- “Study to show yourself approved....”
  - The first four chapters of Proverbs are devoted to showing the value of having wisdom and gaining knowledge.



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- But, have you ever noticed that often some people begin to believe themselves so smart that they abandon common sense.
- Honestly, we are seeing a lot of this lately.
- In addition to our text, Lk. 11:14-20 the following Biblical examples illustrate a lack of common sense:
  - Acts 17:22-34.
  - John 9:24-33



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- I have told people in the past that when my kids think that I ask a dumb question they will respond with “duh.”
- What they are respectfully saying is, “dearest father, you are demonstrating a lack of intelligence.”
- Today, I would like for us to consider some areas where people have abandoned common sense.



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## **BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD**

- Ps. 14:1- “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.”
- How is the foolish man described in Matt. 7?
- Listen to Ps. 19:1-3
- Romans 1:18ff



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## **BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD**

- What obvious thoughts demand God's existence?
  - Creature can't be greater than the Creator. To have the intelligence beings proves a higher intelligence.
  - The concept of good and evil/right and wrong-  
Rom. 2:14-15.
  - Historical argument.



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## APPROACH TO THE BIBLE

- Gal. 1:9
- Everyone under the umbrella of “Christendom” takes his/her roots from the Bible and rightly so.
- II Tim. 3:16
- John 5:39



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## APPROACH TO THE BIBLE

- Yet, other religious groups have additional documents and books teaching content contrary to the Bible.
- Books written by uninspired men that are:
  - #1 given = or greater weight than sacred script.
  - #2 written hundreds or thousands of years removed from the time of the events.



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- To accept this above the words of those who walked with Jesus and learned directly from Jesus is mind-boggling.
- This is not higher learning or educational soundness, it's just plain poor intellectualism.



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## **MORAL COMPASS**

- Abortion
- Gender identification
- Fornication
- Idolatry
- Dishonesty