

Gospel Reset Bible Class, Part 4

Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article V.

22 ...Dr. Luther very diligently urged this distinction in nearly all his writings and showed in detail that there is a vast difference between the knowledge of God which comes from the Gospel and that which is taught by and learned from the law, since from the natural law even the heathen had to some extent a knowledge of God, although they neither understood nor honored him rightly (Rom. 1:21).

Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article IV. 7-8

7] Of these two parts the adversaries select the Law, because **human reason** naturally understands, in some way, the Law (for it has the same judgment divinely written in the mind); [the natural law agrees with the law of Moses, or the Ten Commandments] and by the Law they seek the remission of sins and justification. 8] Now, the Decalog requires not only **outward civil works**, which **reason** can in some way produce, but it also requires other things placed far above reason, namely, truly to fear God, truly to love God, truly to call upon God, truly to be convinced that God hears us, and to expect the aid of God in death and in all afflictions; finally, it requires obedience to God, in death and all afflictions, so that we may not flee from these or refuse them when God imposes them.

XI. To whom has God entrusted the teaching of Natural Knowledge? The state/government.

Note: God has given authority to rule to two kingdoms: church (right-hand kingdom) and state/government (left-hand kingdom).

1A. The church teaches revealed knowledge in order to impart salvation.

Mt 28:19-20

2A. The state/government uses natural knowledge with human reason in order to protect body and possessions with outward discipline so that there is order.

Romans 13

1B. The church benefits from worldly order (protection of body and possession) and outward discipline so that her members may gather to hear the Word and receive the Sacraments. The church uses body and possession to do good works of love toward the neighbor.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

2B. The government benefits from the church praying for the state/government and teaching her members to honor and obey the governing authorities. Parents are to educate their children to love their neighbor by serving others (including governmental vocations).

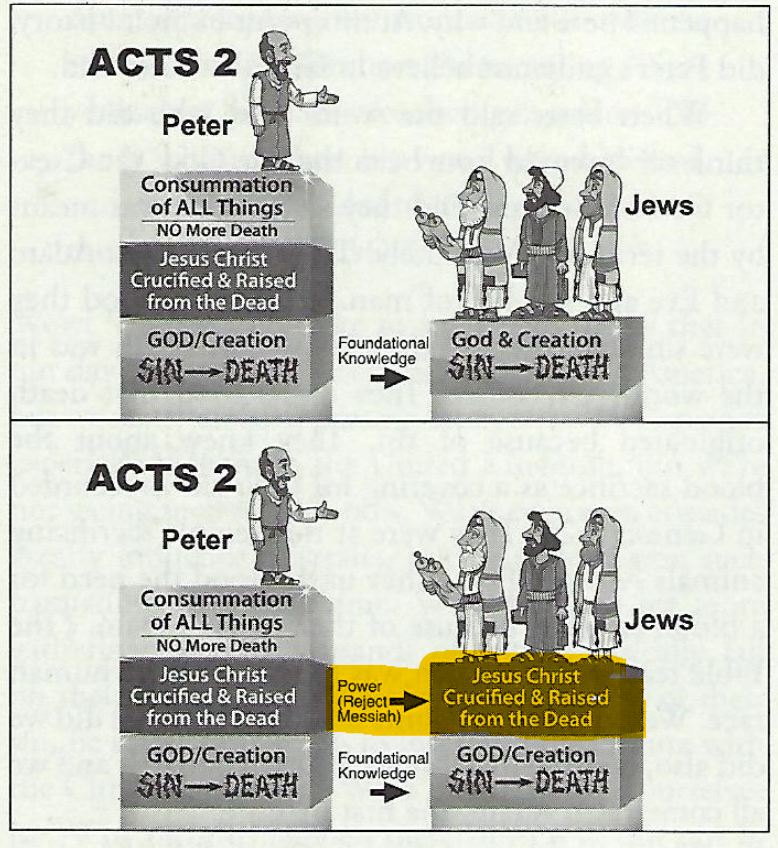
Titus 3:1

XII. Is natural law and human reason sufficient to govern the left-hand kingdom, that is, without revealed knowledge? Yes.

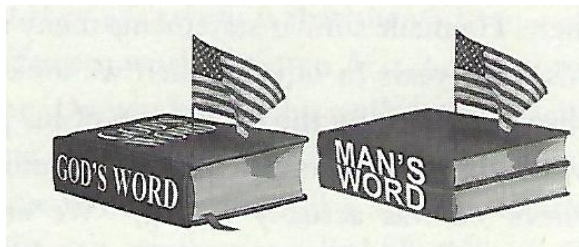
When the Scriptures denounce man's word, it is because man is setting up his human teachings as an object for faith to trust in. God's Word does not put down man's word when it is not being used for salvation. Outside of the kingdom of the church, man's word and human reason are to be used for the left-hand kingdom. The study of language, mathematics, science, etc. is used to serve society.

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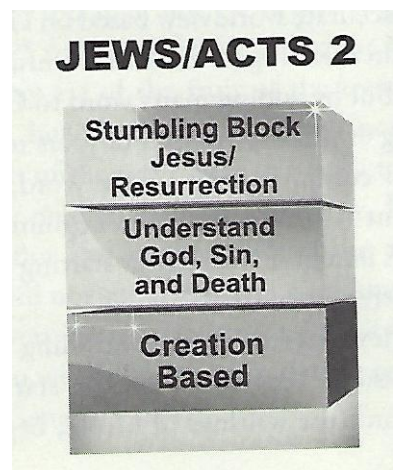
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