WHOLESOME THINKING

Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment in the Law. He answered by referring to the Hebrew "Shema" which means "hear" or "listen." God's people were commanded to pay attention. (Deuteronomy 6:4). So, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).

Sometimes skeptics will use the false argument that, with religion, we are asked not to use our minds. Religion puts our minds on hold so we believe whatever someone has made up. If we carefully consider the response that Jesus gave concerning the greatest commandment, it should show us that using our minds is of the greatest importance. In fact, it is the greatest commandment in the Law.

The Apostle Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit (not religion) to help us use our minds in a way that would honor God. "Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking" (2 Peter 3:1). All believers have a calling to pursue such thinking. Not only will God's blessing be manifest in our lives, but that blessing will spread to influence life around us. One might speculate that there is a need for this kind of thinking right now.

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2 Peter 3:1-7

● 1-2 WHOLESOME THINKING

● 3-4 UNWHOLESOME THINKING

Isaiah 28:14-19

Luke 24:25-27; 44-45

● 5-7 SMART THINKING

John 3:16