

From The Book of Exodus. THE ABSOLUTISM OF HUMAN REASON, PART TWO

Evidence in the Text indicates the Israelites saw the power of God as an uncontrolled variable (7:14-25.) The power of God affected the Nile River, but that alone was not a sufficient source for generalization, as far as they were concerned.

However, if one cannot generalize from the power of God to all situations, then one will not rely upon it! This is then the effect of the absolutism of human reason.

Out of this comes a serious mistake in judgment. The mistake: The Israelites mistook an absolute (the power of God) for an uncontrolled variable.

There is a truism here: The power of God is not predictable because we cannot control it. So we must trust God without reservation. The Israelites did not; nor perhaps do we.

*Human reason, or rationalism*, establishes its axiom: If we cannot control the power of God then we must control circumstance! Faith in man becomes the bottom line.