

Non Linear Reasoning and Behavior
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A NARRATION ON BIBLICAL NON-LINEAR REASONING and BEHAVIOR

#1. From the biblical text, there is no question but that true revealed understanding of faith is emphatically non-linear.

#2. There can be no doubt that the Lord is the creator of our human general reasoning capacity. However, the point at issue is the place and or function of revelation. What shall we do with this book? How shall it be read, used and understood?

#3. The Scripture is the dividing line between human wisdom and biblical non-linear belief.

#4. In fact, we use both. When the car sputters, human reason says "buy gas!" But there will always be a matter of contradiction between these two forms of thinking, speaking and behaving.

The Question: What shall do at the point of contradiction? From everywhere in scripture, the answer is: Seek the word of God and then trust in it with all of your heart, mind and soul.

#5. The Sense of Risk: A decision to fully put one's life, family, well-being in the hands of the invisible God and an ancient text will perhaps register with us as an extreme and unnecessary risk.

#6. At that point of recognition, we are with David in the Valley of Elah before Goliath and the enemies of God. Or with Daniel, Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael, apparently standing alone before the power of a state. Or with Paul and Silas in prison, "without a hope of release," human reason would say.

Scripture teaches us to say: "My life, my body, my all Unto Thee, oh Lord God, unto Thee"!