

The Working Mistaken Assumption
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From Romans 1. THE WORKING MISTAKEN ASSUMPTION

#1. The Mistaken Assumption: The human race is struggling to deal with its sensual nature, the source of all our troubles. But the controlling strength of human reason can and will rein in our explosive sensual nature, says this assumption. Furthermore, wars would cease and civilization could prosper. Responsible government would guide the development of human experience. Friedrich Schiller, a European poet and philosopher, urged this mistaken assumption on his fellow Germans, and to little avail.

#2. The Problem: The book of Romans chapter 1 reports that human reason is itself fallen and darkened. Human reason, far from being the solution, is actually part of the problem. "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (1: 21.)

#3. The ancient Israelites of the Old Testament were obliged to this false assumption (1 Corinthians 10:1-13).

#4. However, according to Scripture, human reason is required to precess back upon (move its orientation toward) the Word of God and move away from its unaided state of being (Ephesians 1:15-23.) Human reason not subordinated to revelation is precursor to idolatry .

#5. And now and still it appears that largely in the churches, insubordinate human reason sits in the driver's seat.

#6. Indeed the unity between between REASON --> and --> THE SENSUAL is the axis of ruin. The Lord intends to shatter that unity.

"For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside" (1 Corinthians 1:18,19).