

REVEALED SENSE, COMMON SENSE & NON-SENSE

Text: Nehemiah 8:8

INTRO: Things done in religion fall into one of these three categories. Let us illustrate.

I. REVEALED SENSE.

Rom. 1:16-17; Prov. 14:12

Psa. 33:4, For the word of the Lord is right & all His work is done in truth.

Rom. 9:20, Who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to Him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

Luke 5:5, At Your word I will.

II. COMMON SENSE ALSO COMES FROM GOD, THUS WE MAY REASON TOGETHER AS WE STUDY HIS WORD.  
Acts 17:2; 18:4, 19; 24:25

Rom 1:20, For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse

A. What God has revealed is right & cannot be reasoned away. Jer 10:23; Isa 55:8-9

B. But in certain things God has given us liberty & we must exercise common sense to arrive at a workable plan.

1. Mark 16:15-15. Go, preach gospel
2. Acts 20:7, 1st day to break bread (what hour? How long?)

III THOSE THINGS DONE IN RELIGION THAT ARE  
REVEALED SENSE, OR WITH THE USE OF COMMON  
SENSE FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF NON-  
SENSE.

Hos 7:11, "Ephraim also is like a silly  
dove, without sense--They call to Egypt,  
They go to Assyria.

- A. The idea that feelings are a safe  
guide. Not safe in travel, medicine,  
business, etc.
- B. The idea that one church is as good as  
another. Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28;  
Eph. 5:23-25; 1 Cor. 3:11; Acts 2:47
- C. The idea that it doesn't matter what a  
person believes as long as he is  
sincere & honest.

NOTE: If it doesn't matter what you  
believe, it doesn't matter whether  
you believe anything or not. Heb  
11:6; 2 Thess. 2:12; Mark 16:16

CONCLUSION: It is necessary to act on the  
authority of revealed sense where God has  
spoken, and use common sense where God has  
granted liberty - and forsake non-sense in the  
service of God.

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