Ignorance

Words: “At their core, words allow humans to transmit and exchange information, conveying ideas, facts, and emotions that would otherwise remain internal and inaccessible to others. They enable clarity in thought and precision in communication, allowing people to share knowledge, solve problems, and coordinate actions effectively” (Psychology Today).

When speaking with someone (on any subject) insert the following: “You are just ignorant,” and see how it lands.

Nevertheless, the term “ignorance” is utilized, in the Bible, seven times (New American Standard Version | Acts 3:17 | 17:23, 30 | Eph. 4:18 | Heb. 9:7 | 1 Pet. 1:14; 2:15), and is defined as “want of knowledge or perception” (W.E. Vine’s Dictionary of New Testament Words).

While in Athens: among “Epicurean and Stoic philosophers” who “took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming?” the apostle Paul said, “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you” (Acts 17:17-19, 22-23), and to the Ephesians, Paul said, “So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them” (Eph. 4:17-18, NASV). Those to whom Paul spoke did not know they were ignorant, but to add insult to injury, for a man to be ignorant of his own ignorance may lead to devastating consequences: there are few, if any, who have not fallen into that category.

An example of this is given from the field of science Nathan Zohner, a 14-year-old student, gathered petitions to ban "DHMO" as the basis of his science project. He invited people to sign a petition that demanded either strict control of, or a total ban

on, the daily use of dihydrogen monoxide. He listed some of the odious properties of this colorless and odorless substance:
~ It is a major component of acid rain
~ It eventually dissolves almost anything it comes in contact with
~ It can kill if accidentally inhaled
~ It can cause severe burns in its gaseous state
~ It has been found in tumors of terminal cancer patients

Forty-three out of 50 classmates approached by Zohner signed the petition: would you contemplate signing the petition?

(Which word, in the "Word Search," defines "dihydrogen monoxide"?)

When individuals defend their right to practice their religion based upon "it seems to me" (Prov. 16:25, ASV); "I think (thought)" (2 Kgs. 5:11; 1 Cor. 13:11) or, "I don't see anything wrong with it" (Prov. 16:2), does it not manifests being ignorant of their own ignorance? When an individual rejects that baptism is necessary "unto the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), to "wash away sins" (Acts 22:16), to be "baptized into His death" (Rom. 6:3); and/or, in doing so "put(*s*) on Christ" (Gal. 3:27), but in their affirming that baptism has nothing to do with salvation baptize for reasons other than what the scriptures support, does it not manifest being ignorant of their own ignorance?

Utilizing the words of Paul, as directed by the Holy Spirit: What would be "good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth"? (1 Tim. 2:3-4). ret