

AA57. Being Open to Reason.

We are to be open to reason.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Philippians 4:5

Let everyone see how reasonable and gentle you are. The Lord is near!

James 3:17

But the wisdom from above is, first of all, pure, then peaceful, kind, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

James 1:19

1 Peter 3:14-15

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now," says ADONAI, "let's talk this over [reason] together. Even if your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; even if they are red as crimson, they will be like wool.

Comment

“Being open to reason” is another way of saying “being logical and being teachable.” We must, however, be cautious of and reject assertions, prophecies, and teachings, that are logical and reasonable according to the world’s standards but not by God’s. Hence biblical knowledge and spiritual discernment must always accompany logic in determining what is reasonable.

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