


Getting Caught Up in Someone else's Fantasy

Rabbit holes! I may be the bunny-hunting buddy beagle of the land when it comes to getting distracted from a thought. Reading the scriptures and endeavoring to understand the innate physical and spiritual applications therein is often derailed with...another thought.

Let me give you an example:

In Ezra 4:5-7: four Persian kings are mentioned, i.e., Cyrus, Darius, Ahasuerus, and Artaxerxes. These kings are ancillary to the point of the text. However, down the rabbit hole I go. I ended up spending four hours in pursuit of enlightening myself as to who these kings were, when they reigned, where they fit into the scheme of Judah and Benjamin's efforts to rebuild the temple.

What is the point? When you try to be focused, i.e., plan your work and work your plan, you may be approached by individuals that have "the answer" to all the intellectual, physical, spiritual and social ills of society. It has been reported (Wikipedia, for what that is worth), there are 4,300 religions, 22 core religions, accounting for 7.79 billion adherents. However, each of these have "their take" on the answers and believe that "their take" is the correct one.

This is true of any given individual ). The question: Is their rabbit hole biblically legitimate enough to crawl into?

There is a simple, yet accurate, statement that goes something like this: "We can all be wrong, but we cannot all be right." If there is truth, as all the evidence affirms, then there is an ultimate truth. Since there is an ultimate truth, the words of Solomon are applicable: "Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (Prov. 23:23).

The road is not easy and is often daunting. However, for your intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social wellbeing (Lk. 2:52), you have no other choice, but to do what Ezra did: "Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach [in Israel] statutes and ordinances" (Ezra 7:10).

Along the way, you will have to deal with the "some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Pet. 3:16). But as you do, watch out for the "rabbit holes" that consist of "Someone Else's Fantasy."

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