

What is the Inductive Method?

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"In the use of this method of interpretation, all the facts are reported, and from them the conclusion is to be reached"

II. Common Recognized Principle:

- A. Law: "Truth, whole truth, nothing but the truth"
- B. Medicine: "All discoveries reported to further progress and remove error"
- C. Science: "Modern science depends largely on the inductive method"
- D. Common Sense: Neighbor's comparing crops...picking smallest to compare with largest
- E. Historical Facts: "Facts alone are supposed to guide men in forming their conclusions."
- F. Scriptural:
 - 1. Lk. 24:25-27 - Jesus introduced all the facts from the divine source that they might understand the truth.
 - 2. Acts 15:1-2, 5-7, 12-15 - The apostles and elders met together to determine the acceptance of the Gentile.
 - 3. Matt. 4:5-7 - Jesus said, "for it is written."
 - 4. Matt. 22:23-32; Acts 23:8 - Jesus refutes the Sadducees.
 - 5. Jn. 20:1-9 - The facts are paramount to a proper understanding.

III. The next investigation: How Facts are Collected

Stop, Look and Listen

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will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah" (Isaiah 55:6-8). ret

Jehu and the prophets of Baal

After Jehu had departed from the slaying the brethren of Ahaziah, "he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thy hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for Jehovah. So they made him ride in his chariot. And when he came to Samaria, he smote all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake to Elijah" (2 Kgs. 10:15-17).

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him much. Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. And Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of Jehovah, but the worshippers of Baal only. And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him. And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal" (2 Kgs. 10:18-25). ret

Routines

Webster defined a “routine” as “Any regular habit or practice not accommodated to circumstances” (1828, Vol. 2).

Routines are often instilled from a very early age, i.e., set times to start various actions, and/or be present at a particular location. There are routines that accompany the start of a new day and thoughts about what the day will bring.

In the religious realm there was a routine time to assemble with others of “like precious faith” (2 Pet. 1:1), i.e., “upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread” (Acts 20:7). Sunday morning was routinely focused on attire appropriate for the occasion. Back in the day there was a routine time to assemble in the morning and the evening, with a prescheduled assembly determined for mid-week. These dedicated and routinely established times were, not only individually determined, but also recognized by each town and state: each neighborhood could set their clocks by the routine times the neighbors would head out. It was a routine that the neighborhood would know when and where individuals would be during the appointed hours.

Those days have passed. It used to be a matter of routine when schools, and/or social events were not scheduled. In the present no regard is given to the “traditional” hours routinely set aside to “Sing unto Jehovah a new song, and his praise in the assembly of the saints” (Psa. 149:1), remembering the Lord’s death until He comes (1 Cor. 11:24-26), letting “the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God” (Col. 3:16), So that, “When ye come together, each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying” (1 Cor. 14:26), and tend to “the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12).

The problem? Saints are presented with a kerfuffle: acquiesce to the routines established by the ungodly, thereby attempting to “go ye limping between the two sides,” (1 Kgs. 18:21)? Spiritual routines are important, and most importantly scriptural: “if Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him” (Ibid.). ret

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With Him is
Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Proverbs 1:1-33 — Psalms 1:1-6
John 1:1-18 — Colossians 1:3-23

Stop, Look, and Listen

When was the last time you stopped and considered life in general? When was the last time you looked at your own life and made an inventory of where you are and where you're going? When was the last time you listened to God rather than your own wisdom?

Is that not what the Lord would have us do? "What is man, that thou are mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Hebrews 2:6); "Come now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:13-14); "Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he (Cont. Pg. 2)