

The call to knowledge.

The word stupid in this document is used by the compiler as Heaven Daring. Why, Satan tried to overthrow the Government of Heaven. [Conspiracies](#). [HeThatSaith](#).

“ . . He” (Satan) “sought to prove that the righteousness of God's law is an enemy to peace. . .” DA 762.3;GC592;7BC915. “ . . . Yet the very means by which Christ established the law Satan represented as destroying it. Here will come the last conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. . . “ DA 762. See PP 365.1. **“In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. . . It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. . .”** GC 583.1 *see LP 324.2.*

Pro. 1:22 How long, ye ***simple*** ones, will ye love simplicity? ;

Strong's Simple. 6612—*i.e., seducible*, from 6601—*delude*, allure, deceive, entice. 6615. *i.e., seductibility*.

Webster: Simple—*a.*: 1. **Unskillful; wanting art, knowledge or skill.** 3. Contrived without skill or art; as, an artless tale. Simpleton: A silly person: a person of **weak intellect**; a trifler; a ***foolish person***.

Pro. 7:7 And beheld ***among the simple ones***, I discerned among the youths, a young man ***void of understanding***, 9:4 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and ***knoweth nothing***. 14:15 The ***simple believeth every word***: but the ***prudent man looketh well to his going***. 14:18 The ***simple inherit folly***: but the prudent are ***crowned with knowledge***.

Rom. 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, ***mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine*** which ye have learned; ***and avoid them***. 18 For ***they that are such*** serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches ***deceive the hearts of the simple***.—Prov. 1:32 For ***the turning away of the simple shall slay them***, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

Webster. Sim'ple, a, ; weak in intellect; not wise or sagacious; silly

Strong's simple 172 *innocent or unsuspecting*—harmless, simple. 2556.

Note: Because the simple willingly chose to be deceived-deluded from hearing the truth, they shall be lost. Pro. 22:3; 27:12. below

Ps. 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, ***making wise the simple.*** 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; ***it giveth understanding unto the simple.***

Pro. 1:2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 ***To give subtilty to the simple,*** to the young man knowledge and discretion. 8:5 O ye simple, ***understand wisdom:*** and, ye fools, be ye of an ***understanding heart.*** 22:3 ***A prudent man foreseeth*** the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, ***and are punished.*** 27:12 ***A prudent man foreseeth*** the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, ***and are punished.***

Rom. 16:19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet ***I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.***

Fool: see Bible Verses for ***fool.***

Isa. 56:10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ***ignorant, they are all dumb dogs,*** they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. *Matt. 23:14*

Eze. 23: doted, a. foolish, silly, stupid—webster pg. 521

Dictionary • [*predicative*] lacking knowledge, information, or awareness **about a particular thing:**

Church Members and Ministers?

Dear Brethren: The Lord gave me a view, January 26, 1850, which I will relate. I saw that some of the people of God are ***stupid*** and dormant, and but half awake; they do not realize the time we are now living in, and that . . . some are in danger of being swept away. I begged of Jesus to save them, to spare them a little longer, and let them see their awful danger, that they might get ready before it should be forever too late. The angel said, "Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind." I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, who were attached to their possessions, and were not willing to cut loose from them, and sacrifice to speed the messengers on their way to feed the hungry sheep who were perishing for want of spiritual food. {EW 48.2}

Angels are watching over and guarding us; we often grieve these angels by indulging in trifling conversation, jesting, and joking, and also by sinking down into a careless, *stupid* state. Although we may now and then make an effort for the victory and obtain it, yet if we do not keep it, but sink down into the same careless, indifferent state, unable to endure temptations and resist the enemy, we do not endure the trial of our faith that is more precious than gold. We are not suffering for Christ's sake, and glorying in tribulation. {EW 111.2}

Ministers should become Bible students. Are the truths which they handle mighty? Then they should seek to handle them skillfully. Their ideas should be clear and strong, and their spirits fervent, or they will weaken the force of the truth which they handle. By tamely presenting the truth, merely repeating the theory without being stirred by it themselves, they can never convert men. If they should live as long as did Noah, their efforts would be without effect. Their love for souls must be intense, and their zeal fervent. ***A listless, unfeeling manner of presenting the truth will never*** arouse men and women from their deathlike slumber. They must show by their manners, by their acts and words, and by their preaching and praying, that they believe that Christ is at the door. Men and women are in ***the last hours of probation***, and yet are careless and *stupid*, and preachers have no power to arouse them; they are asleep themselves. Sleeping ministers preaching to a sleeping people! {GW92 121.2}

mo·ron | 'môr,än |

noun *informal*

a stupid person:

Strongs Hebrew 191, 3648, 5028, 5036, 5530. Greek 878, 3474, 3912. Silly, stupid, mindless, insane.

The Angel said?

Said the angel, "***Jesus has nearly finished His work in the sanctuary***. It is no time to be *stupid* now; a quick work will the Lord do upon the earth; the four angels will soon let go the four winds." Said the angel, "Beware how thou treadest enchanted ground all around the east and west, north and south. If Satan can get thee to slumber now he is sure of his prey." {8MR 219.4}

In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, ***such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary***. This is one of the points on which there

will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years? {RH, May 25, 1905 par. 28}

The Lord does not?

There are two grand forces at work in the salvation of the human soul. It requires the cooperation of man with the divine agencies-- divine influences, and a strong, living, working faith. It is in this way only that the human agent can become a laborer together with God. ***The Lord does not sanction in any one of us a blind, stupid credulity.*** He does not dishonor the human understanding, but, far from this, He calls for the human will to be brought into connection with the divine will. He calls for the ingenuity of the human mind, the tact, the skill, to be strenuously exercised in searching out the truth as it is in Jesus. . . . Ye are labourers together with God. {OHC 310.5}

credulity | krə' dōolədē | noun

a tendency to be too ready to believe that something is real or true:

Healthful meals at the wrong quantity will make?

The Sabbath of the Lord is a day of rest from labor; and the diet upon that day should be more simple, and partaken of in less quantities, than upon the six laboring days, because we do not have that exercise upon the Sabbath that we have upon the other days of the week. Many have erred in not practicing self-denial upon the Sabbath. By partaking of full meals, as on the six laboring days, their minds are beclouded; they are ***stupid***, and often drowsy; some suffer with headache. Such have no truly-devotional feelings upon the Sabbath, and the blessing resting upon the Sabbath does not prove a blessing to them. The sick and suffering require care and attention upon the Sabbath, as well as upon the other six days of the week; and it may be necessary for their comfort to prepare warm food and drinks upon the Sabbath. In such instances, it is no violation of the fourth commandment to make them as comfortable as possible. The great Lawgiver is a God of compassion, as well as of justice. {1SP 226.1}

Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions, and not violate the law of God. Therefore He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may see our sin in violating the laws which He has established in our being. All our enjoyment or suffering may be traced to obedience or transgression of natural law. Our gracious heavenly Father sees the deplorable condition of men who, some knowingly but many ignorantly, are living in violation of the laws that He has established. And in love and pity to

the race, He causes the light to shine upon health reform. He publishes His law and the penalty that will follow the transgression of it, that all may learn and be careful to live in harmony with natural law. He proclaims His law so distinctly and makes it so prominent that it is like a city set on a hill. All accountable beings can understand it if they will. ***Idiots will not be responsible.*** To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the third angel's message to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. {3T 161.2}

It is heart-saddening to see ***the imbecility of parents in the exercise of their God-given authority.*** Men who in everything else are consistent and intelligent fail to understand the principles that should be brought into the training of their little ones. They fail to give them right instruction at the very time when right instruction, a godly example, and firm decision are most needed to lead in right lines the inexperienced minds that are ignorant of the deceptive and dangerous influences that they must meet with everywhere.¹⁴ CG 237.1

[Ignorance1.](#) [ErrorOfNoConsequence.](#)

In Preparation for the Following Section on The Theory of *Bonhoeffer and Carlo Cipolla.*

I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we are having the last message of mercy, being ***separate from those*** who are daily imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings; for it is wrong to thus ***encourage them while they teach error that is a deadly poison to the soul*** and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The ***influence*** of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith He has set us free and rejoice in the truth. ***God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error,*** without being obliged to go; for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is ***forced*** home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels ***cease*** their watchful care over us, and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him and the power of his evil angels; and the light around us becomes contaminated with the darkness. {EW 124.3}

I saw that we have no time to throw away in ***listening*** to fables. Our minds should not be thus diverted, but should be occupied with the present truth, and seeking wisdom that we may obtain a more ***thorough knowledge of our position,*** that with meekness we may be able to give a reason of our hope from the Scriptures. While false doctrines and ***dangerous errors*** are pressed upon the mind, it cannot be dwelling upon the ***truth*** which ***is to fit and prepare*** the house of Israel to stand in the day of the Lord. {EW 1854 125.1}

Faith is the medium through which *truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind.* It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the Word of God or the sayings of men. { 1SM 346.3}

Let it be your study to select and make your homes as far from Sodom and Gomorrah as you can. ***Keep out of the large cities. If possible make your homes in the quiet retirement of the country,*** even if you can never become wealthy by so doing. Locate where there is the best influence. 14 AH 139.1. [GodlyMothers](#)

The Lord desires His people to move into the country, where they can settle on the land, and raise their own fruit and vegetables, and where their children can be brought in direct contact with the works of God in nature. Take your families away from the cities is my message. 2SM 357.4

Distressed by the increasing wickedness of the ungodly, and ***fearing that their infidelity might lessen his reverence for God, Enoch avoided constant association with them, and spent much time in solitude,*** giving himself to meditation and prayer. Thus he waited before the Lord, seeking a clearer knowledge of His will, that he might perform it. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul; he lived in the very atmosphere of heaven. PP 85.4

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Theory of Stupidity—Bonhoeffer

Taken from a circular letter addressing many topics, written to three friends and co-workers in the conspiracy against Hitler, on the tenth anniversary of Hitler's accession to the chancellorship of Germany.

‘Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice. One may protest against evil; it can be exposed and, if need be, prevented by use of force. Evil always carries within itself the germ of its own subversion in that it leaves behind in human beings at least a sense of unease. Against stupidity we are defenseless. Neither protests nor the use of force accomplish anything here; reasons fall on deaf ears; facts that contradict one's prejudgment simply need not be believed—in such moments the stupid person even becomes critical—and when facts are irrefutable

they are just pushed aside as inconsequential, as incidental. In all this the stupid person, in contrast to the malicious one, is utterly self-satisfied and, being easily irritated, becomes dangerous by going on the attack. For that reason, greater caution is called for than with a malicious one. Never again will we try to persuade the stupid person with reasons, for it is senseless and dangerous.

‘If we want to know how to get the better of stupidity, we must seek to understand its nature. This much is certain, that it is in essence not an intellectual defect but a human one. There are human beings who are of remarkably agile intellect yet stupid, and others who are intellectually quite dull yet anything but stupid. We discover this to our surprise in particular situations. The impression one gains is not so much that stupidity is a congenital defect, but that, under certain circumstances, people are made stupid or that they allow this to happen to them. We note further that people who have isolated themselves from others or who live in solitude manifest this defect less frequently than individuals or groups of people inclined or condemned to sociability. And so it would seem that stupidity is perhaps less a psychological than a sociological problem. It is a particular form of the impact of historical circumstances on human beings, a psychological concomitant of certain external conditions. Upon closer observation, it becomes apparent that every strong upsurge of power in the public sphere, be it of a political or of a religious nature, infects a large part of humankind with stupidity. It would even seem that this is virtually a sociological-psychological law. The power of the one needs the stupidity of the other. The process at work here is not that particular human capacities, for instance, the intellect, suddenly atrophy or fail. Instead, it seems that under the overwhelming impact of rising power, humans are deprived of their inner independence, and, more or less consciously, give up establishing an autonomous position toward the emerging circumstances. The fact that the stupid person is often stubborn must not blind us to the fact that he is not independent. In conversation with him, one virtually feels that one is dealing not at all with a person, but with slogans, catchwords and the like, that have taken possession of him. He is under a spell, blinded, misused, and abused in his very being. Having thus become a mindless tool, the stupid person will also be capable of any evil and at the same time incapable of seeing that it is evil. This is where the danger of diabolical misuse lurks, for it is this that can once and for all destroy human beings.

‘Yet at this very point it becomes quite clear that only an act of liberation, not instruction, can overcome stupidity. Here we must come to terms with the fact that

in most cases a genuine internal liberation becomes possible only when external liberation has preceded it. Until then we must abandon all attempts to convince the stupid person. This state of affairs explains why in such circumstances our attempts to know what ‘the people’ really think are in vain and why, under these circumstances, this question is so irrelevant for the person who is thinking and acting responsibly. The word of the Bible that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom declares that the internal liberation of human beings to live the responsible life before God is the only genuine way to overcome stupidity.

‘But these thoughts about stupidity also offer consolation in that they utterly forbid us to consider the majority of people to be stupid in every circumstance. It really will depend on whether those in power expect more from people’s stupidity than from their inner independence and wisdom.’

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from ‘After Ten Years’ in Letters and Papers from Prison (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works/English, vol. 8) Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2010.

In the 1970s, Carlo Cipolla, a social psychologist, developed FIVE LAWS OF STUPIDITY. The term itself, he said, wasn’t a description of intellectual acuity, but of social responsibility. A stupid person is a person who causes losses to another person, or to a group of persons, while deriving no gain for himself, and possibly incurring losses. Cases in which someone takes an action by which both parties gained, was deemed intelligent. Stupidity is independent of any other characteristics of that person: whether nationality, ethnicity, sex, economic status, or even education. The frequency in a given group is independent of the size of the group. This too indicates it’s a social phenomenon, a spontaneous mob mentality. So Cipolla warns that we will always underestimate how many there are in a group.

Stupid people are dangerous and damaging because reasonable people find it difficult to imagine and understand unreasonable behavior. An intelligent person may understand the logic of a malicious person — his actions follow a pattern of rationality. But a stupid creature will harass you for no reason, for no advantage, without any plan or scheme, and at the most improbable times and places. You have no rational way of telling if, when, how, or why the stupid creature attacks. Because the stupid person's actions do not conform to the rules of rationality, it

follows that we are generally caught by surprise by the attack. We cannot mount a rational defense, because the attack itself lacks any rational structure. Non-stupid people constantly forget that at all times and places, and under any circumstances, dealing with or associating with stupid people always turns out to be a costly mistake.

Yet, our naiveté, compassion, and mercy for these stupid creatures, may lead us to put them in positions where they can exercise authority over others. We enable them to hurt themselves and others. We hope to give them a sense of self-worth that will overcome their stupidity. We think it's an issue of education or life-experience — that they're victims of circumstance, and not innately stupid. Thus we help them rise to power, as with Hitler and Stalin, even allowing them to make our regulations and laws, and to enforce them. But in truth, this never accrues to the welfare of a society; instead it leads to its downfall.

This is as true in the church as in the world. So those who would lead must first demonstrate they can manage their own households well. They must make intelligent choices that benefit others as well as themselves, ethical choices, showing that they are servants of all.

Jer. 16:3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place” (Jerusalem) “, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; 4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but **they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth:** and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. 5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies. 6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them: 7 Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. 9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.