

## **It's one thing to say you're seeing from God's point of view and another to pretend God is a fool**

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It's one thing to say you're seeing from God's point of view, and another to pretend God is a fool. We know what happens when we ask people to understand the Divine Principle. Where something is simply true all people see it. Where something requires faith it is only visible to those who wish to see it. It's not complicated. This means that any attempt to unite the world based on anything except the kind of truth everyone is guaranteed to recognize is insincere.

Ten years ago we could have denied that all faith divides the world. We could have said that only other people's faith did that. If we are honest about it, we can see that it is attractive for us to believe things others do not. We don't have faith because we want to be part of something everyone else is part of. We have faith so we will become elevated above other people. We have faith to differentiate ourselves from those without it.

Look at Christianity and Islam. The central pillars are the same. One god, heaven, hell, sexual discipline and charity. Why do Christians and Muslims not then belong first to a simpler church for all who agree on the basics, agreeing where they can and disagreeing only on the details? Because there is no genuine pretense that what they believe is actually true.

In science when a flaw is found in old idea, the whole church gravitates away from the old dogma. There's still faith that the new understanding is correct but the devotion in science comes not from loyalty to ideas. It comes from a sincere pursuit of what is true. The differences of opinion in science exist only on the boundaries of certainty, which is why the field of science is able to progress with so much power. The pursuit of truth will set us free from division. The fruit of the tree of faith is a fragmented humanity, separated by the same misplaced idea that there is virtue in believing something that might be false.