

“THE FOOL HATH SAID...”

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A recent study of Psalm 14 just ran headlong into current events. You may have heard that a purported comedienne made an interesting comment in her acceptance speech of an entertainment industry award show (one of their many exercises in rotator-cuff damaging self-celebration). She made fun of people who thank God for their awards and then issued a common and profane challenge to the Lord. Published reports say that she said something on the order of “This award is my god now.”

I am not surprised by these things. The utter disdain that many in the popular culture feel for traditional values is well known. I am sorry that they think that way and I am sorry for them. They will find out that they are wrong one day. I pray that it will not be too late for them. We are to love everybody, even those who think so incorrectly as to endanger their souls.

Psalm 14:1 says, *“The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.”* A little later the Psalmist says that *“The Lord looked down from Heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.”* Notice the connection here between understanding and seeking God. The truth of the existence of God is verifiable by rational means. We have the ability to think. Adequate thought on the subject of God is in a sense a colossal and tragic example of misunderstanding. It is the result of incorrect thought. As the Psalmist ask, *“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?”* (14:4).

In Psalm 15 the text asks, *“Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?”* The answer is *“He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart”* v. 2. Folks can and certainly will continue to say and do all manner of ridiculous things. Unless a person loves God and does His will there is no hope for a home in Heaven. It is a thing of surpassing sadness that people are so foolish as to shut God out of their lives.

I know it makes folks like us mad to hear someone say disparaging things about God. It seems to me that many of the people who say these things are wrapped up in themselves that they forfeited the ability to understand anything real. So, as mad as it makes me, I think it makes me even a bit more sad. Indeed, *“the fool hath said...”*