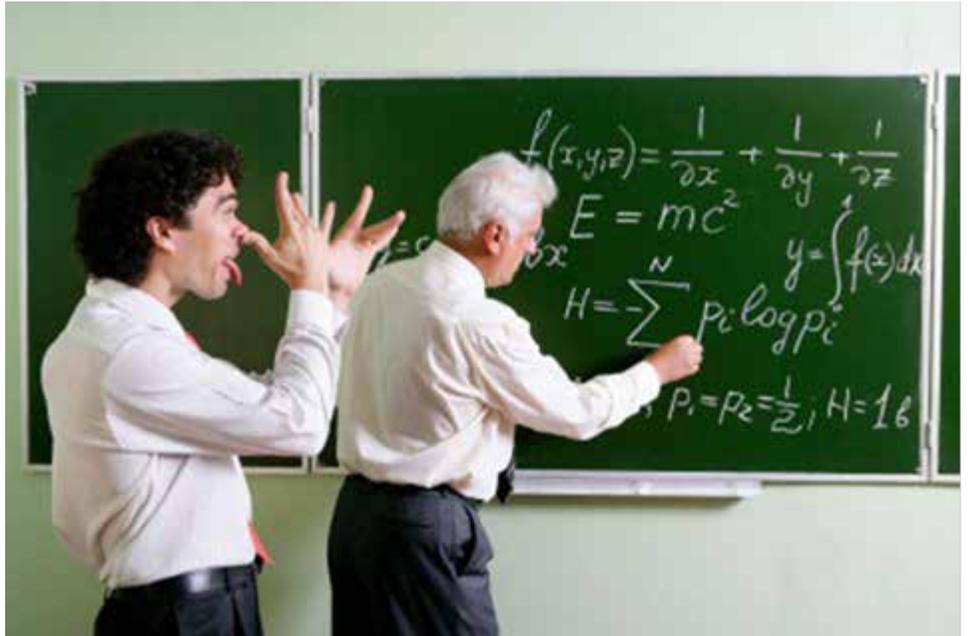


*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but **Fools Despise Wisdom** and instruction.”*  
*Proverbs 1:7 KJV*

The fear of God is non-existent in most of our world today. The obedient child has no fear of father, but the disobedient avoids him. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit: Wisdom is knowing it doesn't go in fruit salad. God gives wisdom to the true seekers. *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”* Fools despise wisdom,



because they love their sin and do not fear Almighty God! They think by denial to avoid the Eternal Judgment of God! When we first learn of God, we fear Him, because God hates sin, He commands obedience, and we are sinners by birth! *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die! And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”* God is Life and death is the absence of life. There will be no access to God for those in the Lake of Fire; they will be eternally dead!

Despising Wisdom, fools prate on,  
Denying God who judges souls,  
The Lake of Fire will be their doom,  
And torment their eternal tomb. –CGP

There is a story about a fireman who saved a young lady's life by climbing a ladder to the 10<sup>th</sup> floor, and carrying her, unconscious, to safety. When she awoke in the hospital hours later, she realized she had been saved, but nothing else. Upon inquiry she discovered the young handsome fireman, so she baked him a thank-you cake and bought him a present to the station. When they met, they fell in love at once! When you finally really meet God through His Work and Word, you, too, will fall in love! After we believe, fear, and call to God for mercy, we come to know of His Grace and Love which brought His Mercy to us in the first place and then fall in love with our LORD! *“We love Him, because He first Loved us!”* Our fear of God brings us the knowledge of God, but His Mercy, Grace, and Love bring the Wisdom of God!

*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 1:24-25 KJV*