

Evening Lesson

COME LET US REASON TOGETHER

Isa. 1:18

INTRO:

1. "All propaganda has to be popular and has to adapt its spiritual level to the perception of the least intelligent of those for whom it intends to direct itself." (Adolph Hitler, *Mein Kamph*)
2. The secret to propaganda is to bring all of society down to the level of the lowest common denominator. It must appeal to the basest prejudices, the shallowest thinking.

I. EARLY CHRISTIANS WERE THINKERS.

- A. They did not say, "Be shallow, unthinking, gullible dummies." **1 Thess. 5:21**
- B. They did not say, "Unscrew your heads when you enter worship. God doesn't care if you understand his will. He just wants you to love him with all your heart." **Mark 12:30**
- C. They did not say, "That song's message is too difficult. We want simple songs of praise." **2 Pet 3:18**

II. THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE.

- A. Bertrand Russell, a famous skeptic, once sneered, "Most Christians would rather die than think...in fact, most do."
- B. Those who love God will know his will.
- C. It is not as if knowledge is cold and indifferent, while feelings are warm and loving.
- D. Ignorance of God's will is dangerous.
- E. Learning half-truths and reinforcing prejudged conclusions of scripture is a danger in the church.

CONC:

1. The church is not in the business of leveling our understanding and service down to the lowest common denominator.
2. The church is in the business of raising all us to God's level.