

Scripture, the sufficient Revelation from God

Christianity is based upon revelation. Every means to find God by man-made efforts is vain and only produces false religions or mysticism. So, in essence, it's a matter of submission—either to His revelation or to our imagination. We either rely solely on the divine influence over our minds, OR the amassing of propositions, theses, visions, mystical experiences, intuition, church councils and traditions...a sort of mix of philosophy, psychology, and theology.

Colossians 2:8-15 warns us of the danger of being taken captive through philosophy and empty deception, yet the Church is full of mysticism (relying on experience over Christ revealed in Scripture), pragmatism (determining truth by what works), asceticism (self-made religion to appease God), legalism (majoring on the minors and living for shadow rather than substance) and psychology.

Psalm 19 brings crucial light to much non-sense surrounding this issue. Please read it. Notice the marked shift of the Psalmist as he changes his focus from *natural* revelation (Ps 19:1-6) to *special* revelation (Ps 19:7-11); from wordless communication in the creation that is constantly narrating God's glory, to written words. We join him in celebrating the fact that the voice of God that He has supremely chosen to reveal Himself and communicate His plan with man is made clear and sufficient in the Scriptures; His inspired, inerrant, authoritative, and sufficient Word. In these verses he goes to an extreme degree to show forth the perfections of Scripture. It is His law, testimony, precepts, and commands. It is perfect, sure, right, pure, and true. It is His truth, His revelation, His Word, and His information given as a precious gift, that His people might know, love, and serve Him. It's the only truth in this life that doesn't change or develop, in contrast to what man formulates. Thus, it revives the soul (leading to salvation), is altogether righteous (thoroughly sanctifying believers), and makes the simple wise and skillful in the issues of daily life! [www.biblicalexpositor.org has a 3-part sermon that elucidates this text]