



The Role of Reason

Here is a general statement about what reason is. Reason is the human ability to see a relationship between real or possible facts and other real or possible facts, such that if you have the one, you have the other. Or if it's an exclusionary relationship, you have the one and you don't have the other.

What were the facts Jesus was referring to in Matthew 6:30? Premise #1: God cares for the grass. Premise #2: You are worth at least as much as the grass. So what's the conclusion? God cares for you. And that is reason: the relationship between real and possible facts and other real or possible facts.

When you sit down to balance your checkbook, you are dealing with real and possible facts. You began with a certain amount in your account, you wrote some checks, there were a few service charges; you knew your balance would go down, so you deposited other amounts. Those are the real facts. What's supposed to come out of that? You use your mind to set all those facts in relation to one another and arrive at the amount you have in the bank now, right? That's reason. That's all it is.

In apologetic work we submit our reason to God to help people understand things that will increase and enlarge their faith.

Reflect:

(Q) Did the example of God caring for the grass help you think of God's care for you, and thus, enlarge your faith?

(Q) As you consider your day, how would responding by faith to this truth influence your decisions?

With the Affection of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff".

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