

The Spirit of the World

*Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.
Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and
comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 What do the following passages say about the 'world' and Jesus' followers?
Deuteronomy 8:1-3; Psalm 78:1-11 (and the whole psalm); John 15:18,19; 16:33; 1 John 5:1-5;
Revelation 2:18-29

2 Reason is a good servant but a poor master. Why?

What are the limits of human reason? See Matthew 22:23-33; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; 2:14-16;
Ephesians 2:1-5.

3 What is overlooked by the belief that "whatever is new is best"? See Psalm 102:27 and Hebrews
1:12b; Hebrews 10:23; 13:8; Psalm 103:15-18; 1 Timothy 3:15.

4 What's wrong with trusting in emotions and one's own experiences? Job 38:1-3; 40:6-9; Exodus
32:1-9; Luke 18:9-14; Romans 12:1,2

5 What do the following passages teach about the certainty of the Scriptures, including the writings of
St Paul? 2 Peter 1:19-21; 3:14-18

6 Our lives are to be characterised by repentance and self-giving service, not an insistence on our
rights. See Isaiah 58:3-12; Philippians 2:1-5; Ephesians 5:1,2.

*Come, Spirit, let me know you
and taste your power within,
the power that breaks our shackles
and rescues us from sin.
So wash me through and through
that I may serve you purely
and honour you most truly,
inspired and filled with you.
(LHS 130, stanza 2)*

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