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- Holiness: Set apart, distinct in nature and purpose
- A Very High Standard…

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- Ignorance: lack of knowledge
- You know better now
- The "way it is" or common approach to life is inappropriate for you; inevitable in those who don't know.

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- Action (inward and outward)
- Self-Control/Maturity; Trusting His Grace

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- Preparing the Mind.

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- φρονέω, **phroneo,** -- to think, regard, hold an opinion; to set one's mind on; to have a (certain) attitude

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RATIONAL • ANALYTICAL • PRECISE • REASONING • LOGICAL

COMMON CLAIM:

Faith & Reason are incompatible; mutually exclusive.

- Unbelievers: If you're smart you won't believe.
- Believers: If you believe you need to not think.

UNCOMMON TRUTH:

- Faith requires reason.
- Reason requires knowledge.
  - Revelation (God provides it)
- Using your mind is:
  - Part of the *Imago Dei;* Image of God
  - Associated with HOLINESS.

UNCOMMON TRUTH:

This is not just about what you think;

Its about

HOW

You think

A Missing Spiritual Discipline:

- In devotion and spiritual development
- In outreach and evangelism
- In conversation with the World.

Needs to be developed and deployed better by believers

FOR GOD'S SAKE

USE YOUR HEAD

