

Are You Function-based or Fact-based?

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The FACTS of life come through the FUNCTIONS that formed them. Functions form facts and until a person understands the great difference between facts and functions, they will never understand how to manage their life God gave to them for their heritage.

Life is about function and it is through the proper use, consideration, and control of these functions that what we produce becomes acceptable. If we function well, the resulting facts are usually pleasing. If we function poorly, the opposite occurs. But understand, even when mistakes are made, facts are still formed, and therein lies the problem: We cannot make functional mistakes or the facts they produced come back to haunt and harm us.

This is the theme and story told over and over throughout the Bible. It is told through individuals such as Adam and Eve, it is told through groups whether as gangs or governments. God even called one group of special people we know as Israelites. They were to be an example of how to live and function properly by following the leadership and laws of God. But they, like Adam and Eve, failed miserably. So whether it is an individual or a group, people have trouble functioning in life... they do not fully realize what God is doing.

If we base what we do on the mere fact of knowing we can do it, then that is fact-based thinking and wrong functioning. If we base what we do by understanding the conduct, purpose, and consequence of our acts and functions, then that is function-based thinking. We function wrongly largely due to our impulsive emotional motivations and wrong thinking pride. This is what got Adam and Eve into trouble and it quickly led to separation from the very Creator that created them. God does not want that separation. Indeed, His plan for us is to help Him and His Son run the universe when resurrected. Did you know that?

It is this unnatural condition and separation from God that Jesus Christ was sent to Earth to solve as the problem. But even here, the Christian tends only to see the 'saving' part of their salvation and not the 'development' part that is also required, that is... to stop functioning so poorly and so wrongly. It does not work.

All humans, before and since the time of Jesus, have functioned mostly as fact-based thinkers. This faulted thinking allows the formation of wrong beliefs which in turn lures the will to weaken. So here again, like Adam and Eve, the trouble with mismanaged function comes back to harm, destroy, and separate us from God and His plan for us.

Fact-based thinking—the fact that we can just go do something—without regard to the functions involved, leads to death. It is function-based thinking—where conduct, purpose, and consequence is considered—that sustains association with God and life.

Thinking, belief formation, and health are the three main personal issues in my forthcoming book explaining more about functions and it will SHOCK you. Insights about societies, the environment (both natural and artificial), and about God's requirement for function-based spiritual development is without parallel.

Life comes through correct functions. Death is the fact of incorrect function. Learn how to manage your life by understanding the seven steps of function-based thinking.