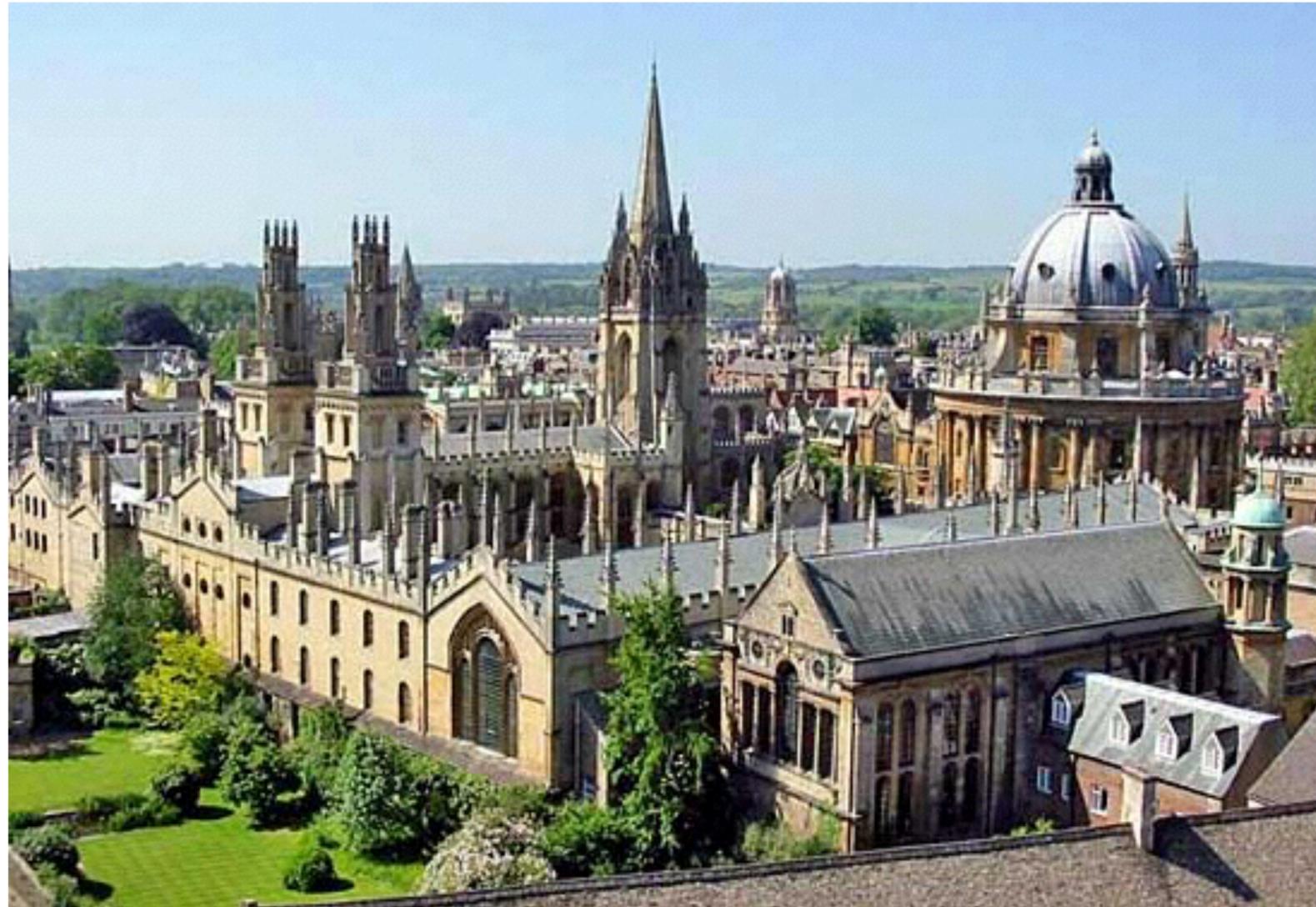




Come and See: The Righteous Scholar

John 7:14-24
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The Rhode Scholar



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12 Characteristics of a Righteous Scholar:

THE TEST

12 points x 4.0 = 48 total points one can score:

4.0 - Do well consistently all the time

3.0 - Do most of the time with some failures

2.0 - Do half the time - Up and Down

1.0 - Do poorly - not very often

0.0 - Do not at all



I. The Biblical Scholar is Courageous

John 7:14,

Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.



II. The Biblical Scholar Does not Need the Approval of Man, Nor a Degree

**John 7:15,
And the Jews marvelled, saying,
How knoweth this man letters,
having never learned?**



Note that Biblical Scholar “had been with Jesus”

Acts 4:13,

**Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John,
and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant
men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of
them, that they had been with Jesus.**



III. The Biblical Scholar's Authority is God's Word

**John 7:16,
Jesus answered them, and said,
My doctrine is not mine,
but his that sent me.**



IV. The Biblical Scholar is Surrendered To Do the Will of God

John 7:17,

**If any man will do his will,
he shall know of the doctrine,
whether it be of God,
or *whether* I speak of myself.**

V. The Biblical Scholar Seeks To Give Glory to God

John 7:18,

**He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory:
but he that seeketh his glory that sent him,
the same is true,
and no unrighteousness is in him.**

Signs of Seeking Self Glory

(List by Paul Tripp)

- 1. Parade in public what should be kept in private**
- 2. Be Way too self-referencing - Apostle John no reference of his name in Gospel of John (II Corinthians 4:5)**
- 3. Talk when you should be quiet**
- 4. Be quiet when you should speak**
- 5. Care too much about what people think of you**

VI. The Biblical Scholar Lives Righteously

John 7:18,

**He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory:
but he that seeketh his glory that sent him,
the same is true,
and no unrighteousness is in him.**

Peter Abelard



Karl Barth



Paul Tillich



Martin Luther King



VII. The Biblical Scholar Seeks To Be Consistent to God's Word

John 7:19,

**Did not Moses give you the law,
and yet none of you keepeth the law?
Why go ye about to kill me?**

VIII. The Biblical Scholar Will Be Called Crazy or Demon-possessed

John 7:20,

The people answered and said,

Thou hast a devil:

who goeth about to kill thee?

THE MOTTO FOR SCHOLARS

Ecclesiastes 12:12,

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is no end*; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Acts 26:24,

And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

IX. The Biblical Scholar Will Do Good Works in the Power of God

**John 7:21,
Jesus answered and said unto them,
I have done one work,
and ye all marvel.**



X. The Biblical Scholar Will Use Scriptural and Reasonable Arguments

John 7:22,

**Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision;
(not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;)
and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.**

XI. The Biblical Scholar can Anticipate Angering Some People

John 7:23,

**If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision,
that the law of Moses should not be broken;
are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every
whit whole on the sabbath day?**

XII. The Biblical Scholar will Judge Righteous Judgment

**John 7:24,
Judge not according to the appearance,
but judge righteous judgment.**

12 Characteristics of a Righteous Scholar:

THE TEST

12 points on a 4.0 scale = 48 total points

1-12 = You are a novice, still in elementary, middle or high school

13-24 = You are growing, you are in undergraduate studies

25-36 = You are in graduate school and doing some teaching as a graduate assistant

37-48 = You are a mature Christian, a righteous scholar

INVITATION

Dear Jesus:

I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I believe that You have the words of eternal life and that through Your Word the Spirit can quicken me and give to me eternal life. By faith I receive You as my Savior. Amen.