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INSANE EVIL

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean
on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways
acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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Reasons Not to Lean ...

1. Because you don't know everything
2. Because you weren't made to know everything
3. Because you are physically unable to see from all the perspectives necessary for a fully informed view of what is happening
4. Because your view is unalterably subjective
5. Because you are not that smart

Frame

Sin is irrational. Why would anyone turn from the beauty and joy of covenant life with God and embrace its opposite? Or why would anyone think he could succeed in opposing God's omnipotent power? Satan is the example. Evidently he thought he could replace God on the throne. Although we generally consider Satan to be knowledgeable and intelligent, and although many opponents of God seem wise to the world and to themselves, they are guilty of the worst imaginable stupidity. They haven't a ghost of a chance to defeat God. Yet sinners embrace sin with reckless enthusiasm. This is the root of its noetic effects.

Ecclesiastes 9:3

The hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and
madness is in their hearts while they live.

Arthur Schopenhauer

We will gradually become indifferent to what goes on in the minds of other people when we acquire a knowledge of the superficial nature of their thoughts, the narrowness of their views and of the number of their errors. Whoever attaches a lot of value to the opinions of others pays them too much honor.

Dr Ashley Null on the Theology of Thomas Cranmer

According to Cranmer's anthropology, what the heart loves, the will chooses, and the mind justifies. The mind doesn't direct the will. The mind is actually captive to what the will wants, and the will itself, in turn, is captive to what the heart wants.

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The trouble with human nature is that we are born with a heart that loves ourselves over and above everything else in this world, including God. In short, we are born slaves to the lust for self-gratification, i.e. concupiscence. That's why, if left to ourselves, we will always love those things that make us feel good about ourselves, even as we depart more and more from God and his ways.

The Effects of Sin

1. Hardened
2. Pursuing impurity
3. Enslavement

Ephesians 4:20-24

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—
21 assuming that you have heard about him and were
taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your
old self, which belongs to your former manner of life
and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be
renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on
the new self, created after the likeness of God in true
righteousness and holiness.