

The following was my high school graduation speech that I gave a few weeks ago:

Today I am graduating from high school. My parents have taught how to read and write. They taught me how to do arithmetic. They taught me grammar, history, science. But even more important than these, they taught me how to learn. They taught me how to study and search things out for myself.

We live in a world where, unfortunately, false information is everywhere. Some of it may be intentional lies, more of it is probably poor communication. Nobody is perfect. For this reason it is important to search things out for ourselves.

When we study things for ourselves, we will either find evidence to support thus helping us defend our beliefs, or we will find evidence against it allowing us to correct our beliefs. If we just accept or reject ideas when we hear them, then we will not have a good foundation for our beliefs.

We need to examine the traditions handed down to us. If we don't then over generations the traditions become twisted and lose their meaning. We need to examine the things we are taught and test our own beliefs against the Word of God. By doing this the teaching will either become more firm in our own mind or its fallacies will be exposed. Examine the things I teach. I am not perfect. I am probably wrong in some areas.

If we want the Truth to be revealed, then we need to search it out.

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