

## Truth-seeking and Designer Religion Acts 17:10-21

### Momentum

### Truth-seeking (Bereans) [10-15]

Nobility of constructive dialogue (11)

Cries of “don’t cave,” “don’t compromise,”  
essentially become “don’t listen,” “don’t examine;”  
“attack”

Our world: more Thessalonian than Berean

The vitality of self-feeding (11)

*eager*

*examining Scripture*

Response vs rebellion (12-14)

First century “wokes”

our strategic, applicational struggle

### Designer Religion (Athenians) [16-21]

Parthenon: 30,000+ idols and statues

Philosophical hotbed

Areopagus

Marketplace (*agora*)

Hollywood, Harvard, & New York Times boardroom

Epicureans

Stoics

Burdened heart (16)

*Provoked*

Are we?

Seeing idols (16)

Persistent approach (v 17-18)

Unprofitable inquisitiveness (19-21)

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