

Errata for page 166 of *Biblical Conflict Management*

Aside from avoiding the fool, the best defense is by the faithfulness of our own walk with Christ according to His Word and ways to first be personally right in the sight of God and yet a visible witness of same in the presence of the fool.

Suggested References: Dt 32:5-6, 21 1Sam 25:17 2Sam 3:33; 13:13

Job 12:17; 30:8 Ps 14:1; 39:8; 53:1; 74:18, 22; 107:17 Pr 1:7, 22, 32; 3:35; 7:2; 8:5; 10:1, 8, 10, 14, 18, 21, 23; 12:15-16, 23; 13:16, 19-20; 14:7-9, 16, 24, 33; 15:2, 5, 7, 14, 20; 16:22; 17:7-28; 18:2; 19:1, 13, 19, 29; 20:3; 23:9; 24: 26:1-12; 27:3, 22; 29:11, 20

Ecc 2:14-19; 4:5; 5:1-4; 6:8; 7:4-6, 9; 9:17; 10:3, 12-15 Is 19:11; 32:5-6; 35:8; 44:25 Ier 4:22; 10:8; 17:11; 50:36 Eze 13:3 Hos 4:6; 8:12; 9:7 Mt 23:17 Lk, 11:40; 12:20 Rom 1:22 1Cor 1:18; 4:10, 15:36 Eph 5:15-16 2Pe 2:15

To Summarize

There is a natural progression presented here in increasing intensity as we move from the mocker to the scoffer to the slanderer to the final destination of fool. This may not be the exact steps someone takes to become a biblically qualified fool, but we can see the progressive relationships between each of them.

These are not passive personalities which take time and effort to draw out their true spiritual nature, and it will not be unusual to find these antagonists as extroverts who not only want to be known but insist on it. Even by the world's own standards of behavior they stand apart from what is considered "normal" and are rarely regarded as credible. There is as much disregard for "flat earthers" in secular society as for the conspiracy theorists for Christian prophecy conferences. But the proper way to deal with them is prolifically documented in Scripture as really only coming by passionately seeking divine help. Their resistance to addressing their shortcomings is considerable, especially when it comes to God's Word and ways.