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*(Rom 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Most Christian believers would like to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. These two verses hold the key for that. I want to focus only on verse one, specifically on the word ‘reasonable.’ ‘Reasonable’ is a very reasonable word. Merriam-Webster defines reasonable two ways:



1. Being in accordance with reason; not being extreme or excessive, being moderate, fair, and even flexible.
2. Having the faculty of reason, or possessing sound judgment.

I prefer the second definition over the first.

So, depending on which definition we adopt, accordingly, that is how acceptable unto God our “reasonable” service will be.

What does the Greek definition

have to tell us? The word reasonable is the Greek word logikos, meaning “rational”, “intelligent”, or “logical.” This is where the word “logic” comes from, and “logic” is the science of the formal principles of reasoning. Logikos comes from the Greek root word logos; meaning: “something said (including the thought) and reasoning (the mental faculty)”. Hold onto that thought!

Let’s go a little bit deeper into the Greek root words. Logos comes from the word lego; meaning: “to lay forth, to relate (in words)”. Does any of this make sense to you? Can you see the logic in this? Logic, simply put, is common sense, but involves

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reasoning, the ability to use our mental faculty, the intellect, and the power of knowing as distinguished from the power to feel and to will. We, as human beings, have the capacity for knowledge, which set us apart from the rest of creation.

At the end of Romans 12:1, most Bibles read, “your reasonable service.” but I found variations on this. The Greek-English Interlinear reads: “your intelligent service”. Ha! The Greek-Spanish Interlinear says: “your reasonable or spiritual service”. Some versions read “your religious service”. Humm! After reviewing these definitions and meanings, I choose to use the word ‘reasonable’.

But if we are going to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God, our service to him has to be reasonable, rational and

intelligent. If we use ‘logic’ here; in other words, spiritual service to God, it makes sense. This has nothing to do with religion or religious acts.

Let me show you a few illogical teachings that the Word of God helps clarify.

(Mat 28:19) **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Some say that “the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” refers to the holy trinity, but does it? It is not shown anywhere else in the Bible. It was not even mentioned by Paul, Peter, or John. Not even Apollos, an eloquent man, mighty in the scriptures, made mention of it, not before, and not even after Aquila and Priscilla taught him the right way. I can’t believe that

wonderful couple forgot to teach Apollos about an important doctrine such as the trinity. God is a rational God, a logical God, and the doctrine of three Gods in one has no logic at all. Why would God divide himself in three different entities? Come on! The world cannot even handle one God, much less three in one! What is intelligent about the trinity?

(Phil 2:6-7) **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: {7} But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

Common church doctrine teaches that Jesus is God, but did you know that not even Jesus thought himself to be God. Why in the world would God turn him into a man, become a servant, and allow the world to hang him on

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a stake and die?! Show me the logic in this! Our God is a God of logic! And God's people should be smarter than that!

(1 Tim 2:5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Did you notice it that it says, 'one God'? It doesn't say, "one but there are really three". And one mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ, the man! It doesn't say Jesus Christ, the God! Why would we need a mediator if Jesus were God anyway?

(1 John 2:1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Same story here, why would we need a mediator if Jesus is God?

If Jesus Christ is our advocate, why is it being taught that Mary is the one who intercedes for us?

This just doesn't make any sense. And just like these examples, we can find so many others that are taught in Christian circles today. They are lies, old wives' fables, and doctrines of devils. No wonder that many Christian people do not know how to present or exhibit (that is what present really means) their bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, by way of intelligent, spiritual service.

Now let me show you a sensible, biblical example.

(John 4:24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

This makes sense! God is spirit, and we must worship in spirit

and in truth! Let me show you an interesting translation of Romans 12:1 from the English Standard Version.

(Rom. 12:1) I appeal (as a serious request) to you therefore, brothers (brothers and sisters), by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable (well-pleasing) to God, which is your spiritual worship (rational service [Gk. *latreia*: 'ministration, divine service, worship']).

This translation makes more sense to me than the one which says: "your religious service".

Our only way to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God is by being spiritually truthful people, not religious people.

(Rom 7:25) I thank God  
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through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
So then with the mind I myself  
serve the law of God; but  
with the flesh the law of sin.

Paul, by revelation, tells us what God already knows about our human nature. God knows we will falter, stumble and fail at times. That is why he sent his son, Jesus Christ, to make us stronger and to save us. In order for us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, we must be willing to serve the law of God, and Gods laws are spiritual laws. Can you see the logic now? Our reasonable service is a spiritual service, and we, as children of God, have that capacity.

(Rom 8:1-2) There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. {2} For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free

from the law of sin and death.

In part, this is what Jesus Christ came for. Whenever we stumble or fall, we can get back up, because there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus! This is for us!

(Rom 8:3-6) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: {4} That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. {5} For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. {6} For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Do we want life and peace? Then, we must mind the things of the spirit. Do we want to please God? Then we must not live according to the flesh! We must abandon the old nature, the old man, which is enmity against God!

(Rom 8:7-9) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. {8} So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. {9} But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

(Rom 8:14-15) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. {15} For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the

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Spirit of adoption, whereby  
we cry, Abba, Father.

God bless you!

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If we want to exhibit our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God, we know that our reasonable, rational, intelligent, logical service to God is a spiritual service, because God is spirit, and his laws are spiritual. Nothing spiritual can be fulfilled by the flesh or our old nature.

Now if we want to prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God, Romans 12: 2 provides us with the other part of the equation, but that is another story for another day.

For now, just have some common sense. Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God. Be reasonable, intelligent, spiritually truthful people. Be logikos!