

Letter 257  
**Before Proceeding Any Further**  
*The Mission Prioritization Table*  
And  
*The Anti-Deception Grid*  
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Dear Dan,

Please permit me to take this time to share a couple of “thinking aids”, or intellectual tools which the [Lord \(Holy Spirit\)](#) gave to me during the time of Satan’s worst assault against my mind and body beginning in early 2011.

It may be that I might need to refer to these in future writings.

**TOOL #1 - MISSION PRIORITIZATION TABLE (MPT)**

The first is a rating scale that is designed to help me prioritize **tasks** that need to get done. It is pretty simple, and I have found it useful in many ways.

Pretty much any series of tasks that require me to make a decision finds itself being scrutinized by this table.

A final decision can then be made, which is determined by asking four simple questions;

**IS/ARE THE TASK(S) AT HAND...**

**PRIORITY 1. ... MISSION CRITICAL?**

**PRIORITY 2. ... MISSION ESSENTIAL?**

**PRIORITY 3. ... MISSION BENEFICIAL?**

**PRIORITY 4. ... MISSION WASTEFUL?**

This is the MISSION PRIORITIZATION TABLE (MPT).

(Typically, anything that ends up on line Priority 4 can be dismissed as having come from the “good idea fairy.” It should also be noted that what is wasteful under present conditions may become beneficial or better as conditions change.)

There is a chronological factor involved in the event two or more tasks emerge at once that might seem to reside on the same priority line. A form of triage then takes place to determine the priority rating based on time sensitivities.

**TOOL #2 - ANTI-DECEPTION GRID (ADG).**

The other tool was a way for me to analyze knowledge which is already present, or thoughts which recently entered my mind, regardless of source. This comes in handy when I am thinking about various claims made, especially regarding Biblical doctrinal issues.

Again, I would ask a series of questions:

IS/DOES...

**0. ... THE THOUGHT/KNOWLEDGE REQUIRE MORE INVESTIGATION?**

**1. ... THE THOUGHT ALREADY KNOWN TO BE TRUE FOR FACT-CERTAIN?**

**2. ... THE THOUGHT SEEM LIKELY TO BE TRUE? (THIS ALWAYS REQUIRES FURTHER INVESTIGATION)**

**3. ... THE THOUGHT SEEM LIKELY TO BE FALSE? (THIS ALWAYS REQUIRES FURTHER INVESTIGATION)**

**4. ... THE THOUGHT ALREADY KNOWN TO BE FALSE FOR FACT-CERTAIN?**

**5. ... THE THOUGHT STILL A MYSTERY?**

This is the ANTI-DECEPTION GRID (ADG)

I use the MPT a lot when I am in high pain and have only enough energy to accomplish a few things.

I use the ADG all the time now before I come to any opinion about any thing or any one.

**(SPECIAL NOTE 2023-08-19:** While I was thinking about the MPT and ADG today, the Lord introduced a new concept regarding the ADG. It has to do with sourcing originating thoughts which produced the thought that is being analyzed.

**ALL thoughts** have a “data-source” which needs to be discovered and vetted before being incorporated into one’s own train of thought and collection of data.

See the following Scriptures:

**Psalms 10:4**

The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God;  
God is in none of his **thoughts**.

**Psalms 94:11**

The LORD knows the **thoughts** of man,  
That they are futile.

**Psalms 139:17**

How precious also are Your **thoughts** to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**Proverbs 12:5**

The **thoughts** of the righteous are right,  
But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

**Proverbs 15:26**

The **thoughts** of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD,  
But the words of the pure are pleasant.

**Proverbs 16:3**

Commit your works to the LORD,  
And your **thoughts** will be established.

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

“For My **thoughts** are not your **thoughts**,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.  
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My **thoughts** than your **thoughts**.”

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the **thoughts** that I think toward you,  
says the LORD, **thoughts** of peace and not of evil,  
to give you a future and a hope.

**2 Corinthians 10:1-5**

Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the **knowledge** of God, bringing every **thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ...

et al.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus