

# ARTIFICIAL AUTHORITY

**Key Verse:** “And Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out and beware the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’” (Matthew 16:6)

**Key Thought:** What evolutionists, Pharisees and conservative \_\_\_\_\_ can have in common?

**Key Definition:** \_\_\_\_\_: “pretending to be highly moral or virtuous without actually being so; hypocritical.”  
(Webster’s New Student Dictionary, 1964, p. 1096)

**Key Notes:** In Matthew 23, we see several characteristics Jesus points out about the Pharisees, including:

- A. They occupy the seat of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jesus said to “Do as they \_\_\_\_\_, not as they \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. They do deeds to be noticed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. They love the place of \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. They deny the \_\_\_\_\_.

Pharisees prefer:

**I. Trappings of \_\_\_\_\_ vs. the Reality of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
See II Timothy 3:2.

**II. Accusations (\_\_\_\_\_) vs. Acceptance of Truth (\_\_\_\_\_).**  
What is Truth?  
How does one \_\_\_\_\_ Truth?

**III. Symbolism over \_\_\_\_\_.**  
See Matthew 15:9

How should we, as Christians, engage the culture around us?

- I. Be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than be confused.**
- II. Go on the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than take an offense.**
- III. Be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than merely credible.**
- IV. Proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ rather than just tradition.**

**IT IS NOT WRONG TO \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORITY, BUT  
IT DOES DEPEND ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HEART.**