

Dionysius and Damaris Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Does the Areopagus have resemblance to any institution of our day?

Is it true that people of the 21st Century in general have little understanding of philosophy?

Do we still tend to underestimate women in intellectual pursuits?

Might women have different insights from men?

What seems to be the main intellectual motivation of the men of the Areopagus?

What part of Paul's theology was the hardest for them to accept?

What did Paul do to build a bridge to the Greek thinking? (Acts 17:22-28)

How did the Christian view appeal to Dionysius?

What significant applications of the message did Damaris make?

How does language affect thinking, as in the Greeks' four words for love?

Are we impoverished and misled by labeling many things with the same word, like "love"?

How does our view of sin affect the way we live?

What did the sacrificial system constantly remind Jews concerning the nature of sin?

The record shows that these two intellectuals became believers. What factors might have made it hard to make that decision?

Is it likely that they had further interaction with the Areopagus?

Could they have been met with hostile reactions?

What might Paul have told them about seeing their associations as a mission field?

Do you have a mission field?