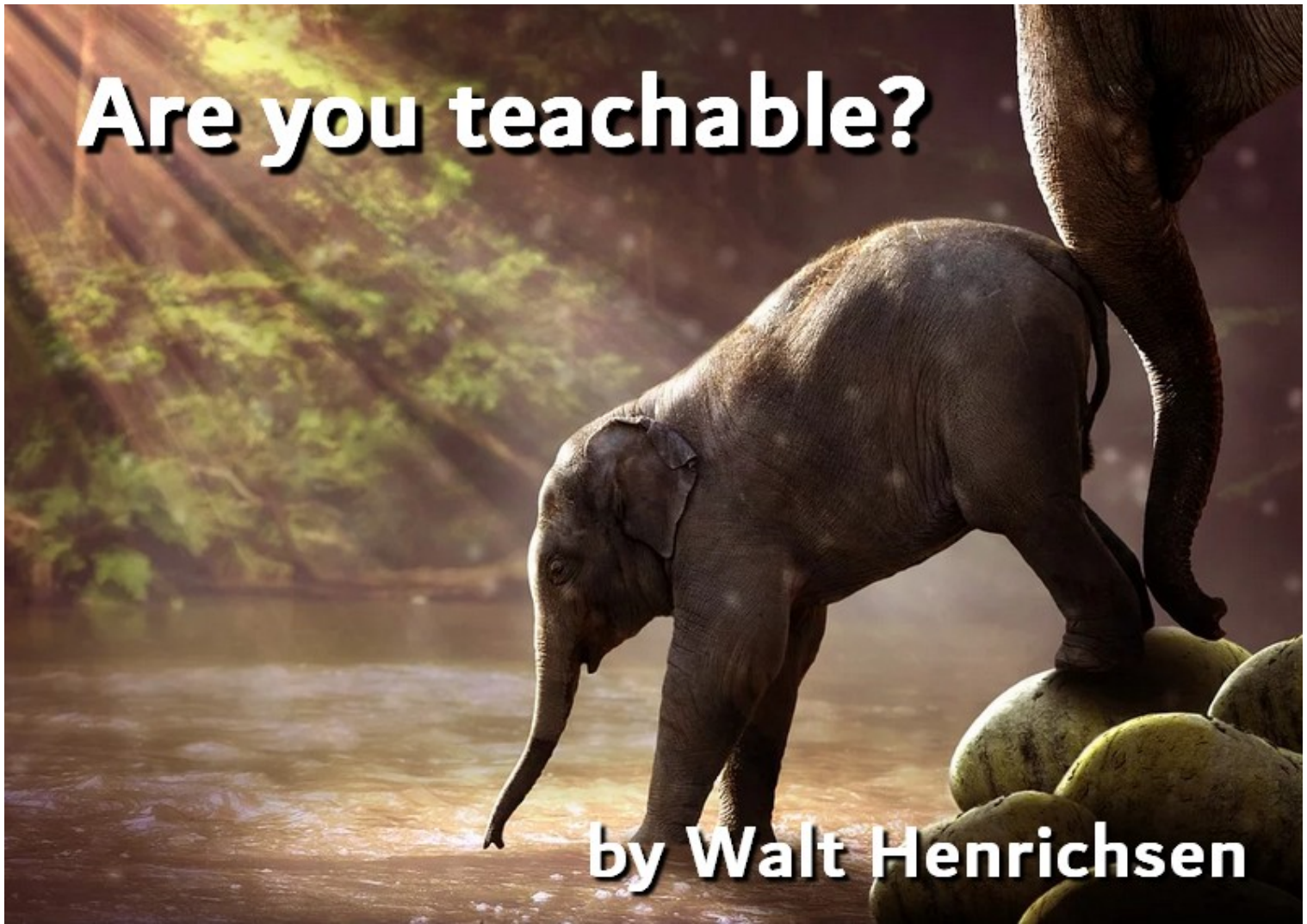


Are you teachable?



“And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, *“By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?”*” *Matthew 21:23*

Jesus performed miracles in the presence of scribes and Pharisees, and they asked Jesus this question. *“Doing these things”* pertained to the miracles they witnessed. Assuming that Jesus was unable to control the natural order, who gave Him the authority/ability to alter the natural order?

If I see what I believe, rather than the opposite, how do I avoid what these religious authorities did? If I saw a man performing miracles, and he preached as truth that which differs from my understanding of the Bible,

how would I respond to him?

Jesus therefore answered their question with a question, to which they responded: *“...but if we say, ‘From men,’ we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’” Matthew 21:26-27*

How do I avoid allowing culture to shape my assumptions of reality? All are teachable. The question remains, “From whom will I learn?” When I say a person is not teachable, I merely suggest that he refuses to learn from me.

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