

Abstract

Ecclesiastes is a problematic book, for it is exceedingly difficult to grasp Qohelet's real intention. Recent studies have suggested that this book should be used as a textbook for the Jewish youth. The well-known saying, 'Futility of futilities. All is futility' is his final conclusion? Is there a teacher who wants to teach such a pessimistic, negative worldview to his promising students? I have reconsidered Qohelet's thought, focussing on his view of knowledge. My conclusion is that Qohelet's thought is a positively realistic, egalitarian one.