1 Corinthians 1-4 uses the same terms to describe both secular and sacred...but the worldview behind each is different. Paul is not putting down knowledge etc. Rather, he is revising them to a new worldview. DO YOUR OWN HOMEWORK (reading the text) from this chart to SEE how Paul reasons.

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| **SAME VOCABULARY ... DIFFERENT DICTIONARIES** |
| **SECULAR PARADIGM** | **BIBLICAL PARADIGM** | ANALYSIS |
| WISDOM1:17; 1:18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26;2:2, 4-5, 6, 13;3:18 wise by standards of this age, 3:19-20ELOQUENCE1:17POWER / INFULENCIAL1:26, 27;2:6 “rulers”3:21 “human leaders” NIVKNOWLEDGE2:8 lack of it | WISDOM1:21, 24, 26, 30; 2:6, 7, [10 revealed] CROSS  1:233:10 Paul a wise builder3:18 mind change = wise4:10 sarcasmPOWER / INFLUENCIAL1:18, 242:4-54:19KNOWLEDGE1:61:10 “...united in mind and thought”2:10-13 Knowledge is from revelationCARNAL / Worldly mindset3:3 | Defining “wisdom” requires knowing what drives it...a secular worldview or a biblical worldview. NO thought structure is isolated from its presuppositions.Paul’s rejection of worldly wisdom and eloquence is not to be taken as an anti-intellectual view. It is a rejection of the worldly paradigm as able to convince.Apply Romans 12:1-2 to this entire series of contrast.The Christian life is an informed worldview that applies to all creation. |

**“As a person thinks, so are they.”**