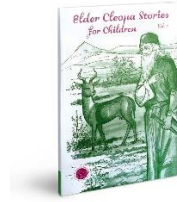


The Value of Faith
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I remember about a philosopher who came to Socrates, who was also a philosopher. And the man had a very skilled woman. And he started saying "Sir, I have such a beautiful woman."

Socrates was sitting at the table with a pencil and paper in his hand and wrote down a zero.

"My woman comes from a distinguished family; her father was a minister."

Socrates wrote down another zero.

"My woman is healthy as an egg, she has never been sick and is not sick now."

Socrates wrote down another zero.

"My woman is very educated."

Socrates wrote down another zero.

"My woman is a skilled housewife, she can bake all kinds of pastries and cook meals for great occasions."

Socrates wrote down another zero.

"My woman can sew creative embroidery, she grows flowers, knits, and makes flannel by hand or with the sewing machine. Look how skilled my woman is."

Socrates wrote down another zero.

Finally, the man added, "My woman has the fear of God and is pious!"

Socrates put a one in front of the six zeros that were written down. That meant one million.

And he said, "**There, now I've given value to your woman. Not when you said that she is beautiful and educated and healthy and knows how to make many things, because if she didn't have the fear of God, everything about her would have been equal to zero, to nothing!**"

This is also the case with men, as it was with that woman and any other person. They can have all the skills in the world, they can do any kind of job, they can know all the worldly sciences, but if they don't have the fear of God, they don't have the school of wisdom, so those people can't do anything.

