

Grace Truth And History

Freedom. Powerful word, isn't it? Human rights....two more powerful words. We'll work, fight, and even die for them. Social engineering....another pair of words, equally powerful, yet not quite as well known and understood. To revise Pogo's statement, "We have met the enemy, and he is "social engineering." Social engineering is malignant and deadly, and destroys freedom and human rights. For many years, it has been being done right before our very blind eyes. From education, entertainment, business, government, and most of all from religion, our thinking has been being molded and shaped by two words which are constantly thrust at us—Love and Unity. A common term for it today is political correctness. We are constantly being told to sacrifice our convictions to these two words.

The two words truth and history are now considered to be obscene language. Moral integrity has become a repugnant little term. For many the term Moral Values is an extremely filthy term. Yet the very word moral is deeply imbedded in every single law in this country! To avoid offence, we must say "family values." And the term "Biblical values" warrants the death penalty! Death to freedom of speech and conscience!

Our hypocrisy screams at us, yet we are deaf. Our inconsistencies reek, yet they are unnoticed. Our failures are obvious, yet we are blind to them. Our jails and prisons are stuffed. Our courts, hospitals, mental institutions, treatment centers, long-term healthcare facilities, offices of psychology, of psychiatry are full every day. Governmental agencies for social help are inundated with people seeking help, at a cost of billions each year, yet our problems grow worse.

For many years, powerful forces have been distracting us from the real menace. Our minds have been programmed to chase the "American Dream." Pleasure has become our lesser god. Our supreme deity has become Self. Our prosperity abounded and intensified our pride, which led us away to the worship of these two false gods. Our lofty opinions have become law. Our unofficial state religion is now humanism. Both secular humanism, and "Christian existential" humanism! Our entire lives are consumed in a frantic quest for pleasure. We are madly in love with it in all its many forms. We spend more money on pleasure than any nation in history. Certainly we work, but only to play. For nearly a hundred years entertainment has been enslaving us, killing us, and burying us. That's entertainment!

Factual history is out! Fabricated history is in! In our schools! In the textbooks! Once again, Hegel's statement has been proved correct, "History proves that man learns nothing from history." The suppression and burial of truth, by twisting it into a lie, is nothing new. It has been done many times in the past two thousand years. It is one of the most heinous and costly crimes in history. It is done deliberately to control the masses. It is oppression: the unjust and cruel exercise of power and authority (Webster's dictionary). Yet today, the average citizen is oblivious to the fact that it is being done. History happens every day. It is a reality. To lie about it is deadly.

Reality is truth. Absolute truth! Try crossing the freeway at seventy into full lanes of opposing traffic. Reality takes place. Jump from a plane with no parachute. Absolute truth will happen. You're history! Truth is not subjective, yet for centuries we have been taught that it is. Having been fed this deadly, deceptive and delightful diet for so long, we have become gods—the only God there is. Our minds create truth. Subjective truth. Truth is how We see it. So, we are free. We are accountable to no one. There is no authority but our own.

Is there not just a faint glimmer of lawlessness here? Just maybe a ray of light upon the source of lawlessness and violence occurring in the world each day? Does there not slip into our minds even a tiny glimpse of reality?

Some of us who are old enough and honest enough can see it. The prevalent mood of society is far different from that of fifty years ago. Today subtle, seething, ever-increasing hostility is in the air. Atrocious acts of violence have become commonplace. No one, it seems, feels safe. Fear rules our lives. Inestimable amounts of money are spent annually to provide security. Security? Nonexistent!

The fabulous fifties became the sexy (sordid) sixties. We walked on the moon. We became gods....proud, blind gods. The theologian and preacher officiated at the funeral of God. Free at last! Enraptured, the Supreme Court set our children free

from this repugnant, dead God. Then it freed us from little nuisances. Almost fifty million to date! For a time it even freed the convicted killer from death. What great compassion! What great progress! Today, I can even talk a computer into doing my work. Audibly! But suppose I wanted to pray audibly at a public school function. Suppression! Oppression!

About 350 years ago, theologians in Europe began to hold court. To sit in judgment. Upon truth! It was called historical criticism, the critical analysis of sixty six documents. These documents were attacked in a deceived effort of perversion rather than to determine truth. Others joined in. Men in our own country also became involved. By 1881 a new Greek text of the last twenty seven of these documents was published. The historicity of the events recorded in all sixty six books became highly suspect. By that time, thousands had come to view the Bible as simply the literature of man. History had been changed. Truth had become what the mind of man made it to be. Subjective truth! From this Westcott-Hort Greek text of the New Testament, and a newly compiled Hebrew text of the Old Testament, an avalanche of translations into English have come. Subtle, deliberate changes in the wording were made in many places, especially those relative to the person and work of the Biblical Jesus Christ.

Because of these spurious works, millions regard the Biblical Jesus Christ as simply a human being exactly like you and I. The belief system of the vast majority of professing Christianity has become one of authoritative subjectivity. Thousands of organizations calling themselves Christian have sprung up in the past two centuries, each claiming possession of truth. Faith is in “our faith.” Christ is who/what one determines him to be rather than to accept, and to submit to the Biblical Revelation. Salvation applies only to this life—EXISTENTIAL! There was no physical resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many no longer accept, as factual history, that Jesus Christ was an historical person. Among the Protestant organizations, the Catholic organization, and among many groups of Baptists, this is the prevailing attitude—truth is subjective, not real and absolute. It was recently reported that one noted evangelist in this country of more than fifty years has changed his mind concerning the reality of a literal hell as is clearly taught in the Bible by the Biblical Jesus Christ!

In addition to the perversion of the Scriptures, many thousands of books written by men who loved God and their fellow men have been secreted away and are kept from the masses. Many thousands of other books have been deliberately destroyed. The entire libraries of some of these men are locked away in seminary archives, unavailable to those who come there to study for the “ministry.” Why the suppression? Why the silence?...to silence the voice of the most powerful and influential person in the history of this world! The Jesus Christ of the Bible! The Biblical God in flesh who teaches with astonishing authority!

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the
Father,) FULL of Grace and Truth.”

John 1.14

When His teachings truly enter a human heart, an eternal change takes place. A literal, spiritual birth happens. Just as real as physical birth! Grace has just been applied. A judicial decision has been rendered in heaven—irrevocable. The Judge of this universe has acted. A sinner has just been set free eternally from the penalty of spiritual and eternal death for sin. The perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ has just been given to this newly born child of God. The Spirit of the living God has just brought a dead spirit to life. And will never leave him or her! And also, at physical death, He will transport this person instantaneously into the presence of the Father in heaven in a glorious “welcome home!” This is Grace and Truth applied—Historically!

For those of us who have been genuinely saved, truly born of the Spirit

(John 1.12; 3.1-12; Titus 3.5; I Peter 1.18-25), Grace and Truth have come into this world in the person of our Lord, Jesus Christ (John 1.17,18). We know that we now have eternal life (I John 5.13,20). We know that we have been “...freely justified (judicially declared eternally right in God’s sight) by His GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...not in us—Romans 3.21-28). We experience the joy of the Spirit of God continually bearing witness in our spirit that we are the children of God (Romans 8.16). He reveals Himself to us vividly by giving us spiritual understanding.

Spiritual lights continually blink on to us from His Word. We rejoice! The love of God floods our hearts (Romans 5.5). He enables us to gaze intently upon His glory (John 1.14) in our spirits.

For the natural, unregenerate person, this is an impossibility. (I Corinthians

2.14). Without the convincing power of the Spirit of God (John 16.8-14), a person will consider the things which I am writing to be foolishness. The witness of all those who try to reason with them from the Scriptures will be rejected. The mind of such a person will always resort to false religious or false secular reasoning. The natural mind is notoriously self-worshipping. It is also notoriously religious and superstitious. Its prideful opinions are authoritative and final. It will follow a religious lie quite readily, while vehemently rejecting the Biblical record of eternal salvation by the grace of God through the Biblical Savior, Jesus Christ. It will also reject the reality of another, malignant person: Satan, Lucifer, Apollyon, the murderous destroyer of the souls of men, the father of every lie ever told (John 8.44; 10.10).

The attitude of most people today is one of contempt for the Bible, from subtle to openly hateful belligerence and ridicule. It is a mindset of rejection, irreverence, disrespect, and intolerance. The cost of contempt is great.

“ There is a principle, which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance---that principle is contempt prior to investigation.”

Herbert Spencer

We hope that you are not enslaved by contempt. The Historical evidence of Jesus Christ is undeniable. His physical resurrection is Historical fact. The fulfillment of His prophecies, with pinpoint accuracy, in the past century is undeniable. The prophecies of His spokesmen throughout the Bible pinpointing many events of the past one hundred years are undeniable. It is hoped that your mind and heart are open to His testimony.

All of the prophecies of His first coming to earth were fulfilled to the very most minute detail. A Redeemer was needed. The Lamb of God (John 1.29) sacrificed Himself for our sins—all of them. The payment for sin was made. The Father in heaven accepted it. Do you? He rose from the dead in living proof and living truth. To save us from our sins! A perfect sacrifice. A perfect salvation. A perfect Saviour!

To the modern man, religious or secular, this is fiction, legend, fantasy, and myth. Once again, the truth of God has been changed into a lie (Romans 1.25). Cheap grace and easy-believism abound. Godly sorrow for sin is nonexistent. Vain, arrogant, self-righteous pride has swept the world of a “Christianity” which is cloaked in mock humility. It is godless. It is, in no respect, Biblical Christianity. It is humanistic. It is a hypocritical lie, spawned by the father of lies himself. To say that “I am Christian,” while thumbing our noses at the Scriptures is a deadly, blasphemous insult hurled into the very face of God.

Today, in the interest of love and unity, the clear testimony of the Scriptures are forsaken in a wholesale departure from, and suppression of, their teachings. The spiritual trampling underfoot of the Son of God is occurring full-scale in a stampede toward a worldwide religion in His name, while openly teaching that His blood is a common, unholy thing (Hebrews 10.26-29). This outrageous insult (literal Greek meaning of despite) to the Spirit of Grace is causing the wrath of the Lamb (Revelation 6.15-17) to steadily build. This is

the worst possible sin of rejection by any organization, small or great, which assembles itself together in the name of Jesus Christ.

For more than three hundred years, this counterfeit building has been rising from its foundation of sand. Isn't it ironic that most of the outward show of its thrust began in the 1940's (the National and World Council of Churches), coinciding with the most brilliant display of fulfilled prophecy of the century: that of the nation of Israel coming home to Palestine! Isn't it ironic that this global movement toward “Christian” Unity, championing these two words, Love and Unity, openly denies

that the Bible is the completed, perfect revelation of God. Isn't it ironic that their "ministers" CAREFULLY AVOID the crystal clear warnings of coming judgment upon an unbelieving, Christ-rejecting world. Isn't it ironic that their teaching drips with honey, a soft, cooing preaching which is totally absent of the mood of the spokesmen of God throughout Scripture, chiefly that of our Lord, Jesus Christ Himself---that of astonishing authority, and of stern warnings of coming judgment.

With more than laser precision, the Scriptures have foretold the mood, the mindset, and, the behavioral traits of modern man, both secular and religious (II Timothy 3.1-8). My friend, the great falling away, which is repeatedly revealed in many of the Scriptures in both Old Testament and New, has come upon us. This phrase, found in II Thessalonians 2.3, is the Greek word apostasia. It literally means to stand away from. For more than 18 centuries, some have stood away. Today, virtually all of professing Christianity stands boldly, decidedly away from the "whole" truth of the Word of God. To them the plain teachings of many of the Scriptures must be suppressed and silenced. They are entirely too controversial and inflammatory. They are disastrously damaging to the agenda of world unity, love, and peaceful cooperation among "Christians."

"In that day shall seven women take hold of one man saying, we will eat our own (spiritual) bread and wear our own apparel (righteousness), only let us be called by thy name to take away (hide) our reproach."

Isaiah 4.1

Their ministers tailor their teachings to avoid all judgmental statements in order to make them appealing and socially acceptable to the poor, frail, easily offended listener (II Timothy 4.3,4)! Never mind the plain, bold teaching here: that their ears will be turned away from the truth and will be filled with myth. The myth of subjective truth! The prevailing attitude of today's "Christian" clearly reveals that Paul's prophecy in this verse is now being fulfilled!

The average citizen of today is totally unaware of the fact that the lawlessness, the unrest, the fear and insecurity which plague us, the perplexity, and the inability to effect a solution to our social problems are all totally rooted in our great departure from truth. Isn't it ironic that the most advanced civilization in the world's history can do virtually nothing about its growing army of lawless rebels. Down to the very youngest members of society! Daily the violence and destruction increases.

Our great social gospel movement of the twentieth century has utterly and miserably failed. Because it was not based in truth! Truth Himself! (John 14.6)

The great cause of love and unity has failed and will continue to fail. The people who began it, including all those who have been deceived by their teachings, will finally worship the Antichrist, whose spirit they have. The open teaching and preaching of the Word of God will soon begin to be persecuted in the most aggressive way. These seemingly nice, respectable people in this movement despise the Grace of God, for to experience the genuine Grace of God one must repent—the Biblical attitude of repentance. Anyone who preaches the gospel of the Grace of God (Acts 20.24) is branded a bigot, an extremist, a radical, a fanatic, and the worst of them is the Biblical Jesus Christ. In their minds He must be silenced! For His teachings would wreck all of their glorious plans. And they literally despise His words, such as He prayed that night in the garden alone,

"Father, the hour is come, glorify thy son, that thy son may glorify thee: AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM POWER OVER ALL FLESH, THAT HE SHOULD GIVE ETERNAL LIFE TO AS MANY AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM! John 17. 1,2

And also,

"ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME, and him that cometh to me I shall

IN NO WISE CAST OUT!" John 6.37

All else shall spend forever and ever in the lake of fire, prepared for the Devil and His angels. Their proud, rebellious, deceitful hearts cannot tolerate the words of the Son of God!

However, there are some of us left who do not share their plans. We have simple, childlike faith in our God and His Word!. We agree with Isaiah.

"...truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter."

Those who "...depart from evil maketh himself a prey."

Isaiah 59.14,15

Followers of the Biblical Jesus are becoming fewer and fewer. Louder and louder the twin trumpets of both secular and "Christian" humanists, are blown in the land. They are constant and deafening, subtle and powerful. Through them Satan is roaring his loudest. He has not much time left! Neither do they! But the trumpet of the Lord shall also soon sound--to call the dead and living saints of the ages to our rewards and to the marriage feast of the Lamb! But this spiritually dead, unbelieving world will not hear it. Shortly all hell will seemingly break out on earth. The GREAT tribulation (Matthew 24.21,22) will immediately begin. What a tragic end of the great cause of love and unity.

What is real love? Real unity? Genuine worship of God? Real, Biblical, Christianity? Among others, four things come to mind.

1) Humble respect and reverence for the written Word of God (II Tim. 3:16; Psalm 119—the entire Psalm, as well as many other Scriptures too numerous to cite here).

2) A genuine desire to daily glorify God with one's life. A prayerful beginning of each day with our only spiritual Father (Matthew 23.5-10) in the universe. Through the only High Priest there is (Hebrews 4.12-16); the only Mediator there is (I Timothy 2.5). Need a perfect Mediator? He's here. Need Mercy? It's HERE! At the throne of Grace! Need Grace instead of justice? HERE! Need help for wisdom in decision-making? HERE again! Need self-control to put up with so-and-so today? It is found HERE! The provision for every single need we have, is at The Throne of Grace! Now, our day can go smoothly...inside us!...and maybe around us also, the Lord willing.

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to

His riches in GLORY by Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4.19.

Our Savior cares, "...Who careth for you." -I Peter 5.7. Do you know that the Greek word translated care here means painful attention to detail? Compared to His care for us, the intensive care units in hospitals on earth are less than nothing! Praise God for His infinitely omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent care of His children. Yes, we have a loving, kind and Gracious Father and High Priest, Jesus Christ!

3) A genuine effort to grow spiritually (II Peter 3.18) through personal Bible study, prayer and meditation each day (Romans, chapters 6-8; 12.1-3; II Timothy 2.15; II Cor. 3.18).

4) Membership in the type of body (church) which Jesus called out, pastored Himself, and sent forth into the world. His command was to proclaim the gospel and establish other churches just like the one which He built. There are not two types of bodies of Christ on earth! Ephesians 4.1-6 clearly teaches this, and, therefore sets forth the clear standard for Biblical Unity! There were more than forty of these bodies (churches) of saints in Rome when the Apostle Paul wrote the letter: "...to all that be in Rome...called saints..." (Romans 1.7). The last usage of the word church in the Bible is plural, not singular (Rev. 22.16), each one a complete body of Christ whose Lord is the Man Christ Jesus, not a man on earth, or a group, or groups of men. The Spirit of the living God is quite capable of administering the affairs of each one of His individual bodies (churches) of believers on earth wherever they may be found, thank you very much! The highest official on earth in Biblical Christianity is the pastor of an individual, local body (church) of Christ. It is high time that we recognize that God's Word, and only God's Word, is the final authority on this subject. Let's stop confusing the word church with the total spiritual family of God! The design of church government in God's Word is autonomy: self-

government under the leadership of the Spirit of the Lord in accordance to His Word...all if it! Today we see the wreckage of unscriptural lawless government by organizations outside of the Lord's churches themselves which has always led to spiritual corruption and lawlessness. See Webster's dictionary for the no. 2 meaning of the word LIBERAL!....it is LAWLESS!

If you are saved, and genuinely desire to walk in truth, we would love to discuss this further with you. Grace when imparted sets free the faint hearted, and causes the living of Truth!

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