

What think Ye of the Bible?
Part 7.

Well, our 248th Birthday Celebration has passed, and is now history. All the fireworks have been exploded in the air, and now we must carry on with our duties and responsibilities to our families, our churches and our communities.

I am 82.5 years old by now, and somehow I wish I could retire. But, I am reminded that neither Abraham, nor Moses, nor Our Lord Jesus Christ ever retired. Jesus is at the right hand of God the Father, in heaven, interceding DAILY for us in prayer against the accusations of The Adversary, Satan.

So, I will just continue to serve the Lord here on earth, as long as He grants me breath.

In our last article on the Bible, Part 06, we looked at two different kinds of Revelations. One was General Revelation, which does not save, but reveals to everyman that there is a CREATOR GOD, and that as a result of this "light," man is responsible to Him.

However, the masses of humanity suppress and reject this truth about God, and chart out their OWN PATH of life, for which they, one day, will be eternally sorry, - there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The other Revelation is called Special Revelation, which is THE BIBLE, and THE LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself.

Special Revelation gives man God's Self Revelation, instructions for life, and how man can obtain salvation through a radically changed mind (repentance) and trust in the Person and Redemptive work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross.

We ended the previous article with a question. How can a person, who is searching for TRUTH, make a rational, logical and sound choice from among all the various religions in the world, and be sure that what he is following is THE TRUTH, that will ultimately lead to eternal bliss and security?

Even under the broad umbrella of Christianity, there are wide varieties of truth claims. As was previously stated, Catholicism relies heavily upon man made traditions plus the Bible, and when challenged on their claims, Catholicism will place a higher priority on their Traditions than on the authority of Holy Scripture.

Orthodox Christianity rejects tradition, and categorically relies totally on the sole authority on the Bible as the God given instructions for Faith and Practice.

Furthermore, within the umbrella of Christianity, there have been numerous late "truth claim" additions since the 19th Century.

1. In 1830 Joseph Smith published the book of Mormon, claiming that he received New Revelation about Jesus Christ. Currently, the LDS Church has about 17 million members worldwide.

2. In 1870 Charles Taze Russel started the Jehova Witnesses religion, which currently has 8.7 million members world wide.

3. In 1840 Miller started a movement which later became known as Seventh Day Adventism. In 1863 a woman, Ellen G. White became the leader and prophetess of this sect. Currently, they claim a world wide membership of 22 million.

4. The Christian Scientist Movement began in 1860 by Mary Baker Eddy. Currently, they have a membership of 400,000.

We should note that Jesus said in Matthew 24:4 "Take heed that no man deceive you." He was referring to the world wide deceptions that would take place at the end of this "age."

Think of it!

Man had the Bible for 1800 years (not counting the Traditions of the Catholic System). Suddenly, in the 19th Century four new "additions" to Christianity arose, claiming to have "new, improved" revelations from God to man.

If anyone would accept this new revelation as true, he would then tacitly agree, that God withheld this newly revealed truth from humanity for 1800 years. If we assume that God is a rational Being, and this new Revelation relates to man's salvation and mode of living, WHY would He withhold this truth from man for such a long period of time? Again, if this is true, then we must accept that about 72 generations lived and died not having all information God wants man to have. Thus these people came short of God's ultimate method of salvation and manner of life.

But, we know that we do have a rational God, who does not withhold necessary information regarding salvation and manner of life from man.

These four "new" Christian Sects have something in common. They all have a deviant set of doctrines and beliefs regarding the work and Person of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, God the Son, took on a human body with a rational human soul at the time of the Incarnation, and constituted Himself as the Christ (Messiah). Thus, Jesus Christ became One Person who has two Natures. One fully, 100% divine nature, and one 100% fully human nature.

Since He is divine, he is ETERNAL, and co equal with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. His humanity is equal to ours, except He is sinless because he does not have a

human biological father. Jesus' humanity was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God. (Matthew 1:20).

(There will be more about the Godhead, His Nature, the Essence and Attributes of God, and about Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in later articles.)

Each of these four sects mentioned above twist Scripture and pervert one or more aspects of Christ's Person. They attack either the Deity of Christ or the Humanity of Christ, or both. In either case, they do not have the true Person of Christ in mind, and thus they DO NOT HAVE A SAVIOR. Instead, they have created a man of their own making, who has no power to redeem sinful man. People's understanding about the Nature and Person of the Savior is absolutely essential for genuine salvation. Sincerity in their false belief system does not grant saving grace from God.

That is why it is so important to read, study and meditate on the Bible.

These groups are called cults. A cult is defined as a group, or sect claiming to be Christian. They, then, have one person, who originated this belief system. In addition to the Bible, they have another book or additional writings, which in reality take a higher priority than the Bible.

LDS have Joseph Smith plus the book of Mormon. JW have Charles Taze Russel plus a perverted Bible & the Watchtower magazine, and the other two have Ellen White and Mary Baker Eddy and their prophetic writings.

These four belief systems are NOT CHRISTIAN at all, even though people in those groups love to be considered as another Christian Denomination. To be clear, these belief systems are HERESIES AND must be avoided.

It must be said without hesitation, that Christ died for them also, and genuine Christians should seek opportunities to share the true Gospel with them, hoping and praying that some will be convicted of the truth and receive the Real Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

In our next article we will consider the uniqueness of the Bible. We will look at the historicity of the Bible, review several archeological aspects, as well as the "prophetic" nature of Holy WRIT.

Stay tuned, please.

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I am not a marketeer. All I desire is to present TRUTH to the ones who are looking for YOUR TRUTH."

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Psalm 119:30 KJV

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

Proverbs 23:23 KJV

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Amen, and Selah!

With Warm Regards,

Horst Adler

"For I am not ashamed of the
Gospel of Christ." (Ro.1:16)