

Cut and Paste Christianity (Part 2)

Lies, Deceits, Falsehoods

For the past year or so, I have avoided the evening news, both local, Fox and any other sources of hype that is being spewed out on the airwaves. There is no point in watching verbal fingerpointing matches between mental midgets who contribute nothing but carbon-dioxide for plants. I did catch a night or two of the local news a few weeks ago when we had the tropical storms on the radar. Aside from the weather, they covered nothing but the hype over Covid and the wearing of masks. It was almost monotonous. One would almost expect to see strings attached to the news anchors and the hands above them controlling their movements and the narrative.

I do read some of the current headlines on Linked-In, a business forum. It too has morphed into a Facebook type of setting (I am not on Facebook) with everyone posting their outrage over current affairs. Two particular posts caught my eye and I wasn't too surprised but I could feel the anger brewing and I have ceased to make any comments in *any* forum. We have been called out from among them:

“Therefore come out from the midst of them and be separate,” says the Lord, “and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you.”- **2 Cor. 6:17 (Psalm 4:3, 1 Peter**

2:9). The “cut and paste” narrative is not limited to the use of scriptures in denominational churches.

The discussion was on the US Archives placing a warning on several documents in their catalogue. I thought “you’ve got to be kidding me!” The documents included;

The US Constitution, The Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

Their softening of the warning is that they mention no specific document but it is a blanket statement. I verified it on line through Snopes.

The following is the two pertinent paragraphs contained in the warning: “The Catalog and web pages contain some content that may be harmful or difficult to view. NARA’s records span the history of the United States, and it is our charge to preserve and make available these historical records. As a result, some of the materials presented here may reflect **outdated, biased, offensive, and possibly violent views and opinions**. In addition, some of the materials may relate to violent or graphic events and are preserved for their historical significance.

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Other items include graphic descriptions of historical events like a violent death, medical procedures, crime, acts of war or terrorism, and natural disasters. WOW!

The Constitution and Declaration of Independence offensive?! Offensive to who!?

Only to those supporting a divisive, anti-American agenda, the “Alphabet

Perverts” and race baiters. This was the first eye catcher although “jaw dropper” may be fitting.

The second one was just as absurd as the first. Merriam-Webster actually changed the definition of vaccine this past spring. With all the propaganda and the push for vaccine mandates this wasn't really surprising. The following is from The Red Elephant.com:

Merriam-Webster Dictionary Quietly Changes Definition of ‘Vaccine’ to Include COVID-19 mRNA Injection

March 2, 2021- Merriam-Webster dictionary has quietly changed the definition of the term ‘vaccine’ to include components of the COVID-19 mRNA injection. The definition of vaccine was specifically changed due to the COVID-19 injection. The definition of ‘vaccine’ as of February 5th 2021: vaccine [vak'sēn]

NOUN- a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases, prepared from the causative agent of a disease, its products, or a synthetic substitute, treated to act as an antigen without inducing the disease.

The *former* definition of vaccine: A vaccine used to be “a preparation of killed microorganisms, living attenuated organisms, or living fully virulent organisms that is administered to produce or artificially increase *immunity* to a particular

disease”, meaning it had nothing to do with mRNA injections, which are not live vaccines and do not use an infectious element. This one definitely tightened my jaw as well.

The inmates are definitely running the asylum. It seems we have come to the point that truth is all but absent in our society in any form (**2 Tim. 3:2**). We know that Satan is hard at work in the world as his time is growing shorter by the day. We know he is the father of all lies (**John 8:44**) and this apparent lunacy has captivated the weak of mind and cowards (**2 Tim. 1:7**). In just two short years, this “planned-demic” has fundamentally changed the world we live in. With the populace so blinded by fear and rhetoric, is it any wonder Satan is having a field day in our churches? Weak and watered-down churches are a huge part of the condition we are in. Dishonesty is not confined to the church by any means. The whole world and its governments are based on lies. “When the serpent said to the woman, “in dying, you shall not surely die.”- **Gen. 3:4**, humanity has been deceiving and being deceived ever since.

During this whole Covid crisis, I haven’t seen any of the Protestant churches take a stand and preach scriptural principles on God's health laws. God invites us to choose life (**Deut. 30:19**). Churches are not preaching to have faith and trust in God as our healer. God has promised us that He will keep the plagues of Egypt away from us IF we keep all His laws (**Exod. 15:26**). He will heal all our diseases

(Psa. 103:3). God gives us instructions on when we're sick, we are to ask for anointing from one of His elders, and the prayer of faith and healing (**I Peter 2:24**). Faith and trust in God should be first and foremost in our churches but the lack of preaching God's truth has watered down our faith and cast doubt on His abilities. There's no money in it.

Jeremiah 7:28 – “But you shall say to them, ‘This is a nation which does not obey the voice of the Lord their God, nor receives correction, the truth has perished, and is cut from their mouth.’” Do you really think our nation would be in the mess it's in if our so-called churches were actually preaching God's Truth? Keeping His Sabbaths, His Holy Days?

In the end times many shall be deceived (**Matt. 24:11, Mark 13:6**). “As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him alone, saying, “Tell us, when these things be? And what shall be the sign of your coming, and the completion of the age?” Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Be on Guard, so that no one deceives you. For many shall come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ; and they shall deceive many.’”- **Matt. 24:3-5**.

What Jesus is warning us about is that lying and deception will be a characteristic of the end times. He is speaking mainly about religious deceptions. Specifically, those who profess to come in His name. Now He didn't mean those who are really

off the wall and claim to be the Christ or Messiah, but those who would use His name to preach lies. We see this on Sundays in every so called “Christian” church around the world. Are the pastors preaching God’s truth? How can you preach the truth if you deny the Fourth Commandment? “Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy.”- **Exodus 20:8**. This is but one element of a false gospel. “But in vain do they worship Me, teaching for the doctrines of men.”- **Mark 7:7**. The denominational churches have taken the path of Merriam-Webster and changed the wording and definitions to fit their doctrine.

We spoke about “going to heaven” when we die in Part One. Just believing in God, saying the sinner’s prayer, and being good all your life will get you to a destination that is promised in so many of the Sunday churches. Jesus even told His disciples at the Passover, “Little children, I am with you yet a little while. You shall seek Me; but as I told the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come, ‘I am now telling you also.’”- **John 13:33 (John 13:36)**. **Psalm 139:8** is misconstrued, “If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold, You are there.” “*If*” is hypothetical. The King James Version has the word “hell” in place of the grave, which as we know, “hell” means grave. This is why we must research and read every word in God’s Bible and make sure we have the most accurate translation available. Read, pray and study. God will reveal His truth to us. “Ask, and it shall

be given to you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you.”-

Matt. 7:7.

“Do not let anyone deceive you by any means because that day will not come unless the apostasy shall come first, and the man of sin shall be revealed-the son of perdition.”- **2 Thess. 2:3 (2 Thess. 2:9-12)**. The apostasy is already underway as lying and deception seems to be the way of society. Technology being what it is and the hyper-speeds in which information can be transmitted and shared, it is now possible to broadcast a worldwide lie in nano-seconds. In just the two stories I mentioned in the beginning of this writing, mankind can create and deceive millions with the stroke of a key. “But you O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”- **Daniel 12:4**. This makes it even easier for Satan’s lies to grow as so many people today do not really believe the true source of knowledge; we know it is God and His Word. In changing and editing and outright lying about God’s Words and His Commandments, is it any wonder so many people have fallen away?

Proverbs 4:19 says, "The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble." (**Hosea 4:6**).

Deceptions and lies continue in the false doctrines with the man-made holidays as opposed to God's Holy Days. This will be addressed in a future installment.

We do not have the false hope of believing lies as we once walked in the darkness **(John 12:46)**. We know that we were bought with the precious Blood of Jesus our Savior. "For you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."- **1 Cor. 6:20 (1 Cor. 7:23)**.

We must look forward to the return of Jesus Christ and being a part of the First Resurrection. We can look forward with hope to the establishment of His Government which will have no end **(Isa. 9:7)**. Rather than believe a man-made warm and fuzzy myth about going to heaven, we can stand on the promises of God **(John 5:28-29, 1 Cor. 6:14, 2 Cor. 4:14, Heb. 6:13-20, Rev. 1:6, 3:12, 5:10)**. We must never forget that God's promises to us are conditional! We must live by His every word and keep His Commandments. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies." - **Psalm 25:10**

The insanity and falsehoods are rampant. "Behold, they are all false; their works are nothing: their images are wind and confusion." – **Isaiah 41:29**

But God will not tolerate this conduct forever, quite the contrary. **Romans 1:18** – "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and

unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;” He will not take kindly to those who change His Word (**Rev. 22:18-19**).

There will come a time in the not-too-distant future where the truth of God’s Word will all but disappear (**Amos 8:11**). It has become so diluted and watered down we must not succumb to the confusion of the world we live in. It is all but absent now in our schools, our government and in **our churches**. This chaos will only get worse, the confusion and persecution of our faith will only intensify. The Pope is even trying to blend Christianity and Islam into “Chrislam”! But Christ’s prayer to The Father in **John 17:17** solidifies our position, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is **truth**.”

As we prepare to depart next week for the Feast of Tabernacles, let us keep our focus on God, on His Word and purpose for us. Let us continue edifying one another, esteem others more important than ourselves and give service to those in need. Always remain faithful and true in our walk with Him in all aspects of life. I know it’s easier said than done. As we are all part of the body of Christ, in Him we can accomplish all things together according to His will. (**Phil. 4:13, Romans 12:5, 1 Cor. 12:12, 1 Cor. 12:27**).

We all face storms and trials every day. How we face and deal with them individually is in reality how and what God is teaching us. He is working into and

removing things from our lives, guiding us to overcoming the flesh. Since baptism, we've all been getting a make-over. Most times these lessons are not enjoyable and if we do not learn them, we get to repeat the course until we pass. It may take us the rest of our lives but the best part is if we get a passing grade, we'll be part of the First Resurrection. We are all a work in progress for His Kingdom.

So, stand fast in the faith! **Phil. 4.1, 1 Thes. 3:8, 2 Thes. 2:15.** We are on the right track. We will not be deceived. Amen!

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