WE'VE LOST OUR WAY

RELIGION THE CURSE ON ABSOLUTE TRUTH SOCIETY HAS THROWN-OUT ABSOLUTE TRUTH

"Surely I am more brutish than any man and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom nor have the knowledge of the holy. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Prov. 30:2-6

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The stupidity of religion has made man brainless. America as a nation has lost her way. She's gone astray, wandering about in darkness unable to use her God given brain, locked out mentally. She has become delusional digging her own grave and that without a shovel. As a nation, she teeters on the brink of damnation and is about to be cast into the bottomless pit from which there is no escape. No exit signs! The stupidity of religion that has brought on the rejection of "absolute truth" is the reason. And most folks in our churches today have breathed in this noxious poisonous lie. The assaults upon the Word of God (KJV) in the over three hundred new translations that have been published in our day have to weaken and brought on the Apostasy, the blind denial of saving faith in the Word of God alone, the ultimate and absolute truth. Sadly, billions of folks, except for the believer, have rejected the truth, the absolute truth of the Word of God in our churches. The Word of God, the Bible has been rejected and ignored in every period of God's dealing with man through the Church Dispensation. Man will believe anything but the TRUTH! This horse-laugh of religion's invention has been aiding in and hastening the judgment upon a Christ-rejecting and Bible-denying people that include the United States. We're a stupid people.

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8

Religion makes smart people stupid. Sadly, many who have called themselves "people of God" have been dumb, blind and right down religious. They have valued emotions and despised understanding. Their brain is just going to waste. Many of us do not understand, it seems the power that God has given us with the human brain. We see many people who say they are of God believing in traditions, led by emotions seriously believing that they are of God. They know the Bible and can quote verses religiously but fail to use their brain wisely. Intelligent faith! Not blind religious faith born out of stupidity. That is why it has been so difficult for many to sincerely say yes in giving their lives to Jesus Christ because they have allowed their brains to be in the "mute" position, living on emotions.

The smoker knows that smoking tobacco will kill you, but still they smoke what stupidity? Those who consume alcohol or drugs know that drugs burn up their brains and still they take in the poison. How stupid is that? We murder babies knowing all the while it is wrong and deserving of judgment. God have mercy on us for legalizing such wickedness, evil stupidity. Men are living with men, women with women knowing it is deserving of death and they go on living in their sin. All sense of right and wrong has been thrown out the window and even animals are smarter than we and don't do such vile sin. How stupid are we? God gave man the truth in the Garden of Eden, He gave him the truth during the age of Conscience, Human Government, by calling out a Patriarchal family and again by testing man under the Law, and lastly, He gave man the truth by His Son Jesus Christ and man still refused the truth turning it away and instead supplanting the goodness of man's best efforts and calling it religion. Placing religion over what should have been a relationship with God's Son. Religion and Relationship are diametrically opposed. God accepting Abel's offering and not Cain's. Religion has made a man stupid. Man falls for anything but the TRUTH. The stupidity of stupidity! And today there is nothing more ignorant or stupid than believing that Islam is a peaceful religion. It's not a Trojan horse this time, but the enemy coming in under the disguise of religion. America is ignorant! How stupid are we?

As you read this, Muslims are planning and scheming their next attack right here in the United States, as "refugees" pour across the borders. The Media is lying when they say a "few extremists" are making the good Muslims look bad, a Muslim is a Muslim and their goal is to dominate the world by force. Americans are stupid when they swallow the lie that Islam is a peaceful religion. The only good Muslim is a dead Muslim. All American's are thinking about is money and how to make more. Ignorant of the fact that there is a God in Heaven. We've told God to shut up and that we were not interested in what He had to say. We've told God that His Book the (KJV) Bible is not welcome or wanted here anymore. What a "**crooked and perverse nation**" Phil. 2:15 we've become. How stupid is that? The truth is the truth! Scientist denying the laws of science.

Even our scientists have rejected the proven laws of science and that denunciation can only lead to man's total destruction. Insane stupidity! No man is born into this world as a child of God with God as his Father. He is a child of disobedience and a child of wrath, under the control of the world, the flesh, and the Devil Eph. 2:2–3. He is spiritually dead Eph. 2:1 and under the condemnation and wrath of God John 3:18, 36. Outside of Jesus Christ, no religion or good works can change that condition Eph. 2:8–9; Tit. 3:5. All ages; like the Age of Reason, the Age of Enlightenment, the middle Ages, the Atomic Age, the Space Age, and the New Age, etc. always end in decay, entropy, randomness, and disintegration. Evolutionists are forced to admit this every time they put up their time charts where they have to push everything back by millions, billions, and trillions of years. Those time charts are based on radioactive decay: carbon-14, potassium-argon, uranium-lead.

Man rejects the proven laws of science, the Laws of Thermodynamics and Biogenesis for evolutions theory, thereby rejecting the truth which leads to extinction.

THE LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS:

The First Law of Thermodynamics is also known as the law of conservation of energy, states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. It may change from one form to another, but the energy in a closed system remains constant.

The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that when energy is transferred, there will be less energy available at the end of the transfer process than at the beginning. Due to entropy, which is the measure of disorder in a closed system, all of the available energy will not be useful to the organism. Entropy increases as energy is transferred.

The Third Law of Thermodynamics states that it is impossible to cool a body to absolute zero by any finite process. Although one can approach absolute zero as closely as one desire, one cannot actually reach this limit. The third law of thermodynamics, formulated by Walter Nernst and also known as the Nernst heat theorem, states that if one could reach absolute zero, all bodies would have the same entropy. In other words, a body at absolute zero could exist in only one possible state, which would possess a definite energy, called the zero-point energy. This state is defined as having zero entropy.

THE LAW OF BIOGENESIS:

The law of biogenesis regardless of such speculation and conjecture, the evidence that science has found is clear. In nature, life comes only from life of its own kind. Period! All scientific evidence confirms this well-established principle of science. There are no known exceptions. Thus, biogenesis is a law. Abiogenesis: life comes from non-living is impossible.

Scientists have rejected the proven laws of science and by their rejection have pointed the world down the road to eradication. Tell me how stupid is that and how stupid can we be? Refusing to believe God is nothing more than moral suicide.

It is the fact that God has never saved a man on his own terms, it must be on God's terms! So too, the whole creation's existence will either be protected or annihilated on God's terms as laid out in the Holy Bible.

The truth is powerful and it brings life. It has been here since the beginning, and it still exists today. The truth is available to all who seek it in the person of Jesus Christ. Even though our society tells us that it's narrow-minded to believe in absolute truth, there's lots of evidence that says we should run after it with all our hearts. Christ says the truth will set us free. And that promise is true for all time. The world needs absolute truth, absolute truth is found in a person, Jesus' said: "I am the TRUTH."

The world needs the truth! "Judge not" has become the favorite Bible verse of the modern world. Standards of every kind have been tossed aside, giving way to an ever-deepening relativism. "Truth" by definition, has ceased to be a constant absolute and has changed into a circumstantial,

emotion-based blur. Convictions about good and evil have been traded for tolerance and a mentality that says "If it feels good, do it."

When faced with any set of absolutes, even many "conservatives" are quick to interject: "If people want to do it that way, it is their right." An even more popular response: "Who are you to decide what is right and wrong for someone else?"

This philosophy is like a ship with no anchor; it is blown and tossed wherever the winds of public opinion take it.

For example, consider that state of the legal system that has abandoned absolute truth. The law has ceased to hold authority and is now in bondage to the latest public opinion poll. The meaning of justice has been slaughtered as criminals are made out to be the victims, blaming everyone but themselves. It sometimes seems that if someone has good looks, a good sense of humor, and a good defense attorney, they pay no penalty for breaking the law; rather, they set dangerous precedents that, in effect, alter the law.

With no standard of truth, it is impossible to have a system of justice.

This tide of relative thinking has irreparably damaged millions of families across the Western world. The tolerance of sexual promiscuity, adultery, homosexuality, and pornography cannot be underestimated. Its prevalence in our society has put us all at risk, our wives, our daughters, and even our sons. Billions of dollars are spent on pornography annually by spineless males who live by their sex drive and would forsake their own children for temporary pleasure. Schools have taken it upon themselves to teach that there are no "morals" in regard to sex, just as long as it is "safe." Most teens know nothing of purity, and hardly any marries as virgins. The tolerance of Hollywood's wholesale impurity has led to a disintegration of family and moral standards, as entertainment-craving masses await with baited breath the next sexually-arousing action movie. Even those who claim to believe in values and morality often can be found feeding their lusts at the local theater or through their Internet connection.

Since the old-time values of honesty, responsibility, and integrity have been forsaken and replaced with hedonism and selfishness, there is a rising distrust of everyone from politicians to church leaders. And with good reason, when there are no absolutes to determine behavior, trust must be abandoned.

Even language itself has suffered crippling blows by those who perpetrate the idea that there is no truth. Words such as love, faith, peace, fulfillment, joy, happiness, and family have been redefined again and again to fit the cultural winds of the era. Words like these no longer have meanings, only interpretations.

Absent absolute truth, language itself becomes a meaningless mouthing of syllables.

If absolute truth has no place in our lives, then, of course, we can murder our unborn and kill off unneeded old people. Sure, we can have excessive violence in movies and music. We can go ahead and lie, cheat, steal and slander. If there is no right and wrong, who cares?

Dishonor of parents has become the norm as children are given the right to make their own decisions. Now those who teach there is no right and wrong insist that it is "wrong" to discipline a child for misbehavior. Then we wonder why, for example, the USA has more prisoners than it does soldiers. Parents are no longer given respect, obedience, or honor. Instead, "every man does that which is right in his own eyes" regardless of age. Few TV shows or movies could claim to uphold parenthood and display a functional, loving family. Yet why should they, if there is no truth that demands the honor of one's parents, or one's spouse, for that matter?

Why not just do what feels good, and damn the consequences?

The bottom line is that without a standard of truth, there is no good or bad action. Evil is just as good as good is evil. Cruelty is just as acceptable as compassion. The underlying, fundamental cause for the turmoil we now see in Western society is the abandoning of absolute truth. The reason for religion, when absolute truth is set aside or vacated a vacuum is left and men fill that void with religion. Man can't escape God-Conscientiousness and so has invented religions. How stupid is a man?

TRUTH IS WHAT OUR WORLD DESPERATELY NEEDS.

There is a three-fold reason for the rejection of absolute truth:

A widespread campaign to promote evolution is one. When children are taught that their lives are accidents, it is no wonder that they act like accidents. Their teachers tell them they are advanced monkeys and that only the fittest survive, and then wonder why they bring guns to school. Schools that are supposedly "religion-free zones" have most blatantly preached the religion of humanism to our youth. The pastor-teacher stands in front of the congregation-class and lectures-preaches what children should believe about man's 'good' nature, the environment, socialism, and the accidental origin of the universe. Even though 'tolerance' is supposedly the core value of governments and schools, anyone who dares suggest that absolute truth may exist, or that an intelligent designer may have formed the world, is not tolerated.

Since our culture has steered away from accepting God as the Creator and Lawgiver, we no longer find a basis for universally applicable laws. For if God's laws are invalid, then whose laws should become the standard? The book of Genesis in the Bible is the foundation of all moral truths. If that is ripped away, then there is no precedent for male-female marriage, the use of clothing, the authority of God Law, etc. If God did not create us, then the concept of 'right and wrong' becomes merely a mirage, glistening amidst the sands of aimless relativism. All we have left is to do whatever it takes to get ahead and be happy until we are snuffed out of existence. Evolutionary philosophy steals a person's reason to live. Even more, evolution-indoctrination is killing off true science, the study of facts, and rendering true, objective study of nature almost impossible. Today, school classrooms in America aren't even permitted to study theories that contradict materialistic Darwinism.

The second is the rejection of the Ten Commandments as God's absolute standard of moral behavior. Many Westerners still believe in "God", or, at least, their own perception of God, but

few live by God's rules. To only believe in God, and not accept His authority to make the laws that should govern our souls, is preposterous. As the Creator and Owner, He has the right to make the final decision in every one of our personal lives. Yet today, people prefer to look at God as a sort of "Santa Claus" figure instead of the Lord of the Universe. We have systematically dumped the Ten Commandments by the wayside and are left with no moral truth that can be applied across the board. Most would agree that the Commandments are good ideas, but how many believe they are essential to personal living? These ten most basic laws of the Creator must form the foundation of morality if our freedom and our civilization are to survive.

Third, there is the rebellion of humanity against God. Some know God is the Creator and the Lawgiver, yet, they willfully choose to go their own way and make their own decisions. The truth of God is abandoned for the lie of humanism. People would rather believe almost anything, and they do, in the effort to not believe in God. Their hearts are bent on rebellion against the Creator. Some show this outwardly by their manner of dress, their jewelry, and their drug use, and some show it by their quiet disobedience in the areas of lust, pride, self-righteousness, gossip, and materialism. Regardless of the expression, this wicked rebellion against God invites His judgment. When one forsakes His absolutes and chooses against them, he is earmarked for disaster by his own foolish choices. The same is true for a nation that sets itself up above the laws of Almighty God. How stupid is a man?

RELIGION'S EARLIEST BEGINNINGS:

The beginning of all religions can in the main be traced back to the ancient Near East and classified into three basic categories: polytheistic, pantheistic and monotheistic. Atheism is really a modern belief that resulted from the "Enlightenment" period of the 18th century.

Polytheism and its source:

The beginning of religion and polytheistic systems: Polytheism (a belief in many gods) is thought to have originated with Hinduism in about 2500 BC. Hindu beliefs were recorded in the Bhagavad Gita, which revealed that many gods were subject to a supreme Brahman god. Polytheism was also the religion of many other ancient cultures, including Assyria, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. The ancient polytheistic belief systems viewed gods as being in control of all natural events such as rainfall, harvests, and fertility. Generally, polytheistic cultures believed in sacrifices to appease their gods. For instance, the Canaanites sacrificed to the male god, Baal, and his female counterpart, Ashteroth. Baal controlled the rain and the harvest while Ashteroth controlled fertility and reproduction. The Greeks and Romans developed polytheism to a highly structured pantheon of gods and goddesses.

Pantheism and its starting point:

The beginning of religions and pantheistic systems: Pantheism (a belief that all is God) prevailed in numerous ancient cultures. The belief that the universe itself was divine was typified in the Animism beliefs of the African and American Indian cultures, the later Egyptian religion under the Pharaohs, and Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism in the cultures of the Far East. Pantheistic beliefs are also finding resurgence among various New Age movements. Generally, pantheism is the principle that god is everything, and everything is a god. Therefore, nature is also part of god. We must be in harmony with nature. We must nurture it and be nurtured by it. Mankind is no different than any other animal. We must live in harmony with them, understand

them, and learn from them, focusing on the relationship between mankind and the elements of nature.

Monotheism and its basis:

The derivation of religion and monotheistic systems: Monotheism (a belief in one God) is the foundation of the Judeo-Christian-Muslim line of religions, which began with a man named Abraham in about 2000 BC. From this point in history, God began revealing Himself to the world through the nation of Israel. The Jewish Scriptures record the journey of the Israelites from slaves in Egypt to the "promised land" in Canaan under the leadership of Moses. During a period of about 1500 years, God revealed what became the Old Testament of the Bible, relating the history of Israel with the character and laws of God. During the period of the Roman Empire, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem as the long-awaited Messiah. The ministry of Jesus climaxed in about 32 AD with His crucifixion and resurrection. After Christ's ascension into heaven, the Christian church grew in His name and the New Testament was written.

About 600 years later, the false prophet Muhammad began preaching in Mecca. Muhammad believed he was the ultimate prophet of God, and his teachings became the precepts of Islam as recorded in the Qur'an.

Origin of Religions - Important Dates in History:

2000 BC: Time of Abraham, the patriarch of Israel.

1200 BC: Time of Moses, the Hebrew leader of the Exodus.

1100 - 500 BC: Hindus compile their holy texts, the Vedas.

563 - 483 BC: Time of Buddha, founder of Buddhism.

551 - 479 BC: Time of Confucius, founder of Confucianism.

200 BC: The Hindu book, Bhagavad Gita, is written.

Christianity is not a Religion but a personal RELATIONSHIP with God's Son Jesus Christ.

2 to 4 BC - 32 AD: Time of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and founder of Christianity.

32 AD: The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

40 - 90 AD: The New Testament is written by the followers of Jesus Christ.

570 - 632 AD: Time of Muhammad, who records the Qur'an as the basis of Islam.

THE DARK SIDE OF RELIGION

Demonic Possession: Whatever be our theories as to the origin of religion, there can be no doubt about the antiquity and persistence of the belief in disembodied spirits, benevolent and malevolent; and all existing religions involve the belief in such supernatural beings, called gods, ghosts, spirits of ancestors, demons, angels, etc. Organized religion is largely based on and develops credulity in this domain. It insists on certain approved ways of conciliating these spirits or obtaining their favor by some ritual of sacrifices, prayer, incantations, the wearing of amulets, or the like. Priests are experts in these rituals and their influence is certainly not to destroy the belief on which their occupation rests. Consider, for instance, the oracle at Delphi, based on the belief that the raving priestess was possessed by the God Apollo who spoke through her. Religious people like Plato or the Platonic Socrates believed this and held the oracle in great

awe. Yet even contemporaries realized that the managing priests were manipulating the final answer under the guise of interpreting the raving utterances of the priestess. The sober Thucydides went out of his way to remark on the only occasion on which the oracle guessed right. Similar observations may be made about the raving prophets mentioned in the Book of Samuel. We find their analog today in the dancing dervishes of Islam.

One form of this superstition of demonic possession plays a prominent role in the New Testament. The power of Jesus and his disciples to cast out devils was obviously regarded by the writers of the Gospels as a chief pillar of the Christian claim. The New Testament, to be sure, did not originate this ancient theory of the nature of certain mental aberrations; but its authority has certainly hindered the effort to dispel this superstitious view of the cause of insanity and hysteria, a view that resulted in a most horrible treatment of the sick.

Witchcraft: The fear of witchcraft is a natural outcome of the belief in spirits and in the possibility of controlling or using them. If religion did not originate this superstition, it certainly did a good deal to strengthen it. Indeed, Protestant, as well as the Roman Catholic Church at one time bitterly, persecuted those who did not believe in the efficacy of witchcraft. For the writers of the Bible certainly believed that witches could recall even the prophets from the dead, and the Mosaic Law specifically commanded that witches should be put to death.

The effects of this Biblical command were quite horrible. Not only were thousands burned within a short time at Trèves, but the torture of those suspected, in order to make them confess was perhaps even more frightful. The victims of mere suspicion had their bones broken, were deprived of all water, and suffered unmentionable cruelties. Perhaps even worse were the resulting general insecurity and the terrible feeling of fear and of distrust. Yet so clear was the Biblical injunction that enlightened men like More, Casaubon, and Cudworth denounced those who disbelieved in witchcraft. To give up the belief in witchcraft is to give up the infallibility of the Bible.

Magic: Closely related to witchcraft is magic. Recent writers like Frazer are inclined to draw a sharp distinction between magic and religion. But though the Church hindered the progress of physics, chemistry, and medicine by persecuting magicians, the belief that the course of nature could be changed by invoking supernatural agencies or spirits is common to both religion and magic. The magician cures you by an incantation, pronouncing a strange formula; the priest or rabbi does it by a blessing; the saint does it posthumously to anyone who touches his relics. The magician brings rain by rubbing a stick, the priest by a prayer. If a formula or ritual invokes the accepted god and is performed by the authorized person, it is religion. If the god, the act, or the agent is not an authorized one, the first is referred to as a devil, the second as a sacrilege, and the third as a magician. The Church regarded the pagan deities as demons. Both religion and magic generally involve the influence of the supernatural, though the magicians more frequently studied the physical or medicinal properties of the substances they used. The fetish-worshiper attaches magical potency to stones, but so does the Bible. Touching the Ark, even with the most worshipful intention, brings death. Christianity frowns on idol worshiping but it still attaches supernatural power to certain objects like the cross, relics of saints, etc. Holy water wards off devils. Miracles are a part of Christian faith and are offered as evidence of its truth. But the evidence in favor of the Virgin Birth, of the stopping of the sun and the moon at Ajalon, or of the Resurrection, etc., cannot support its own weight. A small part of mankind finds it adequate, and thus only because of the fear of being damned or anathematized for unbelief. It is inconceivable that an impartial court would convict anybody on such evidence. In fact, no event would be considered miraculous if the evidence in its favor were as cogent as that which makes us believe wonderful but natural occurrences.

Another religious belief that the progress of science has shown to be superstition, to have no basis in rational evidence, is that the rainbow, comets, and other meteorological phenomena are not natural events but special portents to warn mankind against sin.

Opposition to Science: It is not necessary for me to recount the fight of Christianity against the astronomer, against modern geology or biology, or against the scientific treatment of Biblical history. They have become commonplace. The point to be noted is that the old adherents of religion did not want to know the truth and that their religion did not encourage them to think it worthwhile to seek any truth other than their accepted particular faith. Religious truth is obsolete and its possession makes everything else unimportant. Hence, religion never preaches the duty of critical thought, of searching or investigating supposed facts. Religion has made a man stupid! The stupidity of religion!

America is like a sinking ship floundering around in the sea of sin seeking to rescue herself without God and without hope, refusing to repent, unknowing that the wrath of God is certain just over another wave. You say what's the answer? There is none, except God's Son Jesus Christ and our Country has thrown Him out. No hope, we're done for. Our nation has lost its way.

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