

Two Cultures Revealed – and a Third

Recently I was involved in a discussion of Bible-related subjects. The discussion revealed some very interesting aspects I had not really recognized before. These aspects are the difference between those who have grown up in a Roman Catholic culture and those who have grown up in a true Protestant culture.

First let us look at the attitudes of the True Protestant culture. First, the very name ‘Protestant’ means that those who claim it have looked into something and have found it to be false; and as such – they reject it, and actively protest against it.

They have been brought up to believe that **not only is TRUTH worth knowing, but it IS knowable and worth all effort to search it out and find it to one’s own individual satisfaction.** Also, hopefully, they are brought up to know where that source of truth is to be found: in the TRUE and ONLY Protestant Bible, the Authorized King James. (There are a few other Bibles that are of the same pedigree, (Received Text) but as they are mostly in other languages or out of print/very rare today, we will use the KJV as our reference point.)

The Protestant Reformation, actually for the most part, came out of Roman Catholicism. What was the catalyst that fueled it? It was from the TRUE BIBLE that light sprang up to dispel darkness. It became available through a series of amazing historic events, orchestrated by God at that time, to fulfill his prophetic promise that the persecuted Church in the Wilderness would be "holpen with a little help". (Dan 11:34). That help came in the form of aggressive wars by the Muslims, forcing many of those from the East to flee into Europe, bringing the precious manuscripts of the TRUE Apostolic Bible, plus other learning with them.

As the Received Text of the Church of the Wilderness, became translated and distributed, it brought a flood of light. The tyranny of the Church of Rome, could only be held effectively in an environment of spiritual darkness and superstition. As the Light of Pure Scripture began to shine, the Dark Ages began to recede. Without the True Apostolic text, and with only the Roman counterfeit, the movement coming out of Rome, would have faltered and failed. The ‘Protestant’ spirit was born, **the spirit that said, "There is Truth, It is knowable and I will know it for myself and I will reject error."**

Now the Roman Catholic mind set, taught and enforced from childhood on those who are raised in her bastions, is that Truth is a vague and nebulous thing. It changes with the times and circumstances; it can only be known by a few elite persons like the leaders of the church. It is not for the common people to trouble themselves about, and God does not expect them to try to search out the unknowable.

This mind-set creates a people that busy themselves with the social and commonplace things of life, but give little serious thought or time to ‘What Hath God said,’ or ‘What shall be hereafter’, because they are taught that God, if He says anything, only says it to special people, and the ordinary person need not bother about such things. It is interesting that all the spiritualist religions are the same; they leave the matter of religious duty to church leaders; and don’t bother to question such things.

It is natural (because of the work of the Holy Spirit) for the mind of man to seek after God and spiritual mysteries, even in early childhood. However, for those of the RC culture, **any questioning of the tenants of the church or the ways and words of church leaders, is stoutly discouraged.** Even if such a person later departs from the strict observance of his religion, he still will have the tendency to relegate spiritual matters to be ‘something that the ordinary people need not trouble themselves about’.

It is God’s will that people DO question and seek Him.

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Acts 17:27 "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:"

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Jeremiah 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Now it is interesting also that **TRUE ADVENTISM, although Protestant in mind set, is NOT really a Protestant movement.** ADVENTISM was born again of the TRUE BIBLE of the Waldenses and the Eastern Church of the wilderness. **TRUE ADVENTISM did NOT come out of Rome, it was NEVER in Rome!!**

However, one of the terrible things that has happened as we approach the Final Test, and the 2nd Coming of the Lord, is that the ADVENTIST movement, starting way back in the 1880s, has progressively identified themselves with the Protestant Movement that did come out of Rome, and did not completely cut away from her. They have, as they went to worldly Universities, adopted Reformation Theology, and have shouldered aside the REAL ADVENT TRUTH of our true forefathers, the Waldenses and the Church of the Wilderness.

This movement, for a long time, remained mostly among the leadership, who thus became like the Roman Catholic and Pagan priests, in that they taught one thing to the lay people, while they themselves believed something else entirely. They did not teach what they believed to the common people, as at that time, the lay people still clung to the TRUE SCRIPTURES and the leaders would be nailed to the wall by the testimony of the Living Word. Why is the corrupt, Roman way so attractive to leadership? It is because it puts ministers and leaders on a pedestal and encourages the common man to look up to them, instead of looking to God for himself.

But Satan had to subvert the very rank and file of the Adventist movement, or he knew that his plan to return the whole world to the darkness of the Dark Ages and Papal superstition would surely fail. **To do this he had to get the TRUE SCRIPTURES out of the hands of the lay people.** Rome knew this too, and from the 1600s has bent all efforts into destroying and removing the Only True Scriptures. It took time and careful manipulation. **It was done largely through the colleges and schools and then as leadership began to freely use the modern Bibles, ALL of which are Roman Catholic texts, NONE of which is the TRUE LIVING WORD of GOD; confusion began to set in.** (Confusion as you know, is what Babylon is all about) People (sadly and stupidly) soon ceased to bother to bring their Bible's to church, as the pastor didn't use it anyway— but some other version.

What were the means the TRUE Church of the Wilderness, and the Great Advent Movement used to keep light alive in their ranks? It was through the use of the TRUE BIBLE, and that **the children were brought up to respect it, as Authority and to memorize it and repeat it, and read it privately and in unison.** This is impossible when people are using several differing translations. Even if a group of people all agree to use just one modern version, these 'bibles' are very hard to memorize and so any memorization scheme soon falls. It also has no keeping power even if memorized, as it is corrupted with the tenets of spiritualism and Romanism. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand and memorize the TRUE BIBLE, but not the corrupt ones. (Please note that even though some people have learned something about God and salvation from corrupt Bibles, God tries to lead them to better fountains if possible. Remember, God can speak through a donkey if necessary.)

So is there a third 'mind-set'? Yes, the TRUE Advent Movement Mindset differs from the 'Protestant', in that Adventism was BORN of the TRUE WORD, or perhaps we should say, 'reborn' as the Advent Movement is the TRUE Church coming out of the Wilderness fastness, where she was kept alive and nourished by God during the Dark Ages. **The TRUE BIBLE was never in the paw of the Beast Power, but**

in the hands of the Faithful, Sabbath-keeping Church of the Wilderness! Where this Bible goes, LIGHT and TRUTH is reborn!

Rev 12:6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

Song 8:5 "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"

The little disappointed group in 1844 took the TRUE WORD into their hands, and pled with the Lord to send His Spirit to Guide them into all truth, as He has promised. They determined to lay aside all preconceived notions and creeds and truly search out truth until they found it. And find it they DID! And God, seeing their determination to walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, sent more Light, in the Precious Gift of the Spirit of Prophecy, through the ministry of a dedicated young maiden.

TRUTH stood again TRIUMPHANT for a short while, and lived long in the hearts of the common layperson, fueled and fed by the LIVING WORD that gave it birth. Song 6:10 "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" **Yes, the Living Truth is terrible to the strongholds of error,** and it has a power to lift any soul out of darkness who will open his heart to receive it, even if he doesn't fully understand it at first.

Growing up in the Mind-set of the True Living Word, is a blessing, but few in our days have had it in its purity. This mind set has confidence in God and in His revealed Truth. **They KNOW that they have TRUTH, pure, undefiled and powerful. They respect and treasure that truth. They live for it and by it, and when necessary, they gladly die for it!** WHY? Because they know; "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3 and it is the Living Word that shows us the True Living God! This life is a transient thing at best, and not at all worth comparing with the Life Immortal!!

The third mind-set, also avoids one of the pitfalls of the modern 'Protestant' mind-set. The need to know is commendable, but the Living Word also tells us that **there are some things we cannot 'know for ourselves' and should accept by simple faith.** The True believer in the Living Word, 'Knows' these things because the Word tells them to him. Beyond what the Word tells, he does not go, because this would be presumption.

Deut 29:29 "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

So you see, there are things that man is not to pry into, BUT the things that ARE revealed are ours and we are to KNOW them.

Notice I said that in 1844, the Truth Triumphed 'for a while'. Ah, yes,— sadly as laypeople settled into complacency, and leaders ascended into dominant roles, the Living Word began to be compromised. By the next century, it was almost extinguished in leadership ranks! **BUT as long as the little man clung to the Living Word and the Precious Spirit of Prophecy, leadership could not totally corrupt the rank and file,** and every generation has had living 'Church of the Wilderness' souls who kept the blessed Truth alive.

Both Rome and Satan knew, that to bring down the last bastions of TRUTH, **they had to get the Corrupt Roman Bibles into the hands of the people, and take away the Living Word of the Church of the Wilderness. You see— Rome does NOT believe the common people should ever have access to the Word at all, not even the corrupt ones.** But she is able to conceal her true purposes, and what she cannot get in a direct attack; she gets in a roundabout way. Also she manipulates Protestants to destroy their faith themselves, rather than risk herself to do it.

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The Living Word has a wonderful vitality, and even when a ploughboy or a washer-woman take hold of it, it has a lifting transforming power. **The corrupt bibles of Rome are vague and confusing, they have spiritualism and paganism woven into them and chunks and pieces missing.** When read, even with the best of intentions, confusion and doubt are soon sown in the soul, and the Bible is laid aside.

Rome has achieved her aim: the separation of the believer from the True Bible. Faith dies and ritualism springs up. Soon religion consists of going to ceremonies, doing 'good works', and obeying leaders. Romanism's mind set returns. The mind-set that "We can't know truth for ourselves, we need not bother to try, only certain special people can know truth and we'd best just listen to them. Eat drink and be merry, for spiritual things are beyond us anyway" Spiritual Truth is then considered something God does not give to the ordinary person and does not expect them to worry about.

NOW if the truth comes and the person realizes the fraud that has been pulled off on him, and they change back to the True Received Text (KJV), they find instantly a renewed interest and vitality. It is like the difference in trying to live on devitalized white bread and then changing to pure, fresh, whole grain, life springs up and energy is restored. **Once again the person can reach out and find TRUTH for his soul.**

Now none of us can help the culture we grew up in, and hardly any one of these cultures, except perhaps the Roman Catholic one, is found in its purity much today. However, we can become aware of the source of our attitudes, and we can learn to question these attitudes. We can also take the still available, Living Word of the Church of the Wilderness, read it for ourselves and see how the Holy Spirit will, if we desire and request Him to, plant Living Faith and Power in our lives.

Dear ones; Come on into the Third Mindset – **There is TRUTH; it IS KNOWABLE; it is WORTH knowing and seeking; it is AVAILABLE to the common man;** God DOES wish to communicate with every soul equally; we need not look to 'leadership' anywhere to find truth – we can learn and know for ourselves! And we can experience the Power of the Word that men lived for and happily died for!

"Then said Jesus... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31, 32

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