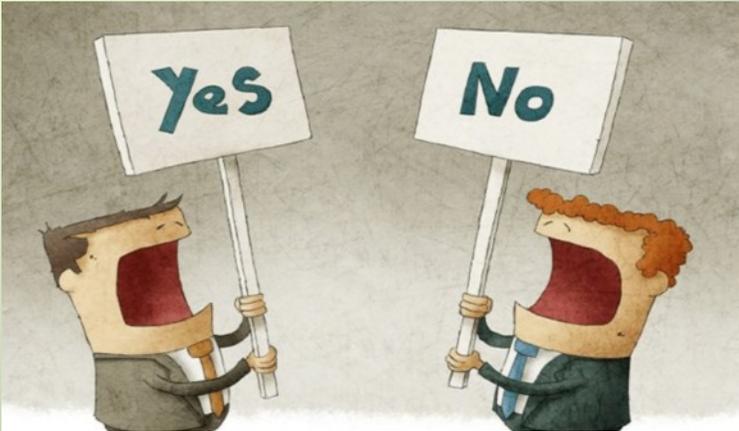


Argument



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I T HAS BEEN SAID BY SOME: Out there in the quest for “the truth” there are those who have found it and those who have not. Some just cannot seem to find it—no matter how hard we try to show it to them.

If “we” who have it could just find a way to enlighten “those” who are in the dark, then we could begin to see real progress and enjoy the unity that comes with agreement on doctrine. Society would turn around and the Kingdom of God could come.

Right? Well—let’s think about it. Even if the presumption were right, how do we go about getting their attention? And just how do we call them out of error into the light of “truth?” Maybe we could devise The Perfect Argument, then no one would be able to resist “the truth!”

Truth resistance is a problem that we all have seen; and has been around for thousands of years. Haven’t you had times when you wished you had a Perfect Argument so you could straighten someone out? Being able to come up with Perfect Arguments would sure be handy wouldn’t it? That is—if it really worked; the problem is, it doesn’t!

First of all, there is no Perfect Argument without perfect truth—and who among us has it? Every Judeo-Christian church claims to have it, every Judeo-Christian preacher presumes to have it, every “man of God” insists that he has it—as they try to convince others of the truth They See.

They work and strive to devise the Perfect Argument to correct the poor devils; the blind and lost must be called back into the fold. Those that refuse are denounced and shunned as “heretics,” “false prophets,” “Jews,” “infiltrators,” “traitors,” “anti-Semites,” and other such nonsense.

Belligerence, however, does not prove the case for the belligerent. It only makes us suspect that they have something to hide, or that their argument cannot stand on its own.

What does the Bible actually teach? Should we strive to convert and save the unwashed? (In the first place we cannot “save” anyone, only Yahweh can do that) Should we believe Judeo-Christian teachers who tell us that we are on a countdown to “the end and a final judgment...and that our responsibility is to convert as many as possible while we still can?

This religious model is common in nearly every Judeo-Christian church. It has been replayed over and over for hundreds of years in the churches, and for thousands of years in pagan temples before churches were invented. And to what end?

A Model Shift Is Needed

Models are like pathways in the forest. We get used to walking along a certain pathway, and it become familiar and comfortable. We think of it as “our pathway.” We continue walking that familiar pathway even when it keeps taking us in the wrong direction, and to the wrong destination. We do this because it is not natural to question our own pathways (Models). Nonetheless, if ones pathway gets us lost, wouldn't it be a good idea to try a different one—rather than just continue on the one that has proven to be wrong?

For example, take the zealous Constitutionalist who is stuck in his Model. No matter how many dead ends he runs into, or how many walls he hits, no matter how many people the government kills in the name of the Constitution (abortions, assassinations, killing of Christians like those at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and etc.).

No matter what one presents as evidence that the Constitution is no longer valid and has been turned into a fraud and doesn't work, he continues to extol the wonderful government “of the people, by the people and for the people.” He'll repeat that the Founding Fathers gave it checks and balances, a Bill of Rights, and everything it needed to operate as a

well-oiled machine for the good of mankind. While ignoring that this is not longer true, IF it was ever true.

He will insist that the machine is designed perfectly, even though it is always on the fritz. This “well-oiled machine” is always clogged up with dishonest, criminal types at the top. One would think that a well-designed machine would have some built-in protections against criminals at its helm.

The typical answer is “just vote out the bad guys” (while the Judeo-Christian clergy, the Priests of Baal in the whore houses called churches in America, cry out to their people, don’t vote for to vote is to vote for evil, and Christians are to have nothing to do with evil. Which leaves only evil people voting other evil people into office.

One would think that after awhile the Judeo-Christians would see what lying, deceiving, traitors the clergy is, but no they are like an old work horse that has blinders on. They can’t see anything going on around them, they can only see straight forward to see what the clergy is presenting; even though it is a prove lie) in the well-oiled machine—over and over and over again. No big deal. The Constitutionalsists is like the owner of a car that’s always breaking down. Instead of admitting that he’s got a lemon, he keeps telling everyone what a good car he has—even though it never performs according to expectations. He would not dare to think that if the car was any good to begin with it wouldn’t be causing him so much trouble.

The fact, is if the Judeo-Christian Christianity and the Constitution was really as good as “patriots” think they are, then the government and its churches wouldn’t be criminal. Right?

Yahshua said:

“Thus, every good tree produces good fruit, but the bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.” **(Matthew 7:17-18)**

Bad fruit indicates a bad tree. Can you point to a time in all of history when the United States Government wasn't producing bad fruit? Hasn't it always been run by liars, thieves, and murderers?

George Washington was one, almost everyone will answer. But is that the truth, when one considers the Whisky Rebellion, that Washington sent government troops to kill, capture, and imprison people for making whiskey without paying a tax in this land of the free and home of the brave. MacArthur another will cry out. Well lets look at his attack on the Bonus Marchers who were trying to get the government to pay them the money they were owed. He killed, wounded, imprisoned and maimed many of them.

But the blind Constitutionalist is frozen in his Constitutional Model and it is unthinkable to consider an other view. He will say those in the Whiskey Rebellion and the Bonus Marchers got what they deserved for opposing the government.

Proverbs 26 states the problem of Model rigidity:

“As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly.”

(Proverbs 26:11)

As for as the Bonus Marchers, how did God have his prophet Elisha deal with the men who had fought in battle:

And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? **and He Answered, Thou Shalt Not Smite Them: Wouldest Thou Smite Those Whom Thou Hast Taken Captive with Thy Sword and with Thy Bow? Set Bread and Water before Them, That They May Eat and Drink,** and go to their master.” **(2 Kings 6:21-22)**

People are creatures of habit; they get comfortable in a rut, and they ignore all the bad things that come along with that rut. But, wouldn't it be logical to move to a better place if the rut you are in is shown to be not in your best interest? Ruts were common in the country in West Texas where I

was born and while I was growing up. So how do we quit returning to, and wallowing in, our worn-out Models? First let us understand how a Model works. A Model is a pattern of thinking: a bias matrix upon which we build our reasoning and logic. Once established, it influences and shapes one's thoughts about everything.

The problem with the Model, is that **It Is Not the Bible**. It is put together by men who live their lives to take advantage of you and me. It is designed to make you and me easy to control. In short, it is a theological-political tradition of men, and in American society it has been given precedence over God.

Men have invested so much time in the construction and maintenance of the tradition the American Model that if someone voices a different opinion **Based on the Bible**, rather than based on the "sacred tradition," as handed down by the government or Judeo-Christian churches. It is dismissed out of hand.

Yahshua encountered this problem with the scribes and Pharisees:

"Then scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders (now known as the Talmud)? For they do not wash their hands when they eat a meal (this is not because of the cleanliness is next to Godliness that the Judeo-Christian falsely tell you, but because the Jews believe in evil spirits and that washing will rid the body of them).

But He answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God through your tradition? For God said, Honour your father and mother, and, He that reviles father or mother, let him end in death. But **YOU** (Jews) SAY that whoever shall say to his father or his mother, that by which you might have benefited by me, it is a gift (to God), and he should not honour his father.

Thus have you invalidated the commandment of God by your tradition. You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying. This people honour me with their mouth, but their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

(Matthew 15:1-9)

First we must get our priorities straight. One's Model should not take precedence over Holy Scripture. That means that if someone postulates a theory that isn't according to government or church dictates, we shouldn't automatically assume he is crazy or a heretic. Maybe he's got an idea we haven't considered before. Maybe we **Don't** have all the answers. After all, the current Model is in a constant of revision and change; although most people don't realize it and won't admit it.

If we can continue learning, even after other people think of us as “old” and “set in our ways” then maybe we can still find new insights into theological matters as well. People who think “inside the box” are rigid like hardened moulded concrete. People outside the box are more likely to continue learning, and less likely to be imprisoned by the Models of the religious/political matrix all around us. But if people's minds are like hardened concrete they won't be malleable to new ideas.

A better approach to leaning would not merely memorizing the current Model and then attempting to fit yourself within those parameters, to be politically correct. Instead of searching for a comfortable place to retire our thinking processes, we should be in a continual learning and growth process.

None of us has a patent on truth, and none of us are above improvement. We should think about it and constantly test our own Models. That takes courage because some of the “truths” we have learned **Could Be Wrong** and we might have to change our thinking about them. It means we assume the responsibility of self-examination,

Even If It Disagrees with the Official Edicts Given to Us by the Custodians of Information. You can begin to see how this is a good thing—If it is based on good information such as the Bible.

Truth Alone Will Not Get You Into The Kingdom

What about the masses? Can we defeat the American Model and convert them to the truth? Should we agonize over convincing people of the truth by giving them the right evidence, and logic; The Perfect Argument? Based on experiences with family members, and splits within groups and churches where people are forced to take sides we would have you say no.

If the one you are trying to convince isn't ready for what you have to say, then The Perfect Argument will do no good. If he wants to continue in the mode he is already in, then your Perfect Argument; even though it's a good one, will only convince him that you have been led astray. He will end up being more convinced than ever of his original view of the matter. We must always keep in mind that some are simply not going to accept the truth nor are they capable of being saved.

“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.” **(2 Peter 2:12)**

Then we have Yahshua's own words speaking of the Jews and that He did not want them to be converted so that He would have to save them:

“For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and **Should Understand with Their Heart, and Should Be Converted, and I Should Heal Them.**” **(Matthew 13:15)**

A second time we are told this by Yahshua therefore we must hold it in high importance.

“That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; **Lest at Any Time They Should Be Converted, and Their Sins Should Be Forgiven Them.**” **(Mark 4:12)**

The Identity Truth is a difficult truth to accept and usually can only be accepted once you have experienced it first-hand. If it has happened to you, you may first think of yourself as a failure, unable to help or communicate with people.

If you start with the premise that being a Christian means that you must progressively convince more and more people until you have a great army of United Christians who know the truth, you will **Always View Yourself as a Failure**. Why? Because that scenario will never happen.

But if we face reality and what the Bible says, then we will realize that being a Christian means that our “Perfect Argument” will actually **Divide** people one from another.

And in this, we **Will** be successful. Of course, in the final analysis, it’s really not **We** that are being successful; **It’s the Word of God That Is Being Successful**:

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
(Hebrews 4:12)

During the Judeo-Christian’s annual Christmas tradition we hear a typical item being repeated again and again: “Peace and unity among all men” This then is assumed to be “truth” in the official Model. Everyone has slavishly memorized it without question. And yet when we look at what Yahshua Himself said, we see a different message:

“**Suppose Ye That I Am Come to Give Peace on Earth? I Tell You, Nay; but Rather Division:** For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.” **(Luke 12:51-53)**

The official line says, “Peace and unity.” The truth from the mouth of our Saviour says, “Division on Earth.” Could these verses actually be a quote from the Bible? It certainly isn’t what the government and the Judeo-Christian churches would have you believe. And Yahshua said this division would happen right in the middle of families. Maybe the father wouldn’t see the truth, maybe the mother will not, but the son would.

Most people don’t like to hear this, so right in the middle of your “Perfect Argument” they suddenly say something like, “Hey, did you catch that game between the Raiders and the Cowboys?”

Yahshua never agonized over constructing the Perfect Argument. In fact, He sometimes intentionally phrased the truth in a vague way, as we see when He spoke to people in parables. At these times He wasn’t trying to be clear, concise and convincing, as one might expect. Instead He spoke in riddles. His disciples asked Him why He spoke to people in parables, and Yahshua replied that He was not trying to convert people, but rather He was dividing them to distinguish between **Those Who Were in the Kingdom and Those Were outside the Kingdom.**

“And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: **but Unto Them That Are without, All These Things Are Done in Parables:** That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?”
(Mark 4:11-13)

The bottom line is that you either have the capacity to see, or you don’t; to be **in** the Kingdom of God or not. **God Decides This; Not You!**

In verse 11 notice the phrase: “but to **Them That Are without**, all these things are done in parables.” Yahshua was describing New Jerusalem; God’s kingdom, and how to know who is in it and who is not. Those of us who are **IN** need to know how to recognize others who are **in**. But what is it that determines if one is in or out of the Kingdom? Apparently it is not enough for us to invite others into the city—for although people can

enter at any time, few actually do. “Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
(Matthew 7:14)

In Revelation 21:25, the Bible tells us that the gates of New Jerusalem are open day and night, and are never shut. Then in chapter 22, it refers to the Kingdom as “the city,” and tells people how to enter it; not in a future age,” but **Right Then**.

“And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”
(Revelation 22:10-15)

The gates are open, but not everyone can enter. This city is different than any other city...in that only certain ones can find the open gate. Those who do not belong can neither see the gate, nor enter it. No matter what kind of a Perfect Argument you direct at them, some just cannot see the gate. If they're unfit or unwilling to repent they cannot enter. They'll never hear the logic and reason of the Perfect Argument.

But if they are one of “the called out ones” (the ecclesia), and if they are willing—then they'll see the gate and they will enter—and **They Will Understand—your Words— Without Argument**.

They'll partake of the trees and waters of life. As long as they desire to be there, they will be. But if they fall back and revert to their old ways of thinking, they will find themselves back on the outside—because they do

not belong inside. “And there shall not enter into it any thing that defiles, or anyone working an abomination or a lie: only they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” **(Revelation 21:27)**

Notice that there is a continuing metaphor of those who are to enter into the Kingdom through a door or a gate. And, more importantly, notice that the people are soon to enter in.

“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, (translators and religious leaders) hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.” **(Matthew 23:13)**

The futurist Judeo-Christian churches have interpreted the Bible to say that entering into the Kingdom is an end-time event which occurs only after an end-time “judgment day.” But what does the Bible really say? It says that citizenship in the New Jerusalem is a present relationship with Yahweh. It is the status of “knowing” Him—or rather, Him knowing us—and it is today.

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.” **(Luke 13:24-29)**

Just because one claims to do “powerful works” in Yahshua’s name doesn’t mean that they are in the Kingdom. This shows that there can be insincere people who prophesy (teach) and do great works claiming to be “in the name of Jesus Christ.” But Yahshua says to them “I don’t know you!” This is not a prophecy of some future judgment, but rather a description of current policy. And well it should because the United States of America is the New Jerusalem and New Zion as spoken of in the scriptures.

Another myth is that all who profess Christ; especially pastors of churches, are good, honest people—and that Yahshua was not speaking to them.

Read the passage again. There is no one else to whom He could have been referring. Just claiming to do thing “in Jesus’ name” does not necessarily make it so. If Yahshua says “I never knew you,” that indicates that the people don’t know Him either.

There are obviously many people who think they know Yahshua, but don’t. Perhaps one explanation of this phenomena is explained by the fact that different groups define Yahshua differently—as in the case where one group claims Yahshua is the Son of God and another group claims He is God Himself. Obviously, at least one of these is wrong, and therefore “doesn’t know” Yahshua very well if at all.

With regard to admittance into the Kingdom, it is not a matter of being coaxed into entering. Either you can see the Kingdom, or you can’t. If you cannot see the Kingdom, obviously you cannot find the gate to enter. You either know Yahshua or you don’t. You are either one of His sheep or you are not—and if you are, then you can “hear” and understand His voice as He bids you to enter in. Here’s the way Yahshua describes the Shepherd/Sheep interaction in John 10:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep

by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers—I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” (**John 10:1-5, 14**)

Scripture also tells us that even though men were hearing the words from Yahshua’s mouth, they still couldn’t understand about the Kingdom:

“And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” (**John 10:22-28**)

As you can see Yahshua told them He was the Christ and yet they didn’t believe. Yahshua presented His proof; His “Perfect Argument,” but that was not enough for them. It wasn’t enough because they weren’t of His sheep. They were in the wrong frame of mind, due to being of their father the devil, and the call did not register with them; nor does it now. The claims of some of them to be messianic Jews; or Jews that believe on Christ. Well the evil spirits believed in Christ.

“And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” (Matthew 8:29)

A second time we are told this same thing: “Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.” (**Mark 1:24**)

Yet a third time we are told the same thing:

“Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.” **(Luke 4:34)**

The Called Out Ones

“For **MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN** (or called out).” **(Matthew 22:14)**

Yahshua is the Shepherd and He calls the sheep. Man does not decide who will hear the call. It is not our prerogative to choose the people who will hear. It is not our fault that we have the wrong effect upon those who don't. If people are fighting and quarrelling and disregarding Him—because their impression of Him is wrong, and they do not really know Him—that is not our fault.

All the division going on is simply Yahweh's judgment working itself out. The goats are being separated from the sheep. The dogs and sorcerers are outside the Kingdom and the Ecclesia (ECC = out; KALEO = call) the called-out ones, are inside—having been “called” into the Kingdom. Therefore, Yahshua calls people into the Kingdom. Many are called—but only a few are called **Out** (i.e., only a few will respond). The ones who respond to the call and **Come Out of the World** are the ones who know Yahshua. They are not being coerced by you or men, or by some Perfect Argument.

This doesn't mean we should stop striving to learn and share truth. But those who have not already been “called out” by Yahshua will not have any interest in the gospel of the Kingdom.

The calling-out model of the Ecclesia is different from the proselytising model of the Judeo-Christian church. In the Church environment you simply memorize what you are given. You try to fit in or belong to the group YOU decide to accept a liturgy of some sort as unity through agreement in church and doctrine—and any disagreement is considered

bad and unacceptable. You go to the Judeo-Christian church to **Feel Good about Yourself** and others.

Conversely, in the Ecclesia environment you are following Yahshua, not organizational conformity and acceptance. You are drawn to the truth, not to what is politically correct. You are in a growth process, not a process of defending traditions and past mistakes. You are called **Out** from the herd, not coerced to fit in.

Learning, changing, and the thought patterns of growth are not discouraged in the Kingdom of God. There we constantly undergo the change process that is essential to growth, and they deplore the stagnant pool of the status quo. Once a truth is established, Yahshua's sheep move on to learn more truth—rather than constantly rehashing the same material for 20, 30 or 50 years, glorying in one past discovery. His sheep are who they are, not because it feels good, **but Because Yahweh's Spirit Compels and Draws Them.**

“No one is able to come to me, unless the Father who sent me **Draws Him.**” (John 6:44)

We don't volunteer into the sheep fold. We are drafted. We are drawn into it by another's will...we don't find our own way. Man's dependence upon Yahweh's call is the part of the quotation most people forget about.

“**Ye Have Not Chosen Me, but I Have Chosen You,** and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” (John 15:16)

But the people in the Judeo-Christian church answer a different “call”...one that appeals to the pagan, the carnal-minded, and the spiritually-dead. History bears it out.

The Judeo-Christian church was initiated to circumvent God's Kingdom during the reign of the Roman emperor Constantine in the 4th century A.D. He, being a political opportunist, used a corrupted form of

Christianity (a Judeo-Christian Christianity) as a tool to increase his own power and control over his empire. He laid the foundation to The Official Roman Catholic Church which has been apostate since its very beginning. And this false Christianity has been burned into the heads of churchgoers ever since.

The kingdoms and governments of men, by their very nature, have always been at odds with True Christianity. That's why Yahshua's people are often "underground." They don't fit into any state-authorized category or group, so they remain on the opposite side of the wall from the rest of the world.

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but **I Have Chosen You Out of the World**, therefore the world hateth you." (John 15:19)

True Christianity is **Still** illegal and operating "underground" so-to-speak today and despite what the Judeo-Christian and government leaders say. Remember Ruby Ridge, Idaho and many other such events not so widely reported by the Jews media. That was the government killing off True Christians because they refused to follow Satan and his children.

Paganism was the unabashed religious force behind Rome's emperors. Constantine took a little different approach. To make himself more popular with the masses, he issued the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D., which granted "freedom of religion" within the Roman Empire. But notice it said freedom of "religion" not freedom of "Christianity."

Then he could deceive people into thinking "Christianity" was allowed to legally exist side by side with Roman Paganism. Of course, the authorized forms of "Christianity" were defined and limited by Constantine. In other words the Christians were given freedom to join the new Constitution Church System and call it "Christianity"—pretty much the same as today; however the Jews have pretty well turned it into a Judeo-Christian Christianity. With the promise of easier times for Christians they succumbed to the lure and their new churches were modelled along the

lines of the Imperial administration. They used Latin terms like “vicar” and “diocese” taken directly from Diocletian, and emperor who preceded Constantine. Today they call it a 501(c)(3) church.

Within a few years the Christian Community (the original followers of Christ) had been overshadowed by the new “church” establishment. The word “church” came from the Greek “kuriakos:” which means “the lord’s.” The Greek “kuriakos” (the lord’s) eventually became the Old English “kirche,” and the Scottish “kirk,” hence, the modern name “church.” But this “church” **Is Not in the Bible.**

“The church” as we know it didn’t exist before Constantine invented it. The state churches of Rome belonged to “Lord Constantine.” The state has always been “lord” of the churches. The state licenses them and their leaders, permits them to exist, grants them authority to baptize, marry, and bury their members. The state grants tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)) to churches, and allows members to deduct their offerings from their taxable income. The state closes churches it does not like; as in the case of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple.

Yes, it (the state) owns the churches. The state is “kurios” (“lord”), and the churches are “kuriakos” (“the lord’s”). Churches exist by authority of the state; **Not Christ.** They get their authority from the same place they get their form and polity: from their “lord”: **the State!**

Judeo-Christians acquiesced to government, and in so doing they were boxed into the authorized model...in buildings that had formerly housed pagan religions; buildings owned and defined by the Roman “**Lord**” (the Emperor). Thus, the building was called “kuriakos” (“church”): i.e., “the lord’s.” By 318 A.D., Christian bishops had been granted all the civil rights and privileges that the Pagan high priests of Rome held.

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord **God** unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not

strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the **Lord**;

As I live, saith the Lord **God**, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the **Lord**; Thus saith the Lord **God**; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

For thus saith the Lord **God**; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord **God**. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.” (Ezekiel

34:2-16) In his quest to master the world, Constantine, took another step to “Romanise” Christianity by convening the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. In the Council of Nicea Rome instituted the Nicene Creed: a document which etched an Official set of beliefs for church members.

Constantine was Romanising the Christians in the Empire. His goal was to unify Pagan and Christian and thus create a more manageable, unified citizenry. Constantine created “the church” as an institution wherein Christian and Pagan could join together under the banner of religion. (It is the same today with the joining of Judaism and Christianity; hence the name Judeo-Christianity) Thus, today, churches have pagan and Jewish doctrines cleverly intertwined with Christian doctrines—and most members can’t tell one from another. Mainly because they are too lazy to search for the Truth.

The church was set for all time when Constantine, on his deathbed in 337 A.D., in probably an act calculated to finalize his image with the public, was officially baptized into the Church by a bishop.

“Christianity” as it is known in the churches is the product of Constantine The Great; a Pagan Emperor of Rome. Some people assume Constantine was converted to Christianity. But that is a gullible assumption. Constantine was a very good businessman. He could see that...

“Christianity was on the rise, and he simply backed the winning horse. Historians still marvel at the brilliance with which Constantine converted the sun-worshiping pagans to Christianity. By fusing pagan symbols, dates and rituals into the growing Christian traditions, he created a kind of hybrid religion that was acceptable to both parties.”

“Transmogrification,” Langon said, “the vestiges of pagan religion in Christian symbology are undeniable. Egyptian sun disks became the halos of Catholic saints. Pictograms of Isis nursing her miraculously conceived son Horus became the blueprint for our modern images of the Virgin Mary nursing Baby Jesus. And virtually all the elements of the Catholic ritual; the mitre, the altar, the doxology, and the communion, the act of

“God-eating” were taken directly from earlier pagan mystery religions.”
(*The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown)

Constantine was also responsible for popularising the idea of “incarnation.” Thus, the churches’ concept of the “divinity of Jesus” (via the Trinity doctrine, or the “Jesus is God” doctrine) dates back to Constantine. Constantine incorporated it into the new church establishment in 325 A.D., at the Council of Nicea. Since that time churchmen have denounced hundreds of “heretics” —and tortured and killed scores of them for rejecting this pagan church doctrine.

Thus, today “Christianity” is associated with churches, Christmas, Easter, and Priest craft which stands between man and God; all paganism. All form Constantine’s political ambitions which took Paganism and Christianity and fused the two so that neither were the same again.

Everybody looks back and says what a wonderful thing it was the Christianity was finally given credibility; by a Roman Emperor no less! A Perfect Argument finally worked and Christianity gained a foothold in the world—or did it? Could Caesar give Jesus credibility?

NO! Constantine hijacked Christianity, corrupted it, redefined it, and subjected it to himself. He caused God’s Kingdom to be even more hidden from men. Constitution Christians lost sight of the Kingdom. Since Constantine, Christians continue to blindly wait for the Kingdom not plop down from the clouds and reveal itself to all people, when it has been here all the while.

Today, Judeo-Christians are duped to believe in a “separation of church and state.” But the roman central government model has successfully been embedded in the common man’s definition of both church and state. People now equate Christianity with the Church, and the Church **Is under State Control**. So, for all intents and purposes, the church is a branch of the Beast—through the State. There are a lot of “church” people in government, and government people in church. They get along perfectly because both church and state are modelled after Rome. Both are Roman Pagan, so there are no conflicts.

The church demands that we fit in and conform. It prepares us from youth to fit into a government system and conform to it...so we won't be seen as "unpatriotic."

Entering the Kingdom

The Kingdom is not something we find. Rather, we must be called into it. But some people have a mystical, magical, superstitious way of thinking about "the call." Religious people seem to expect "the call" to turn them into a pastor or a prophet. They think "the call" must somehow be associated with church.

But in reality there is nothing religious about being called out. It happens to ordinary folks—and it **Does Not Call Them into a Church!** It calls them into the Kingdom.

People who are "called out" may experience the calling over many years of struggle, division and learning. And these experiences are not always positive. With all the church splits and family fights they endure as they are called out of Babylon, people sometimes wish they had never been called. Some people think that being a churchman proves they have been "called." There are also many who hear "the call" of money and celebrity in the position of a pastor.

What follows are some interesting quotes that might give insight into the true calling process:

"You can only find truth with logic, if you have already found truth without it." (**G. K. Chestfield**)

The Perfect Argument, though full o logic, cannot effectively convert people to the truth. One must first be called and led by Yahshua to discover the truth. It's not something one accomplishes on their own. Once they have been shown the truth by Yahshua, then the logic works.

"The eyes see only what the mind is prepared to comprehend." (**Robertson Davies**)

That quote helps us understand the growing process. You can present your Perfect Argument to people who will think you're crazy—but then, later on, after they have gone through tribulation and struggle of one form or another, when you again present your Perfect Argument, they will be able to see hat you are saying. Yahshua understood this when He told His disciples the following:

“I have much to say to you, but you can't bear them now—I have spoken these things to you in parables. The hour is coming when I will no more speak to you in parables, but I will speak to you plainly of the Father.” (John 16:12, 25)

To know who can hear the Shepherd's voice and who cannot you must first know who is in the kingdom and who is not. Then, once you have figured this out, invest your energies into THEM, not the “dogs and sorcerers, etc.” that are outside the Kingdom and cannot hear. Those are the terms used to distinguish citizens of the Kingdom from non-citizens. Anyway, Yahshua gives some good advice concerning who we should present our truths to—and who we should not:

“Give not that which is holy to the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.” (**Matthew 7:6**)

These “dogs and sorcerers” are described in more detail in 2 Timothy:

“This know also: that in days to come perilous times will stand. For men shall be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, presumptuous, arrogant blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, uncaring, unwilling to give of themselves, devils, without self-control, savage, amoral, betrayers, headstrong, prideful, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. From these turn away. For from these come the ones who insinuate themselves into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with various lusts, **Ever Learning and Never Able to Come to the Knowledge of the Truth.**” (**2 Timothy 3:1-7**)

The King James Version says “in the last days,” which is an unfortunate and inaccurate translation. The Greek idiom actually means “later on” or “in days to come.” “The last days” is another one of those phrases that keeps futurists touting official church eschatology.

The perilous times, according to the Judeo-Christian churches, come at the “the end of the world.” Never mind that there have **Always** been perilous times, all down through history! Similarly, there have always been men who are lovers of themselves, etc., **All down through History!** And, of course, last-days thinking presumes the Earth must come to an end. Futurism is a big feature on the official dogma that Judeo-Christian church goers must memorize.

But also notice that these people are **Ever Learning and Never Able to Come to the Knowledge of the Truth!** There will always be people who cannot find truth even though they are always learning! The challenge is to not let these people and their pagan theologies cause us to stumble or distract us from what we know is right... and what we must do.

“And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.” (**Matthew 10:14**)

Yahshua didn't say we were failures when we could not get people to listen to us. They don't listen to Him either.

It's not about lining up perfect logic and irrefutable arguments to convince people to turn to Yahshua. Rather, it is about accepting God's judgment as to who He is calling into His Kingdom. We are to minister to the sheep in HIS flock. We have no authority to try to herd other sheep in other flocks, or other races, or sheep that are running wild.

Also, He will give us the words we should say at the right time:

“But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my

sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” (Matthew 10:17-20)

Waxing eloquent and impressing people with your oratory will not get them into the Kingdom. The Gospel is not something that we can peddle. People cannot be herded into the Kingdom, nor can they be persuaded into it. We cannot give them the ability to **See** the kingdom. They must be called into it by God. We may have all the answers, logic and arguments, but people cannot understand unless they are already able to see the gates of the New Jerusalem.

“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.” **(2 Peter 2:12)**

Our commission is NOT to wield a Perfect Argument to convert pagans and unbelievers. Rather, we are to avoid them--and work with those who are called OUT: the ones who hear the Shepherd’s voice.

The ability to hear Yahshua’s voice is a precious but perishable gift. It must be kept, and treasured. Thus, when a man is called he must respond. If he develops a thirst for truth he will seek it and ask for it. He won’t reject truth, nor will he resent godly admonition and scriptural encouragement. He will not argue with the truth—because he is seeking it. He doesn’t need to be “converted.” Rather, he needs to be “converted.” Rather, he needs friendship, support, and help to continue learning and growing instead of argument, we offer edification and further education of the brethren.

Don’t be shocked when you see divisions among our people who disagree and quit talking to each other. There are good reasons for the splits: There are good reasons for the splits; all the way from disagreements over doctrine, to men getting tired of each other. No matter what the reason

Yahshua is there judging and separating.—culling His flock. It is not up to us. We do not own the flock. God does. It is up to Him to determine who He wants in His flock. Only Yahweh can do it. It is not our duty to decide which sheep He should be calling. Rather, it is our duty to learn how to recognize His sheep—and work with them. They hear us, they will not fight us.

By the same token, we are supposed to learn how to recognize His enemies:

“Remember the word which I said to you. The servant is not grater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they have observed my words, they will observe yours also.” (**John 15:20**)

We are not helping God save people! He already did that. What we are doing (or should be doing) is accepting His judgment in terms of who is in His Kingdom. Thus, we are to fellowship wit the saints.—who are separate from the world. “Saints” and “holy” are **Both** from the same Greek word meaning **Separate**. The holy spirit (spirit of separation) moves saints to **SeparatE** themselves from the world—and seek the Kingdom. (Taken, in part, from *The American Christian*, May-June 2003, P.O. Box 740, Grangeville, Idaho 83530)



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