

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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Absolutely Absurd

INTRODUCTION

Recently an old manuscript was found. Many claim it is from the First Century and believe it catches the heart of the message of Jesus Christ.

"Afterward, He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them for their exclusiveness and narrowness of heart because they thought they were the only ones saved and He saith unto them, "Go into all the world and tell people to live and let live. Let people seek their own way to the Father and encourage others to likewise seek their own way. To live as they are moved to live. Let them follow their heart. Let no one claim to be right. Let no one feel inferior or swayed away from their own world view. Hereby will men know you are my disciples because you are tolerant toward one another and toward those who differ from you. Judge no man but by this rule. Let sincerity alone be your rule of life."

Then Jesus led them as far as Bethany and lifted up His hands and blessed them saying, "I have come merely as an example. I, like John, must decrease; the individual must increase. I have shown you **A** way. There are many ways, many truths and many ways to find life. Truth knows no absolutes and love has no bounds. What I say unto you, I say unto all, "just be sincere." You may draw nigh unto the Father/Mother through me or enter into the fold some other way. All that came before me were witnesses of God and God's sheep heard them. So, likewise, glean from those who were before and whatsoever you would do that would make you happy; so do. He that gathereth not with me, gathers still for a great harvest."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, many will come from the East and from the West who never knew me and sit down with me in our Father/Mother's house. Love and be tolerant and you will find rest not only in this world, but the world to come. Amen."

And His disciples began to make merry!

SOUND LIKE ANY TRANSLATION YOU EVER READ?

These are excerpts from the Second Book of Opinions and the Third Chapter of Imaginations and have replaced the favorite old verse of **John 3:16-18**. The other verse they love is **Matthew 7:1**, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

The Proposition of this message is that **TOLERANCE IS NOT ALWAYS A CHRISTIAN VIRTUE BUT A SIN AGAINST A HOLY GOD.**

Today the World says:

- x Be Tolerant.
- x Do not offend.
- x Well, whatever.
- x Anything Goes.
- x There are no absolutes.
- x What is truth to you is not truth for me.
- x Different strokes for different folks.
- x Peace at all costs.
- x It's relative.

If you do not Think like this, People say you are:

- x A bigot
- x An extremist
- x Intolerant
- x A Social misfit
- x Judgmental

What "is in" Today:

- x Alternativism
- x Untraditionalism
- x Environmentalism
- x Vegetarianism
- x Anti-Patriotism
- x Anti-Faith
- x Relativism
- x Victimism
- x Taking polls

DEAR ANN:

I am in love with two woman and having sex with both. I am not interested in marriage and don't give me any of that morality stuff. What should I do?

ANSWER:

The only difference between animals and humans is morality. I suggest you go see a vet for advice!

DOING WHAT IS RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES IS THE SIGN OF A WEAK AND SPIRITUALLY SICK SOCIETY.

Judges 17:6, "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

Corinth Church – I Corinthians 5:6-7 – tolerance is

ludicrous. "6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"

CALLING EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL, IS A NATION READY TO BE JUDGED.

Isaiah 5:20-24, "20 **Woe** unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 **Woe** unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 **Woe** unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24 **Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust:** because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel."

FORSAKING GOD AND TURNING TO OTHER MEANS OF WISDOM IS SOMETHING TO FEAR.

Jeremiah 2:11-13, 19, "11Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. 12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. 13 For my people have committed two evils; **they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.** 19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee**, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an **evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God**, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts."

BOUNDARIES ARE NEEDED AND DESIRED.

- **Lion's – I'm glad for the bars.**
- **Python – I'm glad for that glass.**
- **Barnyard Basketball – I'm glad for the rules.**
- **Doing ones own thing is like chasing a mirage. There is no oasis.**
 1. **Illicit sex.**
 2. **Drug highs.**
 3. **Alcohol highs.**
 4. **Materialism.**
 5. **Education.**
 6. **Power.**

The reason people buy into "no absolutes" is simple – there is something they are doing that they do not want to stop. Anyone who says to them that their desires are wrong, is wrong (including God). It allows "buffet living" for you as well as others. Life is not a smorgasbord.

THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW IS A BETTER ROAD BECAUSE OF WHERE IT LEADS.

Matthew 7:13-14, "13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Few find it – even less walk it.

CONCLUSION: If you would get rid of a Bible that had the above translation, maybe you ought remove a preacher who teaches it.