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Social Bias and Political Partisanship  
Their Interrelation and Effect on Government and Society

"Racial filters paralyze logical thinking!" Quoted from Ann Coulter's book, "Mugged". Thank you, Ann!

Shakespeare said that "Brevity is the soul of wit". And, Ann Coulter epitomized that adage with her concise, poignant comment on the inherent societal bane of racism.

Every word she used in that nutshell of truth is perfectly significant and fitting. Particularly, I think, that the word "paralyze" is a very accurate term for the effect that a racially biased predisposition can have on required objective reasoning, or honest discussion.

The spiritual parallel of the Ann Coulter quote, could be, "False doctrinal beliefs, i.e., of the Gospel, prevent spiritual growth!" The biblical example of which is that of the man who built his house upon the "sand" ( the poor foundation of a man-made gospel) vs. the "rock"(the solid foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ).

A "racial filter", is a prejudice that is so deep-rooted and ingrained, that it interferes with, or prevents rational discussion of related subjects. The race bias causes a paralytic mental block to kick in, which produces a negative, counter-productive factor in the discussion.

From my observations, a person who is afflicted with this, or any compulsive bias, doesn't seem to know, or think he has that problem, so he lives his life reinforcing wrong beliefs and opinions, produced by a predisposed prejudicial mindset.

Yet, to one who is not biased, the fault is immediately obvious every time it surfaces. I have noted one particular pundit, who can very knowledgeably discuss with fairness many subjects. But just as soon as it touches the race element, or triggers a politically partisan reflex, he becomes subjective, and defensive, and

loses any objective focus, or ability to contribute honest, principled commentary!

The situation might include several others, who were in agreement on the truth of a matter, and yet the journalist in question argues irrationally, and condescendingly against them, whenever the racial, or political partisan factors are involved.

The fact that this person is African-American, and is racially enamored with the African-American president is very apparent, and that bias makes it virtually impossible for him to be objectively honest in his assessments of the man, his ideology, or his related actions. He is so racially defensive, that he cannot seem to admit any fault with the president, even with the failures that are obvious and indefensible!

Of course, he is right in line with most of the president's constituency, who cannot logically, and honestly discern or evaluate his lack of credentials, or qualifications for the high position of trust, and honor he is responsible to maintain personally and professionally, as the leader of this traditionally great country!

Again, as Ann Coulter so accurately stated it, "racial filters paralyze logical thinking". Both, the racial, and the extreme political party alliance factors, are incorrigible biases that prohibit honest, objective judgment, and discourse!

The party bias is so entrenched in most of our government bodies, that very little is considered and judged on merit, or intrinsic importance, or value. An official can only be right in decision-making for a nation's interests, and requirements, if his position has been honestly, and objectively determined free of hidden ulterior motives, or agenda, and political party deference!

Or, as Will Rogers said, "I would rather be right than president"--the best construction of which, is for ethics, and conscience' sake, not pride! Politics, long ago, took on a corrupted life of its own, just as unionism did in the labor field! So then, politics, instead of remaining an equitable system of proper methods, and tactics involved in running a state, or government, the tendency and usual result is "Intrigue, or maneuvering within a political unit or group, in order to gain

control or power. Partisan politics are often (or usually) an obstruction to good government." Quoted from "The Free Dictionary".

The analogy of conservative vs. liberal, or pure vs. corrupt trends, and developments can be seen in politics, constitutional principles, societal laws and mores (customs, culture, etc.), and church doctrine, for examples. Note, too, that the trend is usually from higher, or more absolute standards, to a liberalizing, or loosening of them.

Interestingly, political liberals see their movement as a justifiable progressive improvement vs. the view of conservatives that it represents a deterioration of constitutional principles, and values, which they see as timeless standards of democratic governance, and citizenship rights!

I have pointed out in my commentaries on the subject of gospel history, that there was a definite advent of the current majority gospel beliefs. It notably occurred at the end of the third to the first of the fourth century.

It is traceable to a British monk, and theologian, named Pelagius, who in contradiction of the traditional, biblically literal gospel, boldly proclaimed (without proof, because it is scripturally false) the theory or proposition that man has a free will, which must be exercised in response to the gospel, in order to become a Christian.

And, that led to the assumption, or fabrication, that the atonement is provisional for all mankind, and that anyone may be saved! So, in effect, most of today's church are Pelagian believers, or as later identifiable, Arminian Christians, after Jacobus Arminius, the 15-16th century activist dissenter against scripturally established gospel truth!

And, therefore, since most Christians have become indoctrinated with those false gospel beliefs, they are disloyal to a fundamental part of their own spiritual constitution, the Bible, and more seriously, unfaithful to God, the author of the gospel! Or, as scripture speaks of Jesus, "The author and finisher of our faith".

That is, irrespective of Arminian Christians' misguided belief that faith

precedes, or is an essential prerequisite to regeneration. Such assertion being doctrinally impossible, since faith is a spiritual faculty received with all other spiritual endowments (that are part of our new nature), at the time of conversion! Faith, along with eight other graces, is a "fruit of the Spirit" (an inherent component of it). Gal. 5:22.

In relation to the title of this commentary, on the subject of bias, and partisanship, the application to the vast majority of today's Arminian Christians, should be undeniable to them, but as usual, they will let nothing move them from their complacency, and indifference. Not even the gospel truth, which they (most of you) have forsaken, for the devil's lies, and their own heretical misinterpretations!

"My brethren, these things ought not so to be". Jas. 3:10. "Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed". Ps. 119:80. If an Arminian gospel believer could honestly, and openly utter that prayer to God, repeatedly if necessary, would not God respond, and deliver him from that doctrinal unfaithfulness? And, of course, there are many other scriptures, if seriously considered, that could free one from his indoctrination with a false interpretation of the gospel. "Where there's a will, there's a way"!