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A Deluded Church

I made the comment in the paper dealing with Arminian theology, that the system is a *delusion*. That may sound harsh, or hypercritical—as if it is an unjust attack on the free will gospel beliefs, with which a large majority of the universal church is indoctrinated.

Delusion is synonymous with deception, or misconception, resulting from belief in something that is contrary to fact, or reality, per Webster's Dict.

A further, probably irreversible effect of such *delusion*, is that because an estimated 90+% of the church is entrenched in Arminian theology, they are therefore convinced that their gospel belief is right, and one like me, or however many oppose their beliefs, are the heretics!

When, however unconvincing it is to any of you in the majority position, Calvinists are the true gospel believers. Our doctrinal lineage goes back to the original church, whereas, the Arminians' heritage starts about four centuries later with Pelagius, at the point of deviation from the literal gospel tradition of the apostles. He is one of your "gospel" forefathers; our's are the apostles. If you follow the teachings of Pelagius, Arminius, Wesley and the like, is that not your legacy? A long line of defectors, burgeoning into a church world indoctrinated with a perverted gospel, with which it so thoroughly deceived, that it has little or no awareness of its disobedience to God. That is the epitome of its *delusion*—the extent to which they have allowed Satan to captivate them with his lies.

Furthermore, the *delusion* makes most contemporary Christians think that, by and large, their assembly is fundamentally sound in doctrine, with many being engaged in various ministries, i.e., evangelism, missions, etc., and assume that they are therefore generally faithful to God, and His word.

But, if anyone is paying attention to the church prophecy in Rev. 2 and 3, how do they interpret the latter day application of the extremely negative description of the Laodicean church? "Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" is about as bad as it gets..

So, the *delusion* continues, as each church probably sees themselves as acceptable, even loyal, or commendable. "Comparing themselves among themselves", which the Bible tells us is unwise—not unlike "honor among thieves". The principle of the adage is meant, not the example, verbatim.

"Blind" is a terrible indictment against nearly all Christianity today, and for centuries. They are unwilling to subject their beliefs to the careful scrutiny that would prove whether they are right, or wrong! Because if they fully and conscientiously examined their gospel assumptions, they would see that they don't have a scriptural "leg to stand on". How much other church, and personal unfaithfulness has resulted from that fundamental deficiency, can only be wondered about, but since their gospel interpretation is a product of the "flesh", and not the Spirit, why wouldn't the same old nature life principle affect other areas of their Christian responsibility?

And maybe worst of all, is the *delusion* of thinking that they are “keepers of the faith”, or true disciples of the literal gospel. Then praying, on the basis of their false theology, in the name of Jesus, to God for His answers, and blessings—ignorant of beliefs which contradict some of the doctrinal truths of His word.

I know from nearly forty years of dealing with the controversy in question, that the foregoing illustrations should be convincing evidence of the brainwashed *delusion* of the Arminian majority of the universal church. But, it all seems to fall upon deaf ears, and blind eyes!

And much more has been disclosed in writing, and speaking that fully explains the Arminian free will gospel concept that has caused most of the corruption and degeneration of the church in general, for hundreds of years now.

The effect is too simple and logical to miss, for anyone whose eyes are really open. Corrupt the gospel, and you corrupt the church—by which a major goal of the devil is accomplished. Uphold the apostles’ literal gospel tradition, and you uphold the church example that the apostles established, and to which the early church was unanimously faithful.

It may sound presumptuous, or preposterous to you, for me to say the following, but I believe it has to be true. If the apostle Paul, or any one of the others, were to come upon the scene today, and walk in to almost any Christian church, and observed or heard their interpretation of certain gospel principles, he would be surprised and disappointed.

First, he would express his love for you, as brethren, and commend you for whatever favorable things he might come to know about you. But, he would react to your mistaken gospel beliefs with words like he spoke to the church at Galatia: “Oh, foolish Middletowners”, or, practically anytown, USA, and beyond, “who hath bewitched (*deluded*) you, that ye should not obey the truth” There is no denying that that would be a sad, shameful experience. But, why should that have such a dramatic, convicting effect? Is Paul more worthy to listen to, than God, directly from His word? Why should not anyone who speaks the truth to those that have erred from it, be listened to and their words heeded, when they are indeed a messenger of God?

Jesus said, “a prophet hath no honor in his own country”. But, he should have, if he is not at fault.. It means, that he is regarded that way, because of such factors as familiarity, and other fleshly judgments, which affect the thinking, and actions of Christians, far too often.

Then, there are the all too common faults of spiritual laziness about studying the scriptures, praying, and other ways of serving the Lord, plus complacency with the status quo (even though it is seriously wrong), and lack of reverential fear, of God’s authority, His hatred of sin, and of failing to obey His will (principles, commands, and instructions). There surely is application of James 3:10, “My brethren, these things ought not so to be.”

A Christian who is truly submitted and committed to the Lord, will earnestly seek the truth,

and will surely find it, and accept it, no matter what it turns out to be--and that latter point is a critical factor, where many falter, because if the flesh is stronger than the spirit he will capitulate, if he ever even gets to the point of the truth, and either becomes deceived, or persists in “believing what he wants to believe”.

In essence, it comes down to Spirit vs. flesh, and which of the two natures will have the ascendancy in our lives. One side, or the other, determines what we will believe about the gospel, or any other spiritual truth.

If Calvinism is the literal gospel interpretation, which it is, because scripture confirms it completely--then what value, or credibility can the Arminian, free will philosophy have? Because, they can't both be the truth! Yet, Arminianism is the “gospel” constitution of nearly every church in the world. It is a case of strength in numbers equating to spiritual weakness, because the source of their status quo majority, is not the word of God, but the word of man!

So, what else is it, but that they have “sold the truth, and bought a lie”? And, they don't even know it in their *delusion*, or want to hear any dissension--even logical, irrefutable arguments from the Calvinist proponents of the scriptural truth they have failed to learn.

Similar to what the apostle Paul said about wishing that all Israel could be saved, orthodox gospel believers today wish that Arminian believers could, or would see the doctrinally wrong plight they are in, and attempt the reformation they desperately need, to try to restore some of the church to its original testament of “one heart, one mind, and one accord”.

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