

WHAT RELIGION WILL NEVER KNOW

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Religions in the world have caused more pain, hurts, divisions, and war than any other cause one can think of. The religious world regardless of what faith we wish to talk about looks for THE true religion at the expense, disregard, disrespect and disdain of all other religions. Many religions are fanatical in their efforts to impose their beliefs on others. Unless one becomes a member of THE true religion one is “lost” and headed for the unpleasant afterlife however that may be interpreted.

Christianity has not escaped this micro vision of religious ideology. Even within the Christian Church we find denominations and various groups which look at other Christian fellowships with judgmental condemning eyes for lack of accepting doctrine and theologies of their own.

There are hundreds of religions and faiths in the world today. There are hundreds of Christian groups and organizations extant today as well. What makes Christians right and all others wrong? What is the answer to all the questions of all religions in the world including Christianity?

Religions seek to lead their followers to a glorious after life. Some seek more noble ideals while living here in the here and now of life by serving others and all of mankind. All religions realize the temporal short-lived existence of human life with only a few short years to prepare for eternity.

Religions generally have a bunch of hoops and ladders one must jump through, rules, regulations, requirements, laws, works, etc. before one can be qualified to be given the reward of the afterlife—i.e. heaven for the Christian.

And of course, there is always that threat of eternal death or torture and punishment for those who don't find THE WAY proscribed by the religion of choice.

Question? Did God purposefully put mankind on this earth along with hundreds of religions to see if man could find the exact right one so that the man could qualify in that right faith in order to be rewarded with Heaven? And, for those who could not somehow FIND the right faith, would they just have to be punished and tortured or destroyed forever?

In other words, is God in Heaven with a giant chessboard, as it were, playing a game with the lives and souls of men with winners and losers? You found it—you win!! You did not find it—you lose!!

And last question here...Does God want all people to become members of the Christian Church? OK, then which one? Do we begin to see the problem here? Well then what does God want? Does He want ANYTHING out of mankind's thinking? I've asked enough questions. Now for some answers...

Jesus created all things for Himself (Col.1:15-17). Jesus adopted mankind as His own and took all of mankind into His life before the foundation or creation of the world!!! Eph.1:3-14. Jesus is Immanuel. God is with and in us and we are with and in God. Jesus said it this way in John 14:20. "...you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you." And lest we think Jesus was talking just to Christians, Paul tells us in Acts 17:28 talking to the Pagans at Athens that THEY lived, moved, and had their being IN God.

Paul was passionate about telling the world about the Mystery of the ages in Colossians 1:26-27 when he declares that the mystery was/is Christ IN you the hope of glory.

God has always been in His creation. In His children by His spirit. No one escapes the connection with God that makes ALL humans His children.

God is not trying to save the world and get everyone to accept Jesus into his or her life. The truth is He has ALREADY SAVED the world and Jesus has ALREADY ACCEPTED all of humanity INTO His life. And through Jesus' salvation acts Jesus has saved the whole world. He is the payment, the propitiation, the sacrifice offered ONCE for ALL. Man's Savior. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14:6. And He is the only name under heaven that has saved man.

This is the GOOD NEWS. This is THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. And Jesus wants the world to know it. He wants you and me to tell it and to share it.

When humanity knows WHO they are in Jesus and that they belong to Him they can then behave and live like it. Then when that happens, peace will finally come on earth. Love will cover the earth as water covers the oceans. Joy will reign. Tears will cease. And God's children, all of them, all of us will dwell in the house of the Lord FOREVER.