

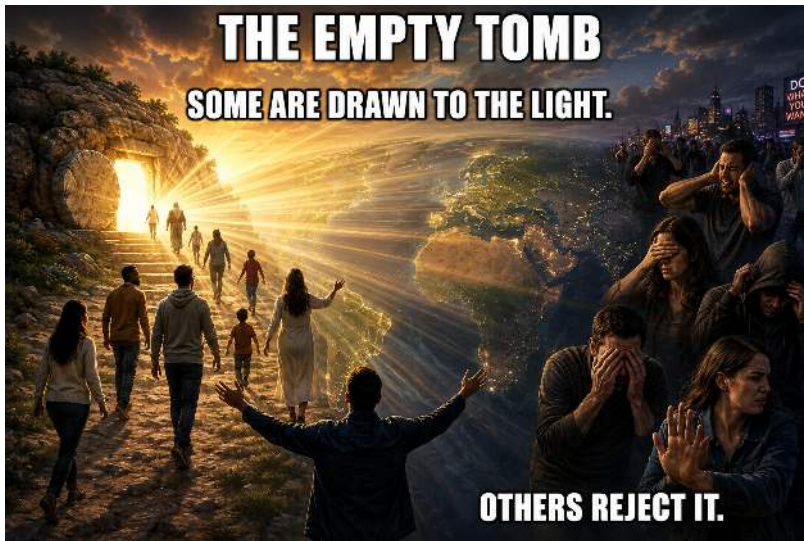


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FAITH VERSUS FANTASY! IS CHRISTIANITY SOCIALIST? (PART ONE)

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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA, and your brain masseur. Get ready for your brain massage.

F a i t h - b a s e d politics! Is it a

suspension of disbelief to embrace proven failed systems, like communism? Is Marxism a “faith-based” system?

Systems of theology that deny Jesus Christ has come in the flesh are militant against the essential principles of FAITH. Islam is incompatible with Christianity. No religion that rejects Christ is committed to freedom and liberty.

A distinction should be made between “faith” and “fantasy.”

Fantasy is the thief of faith; it robs the soul of faith, and robs God of the worship due Him.

Fantasy makes a mockery of faith.

Fantasy requires no empirical evidence to support it; indeed, fantasy requires one to ignore reality, to be its enemy. Fantasy is the exact opposite of faith.

Fantasy attaches the soul's capacity for faith to lies, and in this way, draws faith away from GOD, Who is TRUTH, to Satan, who is a liar and the father of it.¹

Faith, on the other hand, is the gift of GOD, Who has dealt “the measure of faith” to every man.² It is the divinely appointed portal through which GOD communes, connects with man.³

Faith is the purest expression of worship, the only expression of man that connects him to GOD, that draws God's favor and blessing—it is the ground, the basis, the most sublime act of worship is to BELIEVE — TRUTH and not FANTASY.

To believe a lie is outrageous blasphemy; it repudiates faith, it cancels faith, it turns *faith* into idolatrous *unbelief*.

To embrace a lie and call that an act of faith is to take what belongs to Christ, Who is TRUTH, and give it to Satan, who is a liar and the father of it. Are you understanding me?

The measure of faith was given to every man so they could connect with GOD Who is TRUTH, that His grace might move into their lives. Anyone who believes lies repudiates the very purpose of FAITH; give to the LIE what belongs to the TRUTH.

Fantasy is rooted in vain imagination. The “fool” imagines there is no GOD; Communism and its sister, Socialism, are the children of Marxism, which begins with the proposition: “there is no God.” Capital G God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the GOD of ISRAEL, the GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD KESUS

¹ John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

² Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

³ Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

CHRIST — any other God is no God — any other god is a LIE, and any system premised on lies denies faith, and replaces it with FANTASY.

It is an INSULT to the CREATOR of all that is, that is, all within the realm of CREATION defines REALITY — all outside of reality is a LIE, and belief in a LIE is NOT FAITH; it's vanity; it's fantasy. It is the antithesis of FAITH.

The Bible grounds faith in empirical reality.

God appeals to the empirical evidence of the heavens that testify to the TRUTH of God's eternal existence:

Romans 1:19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

He points to creation as His handiwork:

Psalms 19:1 ¶ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psalms 95:5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

You can scoff all you might, ye despisers of TRUTH, but the fact is, the BIBLE APPEALS TO EMPIRICAL PROOFS OF HIS EXISTENCE, AND TO TRUTHS THAT ARE SELF-EVIDENT.

No pollywog rubbed against a rock where an eyeball came to be—believing such poppycock does not require faith, it requires an obstinate disregard for REALITY and acceptance of FANTASIES that are militantly opposed to REALITY.

Listen, when the Apostles preached Christ, they declared Him as having been crucified, buried, and risen from the dead. They appealed to empirical evidence:

The empty tomb.

The witness of hundreds who saw.

They testified that they touched Him, handled Him:

1John 1:1 ¶ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1John 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Himself appealed to empirical evidence to support His claims and His teaching. He said:

John 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Genuine faith is the connection point between man and GOD. It makes sense that Satan would want to corrupt it, misdirect it, confuse it with FANTASY.

Satan destroys lives with lies to seduce men into believing fantasies, so he can lead them into the hell of Communism, Socialism, Marxism — systems of Satan worship!

What? Yep, that's what I said. Just like the fools who worshipped idols, vainly imagining they are gods, are worshipping devils and not GOD:

“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils” (1 Corinthians 10:20).

So, yeah, that's right. Anyone who believes a lie, that is, what contradicts REALITY, stubbornly rejecting the obvious truth, is worshipping Satan.

To argue that Communism requires “Faith” to accept is pretty close to blasphemy—but I think for some, it's the blasphemy of the ignorant—the kind covered by Jesus' plea: “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”⁴ The same kind of blasphemy that Paul confessed, who killed Christians vainly imagining he was serving GOD, in the name of misdirected faith, who confessed he was a blasphemer but testified that he found mercy because what he did he did “ignorantly in unbelief.”⁵

See the LIGHT of this simple truth: belief in a LIE is not faith, because FAITH required submission to the TRUTH; it was created for TRUTH; it was given to you to embrace the TRUTH - don't confuse *faith* with *fantasy*.

Friend, when the Bible says you are saved by GRACE through FAITH, I can tell you right now, GRACE DOES NOT MOVE THROUGH LIES.

Anyone who rejects empirical reality is not doing it as an exercise of faith — they turn to FANTASIES because they are rebels against the TRUTH.

⁴ Luke 23:34 “Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”

⁵ Paul's confession: “Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1 Timothy 1:13).

Can a man be a woman? It's a fantasy that can only be believed when the TRUTH IS REJECTED.

Can a man become pregnant? It's a fantasy contrived as the enemy of truth, the enemy of GOD Who created man in His image and likeness, and male and female created He them.

Anyone who says nature supports the union of a man with a man, or a woman with a woman refuses reality, rejects it, despises REALITY, and opposes TRUTH, and being an opponent of nature and nature's GOD either rejects the rule of GOD and knowingly lives in open defiance of Nature and of Nature's GOD, like Adam, who knew he was sinning, and sinned, but those who convince themselves that this is righteous, that it's natural, that it's real - that it is in conformity with reality — these are like Eve WHO BELIEVED THE DEVIL'S LIE.

Jesus said those who hate truth are repelled by the light, offended by it; they “hate” the light that exposes them; that's why they hate TRUTH.

But those who “do truth,” these will come to the LIGHT. John 3:17-21]

Friend, listen! Faith in political questions requires one to yield to truth, self-evident and revealed; TRUTH by what is “manifest *in* [us]” in coordination with what GOD HAS SHOWN TO US: Romans 1:19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Faith demands submission to what is — and here is what is manifestly true: “GOD IS, AND HE IS THE REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM” (“[FOR] without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith is only faith when attached to TRUTH. Anything else is FANTASY. Don't confuse fantasy with FAITH. And don't demean FAITH by equating it with FANTASY!

Hold on through the break! I'll be right back!

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere's lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march—an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

Systems of theology that deny Jesus Christ has come in the flesh are militant against the essential principles of FAITH.

First, as I mentioned in the first segment, faith is the product of believing the TRUTH, embracing and yielding to what IS, or to REALITY as defined by GOD Who IS TRUTH, and IS OUR CREATOR. To deny HIM is to DENY REALITY — it only requires the intelligence of COMMON SENSE to know $0+0=0$ no matter how cleverly one might contrive to twist their mind into contortions to find some way to argue a value to a null set, represented by a stand-alone 0, no matter if you imagine negatives as adding value to zero, and refuse to admit it subtracts and does not add, that no matter how many negatives one “adds” the result is negative, and the vanity of saying, in the concrete world, that it is even possible to subtract -4 from -2 is a fool. In the abstract world, where you can pretend, you can conceptualize a line with numbers negative on the left side and positive on the right side and contrive to manipulate the mind into accepting an abstract proposition as having any representation in the concrete world of reality, and so if we start with me owing you two dollars, and I borrow 4 dollars to pay you two dollars the remaining two dollars are debt that I owe someone else. The only way to pay off debt is to bring you 2 dollars.

One can manipulate their minds and the minds of others into suspending their submission to reality, and warp their view of reality through abstractions — but the honest mind will never buy the notion that if I begin with a deficit of 2, that by increasing, or adding, a DEFICIT of 4, I somehow have paid off my two-dollar deficit, by subtracting another deficit of 4.

In the abstract world of unreality, that can work, like it does in the abstract world of the LGBTQ ideology. In the abstract, love is love, and so if you add love to anything, you make it okay. But love added to behavior that contradicts nature and rebels against nature's GOD is love distorted by lust. It is not love, because it rebels against GOD Who is LOVE, and serves Satan who is lust.

You can't add a negative, disobedience to God and defiance to nature, to another negative, LUST, and end up with a positive, such as LOVE. Genuine LOVE, like TRUTH, is what is compatible with the nature and likeness of GOD, in whose image we are created. To act contrary to GOD is to act contrary to our own image and likeness, so that we have the unavoidable reality that we were made in His image and likeness, but because they hate Him, they ATTACK HIS IMAGE, but in attacking His image they attack themselves.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

[We've all met the kid who hates their father or their mother, and when it's all discovered, they are ingrates who despised their parents being ungrateful for the great sacrifices that were made for them. And here I must say, nothing is more tragic and damaging to the soul than a parent who truly distorts the image of GOD in the mind and heart of their children—it would be better for them to be tethered to a millstone and cast into the sea!]

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

[Instead of striving to live up to the image of GOD, hating Him, joining the raging haters of Christ in rebellion against their creator, despising His image reflected in them, passionately seek their own destruction—becoming fools.]

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

This distortion of reality to satisfy a vanity, like Communism, arises in a culture that is embracing all sorts of fantasies that militate against reality—once you are trapped in LIES, there you will DIE.

The TRUTH makes you FREE, but the LIE steals your LIBERTY.

FAITH is not a FANTASY! FAITH connects you to TRUTH.

When you speak TRUTH to politics, you are speaking FAITH into POLITICS. When you speak LIES into politics, you are snaring the souls of men in LIES.

Communism is a LIE. Socialism is a LIE. These lies are the spawn of a God-hating liar named Marx, through whom Satan spat hell

upon this world. The wicked are turned into hell, and all the nations that forget GOD.

Here is the GOSPEL TRUTH:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

John 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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