

## Betrayed with a Kiss

*The Conspiracy of the Modern Prophets*

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**Luke 22:46-49**

The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people . . . Her priests . . . have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean . . . Her princes in her midst are like **wolves** tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, "Thus says the Lord GOD," when the **LORD had not spoken** . . . So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on

behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.  
Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have  
consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed  
their deeds on their own heads . . .

**Ezekiel 22:23-31**

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing,  
but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

**Matthew 7:15**

## Mark Them

Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them** which cause  
divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have  
learned; **and avoid them**. For they that are such serve not  
our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and  
fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

**Romans 16:17-18**

Brethren, be followers together of me, and **mark them** which  
walk so as ye have us for an example.(For many walk, of whom I  
have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are  
the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction,  
whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who  
mind earthly things.)

**Philippians 3:17-19**

# The Enemy Deserves a Little Credit

The Brilliance of Sneaking Liberal Thinking into the Modern Conservative Church

My Lord is insulted and His Church slighted. And believe me, under this double injury, I smart. The Church has many adversaries. Can my sword sleep, then, in my hand? Never!

**Leonard Ravenhill**

# The Crafty Voice

Calling into the Question the Obvious Truth, Beckoning a more Generous Understanding of the Clear Command

## Did God really say that?

- The Serpent

Now the serpent was more subtle (cunning shrewd, and crafty) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said?

**Genesis 3:1**

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**Genesis 3:1 (expanded)**

# The Basis of Belief

The Word of God is the Word of God and it CANNOT Lie

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but **as it is in truth, the word of God**, which effectually works also in you that believe.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things (*the great promises declared and an oath given by God to seal the deal*), **in which it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope **we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entered into that within the veil;

**Hebrews 6:17-19**

**God is not a man, that he should lie . . .** hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**Numbers 23:19**

. . . the Strength of Israel **will not lie . . .**

**1 Samuel 15:29**

. . . **Let God be true**, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou might be justified in thy sayings, and might overcome when thou art judged.

**Romans 3:4**

If we believe not, yet he abides faithful: **he cannot deny himself.**

**2 Timothy 2:13**

In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie,**  
promised before the world began

**Titus 1:2**

## The Appeal of the Open Mind

It appears more reasonable, more generous, more accepting, more hospitable, more socially-correct

1. **The Closed Mind** - a mind that ignorantly and belligerently dismisses and excludes actual facts from having any say in the formation of his/her reality. A mind not open to reasonable discussion, not open for the business of discussing truth.
2. **The Narrow Mind** - a mind that strictly filters all fact and information through an individual's or small group of individual's small finite human worldview and experience. A mind unable to break out of traditional, religious, and/or cultural moorings to accept that truth is bigger than what can be comprehended by a singular person or closed-off group of people.
3. **The Open Mind** - a mind that is reasonable and judicious with facts, desirous to learn, accepting of all, ever-ready to consider new and novel thoughts, a mind hospitable to all notions whether true or false. A mind open to anything and everything, eager to chew on ideas never before considered.

## Introducing the Canon Mind

A mind given wholly to God, implicitly trusting God's definition of reality, exclusively devoted to God's opinion and command, closed to all thoughts, ideas, or philosophies that would lead the

mind to another take on reality. The Canon Mind is a mind built on God's Word as if it were in fact, the Word of God. The Canon Mind is built upon the rock-like conviction that God's Word is the perfect revelation of Fact - it cannot lie and is 100% Truth. And the Canon Mind knows that God intends His Word to be comprehended by His saints, understood by His saints, and lived out by His saints. The Canon Mind is not open to any thought, notion, or definition of reality that is not 100% concurrent with the Revelation of God's Word.

These (those of Berea) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

**Acts 17:11**

## The Nooma Effect

Christian ideas, Christian terminology, Packaged with Artistic Brilliance

### Following the Nooma Success:

1. **Build Trust.** Gain the Confidences of the Evangelical Church Leadership by Posing as a Stable Christian Voice
2. **Subtly Weaken the Old Moorings.** Impose new philosophies into the modern stream of Christian thought via published books
3. **Repaint Truth.** Leverage the confidences gained to sink the Church into error and the questioning of Biblical authority

## The Gush of Post-Modern Mush

A Pseudo-Intellectualism that Roosts high above the Bible looking down with a compassionate gaze upon the notions of the "Archaic" text

## Your Position on the Word Defines Your Response to the Word

- ◆ **Above it** - Critique, Correct, Contour it to meet your sensibilities
- ◆ **Equal to it** - Esteem it as good, treat it as friend, bask in its kind phrases, but ignore its call to give up all
- ◆ **Below it** - Believe it with unquestioning fervor, Reckon it with unwavering Faith, and Bend to it with loyal, worshipful devotion

## The Bizarre Conclusions of those Roosting Above

### The Uncrucified Conclusions of Fleshly Reasoning

- Brickianity
- Truth Stretches, it's Springy
- The Key's to the Kingdom
- Evolution of Truth
- God A and God B, I choose God B
- I personally couldn't serve a God who would do that
- The Open Mind is a more Honest and Humble Mind

## Believing the Record

He that believes on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believes not God hath made him a liar; because **he** believes not the record that God gave of his Son.

**1 John 5:10**

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and **his** word is not in us.

**1 John 1:10**

## The Return of the Canon-Mind

We have a choice. But it's not a matter of who we will bow down to, but when

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him (Jesus), and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians 2:9-11**

Where is the flaw? Is it in God, or is it in us?

Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that **God is greater than man**. Why do thou strive against him?

**Job 33:12-13**

**Far be it from God**, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity . . . Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment . . . Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. Men do therefore fear him: he respects not any that are wise of heart.

**Job 34:10,12; Job 37:23-24**

Is it our position to Critique God, to Question His Ways?

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knows? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? . . . Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knows it all . . . Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? . . . Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? . . . Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are? Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven . . . Who provides for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat . . . Shall he that contends with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproves God, let him answer it . . . Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? **wilt thou condemn me, that thou may be righteous?** Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him. Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

**Job 38:1-8,16-18, 22-23, 31, 34-37, 41; Job 40:2, 8-14**

Is Truth Evolving? Does God Adapt to the Culture, to the Political Correctness of our Times?

For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**Malachi 3:6**

Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**Hebrews 13:8**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, **with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

**James 1:17**

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**Matthew 5:18**

Is this all about our Choice, our wishes, our sensibilities? Do we Define God's nature? Do we define the way we want life with God to be?

You have not chosen me, but **I have chosen you . . .**

**John 15:16**

We love him, **because** he first loved us.

**1 John 4:19**

Herein is love, not that we loved God, **but that he loved**

**US**, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**1 John 4:10**

Is Truth Springy? Does Truth adapt and flex around us, or are we supposed to adapt and flex around God?

He is **the Rock**, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

The LORD is **my rock** . . . The God of **my rock**; in Him will I trust . . . who is a **rock**, save our God? . . . Exalted be the God of **the rock of my salvation** . . . **The Rock of Israel** spoke to me.

**2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47; 23:3**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men . . . **And the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 1:1-4,14**

Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon **a rock**: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon **a rock**.

**Matthew 7:24-25**

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ**.

**1 Corinthians 10:4**

What is the proper response of the Believer?

Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withheld from thee. Who is he that hides counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered (things) that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not . . . I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye sees thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

**Job 42:1-3,5-6**

**He will Overcome when He is Judged**

For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? . . . **Let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou might be justified in thy sayings, and **might overcome when thou art judged**.

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