

## **Discerning the Times: Heretics, Racism and New Numbers for Holocaust?**

### **Heretics Falling Away**

Several "names" within Christendom have done such an about face with respect to their Christianity, that they happily admit to no longer being Christians.

- Josh Harris - Christian author and pastor
- Paul Maxwell - former Desiring God writer and author of *The Trauma of Doctrine*
- Marty Sampson - popular Christian songwriter for Hillsong

The above three individuals have literally *fallen away* from the faith, proving the very words of the apostle John.

*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (1 John 2:19 KJV)*

It appears that not only were these individuals *not* authentically saved (according to John's words), but the fact that they were so high-profile and *then* fell away serves to provide fodder for the world to blaspheme God (2 Samuel 12:14). Each of the above named individuals has his reason(s) for leaving the faith and they all state they are now "happy." I can see why. They were living a lie and their consciences bothered them. Now that they have "come out" as non-Christians, they are actually being true to themselves so the irritation is gone.

It's as though Satan uses these folks to lead others astray, isn't it? The people who follow these folks will also likely begin to question God. They will start to see themselves as anchored to a system (Christianity) they do not understand and because of the awareness of their own growing duplicity within, may also begin to doubt and eventually leave the faith because they look up to these leaders and their "honesty." They will miss the point that these leaders were not honest before but will be held up as "heroes" who walked through the valley of uncertainty and came out in victory on the other side. People like this generally end up embracing all religious systems *except* Christianity.

Who else will we see from the star-studded field of "celebrity" Christians finally falling away from God and His holy Word? I'm sure many others because Paul warned that this time would come in 2 Thessalonians 2:3:

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition... (KJV)*

We should *not* be surprised to see this occurring throughout the world of Christendom. The beginning of the Tribulation continues its approach.

## Racism?

Yesterday, we had a missionary family to Haiti at our church. The husband spoke and the wife sang a song that was special to her. It was a real blessing. He spoke of how he had come *from* Haiti years ago and had absolutely no desire to go back. He and his family spent years in Colorado after legally immigrating to the USA. But the Lord worked on his heart and now they are going through the process of gaining the funds needed.

In his message, he talked about the problem of the heart and how Christians are "sent" to set the captives free. He stated that racism is also simply a problem of the heart. He mentioned the fact that though he is black, he is treated worse by lighter skinned people in Haiti even though he himself is Hatian and speaks French and other dialects there. He also stated that some Haitians act like they are "white" if they become rich. Fascinating, isn't it? Satan's goal is to pit people against people and he has always done that starting with Cain and Abel. Racism has always been an issue and not one culture is exempt from it. Not one.

Pray for these missionaries, will you? They look forward to hopefully getting to Haiti this summer through Baptist World Mission.

## More on CV-19

The [Washington Post](#), is now preaching about how Christians should absolutely rejoice in the fact that a CV-19 vaccine is here. Of course, what they did was tap Russell Moore and Walter Kim. The former is head of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC), "ethics" arm, which creates progressive policies that have been moving the SBC to the Left for some time. The gist of the article is that evangelicals should fight conspiracy theories and welcome the (CV-19) vaccine.

It's an absurd article and nothing but propoganda written by at least one propogandist who likely brings home a six-figure or better salary while he helps destroy the SBC. The writers use Scripture to "prove" their points, but for those who have and use critical thinking skills, it's not difficult to see through their game.

The Epoch Times is reporting several things that are cause for concern. First, they note that "[Only Vaccinated Persons Can Board Evacuation Vessels to Leave Island Volcano: St. Vincent](#)" In essence then, those who have not gotten the vaccine are forced to remain behind *with* the volcano. What happens if they *die* because of it? Won't someone be responsible for that? Those who made that decision will likely absolve themselves, redirecting blame back onto the people who objected to receiving gene-therapy (not a vaccine).

Second, The Epoch Times also reports that "[CCP Virus Variant Affects Vaccinated People More Than Unvaccinated People](#)." I don't mean to sound sarcastic, but this is a big "duh" for those of us who have read and/or listened to a variety of medical experts on both sides of the issue. The article notes that a study from Tel-Aviv University has determined that a South African variant of the CCP virus affects people vaccinated with the Pfizer shot more than unvaccinated people. The study has not yet been peer-reviewed, but initial reports are that the particular African variant is found in 8 times as many people vaccinated versus those who were not vaccinated. The

study looked at 400 people who received at least one shot of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and had also contracted the CV-19 variant.

Epoch also reports that [40 percent of Marines](#) or about 48,000 have declined to receive the CV-19 vaccine. I wasn't aware that they *could* decline it, but there you go. Yet, people are tripping over each other throughout the world to receive the injection(s). Top military officials are still referring to CV-19 as a "pandemic."

CV-19 is not going away. I find it fascinating that many Christians live in abject fear of this virus, yet exercise virtually *no fear* of God, His power and might. There is a huge disconnect in thinking here. I'm *not* afraid to die one bit. I try to avoid stupid mistakes (although my life has had its share of them), and in general, appreciate the value of each day. That said, it appears that our government wants us to live in constant fear of a virus that has a 99%+ survival rate. It makes no sense whatsoever. I have more of a chance of being killed by lightning standing in my own yard during a thunder storm than dying from CV-19.

### **Truth in Numbers?**

Haven't we always been told that Hitler murdered some 6 *million* Jews as well as *millions* of other non-Jews during his murderous rampage of parts of Europe? Well, apparently, the folks at the [Holocaust Encyclopedia](#) are telling us that only between 160,000 and 180,000 were murdered. They say many Jews left Germany and emigrated to other parts of the world and many others died in Jewish "ghettos" throughout Germany and elsewhere. I guess they're trying to downplay the heinous acts of history's well-known madman.

### **Being Different Can Kill You**

Another reader sent this article from the folks at [Tsiyon News](#). They make some cogent points about the "problems" associated with being different. Most folks like to go out into society and see other people dressed the same and acting the same with only minor modifications allowed. When people come across someone who is deliberately bucking the system to live the way they want to live, it is off-putting to most and downright annoying to others.

They also point out that the church (Christendom), does little to deal with this since in many ways, churches today try hard to go along with the world's system. Why do churches do this? I've touched on this subject before but in their own words, Tsiyon notes that churches generally *"...seek to be acceptable to the world, to the majority. They see that as the most effective way to retain and attract members, and to attract the world's wealth. While the big show seems to work for mega-churches, it has not worked generally, as Church membership is dramatically falling. Remember, walking in the truth is a narrow way! Very often that narrow way must be just you and the Lord. Now, that's different, isn't it?"*

I believe this goes back to the point I made in my last article, "[Failure to Fear the Lord](#)," which addresses the issue of the average Christian's inability or unwillingness to learn to fear (have proper, profound reverential respect/awe), the Lord. Isn't it appalling that so many churches today have such large budgets and can afford to not only pay their senior pastors as much as six-figure incomes, but often have a large staff of ministers. I often wonder what Paul or Jesus would think of this and I honestly cannot believe it would be good.

Our anti-Christian society wants us all to conform. They want churches to play by *their* rules or go completely underground. They don't like it when some pastors try to buck the world's system and government officials then decide to come down on them for their unwillingness to tow the line. But in fact, Christians have a much higher calling and it is now past time for us to realize and understand this. If we say we are Christians, shouldn't we understand and live in a way that prompts us to follow Jesus regardless of the cost?

Grow in your godly fear Him this week!