

Spiritual Abuse Pt20

Separating Fact From Fanaticism

PSALM 117:1-2

1. O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
2. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and **the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.** Praise ye the LORD.

ROMANS 3:3-4a

3. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?
- 4a. God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar;**

SEEKING AFTER JESUS [53-0531]

There's a lot of fanaticism hooked up with every phase of anything you want to go at. In your churches there's people that's real fanatics, religious fanatics, but **that don't mean that God isn't real. That doesn't mean that there isn't a real true Christian. It only vi--indicates that there is a real one.** If you had a bogus dollar, it'd have to be real sure fact that there was a real dollar that dollar was made off of. Is that right? If it isn't, the bogus dollar would be the real dollar: the counterfeit. But being that there is a counterfeit, it only speaks of a real one. And when you see somebody acting like or pretending to be a Christian, **it only means there is a real genuine Christian somewhere.**

When you see somebody in a practice of Divine healing made in some fanatical way, it only speaks that there's a real article somewhere it's coming from. That's right. **A pro and con, negative and positive, true and false, in all things.**

II THESSALONIANS 2:10-13

10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth,** that they might be saved.
11. And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**
12. That they all might be damned who **believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**
13. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, **because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and **belief of the truth:**

ROMANS 1:18

18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

ROMANS 1:25

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.

II TIMOTHY 4:1-4

1. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

TITUS 1:14

14. Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

EPHESIANS 4:14-15

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

THE UNFAILING REALITIES OF THE LIVING GOD [60-0626]

If Satan can't keep the truth from them, he makes fanatics out of them; throw them off on this side and that side, and they get all kind of stuff, of bloods and oil, and sensations, which is not even Scriptural.

But stay on the blueprint. Stay on the highway. Stay with the Scripture. Don't leave It. That's why Jesus come, that man would not be deceived and go off the side, but stay right in the Word.

GALATIANS 5:7-9

7. Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?
8. This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.
9. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

LEAN NOT UNTO THY OWN UNDERSTANDING [65-0120]

Sometime ago, someone... I was in a dispute on the income tax. And they said to me, said, "Why, your trustees are nothing but puppets, I suppose."

I said, "If I had a trustee on the board, that had a different idea, and wouldn't stand up and (I don't care who is speaking about it) would express his own views of it, I'd throw him off the board." Yes, sir. Though it was contrary to my belief, I want him to express what he thinks is right. That's what I got him there for, see what he says about it.

JOHN 8:31-32

31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 14:6

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOHN 18:37-38a

37. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
- 38a. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

Q&A [61-1015M]

...the hard thing to do when you get there is hold yourself from that one little knife edge of fanaticism to a truth.

Now, if you don't watch, the devil will throw you right over into a bunch of fanaticism and you'll lose all your experience and everything else (See?), when you do that, but if you can just hold to solid truth, watch the Bible, and stay with It, and stay meek and humble, God will just keep taking you on towards Calvary, just on down the road like that, if you just stay with that.

II CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

7. Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

8. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

GALATIANS 4:16

16. Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

WHAT IS THAT IN THY HAND? [55-0611]

Now, a man can come by here and tell you anything in the world, make up some kind of fanaticism, do anything he wants to, that... He could do that, tell you that. That don't make it so. But when God comes back around and says that's the truth, then you'd better believe it. 'Cause that--not to believe that is sin. So I testified. Now, it's God's time to testify of whether I've told the truth or not.

EXPERIENCES [52-0726]

Picking up the negative, he said, "Rev. Branham, it's went through everything." Said, "Absolutely, I'm willing to sign my name to any document that the Light struck the negative." And he said, "Psychology don't give light." Hallelujah.

Tears rolling down my cheeks, I looked around. There it was. God had vindicated a seventh-grade education. The things that they said was fanaticism, God had vindicated Truth to the scientific world, once for all.

THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR [58-0110]

Now, Almighty God, to these newborn babies, I pray that You'll reveal Yourself tonight to them in the--an external way, that You'll manifest Your Presence here to let them know that it's different from joining a church. It's different from quoting some creeds. It's being borned in the Kingdom of the King, and being a friend to the great Conqueror Who has conquered their life and their sins, their temper, and their, all their sin and disillusions. Grant it, Father. We give them to Thee now in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.