

Friday, February 6, 2015 – Barak Obama’s Continued Spiritual Ignorance

The arrogance of mankind often tries to frame who Christ is or how Christianity is defined. Trying to lump Christianity in with all the supposed religions of the world makes many feel that when those supposed religions meet their inevitable downfall, Christianity must eventually do the same. They couldn’t be more wrong.

Jesus was sinless and it is because Jesus was sinless that we have hope of an eternity in heaven. If Jesus were not sinless, there would be no sacrifice for sin. Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God in the Garden of Eden ushered sin into this world (Genesis 3:6). And with this sin came death, just as God had warned (Genesis 2:17). The Bible makes it clear, however, that Jesus Christ, though tempted in every way just as we are (Hebrews 4:15), never committed a sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5). The apostle Peter stated it clearly: “He committed no sin and no deceit was found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). Indeed, as Jesus Christ is Deity, He has no capacity to sin. Since He is sinless, His religion is perfect and sinless. Christianity is PERFECT and SINLESS.

Barak Obama, at something called the National Prayer Breakfast, sought to define Christianity as nothing more than a flawed religion on par with Islam. Doubt me? The president said that while religion is a source for good around the world, people of all faiths have been willing to “hijack religion for their own murderous ends.” Consider Obama’s ignorance on display when he said, “Unless we get on our high horse and think that this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ...So it is not unique to one group or one religion,” Obama said. “There is a tendency in us, a simple tendency that can pervert and distort our faith.”

Obama is referencing the crusades conducted by the Roman Catholic church during the middle ages. These crusades were typically savage in nature, pillaging the countries through which they travelled in the typical medieval manner. However, the catholic church has no connection, regardless of their claims, to Christianity as spoken of in the New Testament. The catholic church developed and formed out of the apostate church spoken of by Paul and others. It never was the Lord's church in any way, form, or fashion whatsoever. It is human in origin. It came from the fermented minds of men who were long separated from the church revealed on the pages of the New Testament. Regardless, what does anything that happened in the Middle Ages have to do with the Islamic reign of terror perpetrated in our age?

The various obvious errors found in this statement is that while Islam gives its followers complete permission to murder, deceive, and other manner of sinful things, Christianity NEVER calls for us to commit sins in the name of Christ.

Islam calls it's followers to be SINNERS by the very lifestyle it promotes! Muhammad, the founder of Islam, was a pedophile, marrying a 6 year old and consummating the marriage when she was 9 years old (He was 54).

Consider what the Bible and the qur'an teach on the following:

- In regards to those who don't agree with you religiously
  - The Bible
    - Christ, in Matthew 28:19-20 states, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
    - Deity desires that all men be saved and has provided for the salvation of all through Christ's atoning death which takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29; Heb. 2:9; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 John 2:2). Consistent with God's desire for man's good and with His giving the supreme gift of His Son, He abundantly bestows that which would help those seeking to obey Him and thereby to save their souls (Matt. 7:7-8; Acts 2:40; Rom. 8:32).
      - The Jews had a unique relationship with God under the old covenant. Before Christ came, the Gentiles were in a terrible condition. They were lost without hope. They did not have the promises Israel had (Romans 9:4-5). They were separated from Christ. Therefore, they did not have all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3). They were cut off from God's people, Israel. The Gentiles did not have a covenant with God with all the promises and blessings. Paul described the blessings and advantages of the Jews: "to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came" (Rom. 9:4-5). However, when he came to consider the Gentile nations and their bleak, dismal state, said that they were "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12).
      - The church is the subject under discussion in this verse, but the Medium Who would bring about the removal of the spiritual distinction between the Jews and the Gentiles is Jesus. Jesus made peace. Jews

and Gentiles have peace with God through Jesus. They are reconciled to God. Also, they are reconciled to each other. They are one in Christ. The wall, which separated them, has been broken down. From the spiritual standpoint, there could also be peace between all mankind (including both Jew and Gentile) and God.

- The Qur'an (Muslims believe that the Qur'an is a divine book. It is styled "The Holy Qur'an.")
  - Muhammad tells Muslims to make war on unbelievers in Surah 9:73 -  
"O Prophet! Strive hard against the Unbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell, - an evil refuge indeed."
  - Surah 2:190-191 - "Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah loveth not transgressors. And slay them wherever ye catch them."
- In regards to lying
  - The Bible
    - God is a God of truth. He expects us to be people of truth. Lies hurt. Lies destroy lives. When God revealed the things he hates and considers "an abomination" in Proverbs 6:16-19, he included "a false witness who speaks lies." The opposite of a false witness is a faithful witness (Prov. 14:15). A faithful witness tells the truth while a false witness utters lies. A faithful witness will be honest, while a false witness will be deceitful. A faithful witness's words heal, while the false witness's intention is harm. A faithful witness reveals, while the false witness conceals. "He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit" (Prov. 12:17).
    - God tells us to tell the truth. However, truth told with the wrong attitude and manner can hurt also. We are taught to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). Tell the truth, yes! But season it with salt (Colossians 4:6). Tell the truth, yes! But let it be with grace, tenderness, and love (Eph. 4:29-32). God is a God of truth and we must sanctify truth before God.
  - The Qur'an
    - Islam in general, forbids lying. The Quran says, "Truly Allah guides not one who transgresses and lies." Surah 40:28. But within Islam there are certain provisions under which lying is not simply tolerated, but actually encouraged.
      - To save their lives,
      - To reconcile a husband and wife,
      - To persuade a woman into a bedroom
      - To facilitate one on his journey.

- Muslims are even permitted to disavow Islam and Mohammed if it is not a genuine heart-felt rejection.

As is clear, there is a distinct difference between what Islam calls its followers to be and what **true** Christianity demands. When ignorance, ego, and dishonesty carry the day in religion, the consequence will always be theological chaos which in turn yields unjustified suspicion, unwarranted anger and, of course, unnecessary heartache. Barak Obama is proof of that.