

God's Order

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Paul wrote, "God is not a God of disorder but of order." (1 Cor. 14:33) From this truth some have drawn the conclusion that anyone who promotes disorder speaks a word from the devil and the demonic. As an example of God's order, these will point to creation, such as a tree, and emphasize how it grows, how it is ordered and structured out to its furthest limb, twig and leaf. These then go on to infer that anyone who speaks against the "church" structure, with its buildings, clergy, religious practices, doctrines and theologies is therefore promoting disorder and may be summarily dismissed as one speaking only a word from the devil and the demonic.

Yet this example comes up very short from the reality of the "church." Men have seen God's "tree," lopped off branches and replaced them with boards, pipes, wires, car parts or any other man-made or even demonic thing. They have dug around the roots to give them air and watered the tree with sugar water or bleach, depending on their own peculiar bent and tastes in life. And then men call this "God's order" for His people. Along comes someone who speaks against the boards, pipes, wires and all the other man-made or demonically-invented abominations and, for his efforts, gets labeled as one promoting disorder. The truth is that anyone who places any man-made or demonic addition onto God's "tree" is the one who is promoting and practicing disorder. But since God's order is only visible to the spiritually mature and since one who is called to speak about such things faces tremendous challenges and great opposition, this fact remains unavailable to the immature, carnal, abominable, apostate "church" even as every heart that truly seeks Christ knows these things to be true.

God *is* a God of order. His order is that He has placed Christ as Head (King, Absolute Monarch and Ruler) over *all things* for His ekklesia – His people called out of this world's darkness to be citizens and even family who attend to the issues and affairs of His kingdom of light, love, truth and goodness. (Eph. 1:22) Anyone who does not have Christ as his or her true and literal King but instead follows man-made or demonically-induced doctrines or "theology," who takes upon him or herself labels that seem to come from the Bible but in reality come from the authority structures that men have created in the name of Christ and God – no matter how much that one seems to operate and move in the Spirit of God – is impure and not entirely working for the kingdom of Christ and God. In truth, he may work more for the kingdoms of darkness, death and deception than he does for the kingdom of God. Anyone who clings to the manmade additions will find in the day when God removes these things from His "tree" that they have a very serious choice to make.

The presence of the dual streams of power (divine and demonic) that operate in the lives of so many who claim to follow Christ has long been overlooked because the "church" provides a place where the "pastor" can hide behind the pulpit and project forth an aura of infallibility and spiritual expertise that is not the reality of his or her life. And the people sit quietly in their pews or chairs listening to a Bible lecture ("sermon" or "study"), briefly rub shoulders with one another and call that "fellowship," never demonstrating the desperate and often demonized realities of their life to one another. This modern aberration called "church" – especially the mega-"church" – is not God's order but is instead a conglomeration of man-made traditions and demonic teachings grafted onto the way of following Christ and God.

The man or woman who, like Christ, is careful to speak against the human traditions (Mt. 15:3) and the demonic teachings (1 Tim. 4:1) while simultaneously cultivating the original structure and way of Christ under the leading of His Spirit of truth and holiness is not speaking

from the demonic anymore than Christ was. Any leader who labels the one who is being led by God's Spirit to speak against man's order of things as demonized is coming perilously close to the sin that Jesus said would not be forgiven, the blasphemy against the Spirit of God. (Mk. 3:29-30) We have looked upon the grotesque additions of men to the things of God without spiritual understanding for so long that we, like the Pharisees of old, have powerful positions to protect and maintain and we will do so at the expense of even the lives of the sheep of God.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap death, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” (Gal. 6:7) *This* – one's life genuinely lived in and by His Spirit, both individually and corporately, with Christ as the literal and true King – is God's order. Anything else is mere deception, fraud and counterfeit of the true way of following Christ and God.

The word of the Lord especially for this time and season is: “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.” (Rev. 22:11) God knows those who are His (2 Tim. 2:19) and may we not grow weary in our fight and work in His kingdom of light, love, truth and goodness. (Gal. 6:9) Because of the precious promises God has given us, let us indeed purify ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit and perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord! (2 Cor. 7:1)

Let he who has ears hear.

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