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The Enoch Factor: The Sacred Art of Knowing God and The Giving Myths

"6 Things Christians Should Just Stop Saying. It is time. No, it is past time. Christians must stop saying the following things." 1. The Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

θεοπνευστος theopneustos – God-breathed διδασκαλια didaskalia – doctrine, teaching, learning ελεγχος elegchos – a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested επανορθωσις epanorthosis – restoration to an upright or right state παιδεια paideia – the whole training and education

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

αρτιος artios – fitted, complete, perfect εξαρτιζω exartizo – to furnish perfectly, completely 2. We just believe the Bible.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned.

δεχομαι dechomai – to take with the hand γινωσκω ginosko – to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of, perceive ανακρινω anakrino – to investigate, examine, enquire into, scrutinise

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

κριτικος kritikos – relating to judging, fit for judging, skilled in judging

3. Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

"The life" to Martha: Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: "The door" to the Pharisees : John 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. "The light of the world" John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Spoke "the way of God in truth" (<u>Mark 12:14</u>).

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

 $\delta\epsilon\iota$ dei – it is necessary, there is need of, it behooves, is right and proper

4. The rapture of Jesus is imminent.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mar 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

 $oi\delta a$ oida - to perceive with the eyes, notice, discern, discover

5. Homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle and it is a sin against God.

Rom 1:26, 27 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

παραδιδωμι paradidomi – to give into the hands (of another), to give over into (one's) power or use αντιμισθια antimisthia – a reward given in compensation, requital, recompence

1Co 6:9, 10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. *(And such were some of you...)*

6. The earth is less than 10,000 years old.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.

Dr. McSwain's conclusion....

"Whew! I feel better. Thanks for letting me get a few things off my chest.

Now, there is one thing I think all Christians, including me, should remember -- no, should practice (and we should practice this between ourselves first, too) -- and that is the one simple thing Jesus once said would be the oneand-only thing the world would know us by...

Not our beliefs. Not our doctrines. Not our denomination's distinctions. Not even our declarations.

Jesus said, "They will know you are my disciples by your love" (John 13:35).

When we love, what more needs to be said?"

How about THIS?

Joh 3:16–18 For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.