Letters to the Editors

A Voice From the Fringe

There’s a voice coming to you from the fringes. This is a voice that’s been marginalized, that’s been shouted down, that’s been hushed. This voice is saying, “We want to be heard. We want to be seen. We want to be known.”

This voice is speaking for all those who feel like they don’t belong. This voice is saying, “We are here. We are real. We are loved.”

We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are to love our enemies. We are to love our friends and our enemies. We are to love our church and our Christian free from irritating”

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Is it not surprising that during the siege of Jerusalem, per-haps the worst siege in all of history, those who were trapped in the city suffered from hunger, while those in desperation who ran outside of the city were crucified, often two or three on one cross since so many were being crucified.

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For among us there are those who will anger with your dedication to God. They are the ones who encourage the entertaining Christianity and solicit you to their Club Christian free from irritating duties to your faith. They are the scholars who have studied the Word for the sake of pride and worldly wisdom. Who are these that examine the scriptures, and then compose their own arguments and justifications against what the Bible has laid before us? And who are you to come against them, you, whom have not even read the Word in its entirety?

The Word was written for the child of faith, not for the worldly scholars. Its meaning is not complicated, and the meaning is made known to those who earnestly seek the word of God. For we are to love the Lord our God with all our being and to love our neighbors and those who persecute us with as much aspiration.

There still stand commands that can be idolized. Many have adopted the way of nonviolence (dare I say peace, for there is no peace) as their faith. Thus they go forth in the way of peace in order to serve their god, which is no more than an erected idol.

Even Jesus spoke these words aloud, “Do not think that you have heard of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen; yet as these things occur, there will come a day of testing when...” and then he said, “...many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other.”

Prepared when the Master returns, busily doing His work, or will you have to run back to your church, your Christian friends, your stances and justifications for your music to get your faith?


We know how few of you will give a thought to opening your Bible to find out what these passages are, though I certainly hope it is not that way.

How wide is that narrow gate? Is it worth changing your very soul and leaving it in the hands of that which is not from God? For that which we think is pure can be deceptive. The calling, the glowing and charismatic messages given by popular icons can do more harm than good; they are not the voice of the fringes.

Seek truth, read your Bible as if it were God’s word, as if it were the Word of the Lord. We all say God is something real.

This voice is speaking for all those who are loudly singing and shouting at Elijah on the edges of your enlightened experience. Because we believe the Bible says what’s wrong.

This is the voice of the evangelical church: the unsophisticated church, the church with soul, the church on your back roads and in your downtown districts. This is the voice of the church that preaches the Word: week in, week out, popular, unpopular, hard words, but we believe the Bible gives us life.

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We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are to love our enemies.

We pray begging, we pray late at night and early in the morning while you’re still asleep. We pray for jobs, not for self-actualization. We pray because we need help, for our sins and our families and our sicknresses.

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