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IS THERE ONLY ONE WAY?

A national survey of those professing to be "born again", Bible believing Christians said that 70% of them do NOT believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. This, in spite of the words of our Saviour Himself. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* John 14:6.

Did He really mean this? If He did, how can those who believe otherwise really be Christians? The answer is, They Can't!

Years ago I watched Katie Couric interviewing Jimmy Carter on the NBC morning news program. Carter had recently published a book of his adult Sunday School lessons. Couric asked Mr. Carter, point blank, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven." I fully expected him to take a decided stand for Christ, but I was sadly disappointed. His answer... "No! I don't believe Jesus is the only way to heaven." He went on

to say that the reason his Camp David accords were so successful was because Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, all believed in the same God.



Here Carter, a professed Christian, Begin, an Israeli who did not believe in the Son of God, and Sadat, a Muslim, each one is said to believe in the same God. Does that mean that they are all going to heaven? Absolutely not!

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2:19.

Jesus said, *"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I AM HE, ye shall die in your sins."* John 8:24.

Was Jesus lying? NO! Of course not. If He was telling the truth, then how could anyone who professes to be a true believer in Christ as Saviour and Lord, believe that there is any other way to heaven?



He that hath ears to hear, let him hear... *"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. THIS is the stone which was set at*

nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED." Acts 10-12.

THIS is the word of God... *"THIS is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD HATH NOT LIFE."* I John 5:11-12.

And... *"Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father."* I John 2:23.

ONE WAY!
ONE ALL SUFFICIENT WAY.

JESUS!

Stages Of Maturity



We often talk about the stages that our children go through as they grow. But the fact is, we continue to go through stages of development throughout our entire lives. And at no point, from cradle to grave, do we ever reach an absolute maturity. We are (hopefully) always learning and growing, and showing a maturity equal to our age.

First Corinthians 13:11 says, *“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*

The reason our children have to be taught right from wrong, is because they are children. Understanding is what determines their degree of maturity. But many children, teenagers, and even young adults, are far, far from being as mature as they think they are.

A ten year old boy had interrupted his dad while we were talking, and his dad quoted to him the old adage that, “Children

should be seen and not heard.” The boy bristled up and declared, “I’m not a child; I’m a man.” ..which proved the point that he wasn’t as near grown as he thought he was.

When a 14 or 15 year old girl decides she’s old enough to be dating, she’s proved she isn’t as mature as she thinks she is. And when a teenager has decided they’re mature enough to be having sex, they’ve miss the mark by miles and miles. Just because you CAN do something, doesn’t mean you *should*. Understanding the right and wrong of a decision, and the consequences of that decision are the marks of real maturity.

Unsaved young people will pay no attention to this whatsoever, but sadly, many professing born-again, Christian youth refuse to heed the wisdom of those who are older and wiser by reason of their years. It was not without cause that God said in Numbers 32:23, *“Be sure your sin will find you out.”*

True maturity means weighing the consequences of our actions. **How mature are you?**



Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”
Jeremiah 6:16

There may be precious little that we can do to change the direction that our country is going in this new year, but it doesn’t mean that we have to be dragged along with it. We DO have a choice.

“As for me and my house, We will serve the LORD.”

The year **2022** can, and

should be, not only the beginning of a new year, but also *a new life*. Jesus said, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* Matt.11:28-30.

The only reason our Lord has not returned yet is because He, *“...is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* II Pet.3:9.

The right path is the one that leads to real joy, true peace, and eternal life. But taking that path requires your making a choice. Your Creator has said, *“Choose you this day whom ye will serve..”*

“For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” II Cor.6:2.

**Heaven or Hell
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.**

Evolutionists And Atheists

Why are evolutionists so closed-minded. Basically, because evolution is an atheistic religion. While I know that there are those who will resent the implications here, it is, nevertheless true. Both Atheism and evolution are a system of belief! Neither have produced tangible evidence for their convictions and therefore **must** be taken by **faith**.

Atheism is a dogmatic persuasion, with a mindset much like that of White Supremacists, Islamic terrorists, and UFO fanatics. To any one of these groups, there is no room for question or debate. As far as they are concerned they are right, no matter what the evidence may say. For those who would claim to be Christian evolutionists, there is only two revealed sources which true Christians accept as absolute and Divine **truth**, the Holy Bible ("**..thy WORD is truth.**", John 17:17), and Jesus Himself. (John 1:17, 14:6). And neither of these two support anything other than supernatural, Divine creation.

Evolutionist and Atheists should consider some the following.

Of All of the religions of the world, why is it that only Christianity has written literally thousands of songs with which to extol, to praise, to rejoice, and exalted the name of their Saviour? The false religions of the world repeat mournful chants and

repetitious mantras that are void of any joy or meaning. I've heard only one song praising Atheism, and it was so ridiculous that one could not help but laugh at it.

These people are searchers who have yet to find something to fill the loneliness, the emptiness, and the hunger of their souls. I've yet to meet the Atheist who did not admit that there was a great sense that something important was missing in their hearts.

Every human being longs and hopes for someone to love them. And because their intellect forbids them to acknowledge the love of God, the frustration they feel as a result leaves them bitter in mind and spirit against those who HAVE found that love. They feel they MUST lash out against anyone who truly believes.

Christians do not hate evolutionists and Atheists. What we do hate is any system of belief that destroys for them any hope of redemption. NOT believing in something doesn't make it go away. To say, "I don't believe in Atheists; therefore Atheists don't exist." is no more ridiculous than the Atheist saying, "I don't believe in God; therefore God does not exist." Redemption is possible only through faith in God. **"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."** (Heb.11:6) **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** (Rom.10:17).

Children's Version Of What The Bible Teaches

(Though I seriously doubt a child wrote these down.)



In Genesis, God got tired of creating the world and took the Sabbath Day off.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Noah built the ark out of gophers, and animals came in pears.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of

the Apostles.
Unleavened bread is bread made without ingredients.

Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.

Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

David fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Bible times.

(My Favorite)
Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 decibels.

The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

Matthew was one of the 12 opossums.

Seriously, I've heard worse things from our own Sunday School Boys and Girls.

if you can read this
message you are smart
and very talented!
Share it you agree!

Fatalism Disguised As Sovereign Grace

Fatalism (by definition), the attitude of mind which accepts whatever happens as having been bound or decreed to happen. Such acceptance may be taken to imply belief in a binding or decreeing agent. The development of this implication can be found in **ancient Greek and Roman mythology**, with its personification of Fate, and in **Norse mythology** with the Norns. -Encyclopedia Britannica-

John Calvin (1509-1564) admits that his theology was already developed by Augustine, so the question is then: How did Augustine arrive at his view of Predestination, which is quite the opposite of what was publicly taught within the church for the first 300 years of early church history. It should be noted that Augustine was himself a Gnostic Manichaeon for nearly a decade before converting to Catholicism. Generally, it is thought that Augustine developed his theology on predestination after debating with Pelagius (354-420/440), in terms of the inevitability of personal evil and divine cosmic ordering (or divine sovereignty, if you will).

Consider one of the great followers of Calvin and Augustine, John Gill.

"In appointing Christ to be the Mediator and Surety of it, and putting the said promises and blessings into his hands, and so their persons, for safety and security; all of which were done in eternity." (Emphasis mine. ED)

"..the elect are reckoned as righteous, through the righteousness of Christ: and these being the objects of justification, show the eternity of that act, since election was from the beginning, and before the foundation of the world." (Emphasis mine. ED)

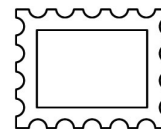
According to Gill, security "..from wrath and condemnation.." were "predestinated" from before the foundation of the world. If this is true, then the elect were never, in any sense, actually lost. Yet God's Word says, *"...in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom WE ALL had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; AND WERE BY NATURE THE CHILDREN OF WRATH, EVEN AS OTHERS."*

Gill further says, "The grand comprehensive promise, "even eternal life", (I John 2:25) and which is **absolute and unconditional**, with respect to them; whatever condition is in that covenant, lay only on Christ to perform; he and his work **are the only condition of it.**" (Emphasis mine. ED)

If Salvation is "unconditional", why are sinners commanded to repent? (Acts 17:30). If Salvation is "unconditional", why are sinners commanded to believe in Christ as the only begotten Son of God, His finished work of redemption on the cross and His resurrection? (Romans 10:9-10, I Corinthians 15:1-4)

Unconditional Election and Absolute Predestination are dangerous doctrines because they would relieve the sinner of any responsibility toward God. Jesus said, *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* (Luke 13:3, 5). *"..IF thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."* (Romans 10:9)

Faith and Repentance ARE conditions!



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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.

—John 3:16—