

REASONABLE RELIGION

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It is false to think in terms of “reason versus religion”.

Tired of wars fuelled by the religious differences, the French decided that the Roman Catholic papacy had to go. They conquered Rome in 1798, took the Pope prisoner, and a few years later, Napoleon proclaimed his baby son the King of the Republic of Rome.

France had contributed to the medieval Crusades, and a crusade had been fought on French soil against the so-called heretics. During the time of the Reformation, there were various horrible massacres. But a new line of thinking emerged by the enlightenment, called “Rationalism”. Here, reason was supreme, not God, and man was the centre of the universe. Of course, it all manifested in the worst bloodbath of all, the French Revolution.

Ever since the Pope’s alliance and covenant (called a “concordat”) with Napoleon, Roman Catholicism has given much credence to the error that there is a sharp divide between secular life of the “real” world, and religious beliefs or faith. And while the secretive Illuminati, or Freemasons, or indeed, Roman Catholic Jesuits were responsible for propagating the doctrine that “Religion Must Be Separate From Politics”, and that “The Bible Is Irrational”, this idea has continued, and has become prevalent in Protestant countries.

But is the Bible really irrational? Is true religion really mindless, leading only to anti-intellectual superstition and violence?

“FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.” (2 Thessalonians 3:1, 2). This verse shows that to not have faith is unreasonable, and that it must be an exercise of the mind for a person to be of the Lord. After all, God has given the Word and the Gospel for men to respond to it. (That is your free will!)

Think about those who claim to be Christians who are saying, “we are not religious”, “we are not in the mind”, “just feel the presence of God, don’t intellectualise it”, and the like. If someone is saying that, they are disagreeing with the Bible and actually agreeing with 1. Romanism, 2. Freemasonry and/or the Illuminati, 3. Atheism and 4. the New Age. You will notice that all these ideologies agree on the false doctrine that reason is opposite to faith.

The Gospel is not an emotional or sensual feeling. What did Paul do? “And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.” (Acts 17:2, 3). “And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.” (Acts 18:4). “And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.” (Acts 19:8).

The Bible shows that true religion is reasonable. If it is reasonable, then there is nothing wrong with true religion in politics or government. It must actually be right. How else can we explain the historical great advances of knowledge in Protestant nations?

Therefore, we must think in terms of reasonable Bible religion versus error. And there are many errors, and many false religions. We must remember that God's truth is more powerful than antichrists.