



But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. – Matthew 15:9

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Glass Salad Sandwiches

Here's a new recipe I just dreamed up:

Ingredients:

Diced tomato

Chopped onion

Pickle relish

2-4 mason jars, washed

Mayonnaise

Slices of bread

In a large bowl place your diced tomato, chopped onion, and pickle relish. In a large, separate bowl place a mason jar then cover it with something clean. Grab your hammer and pound on the jars, smashing them to slivers. Use as many jars as needed.

Add the glass slivers to the tomato/onion/pickle mixture, spoon 2-4 tablespoons of mayonnaise then stir. Smear mixture onto slices of bread. Serve with chips. I sincerely believe that eating glass will not harm me. (Caution: This is hyperbole. Do not try this recipe.)

Several years ago we heard a story on the radio news about a teenager who had been admitted to the hospital for having smoked marijuana that had been laced with rattlesnake venom. A few days later we heard that this young man died. Ya gotta wonder, did he truly believe that this wouldn't harm him? Would he have been any safer eating my glass salad sandwiches?

Facebook is a place that has brought the world together in a way that we would

never have dreamed would happen. We can communicate with people in all reaches of the world, making friends (and enemies) that without the blessing of the internet we would never have met.

Facebook offers its members the ability to start their own group where they can discuss whatever topic they wish. There are limitations that Facebook enforces but as long as you keep the porn, racism, and hate mongering out of your group they will let you do what you want.

There is a group on Facebook that I cannot identify because it is a secret group. To join this particular group you must be invited by someone who is already a member and the group admin must approve your request. Because of the sensitivity of the secrecy and anonymity of a blogger I cannot reveal the name of this group, nor can I identify anything that would let you know what this group is all about or the kind of people that are members of this group.

Recently a comment was made about a particular man who claims to be an evangelist. And I readily admit that he may be employed as an evangelist, however, I'm told his background is that of a zoologist. I don't have any issues with someone who loves the Lord and allows the Holy Spirit to guide them as they study about Jesus. So the argument that he isn't a theologian, he is a zoologist doesn't hold water with me.

I have a friend who lives in a different state than I do. She began listening to this particular man and became enraptured with his ministry. When she learned that I had left the Seventh-day Adventist church she couldn't hold back her fears for me because she had also been taught that the Adventist church was the only true church and only Adventists would be in heaven. (Yes I know, many Adventists will claim that the church doesn't teach that but they are in denial. The concept of eating a glass salad sandwich is something they might, to their own detriment, believe to be truth. Again, eating glass is not healthy. Don't try it.)

My friend told me about this so-called evangelist and begged me to just listen to one sermon of his. Which one? Any one. Any one of his sermons would lead me to a god that I would want to follow. To please my friend I agreed to listen to something of his. I went to YouTube and found a random sermon by this guy and notice the case I used in this paragraph when I stated that any one of his sermons would lead me to a god that I would want to follow.

Our home is a place where we want heavenly angels, and even God Himself, to feel comfortable visiting and they are welcome here anytime. Remember this statement.

This random sermon that I began listening to was a sermon where he was giving his personal testimony. I don't remember the story, however, I do remember him talking about being involved in the occult and he told stories of encounters he'd had with demons. While listening to him I could sense the presence of something evil in my home. It was like my home was suddenly filled with a terrifying darkness.

My memory is bad but in this case it served me well. I remembered hearing Dr. Tim Jennings of comeandreason.com teaching about how our brains will respond to even our thoughts. He said that by the use of PET scans they found that when a person physically plays the piano and when the same person only imagines playing the piano the brain will respond identically in both situations. I was intrigued about that enough to try to locate information on the internet to verify this. While I was unable to locate the piano study, I did find studies that showed the brain will respond to imagination the same as it responds to reality.

I realized that this darkness I was experiencing was caused by the stories this guy was telling. He was relating what he had done and the response he got. In my mind I could see the story he told which gave those demons the opening they needed to come into my home. This was unacceptable and I turned off the video and asked God to remove those evil things. I have not listened to any more sermons by this guy and have no intention of doing so.

That's the story of my encounter with this particular preacher. But the interesting thing is that this guy was the topic of discussion and pastors were claiming that his teachings were false yet he believed they were true therefore they were true. One person even defended him by claiming that he had baptized a large amount of people into their denomination (SDA) therefore his theology was correct even though it was false.

What more can I say about this guy or the people who are defending him other than to offer them a sandwich filled with glass slivers and tell them it won't harm them. If I believe it won't harm anyone then it won't harm them. (Again, do not try that. Eating glass is not safe.)

Someone posted a blog about this guy in that particular discussion that I wanted to share. Since I didn't write it I contacted the person who did write it and received permission to share the article. However, he asked me to keep his identity confidential.

I'm still trying to wrap my mind around some of the kernels of wisdom shared in some of the comments here. For example, the idea that Veith isn't lying/preaching lies if he sincerely believes them to be the truth. That is really a beautiful, powerful concept. I wish I had known this revelation before now because life and ministry could have been so much easier.

Just think about it. Jimmy Swaggart (pre-1988) was the most popular preacher on television. He had style, charisma, and a forceful message against sin and worldliness. His music was top-notch (and still is), and even Andrews seminary professors have said in their preaching classes that nobody could ever give a gospel appeal as powerfully as Swaggart could back in the day. Granted, he was cavorting with prostitutes while calling everyone else to repentance, but he sincerely believed that God would overlook his sin because of the high standard he was calling everyone else to. He sincerely believed it, so that means it must have been true.

I mentioned the other day in a comment on another post about someone I know who is a flat-earther. True, she studied at West Point and graduated with the hopes of working for NASA as an astronaut, but now she sincerely believes the earth to be flat. That makes it true. She also believes that the coronavirus doesn't exist but is actually a conspiracy by the government and Bill Gates to use 5G cell phone towers to give people flu-like symptoms to make them think they have the nonexistent coronavirus. She sincerely believes it, so it must be true and cannot be a lie.

Let me get into the political realm for a moment without endorsing any candidate or political party. Recently I saw a YouTube video of a woman named Gail Chord Schuler who was announcing her candidacy for President of the United States in the upcoming election. In the video, she appealed to former Democratic candidates Tulsi Gabbard and Bernie Sanders, as well as President Trump himself, to endorse her for the coming election. In exchange for their endorsements, she is offering Gabbard the opportunity to be her vice presidential running mate and wants Bernie to serve as her secretary of health and human services. She also would like Donald Trump to serve as her press secretary because of how well he deals with the public media. She thinks that she will win the election by a landslide because, by their endorsement of her for the office, all

votes for President Trump and any write-in votes for Bernie Sanders or Tulsi Gabbard will automatically be transferred to her. This is, after all, how she also won the 2016 election and Trump is only her puppet. Her election as US President in 2016 was actually no big deal, however, because she had already become Empress of the United States in 2014 because her DNA is made up of a combination of the DNA of Catherine the Great and King David. She is married to the actor Brent Spiner of Star Trek fame, and don't you believe any of his denials of this. The man denying this isn't really him, but is instead a robotic clone created by the Jesuits. She's also dating actors Matthew McConaughey and Gerard Butler, as well as Vladimir Putin, and along with Spiner the five of them are waging a relentless war against the Jesuits and their UFO technology that has created millions of robot clones across the world and has even made sentient tacos and burritos that live on the moon. So what if she's a paranoid schizophrenic? She sincerely believes all of these things and so that makes them true.

What about Roman Catholicism? Some Catholics sincerely believe the pope to be god on earth, so it must be true. They sincerely believe that the priest has the authority to absolve them of their sins, so it must be true. They sincerely believe the communion emblems to be the literal body and blood of Jesus, so it must be true. They can't possibly be lies because they sincerely believe them.

I think I've made my point and need not continue my sarcasm any further. I cannot understand how any Seventh-day Adventist minister could honestly think that truth vs. lie is determined simply by whether or not the person uttering the lie knows it to be a lie or sincerely believes it to be true. The truth is that it doesn't matter whether Jimmy Swaggart is sincere in his erroneous beliefs or not because they are still wrong (lies) whether he believes them or not. The truth is that the earth is a sphere and it makes no difference how sincerely a flat-earther believes the earth to be flat (lie). It doesn't matter how much Gail Chord Schuler believes herself to have won the 2016 presidential election (lie), Donald Trump won the election and is the president. It doesn't matter how sincerely she believes Brent Spiner to be her husband (lie) and Gerard Butler, Matthew McConaughey, and Vladimir Putin to be her boyfriends (lies), they are not. It doesn't matter how sincerely she believes it to be the truth, in reality the Jesuits have not used UFO technology to create sentient tacos and burritos to live on the moon (lie). She sincerely believes all of these

things with all her heart, but all the sincerity in the world will never get rid of the fact that she is delusional. And likewise, it doesn't matter how sincere Walter Veith is in his belief in all of his various conspiracy theories, he is also delusional and is lying whether he knows it or not. And how dare we as a church condone, let alone promote, the propagation of what we know to be lies whether Veith personally believes them or not. Even if he doesn't know better, WE DO, and the condemnation of God will be fully deserved on any church leader who knowingly allows this man to continue lying to the public in order to gain converts for the church.

Some people are saying that Veith has changed. I say prove it. Show us where we can find where he not only preaches grace and lifts up Jesus for more than one sermon in a monthlong series but does so consistently. More importantly, show us where he has denounced and repudiated his former preaching and apologizes to God and to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the total embarrassment he has been with his counterfeit message for so many years. And to the conference president who posted comments here that Walter Veith is the most successful evangelist in your country and has led more people to Jesus than most of the rest of us in this discussion put together, I say Hooey! Your sincere belief in that statement doesn't stop it from being a lie. It cannot possibly be the truth. Why? Because based on the evidence he has provided thus far through his videos and articles, Veith doesn't qualify for the title evangelist at all. The word "evangelist" comes from the Greek word Ευαγγελιον which means good news. In order for Walter Veith to be an evangelist then the primary message he teaches must be good news. But it isn't, and his cult followers do not listen to him with the expectation of hearing good news. They want to hear the sensationalism and ridiculously conspiratorial counterfeit of the gospel that he's been giving them for years. I can show you right now a back-and-forth debate between a pastor and a Veith disciple who actually argues that "it isn't Veith's mission to preach Christ and Him crucified" in a pitiful attempt to try and defend him! I realize that he didn't make that claim for himself, but it is unfortunately a far-too-typical example of how his own followers perceive his "ministry" and what they expect of him. That is the REAL fruit of his ministry, not some large numbers of baptisms that you tout, and shame on you for enabling him and allowing it to continue under the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thankfully I don't work for you and, therefore, have nothing to fear by upsetting you with the truth.

Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me.

Earlier I said to remember that our home is a place where we want heavenly angels, and even God Himself, to feel comfortable visiting and they are welcome here anytime. Thanks to my friend I was introduced to a man that under the guise of teaching about God was instead bringing demons into my home. Thanks to modern technology and Dr. Jennings who spilled the beans on how our brains work, I know to not allow anything by this so-called evangelist into my home or anywhere near my ears.

“While it is true that we are free to believe what we want to believe, it is also true that not everything is healthy to believe.” – Tim Jennings, M.D.

And here I also stand, defending the Creator God from what the organized religions are claiming him to be. I can do no other. God help me.

Hannah

Diseased Imaginations Misrepresent God --- There are persons with diseased imaginations who do not rightly represent the religion of Christ, such have not the pure religion of the Bible. Some are scourging themselves all through life because of their sins, all they can see is an offended God of justice. Christ and His redeeming power through the merits of His blood they fail to see. Such have no faith. This class are generally those who have not well-balanced minds. – Ellen White, 1 MCP 291.3

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