



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

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## My Brain is Burnt

Brain dead yet still awake. And why not? It's only 9:18 p.m. I don't go to bed until my cat comes and insists that I go to bed and that's around midnight. She actually hovers about and meows until I say the magic words, "Wanna go to bed wif Mommy?" Then she runs to the bedroom and impatiently waits while I do the few things I need to do before getting in bed. I just barely get the covers over me before she's on top of me waiting for her pat on the head. I sorta think that's her way of tucking me in.

I've been struggling with depression the last few days and she must have sensed it. She stayed nearby and even slept beside or on me most of the time I slept. The depression lifted this afternoon and I went back to work on that new writing project.

Want to know how to yank my chain? Just let me uncover another place where we have been blatantly lied to and I'll get upset. And I uncovered a good one today. I was so upset that I stormed into my kitchen and.... cleaned it. What? Did you think I was going to admit to stuffing my face because I was angry? There was a time I would have done that but hopefully that's behind me now. And when Elkanah got home he found a tidy kitchen.

He also found that I was still fuming. I sat down and unloaded on him what I had uncovered. I had mentioned it earlier in my Facebook group. In the first chapter of this textbook that I'm ripping apart they are telling us that the Bible is infallible and God has protected it from having been changed or altered in any way. Their

proof was flimsy. But they shot themselves in the foot and probably didn't catch it. Considering what they are trying to make us believe they would have never let this one slip through.

What did they do? They asked a question about how much care the scribes gave to their work when copying the Bible. I can remember in class this very teaching. The teacher taught that the scribes the book is talking about are the ones who were living and working in caves. They were hiding and producing pieces of the Bible for others to take into the world and secretly pass out to anyone who would accept them.

So they made a nice little pitch on how the Bible is infallible then asked the question about the care the scribes took in their copying. Whenever the writers of this textbook asked a question they would provide the answer so we wouldn't need to look it up. Here's a portion of what they provided:

“As a prevention against further errors the scribes counted the number of verses....”

Did you catch it? Did you see it or are you still so brainwashed that it slipped right past you? If the Bible had no errors why did the scribes have to take action to prevent “further” errors? That word “further” shouts out a magnitude of information.

The book they quoted from was written by someone that I don't believe was an Adventist. It was first published in... I think it was 1907. Google Books is selling it but the book is in the public domain and there is a website that was offering a free PDF version of this book. The little bit of it that I read was fascinating. I put pages 24-30 into my writing to show that Mr. Ira M. Price did not believe the Bible was without mistakes. In fact, he pointed out many mistakes and offered explanations for how they got there.

Mr. Price's book was edited by a group called The Sunday School something. This would indicate it isn't an Adventist book. For those of you that are older and remember taking the class Bible Docs, think back. Did your academy allow any non-Adventist theological books into their library? We didn't have access to the internet because it hadn't been invented yet. (Dinosaurs may have still been around in remote places.) This book they used to prove the accuracy of the Bible was not readily available to us. The only information we had from this book is what the writers of the Bible Doc's textbook wanted us to see. And what they showed us was only a snippet that was used to convey something opposite from what the author had intended.

I felt and still feel despair when I think how many thousands of people have been affected by the writers of this textbook. We were taught that we had to believe it and cling to that belief on pain of hellfire if we ever walked away from it. But we can't be angry at the writers of the textbook or those who taught this faulty information to us. They were probably just as brainwashed as we were and didn't know any better. At least, let's hope that. Let's hope they didn't pass along these doctrines of devils intentionally.

This is something that is very important and you need to know: A knowledge of what is written in the Bible won't get you into heaven. You need to know Jesus and accept the truth about the Father. The truth is that he is just like Jesus. He loves us and we can trust him with our very lives. He doesn't want to hurt us. He is in the business of saving us not trying to destroy us. Yes, he's angry. But he's angry at sin which is destroying his creation. It's sin that is destroying us, not God. Knowing the stories of the Bible is good and all, but knowing the One it's written about is what it's all about.

OK, time to get off the soapbox. There's some strange music coming from outside. Elkanah just got out of bed and came to ask if I could hear it. I'm going to turn off some lights and look out the window to see what's going on. Elkanah said it sounds like kids music. I think it sounds like a carnival.

Much love to all of you and to all a good-night.

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