



3 Persons, 2 Commandments, 1 Command and Its Fruit

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Many Americans now live in fear and anticipation of what to expect next. Some people have lost their trust in politicians and their government. They have turned to prayer and their religious beliefs to find answers. On the other side of the world, there exists the same situation, including with the enemy. Many have come to believe that this is the Armageddon of the Bible.

For this reason, I am writing this essay in the hope that it will bring encouragement and enlightenment for America and the rest of humanity, including myself. My style of writing is both religious and political, for one is the root and the latter is the fruit. I believe this is the style of the future. Many political and religious leaders utilize this type of rhetoric, including President Bush. The attack on the World Trade Center was both religiously and politically motivated. Therefore, we must have an understanding of both to arrive at some answers.

I would like to first address my political views and state that I have not lost faith in my government, because our government is really ourselves, and I will never lose faith in us. It is "We the People" who make up this government, and it is "We the People" who will lose it. The lack of Unity and Commitment as a people is what let us down, not our leaders, for they are people too. Let's not point the finger at others but rather let us look at ourselves. But, we must not dwell on the past. Let's move on and commit, as individuals, to each other through our government by attending our nearest agency which enhances our community and, in turn, will enhance our national community as a whole and finally the world.

Like my political views, I would like to address my religious ideologies so that my fruits will have their roots and I will be complete.

In my first essay, I stated that America is very religious, predominately Christian. I am also aware that there are many non-Christian religions that are part of America. In my Christian upbringing, I have come to learn that those other religions are also a part of the family of God. For a Christian is not one who loves Jesus the person, but a true Christian is one who loves Jesus' cause/ideology, whether he is a Moslem, Christian, Hindu or whatever; it makes no difference. Mahatma Gandhi, who was not a Christian, was more Christian (in the true sense of the word) than many Christians of today.

The "Present World Crisis" arose from political but predominately religious issues. You can safely say that it is a "Spiritual Crisis". In order to understand this particular crisis, you must go to its roots. I would like to begin with the roots of Osama bin Laden and Islam.

Osama bin Laden is a very religious man and his Bible is the Koran and its many commandments. Osama bin Laden's Jesus is "Mohammed the Prophet". According to bin Laden, Mohamed is his strength, light and savior. Mohammed the Prophet was a great visionary and saw where Judaism and Christianity

was not offering the world a solution which would have made his world a less violent place, 600 years after Jesus Christ. Out of Mohammed's world crisis, the Koran was born. Mohammed was greatly influenced by the Judeo-Christian Bible. Many passages from the Judeo-Christian Bible can be found in the Koran.

Judaism and Christianity are the parents of Islam. To understand an offspring's characteristics, we might find some answers by understanding the parents and their background. I believe, in this particular case, one should start at the wedding of the parents, preferably with the groom, for in most cases it is the father who is responsible for the family.

My attempt is to hopefully bring about a new spirit/ideology into the world in the hopes that it will reach all humanity, including Osama bin Laden and his followers. I believe this spirit/ideology will expose the spirit/ideology of all men. It remains to be seen whether Osama bin Laden and his terrorist followers have the spirit of Mohammed, for I believe that Mohammed would not have done what they have done!

It is not Osama bin Laden or his followers that one must stop, rather one must expose his spirit/ideology. Stopping them physically may only enhance terrorism and influence others to join in. Weapons of mass destruction will not affect terrorism or the mind of Osama bin Laden and his followers or those that come after him with that same spirit.

One must keep in mind that Osama bin Laden is a preacher who conveys a spirit/ideology. I believe it will take a preacher with a spirit/ideology to meet and match him. For a spirit is what is needed to combat a spirit. I believe that the Spirit is the 3rd person of the God-Head/Trinity that comes forth by the preaching of the ideology of Jesus Christ who is the groom and the father of Islam. And it is he who must admonish his son and his bride, Christianity. We must go back to him, pre-Christianity, not just in a political sense, but also in a religious sense. Then, we will realize that Osama bin Laden's roots can be traced back to the lack of understanding of the one command honored by Jesus Christ. It will be clear, that if this one command had been understood, bin Laden would not be what he is today, nor would Terrorism. I will now attempt to explain how, but one must keep in mind that this whole crisis is religiously orientated and one must preach to be an equal. I believe the right preaching is what is needed, not guns, to combat Terrorism. For if one does not preach, this whole crisis will not be understood and the one who does not preach will not be able to stand.

In order for one to understand, one must have a general knowledge of Mark 12:28-34 and the whole of chapter 15 in St. John particularly verses 12 and 13; along with Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 and Leviticus 19: 18. These chapters and verses can be found in the Judeo-Christian Bible.

Now travel back with me, past the creation of the Koran, and before Christianity to the city of Jerusalem.

Let us begin in the temple courts when a teacher of the Jewish law/ Religion came to Jesus and asked him which of the many commandments in the Jewish religion was the greatest commandment. This teacher did not ask which commandments (plural), but which commandment (singular) was the greatest. He asked for one. But Jesus gave him two. To love God with all your heart, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself are two separate commands. One is in Deuteronomy Chapter 6 verses 4, 5 and the other is in Leviticus Chapter 19 verse 18. I believe Jesus' preferred command is from Leviticus and that is, to love your neighbor as yourself. He added it to the Jewish teacher's one command which was to love God with all your heart, mind and strength (located in Deuteronomy), because it was an understanding that was lacking in his generation and in the Jewish Religion. Then the teacher of the law added that those two commandments are more important than the whole of his Religion.

When Jesus saw that the teacher of the Jewish /religion answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven." This teacher of the Jewish Religion did not have yet a mature

understanding of the will of God/Allah, but at the same time he was far ahead of his contemporaries. The teacher of the law had narrowed his religion to two commandments, with just one to go.

On the last night of his life Jesus had every opportunity to state to his apostles that they should love God with all their heart, mind, and strength, but he never mentioned any other command but to love each other as I have loved you followed by his explanation of the greatest fruit of that love in that nothing would be greater than when one would die for his friends. Within twenty-four hours, Jesus demonstrated that love by saving his friends from being arrested with him when he told the roman soldiers “Take me, but let them go”. (St. John 13:8)

In its historical setting, the saying, “Jesus saved us,” refers really to the immediate apostles and the whole of the Jewish Nation. Jesus turning himself over had stopped the roman army from fulfilling the abomination that causes desolation that he predicted would happen in his generation. But, the continual rejection by Judaism of the one command finally led to its destruction in A.D. 70 by the Roman army. What followed was the capture of the whole known world by the many commandments of Christianity in the reign of Constantine the Great, the first great Antichrist.

One of these two commandments is the fulfillment of the two. One is the root and the other is the fruit. Jesus taught us the fruit so we/humanity may be complete.

His superior one command is “To love one another as I have loved you,” and with this in practice, we will love God/Allah with all our heart, mind and strength. The way to reach God/Allah is through humanity and the way God/Allah reaches us is through humanity. If we/humanity are made in his image and have received the Holy Spirit, then we/humanity are the 3rd person of the trinity, whether we are Moslem, Christian, Hindu or whatever, it makes no difference. Jesus himself even states in scripture that we are Gods in St. John Chapter 10 verse 34. There is nothing wrong with this concept, for to give God his worth is giving God worship, and to give humanity worth is also giving humanity a form of worth-ship.

Jesus wanted one religion with one command, which in truth would not be a religion at all. Understanding this one command is the only ideology/system that will not capture us. It is the only command that God/Allah wants us to obey. It is the only command that will enable us to **stand in the presence of the Almighty and the Son of Man**. Jesus said you can blaspheme him and be forgiven, but if you speak badly about the 3rd person/cause/humanity, “You will never be forgiven!”

Humanity has been caught up in too much religion. Loving God with all your heart, mind and strength sounds beautiful and correct, but it leads to ethical distortions and misunderstandings. The terrorist who attacked the world trade center had great zeal for Allah/God, but in the wrong way! They demonstrated the love of Jesus and laid down their lives for their friends, but in the wrong manner! Terrorism has no solutions, for the kingdom of Allah/God is in the grasp of human attainment, without violence.

Many religions come from this misunderstanding. Many have roots but no true fruits in the way Jesus commands. This misunderstanding leads to being captured by an ideology, belief or system. This misunderstanding of the “One Command” leads to an Osama bin Laden! It is done.

NOTE: Freely receive, freely give. Please give this to a friend and an enemy.