"I did not come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

"At the Last Time There Will Be Mockers"

"We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God. If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention" (2 Corinthians 4:2-3 Paraphrased in The Message).

We received the following response to The Muslim Scourge:

I've been reading your articles for awhile now, but only because I get a little laugh from it each day. I find it funny that if I claim to know God or I am saved, or however you describe it, you'll say I'm not and then you find some crap to "try" and point out that I'm wrong...what makes you think that you're the only person in the world that's right about this....billions of people and you think you're of the handful of "knowing" people? What makes this funny is that you actually believe the crap you write. LOL. You think the words of the bible are so clear and you take them to be literal. They may be the word of God, but he didn't write it...how many reporters are ever correct. None of them make mistakes, through being mis-heard, mis-understood, or mistakes in translation? Take me off your email list...your jokes are no longer funny...and if there is a heaven I'll be there...I had a vision and I play golf with the gate keeper every Thursday.

I already know what you're thinking and what you'll say, but I pity you and your cult because when your physical existence here on earth is done and you find out that you're in the exact same position trying to be saved like everyone else, you'll feel pretty stupid. At the same time, I can't blame you because I'm sure that you truly believe in these delusions that you have and that's faith...and that's what makes life worth living, so take care. Some advice (if you can handle it). You want the truth??? YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!!! Don't be so quick to judge and say other people are wrong...that's why I'm saying that if you believe the stuff you're saying then great, but don't tell me that you honestly think you see things clearer than others or have some sort of secret knowledge of the world.

Anyways, I've wasted way too much time. See you in Heaven...if they let you in!!! LOL

The Real Speaker of Truth

Our reply:
Hi Brett,

I do not buy into or believe your bravado. You are covering over the fact that you really do not know what you are talking about, and that, whereas we do know, and have assurance of what we say, you cannot stand 100%, if even 50%, behind what you say. I am not talking about casual opinion, but a staking-of-your-life-on-it assurance. You really don't know which end is up, and what to make of these things. And you are only fooling yourself, if you are even doing that, when you talk of being amused. What you are finding is not amusement so much as perplexity and irritation with the things you hear, which you cannot refute, but do not believe or understand either. That is because you love your sins more than truth.

You exclaim to us, "YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!!!" What are you talking about? You haven't told us anything other than that you do not agree with us. So what exactly is it that you think we cannot handle? You have not given us anything other than your say-so to consider. Isn't it the other way around, that you cannot handle what we have to say? How else is it that you could be deriding and rejecting our words, without providing anything to substantiate your refutation? I will further show you what I am talking about, by replying within your letter to the various inane and ungrounded assertions found there.

But first, you should know, as a long time reader of The Issues of Life, that we spell things out and give specifics when examining and refuting a charge, whereas detractors, such as yourself, simply make charges without substance. You say you are "The Real Speaker of Truth"? Then you should have no problem answering some specific things I have to say within your letter. And if you are "The Real Speaker of Truth," you will be able to prove it. If you can prove it, I will believe you, because why would I, as a son of Truth, not believe Him? I would be thankful for your correction, if you could correct us in anything. However, while you may be speaking tongue in cheek about your position, I am not, because I do hear His Voice, and you do not speak with it. Though He is hidden from those perishing, such as yourself, He is very real and alive, and here with us. Neither is He a jokester. This is a life and death matter, though you do not treat it that way. You have some serious sobering up to do for the times that are barreling down the tracks, quickly headed your way.

On to your letter:

"I've been reading your articles for awhile now, but only because I get a little laugh from it each day. I find it funny that if I claim to know God or I am saved, or however you describe it, you'll say I'm not and then you find some crap to "try" and point out that I'm wrong...what makes you think that you're the only person in the world that's right about this....billions of people and you think you're of the handful of "knowing" people?"

Paul: Correct me if I am wrong, but you are not one who believes the Biblical record, or professes to know God, aside from your cynical posturing here. Am I right? I ask
because you are obviously ignorant of the Scriptures, and I am willing to give the benefit of a doubt and chalk that up to simply not being acquainted with them. That is fine, but you must know that your random thoughts and observations about spiritual life, of which you are as ignorant as is an ape of building a log home, have no credibility or semblance to reality. It is OK to not know, but ignorant and stupid to act as if you do. It is also wicked.

We speak from the Scriptures as authoritative, because we have met the Author, Who has opened our minds and hearts to receive the truth and to walk in it. This is not head knowledge, but "regime change." Now, I bring all of this up because even if we said that we are the only people in the world that are right, which we have not (a false accusation), Jesus compared the last days to the days of Noah. In Noah's day there was one man, and his family, that believed and was saved - in the whole earth. No doubt you would have ridiculed him, too. You do even now. Here is what the Lord said:

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the day of the Son of man" (Luke 17:26 BBE).

It is a common theme in the Bible that a remnant is saved.

"And Isaiah says about Israel, Even if the number of the children of Israel is as the sand of the sea, only a small part will get salvation: For the Lord will give effect to His Word on the earth, putting an end to it and cutting it short. And, as Isaiah had said before, If the Lord of armies had not given us a seed, we would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah" (Romans 9:27-29 BBE).

So it has been in this age of seeding. And mark this: We do not sow without hope of the harvest to come.

As far as knowledge is concerned, many people know many things. We are not debating knowledge, but speaking applicable truth. There was much knowledge in Noah's day, too, but God was and is judging the hearts of men. That is a good thing, not an evil one, as you think and act, calling it "crap." Without judgment, men will continue to go on in error, thinking evil, as you do here, and acting in ways that bring destruction on all. You only increase your own shame and rob yourself of the goodness to come by mocking. The plan is that all will eventually be judged, learning that there is a better way. In the meanwhile, you can ridicule the messengers, but how will you do when ridiculing the flood coming on you and the ungodly?

**Brett:** "What makes this funny is that you actually believe the crap you write. LOL. You think the words of the bible are so clear and you take them to be literal."

**Paul:** Are you saying that you do not believe what you write? I have already noted that, when "push comes to shove," you do not. Seeing that you do not know, it is better to simply admit it, and hold your judgment until you do know. But what is it
that we have actually said that you find to be “crap”? How about an example of something? What are we supposed to glean from this, without knowing specifically what you are talking about? Your observation is disembodied, and therefore rendered inert, meaningless. You go on to say that we think the Bible is clear, and that we take it literally. That is another false and unproven accusation, which has no basis in anything, nor does it make a counterpoint that is instructive or helpful. What exactly is your point?

Brett: "They may be the word of God, but he didn't write it...how many reporters are ever correct."

Paul: The first two portions are correct, except there is no "may" about it; it is the Word of God. That being the case, it is correct. That is simple logic, Brett, and also the truth.

"First, you must understand this: No prophecy in Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction" (2 Peter 1:20-21 GW).

Has there been tampering? Yes. Are there errors of translations, etc....? Yes. That is not a problem. That is why God gives us His Spirit. We are not superstitiously following the Book; we are being led by the living God, Who illuminates the spiritual truths contained therein. And which errors are you accusing us of following? Be specific, all-wise one! But you think that spiritual truth is a bunch of "crap," so are you going to b.s. us some more? How dark it is in your grave! Yet you are laughing. The days are coming where you will be crying, and that will be a good thing for you.

Brett: "None of them make mistakes, through being mis-heard, mis-understood, or mistakes in translation? Take me off your email list...your jokes are no longer funny...and if there is a heaven I'll be there...I had a vision and I play golf with the gate keeper every Thursday."

Paul: You are removed from the list. The rest has been addressed.

Brett: "I already know what you're thinking and what you'll say, but I pity you and your cult because when your physical existence here on earth is done and you find out that you're in the exact same position trying to be saved like everyone else, you'll feel pretty stupid. At the same time, I can't blame you because I'm sure that you truly believe in these delusions that you have and that's faith...and that's what makes life worth living, so take care. Some advice (if you can handle it). You want the truth??? YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!!! Don't be so quick to judge and say other people are wrong...that's why I'm saying that if you believe the stuff you're saying then great, but don't tell me that you honestly think you see things clearer than others or have some sort of secret knowledge of the world."
Paul: As I said earlier, you do not know what the Scriptures teach, nor do you know the power of God. True faith, which comes from Him, is not delusion! It is Light, Truth, the power of God! Any other kind of faith, whether impressive or not, does not make life worth living. It may seem right, but the Bible says that it brings death, not life.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25 LiTV).

Ignorance is not bliss! It is a fool's paradise. That is why we are sent to speak, as I have already told you. As for your denial that some can see some things better than others, or see them when others do not, how can you say such a thing does not exist? In the 1930's Winston Churchill, who was warning the British parliament and people about the dangers and intentions of German Nazism, was relegated to a position of no importance or relevance because he was not believed. Yet he saw what was coming. That was in the natural realm.

As for us seeing what is happening in the spiritual realm, that, once again, is what is considered natural, not extraordinary, for those whom God has given His Spirit, and who walk with Him:

"But he that is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no man. For who has known the mind of the LORD, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:15-16 EMTV).

But is there faith found on earth today? Jesus asked the question, rhetorically:

"But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8 GW)

And this was written about those who think and speak as do you:

"Having first of all the knowledge that in the last days there will be men who, ruled by their evil desires, will make sport of holy things, saying, Where is the hope of His coming? From the death of the fathers till now everything has gone on as it was from the making of the world. But in taking this view they put out of their minds the memory that in the old days there was a heaven, and an earth lifted out of the water and circled by water, by the Word of God; and that the world which then was came to an end through the overflowing of the waters. But the present heaven and the present earth have been kept for destruction by fire, which is waiting for them on the day of the judging and destruction of evil men" (2 Peter 3:3-7 BBE).

Brett: "Anyways, I've wasted way too much time. See you in Heaven...if they let you in!!! LOL"
Paul: Whatever "real speakers of truth" have to say is not wasted, though it is not believed by the blind and foolish. That is because "real speakers of truth" speak from Heaven, from the throne of Him Who promises:

"So will My word be which goes out of My mouth: it will not come back to Me with nothing done, but it will give effect to My purpose, and do that for which I have sent it" (Isaiah 55:11 BBE).

Brett: "The Real Speaker of Truth"

Paul: "Woe to you who are full! For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now! For you shall mourn and weep" (Luke 6:25).

Brett, Victor here.

We happen to be some of the very few who do know what they are talking about. What sin is it that we touched on that pricked your conscience (in The Muslim Scourge)? Sexual perversion?

Here is what God has to say to you:

"To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for the LORD. Stupid people have no respect for wisdom and refuse to learn" (Proverbs 1:7).

"I have been calling you, inviting you to come, but you would not listen. You paid no attention to Me. You have ignored all My advice and have not been willing to let Me correct you. So when you get into trouble, I will laugh at you. I will make fun of you when terror strikes--- when it comes on you like a storm, bringing fierce winds of trouble, and you are in pain and misery. Then you will call for Wisdom, but I will not answer. You may look for Me everywhere, but you will not find Me. You have never had any use for knowledge and have always refused to obey the LORD. You have never wanted My advice or paid any attention when I corrected you. So then, you will get what you deserve, and your own actions will make you sick. Inexperienced people die because they reject Wisdom. Stupid people are destroyed by their own lack of concern. But whoever listens to Me will have security. He will be safe, with no reason to be afraid" (Proverbs 1:24-33).

It does not cease to amaze me how brute beasts can speak without substance, without fact, yet be so brazen and proud of what they have to say, as though they are geniuses and sages of the century. You have opinion and arrogance but nothing more, like a hot air balloon with a silly face painted on it, with words written, "I have a brain." Your mouth manifests your ignorance, your cynicism, your stupidity, and yet you think you have something worthwhile to say! Stupid fellow! Wait and see what comes, and then we will see how humorous it seems to you.
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