

Christianity: What Should It Do With a New Situation?

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Is the Christian doctrine espoused by contemporary Christians really the true meaning of Christ? What is the basic doctrine of Christ? How should believers believe in and practice Christian doctrine? This article analyzes this and distinguishes between the faithful of Christ and that of the church, two types of believers who are similar in form but not identical in nature.

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Well, let's have a talk about Christianity. Christianity here refers to the Christian religion, that is, those who profess to be in Christ and the same kinds of religions.

Let's start with the point that, as far as I can see, most of the Christians are pseudo-Christians, or that they are only Christians of the Church, not Christians of Christ. If you don't understand the difference between the twos, go and see the movie "The Mission" (1986) first, and I'll explain.

Do the Pre-Jesus Christ Doctrines of the Old Testament Count as the Spirit of Christ or the Christian Faith?

Well, when I first came into contact with Christianity and read the Bible, I also had the question, why, in history and until now, many Christian doctrines have been so concrete and rigid that they are unacceptable to modern people and have led to many evils and sufferings in human history. Until recently, when the Bible was re-read, there was a sense of enlightenment that most of the Christian spirit preached in the Church was not the true Christ spirit, in other words, that the Christian spirit promoted by Jesus was in fact abused by the Church and by those controlled by the Church.

Let's start with the question: Do the pre-Jesus Christ doctrines of the Old Testament count as the spirit of Christ or the Christian faith? To put it another way: Is "Star Wars Prequel" part of "Star Wars"? Is your previous generation's thought your own? The answer is obvious not. The Old Testament is only the background to Christ's mission, not its spirit itself, so it should be left to the Jews, particularly the fundamentalist Jews, to abide by, and to historians and religious scholars to study it.

Another thing to say here is that Jews claim to be God's voters, but it's clear that they don't understand what voters mean. At least that was illustrated by the birth of Jesus as a Jew among the Jews. Voters mean more talent and wealth that God has given (more spiritual wealth, considering the Jewish contribution to human philosophy and thought), but more responsibility for salvation. If you simply profit from yourself or your own organization (such as lending usury and manipulating others with ideological advantage) over other peoples or cultures, and

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that is to give up the duty of being a voter of God and become a voter of demons, then the reincarnation of the disasters and humiliations suffered by the Jews in their history will come again, as they have done twice before, and will be even harsher.

But some believers of Christianity will say: Jesus in the Bible recognized the covenants of the Old Testament and asked his followers to abide by them. But you say here that the Old Testament does not belong to the spirit of Christ, is it right? In China there is an old saying, "Listen to what he says and then verify what he does." That means no matter what he said, but more important is how he did it. There is not much in the Gospel of the Apostles in the New Testament that Christ adheres to the dogmas of the Old Testament, but rather there are many records that show that he violated and broke with old customs. Jesus, for example, seemed contradictory in his interpretation of his and his followers' violations of Jewish rules during the Sabbath and during fasting. And the most immediate and obvious should be what Jesus said when the people demanded stoning of the promiscuous woman (Gospel of John, 8:3-7). This is in fact a direct violation of Moses's Ten Commandments, because if all the perpetrators of stoning are guilty and cannot carry it out, then stoning itself is not necessary to exist, and more broadly, if all the perpetrators of punishment are guilty and cannot carry it out, then all the punishment is not necessary to actually exist. And remember what Jesus said? Jesus said, "I don't condemn you, go, and don't sin again." Jesus himself has no sin, but he also forgives the woman, which is very different from those who are guilty. It shows that Jesus, as an innocent person, can still forgive the guilty. What about being a sinful Christian? What is the reason to punish other sinners according to the old Jewish law? Isn't it also the embodiment of Jesus' great love?¹

In reality, to this day, stoning of men and women who are alleged to have lost their virginity is still prevalent in the Middle East and Africa, mainly by Islamists, but based on the standards of crimes committed thousands of years ago. It is added that it is not Christianity, nor Judaism, but Islam, that is most faithful to the implementation of the Old Testament, which is not in fact a matter of religious belief that respects doctrine, but rather of the level of regional economic and social and cultural development. The stagnation of social development in the Middle East makes it easier for people here to retain the original systems and social norms, which makes it necessary to preserve and prevail even after Christians and Jews have renounced this primitive punishment, especially in remote areas where economic and social culture is backward. Africa, on the other hand, is affected by its proximity to the Middle East, just as black Americans generally have relatively high quality because of their influence on a more civilized white American culture.

Thus, Jesus' negative attitude towards the old provisions was a negative violation, which was in fact the result of the economic and social cultural developments in the eastern Mediterranean region at that time, which led the preachers to adopt a compromise and enterprising approach to the masses still in the old moral and behavioral shackles in the dissemination of new beliefs. Jesus' mastery of the old laws also made it easier to find the flaws in them, rather than to strictly abide by these taboos. Sometimes this flexibility has reached the point of hypocrisy. Jesus, for example, argued with the priests in the temple, "God's to God, Caesar's to Caesar", knowing that in Christianity, secular rulers, including Caesar himself, were also judged by God, but because of the harsh circumstances he faced, he had to say things that were safe, and that it did not give him much security. Jesus was executed not long later, indicating that Jesus' theory was rejected in the circumstances of the time, just as new ideas were now always rejected by those conservatives to backward pseudo-believers. And if the followers

¹ Paul said what he claimed to were based on revelation from Jesus (Dunn, 1993, pp.51-131), where the Christians are no longer to keep the law of the Old Testament. According to Noor, Azman bin Mohd (2010).

of later generations do not restore the specific space-time environment in which Jesus said such words at that time, then they will believe this sentence to be true, thinking that the kingdom of heaven is to heaven, secular to secular, it is also contrary to Jesus' intention. With this flexible attitude, it can also be inferred that if Jesus preached in China, he would have acted in a manner that respected the original beliefs of places such as Confucianism, as was the case with the original Jesuits. But this apparent respect and recognition must not mean that Jesus was a defender of old customs and morals, otherwise he would not have had serious conflict with rabbis and elders and would have been crucified.

What Exactly is Christ's Thought?

Since the Old Testament does not belong to Christ's thought and spirit, then what in the Bible belongs to? Or what exactly is Christ's thought? This begins with the Christian words and deeds recorded by the believers, namely, several Gospels in the New Testament, which Jesus preached before the Old Testament and some of his disciples' thoughts and records after his execution. But these Gospels are not entirely manifestations of Christ's thought and spirit, with some records to be discerned, and others likely to be altered pseudo-records.

So, what exactly is the Christian faith or the spirit of Christ? In fact, this has given more than one answer in the Gospels. Jesus was once asked what was most important to believe in God, and Jesus made two points: to love God with all one's heart and to treat others as treating oneself.

Loving God wholeheartedly does not just mean loving God religiously, it actually involves living in the same way as God, that is, sublimating one's spirit and ability with goodness and love, freeing yourself from all kinds of negative personality traits and emotions in order to better match God's demands. This requires the individual to properly abstinance, to give up all kinds of indulgence, such as the Gospels there may be Jesus' argument about promiscuity. But a Christian should note that this love is out of "yourself" and maintaining a noble virtue is "your own" business, it does not mean that when dealing with others lewd, a Christian can do indiscriminate punishment. Because abstinance is against oneself rather than against others, simply do not do those acts that harm the reasonable interests of themselves and others, which in everyone's heart has actually been set up, the so-called "the human heart is a scale", "do not forget the original intention", and so on are this truth. While the dark evil forces created all kinds of unnecessary ethics that make people lose their hearts, especially in the agricultural social stage, the primitive society of the kind of pure spiritual state associated with God destroyed. The industrial society, which is relative to the agricultural society, is a somewhat over-corrected stage, manifested in a variety of excessive and indulgence behavior, these will be corrected in the future society. The problem is that those conservatives regard the specific period and circumstances of human society as a universal and eternal human and universal values, and thus force others to accept, such as the same pattern of behavior, the same kind of good, the definition of beauty, and so on. Such ideas and behaviors are unacceptable and can easily lead to conflict and evil. Of course, it is not only traditional Christians who have such shortcomings, but also the original sins that are prevalent in other religions and believes.

To treat others as treating oneself is easy to understand. Imagine if you made a mistake or even if a very serious crime, will you easily forgive yourself, just remind you not to do it again in future? But when dealing with mistakes made by others, you are often nitpicking? Can you empathize with others when they are suffering? A Christian should treat others as if they were himself or herself, to forgive and love with maximum or no reservation, such great love is what Christ wants, and that is why Christ has the metaphor of "someone hits your left face, even the right face turns to him".

Of course, this approach to humanity is limited, because it is based on the common human nature, that is, the belief in human nature is kindness and love. But for those absolutely evil souls and some evil faith based on certain amplification of the evil side of human nature, it has no binding. But it cannot be denied that this is the ideal state that God expects human beings or requires them to do so. So, no matter what you do, how you do it, remember to do something truly good and loving with true kindness. Loving God perfectly and loving others as loving oneself are actually common, one is to face the inside and the other is to face the outside of a person, only the combination of the two will produce the effect of great love, otherwise, only emphasizing one side and giving up the other side will only lead to biased or even disastrous consequences. In the New Testament, there is only one record of Jesus' anger, which is that when he arrived in Jerusalem, he entered the temple, flipped the tables of the lenders and pigeon sellers, and thought they had insulted his father's temple. This is actually because these people violate this article of loving God with all their hearts. In other New Testament records, Jesus is seen to be merely sarcastic, anxious, and so on without anger, which is also a manifestation of his goodness and love. A good example of practicing the spirit of Christ is that not long ago, when the COVID-19 broke out in Wuhan, the writer Fang Fang was insulted for actually recording the outbreak in Wuhan, and some people even wanted to put her kneeling statue in front of Yue Fei's tomb. Some Chinese Christians offered to pay for the statue of themselves with their own expense and accompanied her. I believe that the general people with conscience will be moved by this, and feel the power of Christ's fraternity.

This belief is not unique to the spirit of Christ, but should be a quality of human beings as a whole based on human nature and universal values. Unusually, China has a similar proverb, that is, "strict self-discipline, leniency to others", which shows that many of human universal values are common. That is to say, the true Christian faith has universal values in which others, including atheists, can also find common humanity, that is, the spiritual and moral power of living beings that are more advanced than human beings, and their impact on human society. In fact, from a spiritual point of view, Jesus is a spiritual awakener, and his teachings should be the consensus of all spiritually advanced living beings, except that the human soul of the earth, which is still in a low and obscure state, is blinded and unaware of it. Of course, there are some reasons behind this, or based on certain background factors, not revealed here first. As one knows, what the higher life beings' need is to create earth humankind as a partner, a spirit that can accompany with them, spiritually connected, not a believer blowing at their feet, let alone a hostile party. In fact, as long as a person can do the two points, there is no need to care about other specific records in the Bible, because those records are not only trivial fragments, but also very likely to be tampered with. And if one can do both, he will become a spirit who is honored by God and who is with God.

As for the Christian Church, it was not established by Christ, but by the believers of Christ, and the timing and process of its establishment were disputed. In fact, Jesus also taught his disciples about it (Matthew, 20:25-28). The Church has deviated from Christ's proper path since its inception, and it is not in fact an act of great goodness and love to strike non-believers and so-called apostates. This is excusable, of course, because after all, it was sons of Men, not the Son of God, whose intelligence led them to change their faith from Christ's spiritual spirit to rigid dogmas in the New and Old Testaments. This has also happened many times in human history, when a more talented thinker has created an idea that his followers have carried out according to their own understanding, resulting in a great deal of evil, whether it be the ancient Greek thought, the French Revolution, or the thoughts of Marx and Nietzsche, which have been abused in this way, not to mention Christ's. When many senior figures in society joined the Church, especially after Christianity was established as the State Religion by the Roman Emperor, the Christian Church underwent another major transformation, that is, from the rebellious

beliefs of the lower classes to the dominant beliefs in line with the interests of the upper classes, the various religious persecutions and religious wars that followed need not be described, even in World War II there was a shadow of religious war, until now the Church's backward and conservative ideas are still swaying people's lives, including homosexuality, attitudes to abortion, and so on, which should have been determined by the free will of the person concerned. Therefore, the Christian Church does not exist to follow and embody the Christian faith, it is just a business, but this enterprise is selling spiritual products. Is it up to Christ to take responsibility? Plato said that a philosopher king should rule a country, that is, because everyone else with lower spirituality would make more mistakes when they rule with their brain powers or misunderstand in the way of other people's ideas, which is bound to happen.

What Will Christianity Do in Modern Times?

Christianity in modern times actually has an evolutionary and degrading process of development. Christianity also had some reforms and historical advances in the 1960s and 1970s, such as the convening of Christian congresses, reconciliation with the Orthodox Church, and the relaxation of religious restraints. But this is not because of the awakening of the Christian Church itself, but because the awakening and efforts of the main component of its believers, white Christians, have forced the same reform of priests in the process of change. Since then, however, and especially entering into the twenty-first century, Christianity has generally returned to backwardness and conservatism, as a result of the fact that the increasing number of the original white Christians who have withdrawn or ceased to follow the Church. As a result of their more progressive existence, the original white Christians have questioned the very existence of religion, most of which is caused by the outdated dogma of Old Testament. While this part of the vacancy has been filled by parishioners from backward regions such as Latin America, Asia, and Africa, thus reducing the overall quality of Christian fundamentals. The current Pope Francis still has a certain forward-looking vision, otherwise will not intend to promote the reasonable legalization of homosexuality and other acts, but this progress has encountered from the Holy See and congregation's backward ideas, the Pope subsequently apologized and retracted his views, in fact, it is a compromise with the backward forces in the Church. The main body that agrees and supports Trump is also part of the backward believers, plus whites who are at the bottom of society and who are conservative. It cannot be said that Christianity must develop by excluding those who have backward thought from backward regions, for Christ has said that he should be with sinners, not saints. But the purpose of doing so is to use the spirit of Christ to help and elevate those sinners, not to allow those sinners to bring Christ's thoughts and spirits down to their own level, please note this.

So, Christians need to understand that there is a difference between Christians of Christ and Christians of the Church. Christians of Christ have great kindness and great love, which means giving and sacrifice. Christians of the Church are pseudo-Christians who can do anything bad for their own benefit and do it in the name of Christ. This is a good performance in the film "The Mission" (1986). One will know how different the two are when, at the end of the film, Christians of Christ lead the indigenous people who have converted to Christ facing the guns and deaths of Christians of the Church.

Unfortunately, in today's society, Christians of the Church continue to prevail, while Christians of Christ are always in the minority, demonstrating that many Christians still have negative feelings of resentment, discrimination, etc., and interference with the free lives and wills of others, including their children, friends, and even strangers, rather than treating different thoughts and actions with aloof attitudes.

Take, for example, attitudes towards homosexuality. Homosexuality does not hit Christians of the Church in the face, but Christians of the Church hit homosexuality in the face, and this part of the Christian community is based on only some of the taboos and rules of the Old Testament, not Christ's. If Christians follow the teachings of Christianity, they should pray not only for the suffering Christians, but also for those who persecute Christians, such as the extremists who killed Christians, to return to humanity and to love itself, just as American Christians did in the Lugang affair.

That's why true Christians don't support Trump. Imagine if Jesus were alive, in Trump's position, would he erect a high wall on the border of a country to block the entry of brothers and sisters who believe in the same God? Will he be unsuspected and aggressive at the summits of world leaders? Isn't Jesus humbling enough to wash the lower's feet? Some thought Mr. Trump was angry with the politicians and achieved peace in the Middle East during his tenure. But understand that the fact that politicians have a support rate is the result of many people's choice, and that it should not be in the form of a tyrant to oppose another tyrant, otherwise it is ordinary people who will suffer in the end, which has been played out many times in history. And Trump's so-called peace is not the peace of Jesus' ideal, more like the underworld boss's candid admonition to the conflicted younger brothers below, after all, the underworld tends to be more efficient and responsible than the government, but not because of their sense of responsibility, but for better rule and profit-taking. Of course, Mr. Trump has a longer vision and a better understanding of wealth than any other profiteer, so he will give up some wealth in pursuit of the thrill of power and the cloud of vision so-called "make America great again", in effect restoring the rest of the world to the state of American rule after World War II, rather than allowing the world to move toward progress and prosperity in a pluralistic way. If such words should be respected, then the other areas of the world once being powerful, such as the Two Rivers, Rome, China, Spain, and Britain, have reason to make the same claim. This is neither realistic nor possible, because God cannot make a part of the world stronger forever, which is not the original intention of his creation. So don't associate this person with Christ, and he can't be the one whom God cares about.

The Christians here are reminded because there is little time left for humanity to correct. Christ's thought is still relatively close to this side of God's thought, but don't assume that God has only the aura of kindness and love, and that He has the power to impose final punishment, otherwise there will be no apocalyptic judgment. Being a Christian of Christ or a Christian of the Church is everyone's decision, and it is up to you whether you will eventually be with God or fall into the abyss of no end in time. Especially the women in humanity have more goddess energy, pay attention to playing this flexible cooperation, non-violent kindness and love potential, and eliminate jealousy, vanity, old-fashioned, lying, emotional and so on negative emotions, in order to bring true love and peace to the world.

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