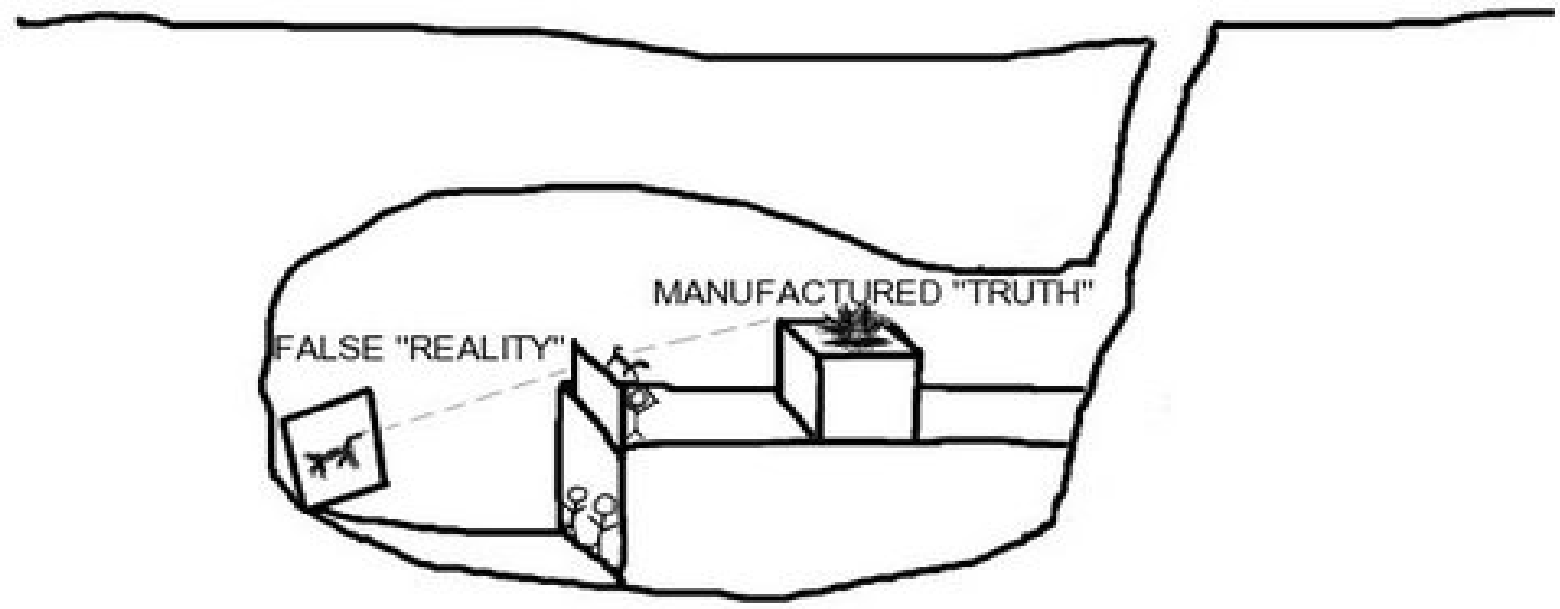
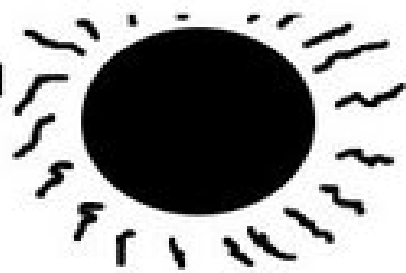


Come Out of the Cave Part 2

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ABSOLUTE TRUTH



FALSE "REALITY"

MANUFACTURED "TRUTH"

The Cave

Recap

There is this false reality we can subtly enter into as Christians if we are not careful. It's this idea that God sent Christ to pay for our sins so that we can go to church on Sunday. Even saying sounds ridiculous, yet for many believers, Sunday is their only day of worship. This is not to criticize them, it is all they know. It is like they live in this false reality chained by the religious spirit watching objects on stages and competing with one another as to who understands better therefore making one more “spiritual” than another. In reality, all they hear are manufactured truths created as concepts of men who have yet to ever have a blinding encounter with the Light.

Recap (Cont.)

Then one of these men break off the chains and escapes the cave right into an encounter with the Light. Although blinding at first, his eyes adjust over time and he can begin to see all things in perspective to the Light. He understands that in some way, all things get their source from this Light. With this new found revelation of life, he is compelled to go help his peers, but realizes that the Light has ruined His eyes for darkness. As he tries to go back to save his friends he stumbles. His peers think his experience has taken him off the “right” path, therefor they don't welcome him back with open arms. How is this man to help his peers. They don't believe him to go with him.

Therefor this man must take his experience to them.

If men won't come to the kingdom, then we must bring the kingdom to them! If men won't come and receive the bread of life, then we must take the bread to them! If they won't come to church, then we will take the church to them!

John 10:22 - 38

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, " I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. 26 "But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 " My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 " I and the Father are one."

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, ' I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'? 35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, ' I am the Son of God'? 37 " If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

Commentary

1. Jesus knows He is totally challenging their way of thinking and their theology and He doesn't appear to be scared at all.
2. No human was allowed to say they were equal with God, yet that is exactly what He was saying.
3. He used their own scriptures to do it. He had to confront their wrong theology.

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1. POINT 1 – If we are going to bring the kingdom to the people, then we have to confront wrong theology. Jesus is perfect theology and any thought that exalts itself against Him (2 Cor. 10:5) or what He did, we have to take care of it.

1. This is a part of living with absolute truths. Any theology that is not centered in Christ is wrong theology. Any securities that get exposed because of Christ are wrong securities.
2. When Christ confronts our wrong theologies and securities, it is time to change.

"Works"

Jesus keeps referring to the “works”.

1. v. 25 – the *works* bear witness
2. v. 32 – the *works* are a part of His defense
3. v. 37 – the *works* justify their belief. Without them, they don't have to believe.
4. v. 38 – If you don't believe because of what He says, then believe because the *works* .
5. What are these “works”?
6. Greek word, “ergo”.
7. In this context means, works of God/the Father. Miracles that they can see. This is in action, not in word.
 1. Wow, where is powerful preaching?
 2. What about highly intellectual teaching?
 3. Speaking of, can you speak more powerfully or with any more wisdom than Christ, and yet He still points to the *works* .

So when Jesus says *WORKS* , He is saying *MIRACLES*!

This is not unique. He Says it Again

John 14:7-12

7 " If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

Commentary

1. He once again is asked to show who He is
2. He responds by saying listen to what I say, and if that is not enough, then LOOK AT THESE WORKS THAT ARE BEING DONE!

I am amazed at what has happened over the last 2,000 years to the works of God. They have gone from miracles to serving in the church. As faithful and great as that is, that does not even come close to what His works really are and how Jesus displayed them.

The works that Jesus refers to in these scriptures are beyond a shadow of a doubt, miracles. We cannot dumb this down to make us feel more comfortable. Jesus is the standard and He set the mark in v.12

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he

SURELY HE IS NOT SERIOUS

- Did He just say that we could not only do what He did, but ***GREATER WORKS*** ?
- How do we get out of this one?
- Hold your place and turn to JOHN 16:7
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- *"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."*
 - HE says it is to our advantage that He goes and that we get the Holy Spirit.
 - Galatians 4:6 says that we have the Spirit of the Son in us

Back to John 14:12

- This verse was put there for us.
- Jesus is once again totally confronting our theology.
- Religion will ignore this or claim it only speaks of salvation.
 - Granted, salvation is the greatest miracle there is. In an instance, we are translated from the kingdom of darkness into our Father's Kingdom. That is amazing.
 - But I still think it is more than that. I can't exactly say what it is, but I know Jesus said that if we had faith the size of a mustard seed, then we could move mountains.
 - He also said this to Thomas, "...because you have seen Me (resurrected), you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
 - He just understood that there would be a greater level of faith released on the earth once He was resurrected and people would have to believe who have not seen.

So, How Can this Happen?

John 14:13-21

13 " Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. 15 " If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 " After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 " In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 " He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

- He is with the Father, interceding on our behalf (Romans 8:34).
- He gives us the Holy Spirit, which is the same Spirit that is in Him and has empowered Him to do what He does (John 5:19). See also Acts 2:22 for this.
 - He will disclose Himself to us to prove that what He is saying is true.
 - Therefor we should be looking for it as we go about our Father's business and destroy the works of the devil.

Final thought, James 2:14-26

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

- Faith without the works is dead/useless faith. Faith may come by hearing the word of God, but works come by obeying His voice. **Works display believer's faith.**