

FIRST JOHN STUDY

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“Living in the Daze of Deception” - Part 8

The Deception of a Call to Tolerance

“As Long as People are Sincere”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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The Deception of Tolerance

“As long as people are sincere”

We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us.
By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

“The Christian has been deployed

into a hostile world. A world that is in direct opposition to what he or she believes in. This hostile world system will not, cannot tolerate any other system of belief to exist because it alone wants to establish its own worldview.”

Luke 10:2-3

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 "Go your way; behold, **I send you out as lambs among wolves.**

THE HOSTILITIES ARE REAL

Ephesians 6:20
for which I am an **ambassador** in chains;

An Ambassador sent to an enemy nation

2 Corinthians 5:20
Now then, we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us:
we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

1.) Tolerance denies the truth of absolutes

2.) Tolerance demands acceptance of all

3.) Tolerance decides what will be tolerated

We Have Been So Conditioned by Our
Modern Media and Popular Thought

Tolerance vs. Truth

1 John 4:1a
test the spirits, whether they are of God;

(that doesn't sound very tolerant)

1 John 4:1b
many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(that doesn't sound very tolerant)

1 John 4:3

every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.
And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you

(that doesn't sound very tolerant)

1 John 4:4

because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

(that doesn't sound very tolerant)

1 John 4:5-6

5 They are of the world. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears

(that doesn't sound very tolerant)

1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babble and contradictions of what is falsely called (science) knowledge--

The Deception of a Call to Tolerance

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"As long as people are sincere"

When a Church Begins to Think Like the World and to Accept the Prophets of the World, Then I believe by that time – Jesus is long gone from that group of people and is on the outside....

Revelation 3:20

To the Laodiceans write, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door..."

By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error

The “**By this**”

Is the audience that you now keep after professing Jesus Christ

Has Anything Changed?

Acts 17:10-12

Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 **Therefore many of them believed**, and also not a few of the **Greeks**, prominent **women** as well as **men**.

**Those who are of God hear the word of God
and participate in the Fellowship of God’s people**

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

a.) Deception by redefining words

redefining words

James 3:15

This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

The 1828 Edition

Of the American Dictionary of the English Language

Tolerance, Tolerant, Toleration

Able to endure with another mindset or understanding. To extend toleration to an opposing view or an opponent. To suffer or to endure with someone else's belief while not agreeing with it.

The Law of Love Tolerates no Vice or evil, but patronizes every true virtue
- *Spring*

When Laws that are on the Books are not enforced by the Judges of our Judicial System, then freedoms begin to be lost or taken away.

The Youthful Tagger
is Simply Expressing his first amendment right.

The Imbecile
who curses and swears in public - is now literacy challenged

Modern Tolerance Is Negligent

No One is Any Longer Responsible for Their Actions.
In Fact – You must Tolerate My Actions

b.) Deception by re-appointing standards

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Judges 17:6

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

c.) Deception by redirecting values

To Preach The Word, The Bible

Is the chief Purpose of the Church toward the World

To Worship and Praise

Is the chief Purpose of the church toward God

Redirected Values

Is morphing of what the historic church has stood for

The Watering Down of the Word of God

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed...

Leviticus 20:13

'If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon their own heads.

Genesis 9:5-6

"Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God he made man.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1.) *Tolerance denies the truth of absolutes*

2.) *Tolerance demands acceptance of all*

Each Month across America,

There are local Gatherings of those Ministries that Have signed on to the Evangelical Ecumenical Union

It Calls the Faith's to Unite Together under one Banner
Encouraging them to set aside their differences and divisions.

Can Christianity
Ever Embrace **Mormonism**

Can Christianity
Ever Fellowship with the **Jehovah Witnesses**

Can Christianity
Ever Agree with **Romanism**

demands acceptance of all

1 Timothy 3:15

...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is **the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**

demands acceptance of all

a.) A deception that attacks individual thought

Just On The Secular Side Alone

The Call for Tolerance is Quenching The Independent Creativity of the Workplace

On The Spiritual Side

The Gospels, The Acts, The Epistles and the Revelation
Never once cowers or capitulates to the trendy moods of mankind

Matthew 5:27-28

**"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28
"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

demands acceptance of all

b.) A deception that undermines human accountability

Never Underestimate Man's Ability
To Justify Himself

**An unbiblical Form of Tolerance
Leads to a License to Sin**

Psalm 98:8-9

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, 9 For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

c.) *A deception that is amoral*

Humanistic Tolerance is Amoral

It's abandoned, vacant, of what is right and just
It's Void of Common Sense - A Generation Adrift

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a.) *A deception of freedoms*

In the name of Tolerance

The Church in America is Being Forced more and more to Take a stand Against Laws and Trends that Violate Holy Scripture

This Liberal Attempt to Rape Biblical Truth

Is intended to either pollute, deaden or silence the voice of the church

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to **fables**.

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Fables grk 3454 **muthos** (moo'-thos);

myths, tales, stories, unsubstantiated journeys

b.) A deception of Spiritual truths

In Religious Circles

What Feels Good is Acceptable

And what Doesn't Rock the Boat is What People Want

c.) A deception of tolerance itself

The Bible Teaches Us That We Are to be a Tolerant People in the
True Definition of the Word

True Biblical Tolerance

Is the long suffering of God toward a rebellious World

Romans 3:24-26

being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His **forbearance** God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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forbearance grk 463 anoche (an-okh-ay');

tolerance. Self-restraint. To put up with day in and day out

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

It's the patient enduring and waiting and witnessing to those who we come in contact with in our churches, our jobs, our families...

Telling Them The Reason for the Hope we have

This Modern-Day Tolerance

Is a "liberal Hybrid System of Belief" that is diametrically opposed to all Biblical truth and the Divine value.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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