HOW CAN ONE KNOW TRUTH?

In John's Gospel it is written (8:44) of the Pharisees, "Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

Today the Christian is literally bombarded by all manner of information. Newspapers, television, church periodicals, mailings of all sorts flood our minds with quantities of data which we must digest, absorb, or reject. Some of the most confusing data is that which we receive from the church. Standards are being attacked by reputable people. "Great Confessions such as the Westminster Confession have been modified. The Book of Common Prayer is under attack. Women are being ordained to the priesthood. The entire church structure and belief are being changed.

This is also true in the schools where children are not being taught but are being psychologically modified. The behaviorists, humanists and evolutionists have created chaos in schools and Sunday schools. This is also true in music, in literature and in art. We are told that all of this is good and that the changes will be helpful. This is particularly true in politics and government. Yet today the product of these great modifications is seen day in day in the riots of Boston and Louisville, the bankruptcy of New York, the failure of private colleges and nursing schools, the fantastic rise in crime and drug abuse and the great loss of morality.

In the newspapers we read of the hatreds between Catholics and Protestants in North Ireland and the bloodshed between Christians and Moslems in Lebanon. We are told of the great persecutions of minorities in South Africa and Rhodesia and are encouraged to applaud detente with Russia. We create "peace" in the Middle East at the cost of billions of American dollars and involvement in an area where we have no national interest while we ignore our friends in Central and South America. We strive to protect the Suez Canal and contemplate giving the Panama Canal to the destroyers.

This is an over-simplified view of a chaotic world situation which has every thinking person perplexed and confused. However, God is not the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33). So we must see that this is the product of the world of satanic activity. In Jesus' time when He was here on earth this satanic activity in the area of Jerusalem was centered in the church structure (Saducees, Scribes, Pharisees). This was a Jewish church system which Jesus spoke vigorously against. He did not attack the Law and the Prophets but He did attack the system (see Matt. 23).

St. John in the Revelation speaks of a satanic deception in Rev. 3:9, "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." In Jesus' day there were those who professed to be Jews but were not, whom He said were of the synagogue of satan. This I feel sure is true today, not only in Judaism but in all forms of religion. It could be that Zionism and Communism are basically by history and performance forms of pseudo-Judaism. The problems of America stem not only from pseudo-Judaism but from pseudo-Christianity.

Only Jesus and the anointing of the Holy Spirit can begin to reveal truth and this truth will liberate us (John 8:32). May the Lord Jesus continue to pour out upon the earth the latter rain of this Holy Spirit with all of His gifts and fruits. In the areas of the new Pentecost there is needed renewed emphasis upon the need of the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and discernment. Only the Pentecost revival of the past 20 years has preserved us and given us hope. Every form of activity to preserve the unity of all branches of Pentecost must be utilized in this critical hour. Let all the Faith pull together--and discern what is happening in this key hour.

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NOTE: Tapes of the Third Annual Physicians' Conference, including Dr. Burkitt's lecture and Dr. Reed's 700 Club Video Tape are available through CMF. Just write us.
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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DAILY PRAYERS 1 PM IN THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION CHAPEL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

MONDAY - Every Monday - 6:30 AM. Men's Prayer Breakfast at CMF House. No reservations necessary. Please come!!!

TUESDAY - Every Tuesday - 10 AM. Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. Bring a sandwich, please. Kay is now teaching Luke's Gospel. The Clinical Correlation of the Gospel by Dr. Reed at 1 PM. Healing Service at 2 PM.

SUNDAY - November 9 - 8 AM. Dr. Reed at Breakfast Meeting, McCoy Naval Training Chapel, Orlando, Fla. Contact: Don Mills, 305/855-3290.

FRIDAY - November 14 - 3:05 - 4:00 PM. Dr. Reed on "Feedback," WSST Radio, 800 on AM Dial.

SATURDAY - November 15 - 8 AM. Plant City CMF Station Meeting at Johnson's Restaurant, Plant City, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - November 15 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

FRIDAY - November 21 - 8 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting at St. Petersburg Federal Savings and Loan, 83rd Ave. at 9th St., St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

SATURDAY - November 22 - 7:30 PM. Daytona CMF Station Meeting at Holy Trinity-By-The-Sea, North Grandview at Ora, Daytona Beach, Fla. Call Father David Dillon, Jr., 904/252-8997. Dr. Reed speaking.

FRIDAY - November 28 - 7:45 PM. Orlando CMF Station Meeting at Dover Shores Branch of First Federal Savings and Loan, 3212 Curry Ford Road, Orlando, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking. For information call 305/647-4667, 445-2511 or 894-6150. Please do not call First Federal Savings and Loan.

SATURDAY - November 29 - 9:45 AM. Kay Reed at Women's Outreach, Bram Towers, Sanford, Fla. Contact: Nan Stevens, 305/323-1717.

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NOTE: The 3rd Annual Physicians' Conference on the Practice of Medicine and the Holy Spirit has been held in Tampa and again was a tremendous success, (thanks be to God). The entire budget for the meeting was met including the stipends for speakers and hotel and travel expenses. Also, the response to our appeal for funds for the Bethesda Center has been most gratifying. In addition, funds continue to come in for CMF running expenses. So---as President of CMF I can only say most heartily, "Thank you, Jesus, and bless you, friends of CMF!" I also send special thanks heavenward for two dear friends of CMF who have preceded us into His Glorious Kingdom---Janet Heath, St. Petersburg, and Marie Anderson (our CMF Santa Claus at Christmas) Indian Rocks. How we shall miss them! HAPPY BIRTHDAY and JESUS' HEALING BLESSINGS to Mary Lou Mellen, a dear friend of CMF from St. Petersburg--105 years old--Oct. 17.

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