

Christianity Vs Churchianity

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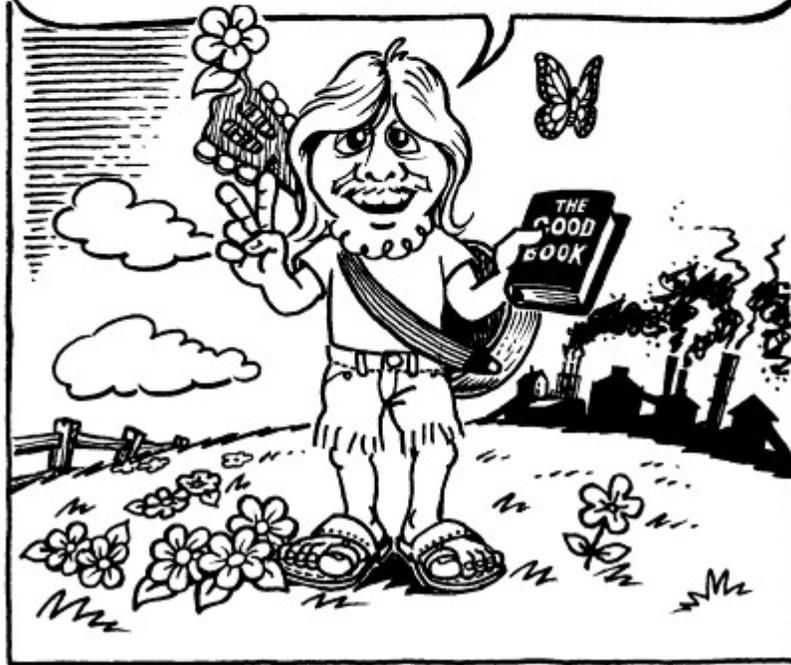
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IF YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT PEACE & LOVE, THE PLACE TO START IS THE BIBLE. THE EARLY CHRISTIANS WERE THE ORIGINAL FLOWER CHILDREN, WITH THEIR CHILDLIKE FAITH IN GOD TO FEED THEM AND MEET ALL THEIR OTHER NEEDS. IN THE NEXT FEW PAGES YOU WILL ACTUALLY READ THROUGH A WHOLE BOOK OF THE BIBLE. GET A SMALL PRINT, UNILLUSTRATED VERSION IF YOU LIKE, AND COMPARE IT WITH WHAT YOU'RE READING HERE. YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT HOW TRUE & HOW RELEVANT IT IS TODAY! THE NUMBERS IN EACH SQUARE SHOW WHICH PART OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS IS BEING PARAPHRASED. FOR EXAMPLE: "1:8" MEANS THE 8TH VERSE OF THE 1ST CHAPTER. HAPPY READING - PEACE!



INTRODUCTION - JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT THAT YOU ONLY NEED TO LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR (WITH ALL YOUR HEART) TO BE A CHRISTIAN. (LUKE 10: 25-28) BUT CHURCHIANITY TEACHES THAT ST. PAUL PREACHED A DIFFERENT GOSPEL.

IN THIS PARAPHRASE OF PAUL'S LETTER TO CHRISTIANS IN GALATIA, HE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT RELIGION (OR A LACK OF IT) HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH ACCEPTANCE BY GOD.

CHURCHIANITY vs CHRISTIANITY



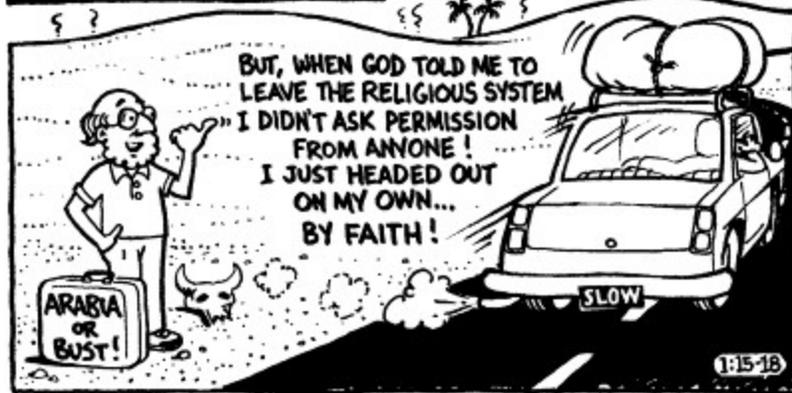
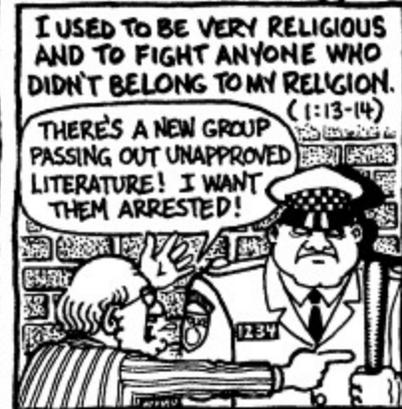
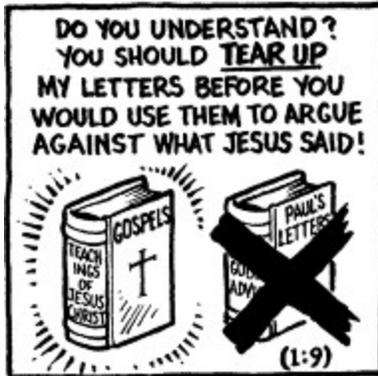
To the church at Galatia,
This is Paul writing.
I want you to know it was
GOD who called me to work
for Him; & he didn't need
a religion to do it either!

(SEE GALATIANS 1:1)

IF I (OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT
MATTER) SHOULD CONTRADICT
THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST,
THEN I SHOULD BE DAMNED
TO HELL! (1:8)

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU!
LEAVING CHRIST FOR THIS
CHURCHY "GOSPEL", AND THEN
SAYING I INVENTED IT!

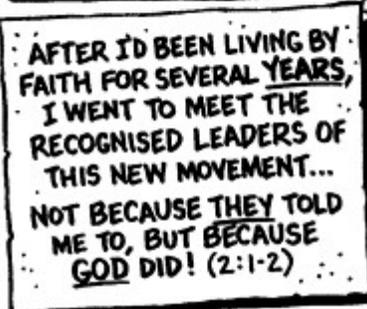






WORD GRADUALLY GOT AROUND ABOUT WHAT I WAS DOING. (1:21-24)

I HEAR PAUL'S DROPPED OUT OF THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT AND IS LIVING LIKE US NOW!

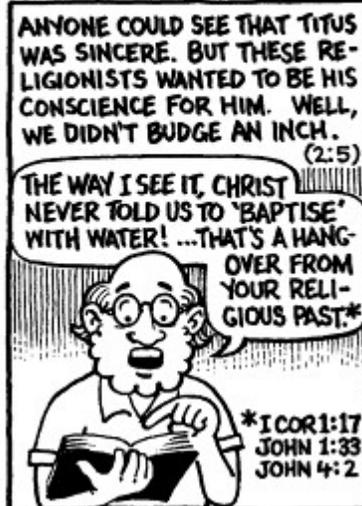


AFTER I'D BEEN LIVING BY FAITH FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I WENT TO MEET THE RECOGNISED LEADERS OF THIS NEW MOVEMENT... NOT BECAUSE THEY TOLD ME TO, BUT BECAUSE GOD DID! (2:1-2)



TITUS, MY COMPANION AT THIS TIME HADN'T EVEN BEEN 'BAPTISED' AND YET NO ONE FORCED HIM TO BE ... ALTHOUGH SOME TRIED! (2:3-4)

NOT BAPTISED?! GET HIM OUTA HERE! IMAGINE! A MISSIONARY, AND NOT EVEN BAPTISED!



ANYONE COULD SEE THAT TITUS WAS SINCERE. BUT THESE RELIGIONISTS WANTED TO BE HIS CONSCIENCE FOR HIM. WELL, WE DIDN'T BUDGE AN INCH. (2:5)

THE WAY I SEE IT, CHRIST NEVER TOLD US TO 'BAPTISE' WITH WATER! ...THAT'S A HANG-OVER FROM YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST.*

* I COR 1:17
JOHN 1:33
JOHN 4:2

THE APPARENT LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM (ONLY GOD KNOWS IF THEY ARE THE SPIRITUAL GIANTS PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE) HAD NO ARGUMENTS WITH WHAT I WAS TEACHING. (JUST AS WELL TOO, BECAUSE I WASN'T ABOUT TO CHANGE FOR THEM!) ANYWAY PETER, JAMES AND JOHN SHOOK MY HAND AND WISHED ME WELL, IN THE END. (2:6-9)

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, PAUL!

DROP BY AGAIN SOME TIME!

GOOD ON YA!

THEY JUST WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WE WERE HELPING THE POOR. (2:10)

TOO RIGHT! LOVE ISN'T LOVE IF IT DOESN'T WORK IN PRACTICAL WAYS!*

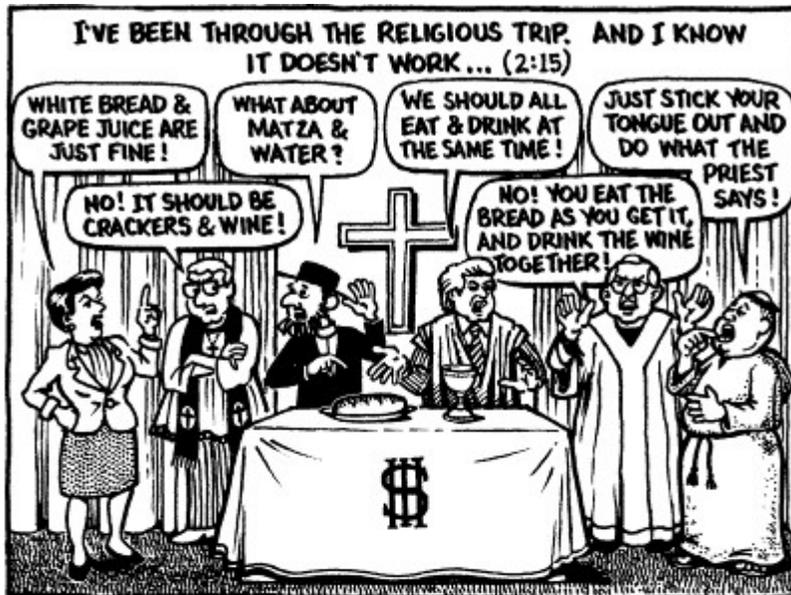
* I JOHN 3:17-18

BUT WHEN 'POPE PETER' (OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM) CAME UP OUR WAY, I TOLD HIM TO HIS FACE WHEN HE WAS WRONG. (2:11)

YOU WERE DOING FINE, PETER EATING & DRINKING WITH THESE POOR PEOPLE AND RELATING TO THEM AS EQUALS.

HELL YEAH!

BUT NOW THAT YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS ARE HERE, YOU'RE TOO GOOD FOR US. THAT'S HYPOCRITICAL! (2:12-14)



I'VE STOPPED TRYING TO BE RELIGIOUS. BUT I DO WANT TO FOLLOW THE ONE WHO FREED ME FROM RELIGION, AND SHOWED ME WHAT REAL LOVE IS ALL ABOUT. (2:20)

I ONLY GET FRUSTRATED WHEN I TRY TO FOLLOW CHRIST AND BE RELIGIOUS AT THE SAME TIME.

IF RELIGION HAD EVER WORKED, THEN CHRIST NEVER WOULD HAVE NEEDED TO COME & DIE. WE COULD JUST GO ON BEING JEWS. (2:21)

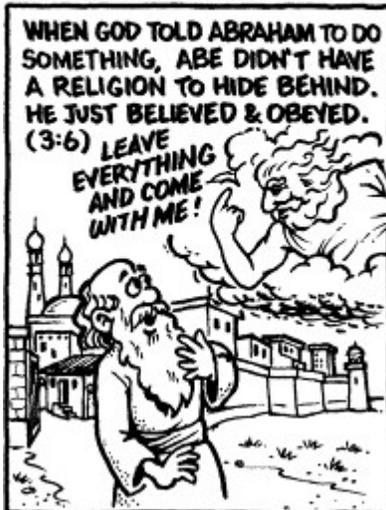
THESE CHURCH LEADERS WHO TEACH YOU NOT TO OBEY CHRIST, ARE LIKE WITCHES. (AGENTS OF THE DEVIL) - TORTURING & KILLING CHRIST ANEW WITH THEIR ATTITUDES. (3:1)

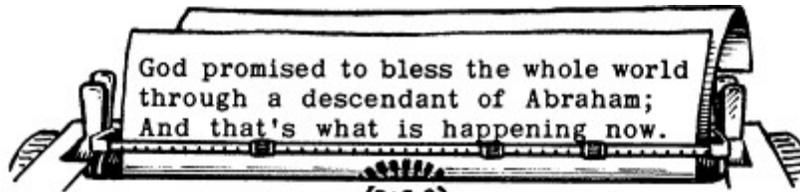


TELL ME THIS: THE LOVE YOU HAVE NOW; DID IT COME FROM RELIGION? OR FROM LISTENING TO CHRIST? (3:2)

THIS IS HOW EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY FOLLOWERS: BY YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.*

* JOHN 13:35



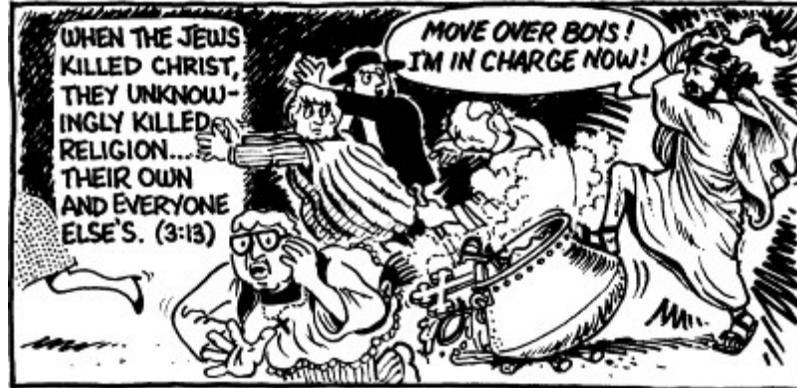


(3:8-9)

BUT IF YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN RELIGION... YOU'RE DOOMED EVEN BEFORE YOU START. EVERYONE WHO DOES, ENDS UP PREACHING THINGS THEY CAN'T EVEN PRACTICE THEMSELVES. RELIGION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH REAL FAITH. EACH ONE EXCLUDES THE OTHER. (3:10-12)



RELIGION VS REAL FAITH



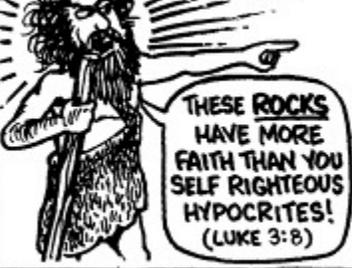
HUNDREDS OF YEARS AFTER GOD PROMISED TO BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD THROUGH ONE OF ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS, ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS STARTED A RELIGION.

WE'LL HAVE A TEMPLE, AND RITUALS, AND RULES, AND ARMIES, AND WARS... IT'LL BE GREAT!



BUT THEY MISSED THE POINT! THE PROMISE WAS TO, AND THROUGH, ONE SPECIAL DESCENDANT (CHRIST), AND NOT TO AND THROUGH ALL OF THEM.

(3:14-18)



SO DID GOD HAVE ANYTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THE JEWISH RELIGION? YES! HE USED IT TEMPORARILY, AS A STOP GAP MEASURE.

THEN TRY PLAN 'B' UNTIL THEY ARE!



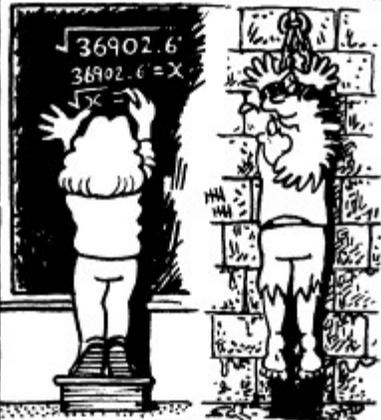
BUT "STOP GAP", BY IT'S VERY NATURE, ONLY EXISTS UNTIL THE REAL THING COMES ALONG. (3:19-20)

IS GOD AGAINST PEOPLE LEARNING TO TELL RIGHT FROM WRONG? NO WAY! BUT IF EVER THERE WAS A "TRUE CHURCH", IT WAS THE JEWS... AND YET THEY FAILED MISERABLY! (3:21)





CHILDREN OF THE KING MAY AS WELL BE SLAVES WHEN THEY ARE IN SCHOOL, SINCE THEY WORK JUST AS HARD AS ANYONE ELSE. (4:1-2)



AND EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SINCERE, UNTIL WE LEARNED THAT CHRIST HAD FREED US FROM RELIGION, WE WERE STILL IN BONDAGE TO IT. (4:3)



HI, DAD!

SO GOD SENT HIS SON TO OUR SCHOOL. HE CAME AS A HUMAN, AND AS A JEW... TO TEACH US HOW TO GRADUATE FROM THE HUMAN LIMITATIONS OF RELIGION, INTO A FATHER/SON RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE! (4:4-7)

BEFORE THIS HAPPENED, YOU TRIED TO PLEASE AND OBEY MERE HUMANS. (4:8)

YES SIR!
NO SIR!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SIR!

BUT NOW THAT YOU CAN KNOW GOD THROUGH CHRIST, WHY DO YOU GO BACK TO KISSING UP TO CHURCHIANITY? (4:9)

HOLD ON, GOD! I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY PASTOR FIRST!



HAVE I WASTED MY TIME ON YOU?

SATURDAY'S THE SABBATH!

NO, SUNDAY IS!

BUT WHY AM I COMPLAINING? YOU DON'T HURT ME WITH YOUR RELIGIOUS NIT PICKING. (4:10-12)

WHEN I FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT CHRISTIANITY YOU ACCEPTED ME AS THOUGH I WAS AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN. YOU WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING FOR ME. (4:14-15)



BUT AFTER LISTENING TO THESE RELIGIOUS TROUBLEMAKERS, YOU SEEM TO REGARD ME AS YOUR ENEMY. (4:16-17)



I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY FLATTERING THINGS TO YOU, LIKE THESE TROUBLEMAKERS DO, BUT YOU NEED TO HAVE ENOUGH LOVE FOR THE TRUTH THAT YOU WON'T BE SWAYED BY SMOOTH TALKERS FROM EITHER SIDE. (4:18-20)





BUT DESCENDANTS OF THE "FAITH" SON STARTED SCHEMING TOO.
THEY LOST THEIR FAITH, AND REPLACED IT WITH RELIGION. (4:25)



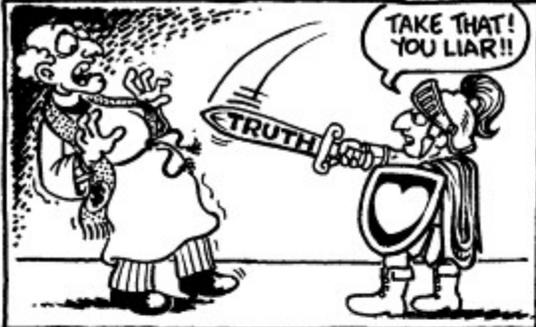
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE RADICAL, UNORTHODOX, LIVING-BY-FAITH CHRISTIANS ARE THE TRUE SPIRITUAL DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM. (4:28)



AND HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF: THE RELIGIOUS WORLD IS STILL PERSECUTING SINCERE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. (4:29)



BUT WHAT DOES
GOD TELL US TO
DO: **ATTACK**
THE LIES OF
RELIGION,
AND GET RID OF
THEM FOR GOOD.
(4:30)



WE'VE MADE OUR CHOICE: IT'S **CHRISTIANITY** FOR US - NOT THE
BONDAGE OF CHURCHIANITY! (4:31)



CHERISH THIS FREEDOM. AND DON'T GET
SUCKED BACK INTO CHURCHY GAMES. (5:1)

BUT WHAT ABOUT
THE SACRAMENTS?
WATER BAPTISM,
HOLY COMMUNION,
HOLY MATRIMONY,
CONFIRMATION,
LAST RITES...
SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS?



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