

<Introduction>

“Loving darkness more than light” by Jeremiah

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

3:20 For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Today, I would like to talk about “loving darkness rather than light.” Let’s look at each verse.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

It explains that people loved darkness more than light despite the **light** is already in the world. Let’s think about this meaning.

<Who created humans?>

First of all, let’s think about how humans came into existence.

The answer is clear and simple for Christians. The Bible clearly tells us that humans were created by God in Genesis. This is the message of light which is the definite truth.

<Evolution is a teaching of darkness>

Now, Satan still managed to create a lie in this regard: Evolution theory. This theory tells us that humans evolved from monkeys, and we have been created by accident without God’s plan. This can’t be true. Even chopsticks can’t just appear from nothing. There has to be a creator. In the same way, humans can’t appear by accident, and even a child can understand this.

However, many people accept this evolution theory. Why?

<People loved darkness more than light>

That is because this teaching matches people's needs. The Bible explains why people choose evolution theory.

"men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."

The reason why they choose the teaching of darkness is because their deeds are evil. People can't stand the fact that God created humans. This is too powerful to bear. They can't accept that they will face the judgment of God after the death because they know their deeds are evil. The truth is just too unbearable.

Therefore, they were drawn to evolution theory and welcomed this. Evolution theory tells us that there is no God and no one will face judgment after death. This is a great news for those whose deeds are evil.

<The light has already come to the world>

When evolution theory came as the teaching of darkness, the light of the truth was driven out, which means our problem in this era is not that the light of the truth doesn't exist. We have been taught the fact that the world was created by God. The issue is that people choose to ignore this reality and accept evolution theory.

God has clearly explained the origin of humans. It's we who decided to believe in the teaching of darkness.

<The teaching of darkness is spreading among Christian churches>

Non-believers would believe evolution theory, but we need to know that even Christians could possibly love darkness rather than light.

For example, Catholic teaches that there is no hell. According to them, God is love. Therefore, he will never put people into such agony. Is that true? The Bible clearly talks about it as below.

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

As it says "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," this scripture clearly explain that many people will be thrown into the lake of fire. The hell exists, and so does the lake of fire.

So, why does Catholic still try to get away with accepting the false light despite the Bible clearly mentions otherwise?

That is "because their deeds were evil." Catholic people can't face the light of the truth. Therefore, they are tricked by the teaching of darkness: there is no hell, and no one will be thrown into the lake of fire.

There is no excuse for this though. It is not that they don't have the Bible or never heard what Revelation says about the lake of fire. They intentionally choose to stay away from the truth and decided to stick to the teaching of darkness.

<Return on Christ and the light>

Next, let's think if Christians will go through tribulation. Another words, are Christians going to be raised before the Tribulation?

Actually, the Bible already gives us the light for this question.

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

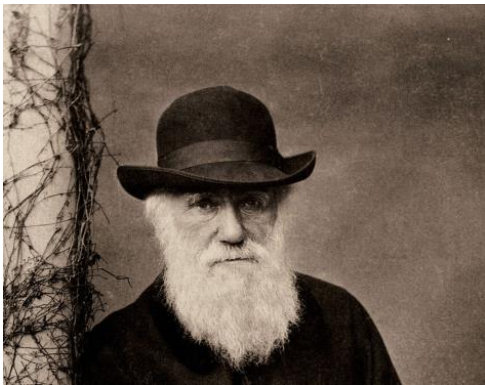
7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four

beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



Teaching of darkness: Darwin's Evolution Theory

This scripture talks about Christians of "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues," which means that all Christians around the world will face the Tribulation. This is the light of the Bible, and pre-tribulation theory is the teaching of darkness.

Let's have a look at another scripture.

Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Here, Lord explains that we are going to face the Tribulation. This again is the truth. Here comes one more.

24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

If Christians don't go through the Tribulation, they don't need to endure. This also ensures that Christians do go through the Tribulation.

Let's look at another one.

24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened.

This scripture says "for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." If Christians don't go through the Tribulation, it wouldn't matter if those days are short or long. This is another example of how the Bible talks that Christians are going to go through the Tribulation. Here is another example.

John 16:33

In this scripture, Lord Himself told His disciples that they are going through the Tribulation. Of course, they never go through the Tribulation but the disciples of End Times will experience the Tribulation. This is the light of the truth. We should know that pre-tribulation is the teaching of darkness and different from what the Bible says.

As we have seen so far, the Bible never says that the righteous Christians will not face the Tribulation. Rather, there are many scriptures which teach us otherwise.

<Pre-tribulation rapture theory is the teaching of darkness>

Pre-tribulation rapture theory has long been unaccepted by Christianity; Luther and Wesley didn't accept such strange doctrine. There were many strange doctrines in the history of the Christian church, and there were even people who claimed that Jesus Christ was not God. Pre-tribulation rapture theory was seen as ridiculous as these kinds of doctrine. However, as the end of church era approaches, the darkness has started to cover the church.

The history of humans is not about the light of truth, but rather how the teaching of

darkness took over it. People used to believe God's existence. It was the common belief of the world. However, in the 19th century, people started to accept Darwin's evolution theory which claims that the humans were created by accident and God doesn't exist. Sure, some people made the similar claim, but they were not the majority. Since the evolution theory came to the world, however, the tide has changed.

The light has disappeared, and the teaching of darkness is dominant in the world at the moment.

Pre-tribulation rapture theory is a classic example. J.N. Darby introduced this doctrine in the 19th century. Such strange doctrines did exist before, but Christian churches had energy to fight against them and they never dominated the faith community.

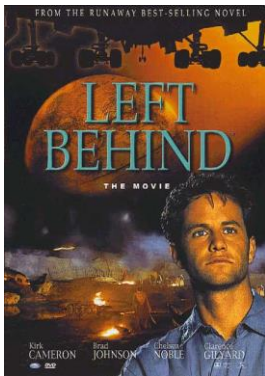
For example, Luther and Wesley never agreed with the teaching of darkness. They had common sense and held onto the light. However, the light of truth went away after the 19th century.

<Why do they turn their back on the truth?>

As we have seen so far, pre-tribulation rapture theory is a strange doctrine which contradicts the Bible. Despite this, many people completely believe this. Why do they dare to do that?

According to the Bible, that is because "Their deeds are evil." They couldn't face the reality that Christians will go through the Tribulation. If they turn their back on the truth and dare to believe pre-tribulation rapture theory, they will never receive God's blessing. We need to know that we are always to be based on what the Bible says.

Amen



The teaching of darkness: Pre-tribulation rapture theory

Knowing the era “Yoga and meditation” by H.F

Jesus told us to judge the era. What kind of era is it now?

Currently, people are getting into Yoga and meditation all over the world. There are many Yoga classes in both Japan and the U.S. There are many places where people practice meditation. Steve Jobs used to be into “Mindfulness meditation” and thanks to the media’s influence, many global companies like Google and P&G are using the meditation method for their staff training program. The same story goes with schools in the U.S as well. Since Yoga is said to release the stress and make us healthier, people are more interested these days.

How about Protestant churches now? There are many Protestant churches offering Yoga courses in the U.S. Dave Hunt reported that when he Google searched “Christian churches and Yoga,” he came across with more than 500,000 results.

Right now, there are Christian networks in relation to Yoga such as Jesus Yoga, Holy Yoga, and Kid’s Holy Yoga in the U.S where they teach Yoga and meditation are helpful for developing our relationship with Christ. They sell Christian Yoga magazines. It raises a question whether Yoga can actually be immersed into Christianity.

Exodus 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

34:15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring

after their gods and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

Lord warned that accepting a foreign doctrine leads to the destruction, but Israelis mingled among foreigners and received the wrath of God. It is clear that Yoga and meditation are foreign doctrines and God will, therefore, hate them. These contradict the faith you can have in Christ.

In fact, Yoga and meditation are believed to be harmless and healthy, but that is actually not the case.

According to “Supernatural power and Cult” by Clifford Weldon and John Wilson, Yoga is related to cult, and the cultic ability can be obtained through Yoga training.

Sherif Michael in his book “Reap the harvest” explains that Yoga and meditation sometimes cause the panic disorder. Meditation and Yoga could cause experience of unrealistic consciousness as well as schizophrenia. Since misunderstanding how to conduct proper yoga training could lead to the death or mental problems, Yoga needs to be taken very seriously. For example, when breathing wrongly, it could kill the person.

Swami Vivekananda warns that having a wrong Yoga training could cause brain damage, incurable illnesses, and mental problems. You should know that Yoga and meditation are very dangerous both physically and spiritually. In fact, some websites have warnings about mental troubles, getting into depression, and worst-case scenario, committing suicide. While they promote meditation for the cause of improving health, they are also aware that there are dangerous side effects. I wonder how many people who are practicing meditation actually know this fact.

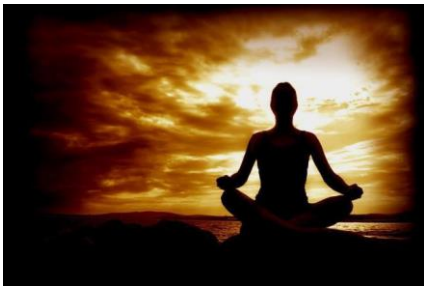
It is therefore very dangerous to adapt Yoga and meditation into Christianity. However, there are many churches in the U.S which offer meditation programs. For example, Rick Warren who is one of the most influential pastors at the moment created The Daniel Plan for helping overweight people. This plan seems to be very effective to maintain the health, but there is a catch. There are three doctors involved in developing this program, namely Dr. Mehmet Oz, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman. They are all supportive of meditation practices, and The Daniel Plan contains meditation. They are not Christians and actually deny Jesus Christ, then bring foreign meditation to the church which is exactly what God hates. Rick Warren in his Twitter “RWToolbox” introduced

“Centering Prayer” which is a kind of meditation practice.

Even those Christians who rejected Yoga and meditation as foreign religious activities have now started to accept them because many Protestant churches run Yoga classes. We are witnessing that the dangerous foreign stuff has settled in Christian churches really well.

2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

We have to realize that what this scripture is warning is happening right now.



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