Concepts Regarding Authority

I. Right to Rule is Worldwide:

A. 1 Sam. 8:1-7 – Asked for "king" — royal to "judge" — that is, pronounce sentence (for or against)

B. 1 Sam. 9:17 – The right to "reign" i.e., to inclose; by analogy to hold back; also to maintain, rule, assemble"

C. Esth. 9:29 – Authority may be expressed verbally or written, and both carry the same power.

D. Matt. 21:12-13, 23-25 – From heaven or from men?

E. Rom. 13:4-7 – The right of power and authority is given to rulers

II. By What Method is the Rule of Law to be Determined?

A. Rule – to govern the movement of things; to conduct; to manage; to control. That God rules the world he has created, is a fundamental article of belief.

1. Dan. 4:17 - the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of men
2. Acts 17:24-28 – "appointed the… bounds of their habitations"

B. Method – An orderly procedure or process; a rational way of investigating or exhibiting truth

1. Heb. 1:1-2 – spoken unto the fathers
2. 2 Pet. 1:21 – move by the Spirit

III. God's Authority in Salvation:

A. Rom. 5:6-11 – Man's need of salvation

B. 2 Cor. 5:17-20 – Method of restoration.

C. Mk. 16:15-16 – He…shall be saved.

(Ignorance Continued)

Nevertheless, the term "ignorance" is utilized, in the Bible, seven times (New American Standard Version | Acts 3:17 | 17:23, 30 | Eph. 4:18 | Heb. 9:7 | 1 Pet. 1:14; 2:15), and is defined as "want of knowledge or perception" (W.E. Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words).

While in Athens: among "Epicurean and Stoic philosophers" who "took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming?" the apostle Paul said, "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you" (Acts 17:17-19, 22-23), and to the Ephesians, Paul said, "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them" (Eph. 4:17-18, NASV). Those to whom Paul spoke did not know they were ignorant, but to add insult to injury, for a man to be ignorant of his own ignorance may lead to devastating consequences: there are few, if any, who have not fallen into that category.

An example of this is given from the field of science Nathan Zohner, a 14-year-old student, gathered petitions to ban "DHMO" as the basis of his science project. He invited people to sign a petition that demanded either strict control of, or a total ban on, the daily use of dihydrogen monoxide. He listed some of the odious properties of this colorless and odorless substance:

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- It is a major component of acid rain
- It eventually dissolves almost anything it comes in contact with
- It can kill if accidentally inhaled
- It can cause severe burns in its gaseous state
- It has been found in tumors of terminal cancer patients

Forty-three out of 50 classmates approached by Zohner signed the petition: would you contemplate signing the petition?

(Which word, in the "Word Search," defines "dihydrogen monoxide"?)

When individuals defend their right to practice their religion based upon "it seems to me" (Prov. 16:25, ASV); "I think (thought)" (2 Kgs. 5:11; 1 Cor. 13:11) or, "I don't see anything wrong with it" (Prov. 16:2), does it not manifest being ignorant of their own ignorance? When an individual rejects that baptism is necessary "unto the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), to "wash away sins" (Acts 22:16), to be "baptized into His death" (Rom. 6:3); and/or, in doing so "put(*s*) on Christ" (Gal. 3:27), but in their affirming that baptism has nothing to do with salvation baptize for reasons other than what the scriptures support, does it not manifest being ignorant of their own ignorance?

Utilizing the words of Paul, as directed by the Holy Spirit: What would be "good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3-4). ret

A Fertile Heart: Centuries of history reveal man's effort to know God. A casual investigation reveals that mankind has attempted to know God, find God or worship God, on his own with no success. The scriptures tell us, "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God" (1 Corinthians 1:21). In order for man to come to the knowledge of God, "it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). The "foolishness of preaching" consisted of the things preached. The thing preached, that was foolishness to the mind of the Greeks, was the death of Jesus Christ. The problem the Jews and the Greeks had, and which still exists today, is that mankind seeks to find God according to man's wisdom instead of the wisdom of God. The apostle Paul said, concerning the Gentiles, "because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). God's method of revealing himself to mankind is not through exceptional moments of inspiration. Some seem to be waiting on God to do something with them that exceeds the natural course of life: they are waiting for some esoteric moment. If that's what you're waiting on, you'd better have packed a lunch. When individuals say, "When God decides to use me, I'll be ready," those who do so have missed the whole point of the gospel message. God does not utilize extraordinary moments to create a fertile heart. He utilizes a fertile heart to create extraordinary moments. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said, "Hear then ye the parable of the sower.

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the evil one, and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side. And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth. And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:18-23). Once the word has been planted into a good and honest heart, then the appropriate fruit will be brought forth, and the planting of the seed will be accomplished through the preaching of the gospel.

Concepts Regarding Authority

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RIGHT	AUTHORITY	ROYAL	JUDGE
POWER	WATER	RULE	WRITTEN
BLOOD	RESTORATION	RATIONAL	RAISED
KINGDOM	ASSEMBLE	GIFT	BELIEF
CREATE	IRON	HEAVEN	EARTH

Authority Concepts
With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Judges 18:1-31; I Samuel 9:1-17; Esther 9:1-32



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

In the Crosshairs



Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.

Ignorance

Words: "At their core, words allow humans to transmit and exchange information, conveying ideas, facts, and emotions that would otherwise remain internal and inaccessible to others. They enable clarity in thought and precision in communication, allowing people to share knowledge, solve problems, and coordinate actions effectively" (Psychology Today).

When speaking with someone (on any subject) insert the following: "You are just ignorant," and see how it lands.

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