



"Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because Yahweh did there confound the language of all the land ..." – Gen. 11:9

WORDS OF RELIGION AND CONFUSION OF LANGUAGE

DIMINISHING COMMUNICATION

Religions affect languages by inventing new words and redefining old words already in use. They need religious words and phrases to facilitate religious rhetoric. Special, often bizarre, words and phrases are employed to give voice to religious tenets.

In the realm of religion, words and phrases are often hijacked from the common vernacular and given new religious meanings that only work in religious venues.

For example, the term "saved" means to be rescued from a bad, or potentially bad, situation. But the same word in religious realms can mean "qualified to go to heaven." Likewise, the word "worship" means to admire and honor someone. But in religious circles the term "worship" can mean "attending a church meeting."

Religions require their own sets of words and phrases to facilitate their religious tenets. So they invent words and redefine words. Words of religion become code-like terms, supportive of their particular theologies. In time those religious code words gain general acceptance and are used in the common language. This affects entire cultures.

Over time, words and phrases of religion get integrated into everyday vernacular ... changing the way people communicate. The new and changed words actually change people's grasp of reality. Meaningless religious expressions become accepted as meaningful. One particular and familiar example is the religious use of the word "heaven." Heaven actually means "higher elevation" (the atmosphere above ground level). Symbolically it can also mean a high position of power. But in religious circles this word usually means a realm up among the stars in outer space where God and angels reside, and where "saved" people go after death. In this case the religious use is more common than the real meaning.

Then there is the term "hell," which means "to cover, or bury." In the Bible it usually means a grave or a symbol of death. But by turning it into a religious word it came to

mean an underground kingdom where dead bad/unsaved people, demons, and a devil exist.

Again, the invented religious use has become more common than the original (correct) meaning.

In religious circles the term "spirit" has been redefined as a living entity that is somewhat like a ghost or a living invisible dead person (which makes no sense). But correctly, spirit is motivation or disposition; that which drives or compels us to move and act.

Religious words, in any other venue, have completely different meanings. This dilution/corruption of language is most apparent in the realms of religion and politics. Perhaps that is because those realms are the venues of the world's greatest deceivers.

THE BABEL FACTOR

Lewis Carroll's Humpty Dumpty was a metaphor for people in positions of power. Kings and priests make their own rules and define their own words as long as they can remain sitting high on their walls.

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone. "It means just what I choose it to mean - neither more or less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

– Through The Looking Glass

In the end all the Humpty Dumpties usually fall to earth and their kingdoms crack apart. That's because reality outlasts illusion. A lie can't live forever. However, reality does ... even when people lose track of it. Truth is always there waiting to be discovered, or rediscovered. Illusions, on the other hand, blow away with the sands of time.

So the Babel Factor comes into play when men lose interest in truth, or when profit and power are valued above truth and reality. In the case of ancient Babylon, and her

“tower” (central power), men had done the same thing that is being done here in America. Namely, they ignored God and pursued wealth and power at the expense of truth and reality. They used their own laws and words ... words which they themselves invented and defined. By taking license to change word meanings and change people’s grasp of reality, they sowed the seeds of their own destruction. Without an established standard of truth and word meanings, Babel’s language was confused and people lost the ability to preserve truth. Ignoring God they ignored truth (as modern Americans are doing). Communication and knowledge grew more and more elusive, to the point that it eventually caused the downfall of their central power.

We see this same kind of corruption and degradation of language in every central power in history that ignored God. We see it here in America for the same reasons. Changing and twisting word meanings equals loss of truth.

The indiscriminate acceptance of religious and political words of confusion is destroying people’s ability to communicate or even learn truth.

WORDS SHOULD HAVE MEANINGS

Words and phrases, like currency, need standard definitions, weights, and measurements. Honest words, like honest measurements, should be the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Dictionaries with consistent definitions are necessary for any society to communicate and achieve higher intelligence. Words need consistent meanings. Otherwise, communication breaks down. And when communication breaks down so does society.

A major example of how this has affected modern society can be seen in the misuse and lack of understanding of Old Testament Hebrew words and phrases. The Old Testament is greatly misunderstood due to the fact that Hebrew is an unknown language to modern man. A few Jews have dictated the transmission and interpretations of these important books. Old Testament Hebrew is an ancient and primitive language. As such it does not express ideas in the same way as modern English. Nor does it have the same precision of expression as New Testament Greek. Koine Greek has much greater ability to express precise meanings and ideas. Old Testament Hebrew is a written language that uses only consonants and no vowels, and contains only a fraction of the number of words compared to Greek or English. Greek is considered by many to be the most expressive language of all. What’s more, one Hebrew word can mean a number of different things, and some of the meanings may not even be related.

This is a disadvantage to English readers because it leaves us at the whims of the translators who take it upon themselves to “divine” the intentions of the original writers. And in this case the translators/interpreters of the Hebrew text come from two sources.

The main source for the Old Testament Hebrew text is the Masoretic text which dates back to the ninth century AD and was organized by “scholars” of Rabbinic Judaism. Our English translation of the Old Testament comes from

this source.

Then, there is also the Old Testament Greek Septuagint text, which dates back to the third century BC. This text was produced in Alexandria, Egypt by 70 (or 72) Jewish “scholars” commissioned by Egyptian King Ptolemy to translate the Hebrew text into Greek. The project took several years to complete. That text is still extant, and has been further translated into English.

The Septuagint text is the oldest and for that reason some folks think it is the most accurate. However, both texts were the work of Babylonian Jewish “scholars,” and that in itself should make us cautious. Plus the Septuagint text was translated from Hebrew into Greek, and then again into English, which makes it twice removed and therefore subject to even more translational corruption.

Taking into consideration all the translators and interpreters we can see the potential for confusion and deception. The English-speaking translators of the churches have added their own varied theological twists to the tortured theologies of the Jewish “scholars.” That means we cannot take any of the Bible VERSIONS for granted. To put it plainly, we have no choice but to thoroughly research and compare every important passage in the English translations, all the while praying to God to direct our minds and our skills of research to arrive at truth.

You can see that the symbol of Babel (as in the Tower of Babel) is still alive and well. Our language is still being confused (Babel-ized), and false doctrines are built on the framework of falsified and twisted word meanings. Consequently, most English Bible readers will never know the inspired words of God.

BABEL-IZED ENGLISH

The English language itself is always evolving. Its evolution has followed the ebbs and flows of religious and political thinking of the English people. Belief in false gods changes the definition of the word “God.” Belief in false christs changes the definition of the word “Christ.” Over the centuries the English people have integrated and adopted many false religious and political words and beliefs. Those false beliefs have changed the meanings of many English words. Consequently, English-speaking children are born and raised in a society that teaches them about false gods and false christs. Whether or not a person goes to church, his English vocabulary is filled with tainted church words and concepts ... words and concepts whose meanings have been paganized and were never intended by God nor by his inspired prophets. They are words and phrases reinvented and/or redefined by priests and politicians. The public uses these words without knowing what the words mean. Thus a major part of our common language consists of words that have been changed from their original meanings and forgotten. Americans, for the most part, have no idea what the words mean when they use them. In most cases people resort to popular terms and believe whatever the priests and politicians tell them the words mean.

When priests or politicians speak of concepts like “government by consent” or “majority rule” most people take

it to mean something very good. But none of these concepts came from the Bible. In fact, those are the very concepts that have ruined and blinded men to the precepts of God. Plus, they are outright intentional deceptions. The rulers know this. But the common people are kept enslaved because their redefined and invented words of religion and politics keep them confused.

“Democracy,” for instance, is considered to be a very good concept by churchgoers. In fact almost all church boards are organized and run using Parliamentary Procedure which is based on the principle of Democracy. But, alas, Democracy is not a Bible concept. Again we find churchgoers organized into a system that is unbiblical.

The concept of Democracy was given to us by the Greeks over two thousand years ago. It means “rule by the people.” Americans feel superior to other people because we claim to live in a Democracy. But oddly enough, the people in America do not rule. Still they think they have a Democracy. There can be no doubt that “Democracy” is one of the most overworked and under-defined words in the English language these days.

Aristotle, in the fourth century BC, wrote: “In a democracy the poor will have more power than the rich, because there are more of them, and the will of the majority is supreme.” Aristotle was right. Americans are wrong.

When a politician speaks about “Democracy,” for instance, most people take it to mean something very good. Churchgoers even think of it as Godly. But the concept of Democracy did not come from the Bible. It came from men who rejected God ... men who wanted to be their own gods and make their own laws.

Consider the confusion of a people who think they can appoint governors, judges, lawmakers, and policemen to rule over them but still remain in control. That is the stupidity of the American concept of Democracy and is the obvious result of redefining the English language.

Not only that, Americans are told (and they believe) that the American government is busy promoting Democracy around the world. Americans believe this while they watch, time after time, their government attack and kill or deport democratically elected and popular leaders in other countries. The officials who had been elected by the people of that country are then replaced by corrupt leaders picked by the U.S. Government, who are hated by the people.

We’ve seen this happen over and over. A few examples will make the point. Witness Iran in 1953 when Mohammad Mosaddeq, the democratically elected and popular Prime Minister of Iran and his government was overthrown in a coup d’état aided by the American Central Intelligence Agency and the British Secret Intelligence Service. The U.S. Government replaced Mosaddeq’s democratic government with the dictatorial regime of the Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi whom the Iranians hated. This is the brand of “Democracy” Americans support. You see, the term has become meaningless.

This led to the Iranian Revolution which overthrew the Pahlavi dynasty and replaced it with a National Republic under the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Islamic leader.

The more ruthless and rash the United States becomes

in its determination to rule the world, relying increasingly on the power of words, the greater the urgency to unmask its use of the word “democracy” as a farce.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Government is very friendly and even partners with regimes such as Saudi Arabia and the other countries of the Persian Gulf that do not even pretend to be democratic. The Persian gulf monarchies occupy a unique niche located on vast reserves of oil. American officialdom never refers to them as “democracies,” but nonetheless stations planes and ships on their soil to protect their feudal rulers when their people, such as Yemenis or Bahrainis, rise up demanding democracy.

Currently, Ukraine is the big Democracy story. Victoria Nuland, former Bill Clinton aide and still Assistant Secretary of State for Eastern European Affairs, almost single-handedly fomented a coup against the President of Ukraine, Victor Yanukovich, who had been democratically elected in 2010 in an internationally recognized “free and fair” election. The U.S. orchestrated the overthrow of the lawful government of Ukraine and installed a mob of unelected criminals in its place in 2014, wrenching the land away from its affiliation with Russia.

Immediately the citizens of Crimea, who had been connected to Ukraine, voted overwhelmingly to remain with Russia. Russia agreed to let them do this. The move, although democratic, was and still is condemned by the U.S. Government.

The U.S. demands that nations must be democratic. Yet the U.S. military regularly overthrows openly elected governments and installs regimes that are pro-western corporations. Another example was Cuba. In the 1950s Cuba was ruled by dictator Fulgencio Batista, friend and favorite of the U.S. Government and the Mafia. Under his rule Cubans suffered terrible economic hardship while U.S. corporations and casinos owned by the Mafia exploited the country and made billions of dollars. This led to the Cuban Revolution, similar to the Iranian Revolution. Cubans organized under the leadership of Fidel Castro and kicked out Batista, and installed Castro as their leader. Castro immediately put a stop to the U.S.’s rape of his country, and was the popular leader of Cuba for 32 years. The U.S. Government hates Castro and has made several failed attempts to assassinate him.

There is an even closer example of U.S. hypocrisy in claiming to be a democracy. In the 1860s, the Southern Confederacy states wanted to secede from the Union. Citizens of the southern states, by a clear majority, wanted their own country. Democratically, they were lawfully within their rights to do so. But, as you know, the northern states (“The Union”) declared war on the South and prevented them from leaving “The Union.” How can that be seen as democratic?

Now, the citizens of Britain have voted democratically to exit membership of the European Union. Brussels, Berlin, and Washington D.C. don’t like it. It remains to be seen if the voters in Britain will get what their wish. Frankly, I’ll be surprised if it is allowed. Again, all this political chicanery is happening under the guise of “Democracy.” Go figure.

“CHURCH” IS A CHURCH WORD

When a priest or politician refers to the term “church,” most people assume it refers to something associated with the Bible and the Christian faith. But, in fact, the term “church” never came from the inspired Scriptures at all. It came from man-made “VERSIONS” and translations of the Bible. If you investigate you’ll find that the English word “church” is a replacement religious word inserted to replace the actual word in the Bible. The actual word is “ecclesia,” and it doesn’t mean “church.”

Scribes kept the Greek term “ecclesia” for a long time to designate the Body (community) of Christ. But by the fourth century the Roman Empire extended westward to include Europe. Constantine was emperor of the whole empire. Constantine’s faith was Mithraism, which he renamed “Christianity” and gave state sanction to it as a religious institution. In Europe the Roman institution was first called “chirche” from the Greek word “kuriokos” which meant “lord’s” (i.e., belonging to a lord). What was intended may have been “the Lord’s house.” But the fact is, the word came from “kuriokos” ... an entirely different word than the Bible word “ecclesia.” Later “chirche” evolved into “circe,” then “kirche,” then the Scottish “kirk,” then English “church.” It never was the “ecclesia” of the New Testament.

Constantine was a Sun-worshipping follower of the Persian savior Mithras. He simply relabeled Mithras as Christ, thus making Mithraism the state religion of the entire Roman Empire. This Roman Catholicism was what most of the world called “Christian” ... but as you can see it was not Christian. It was/is Mithraism.

In Rome, Mithras was renamed “Jesus,” and Constantine’s state religion became “church.” Those were the new religious terms that replaced the original words and concepts. Protestantism followed suit organizing “churches” in the Roman tradition, and worshipping Mithras (wittingly or unwittingly) while calling him “Jesus.”

The christ of the churches is not the Christ of the Bible. In the church world, what is called “Christianity” today is not Christianity. That word has been twisted and redefined. What churchgoers call “Christianity” is actually a blend of Persian/Jewish Mithraism and old European Paganism. Its current most obvious witness is Roman Catholicism.

This is the slippery slope that churchgoers have slid down for centuries. It is the result of redefining and reinventing religious words. As in ancient Babel, the language has been confused. Much of the English language itself is a construct of these corrupted religious and political words, invented to enslave people through ignorance, turning them into misguided disciples of priests and politicians.

THE FRUITS OF GODLESSNESS

The confusion of language is the result of ignoring God, and its ramifications are greater than anyone can imagine. That all that mayhem and destruction can be caused by simply ignoring God may sound too simplistic, but it is the truth. When men ignore God and take upon themselves to

be gods (lawmakers), confusion sets in and destroys everything those men touch.

The English language has been perverted with religious and political words that have no real meaning, or they have meanings that are different than perceived.

The English versions of the Bible are so full of religious and political words that they are literally impossible to decipher without a working knowledge of New Testament Greek and research tools (books, etc.) to help get to the root of it. It is no wonder that intelligent people often reject the Bible as being nothing more than fables or the works of men. In fact, the English versions are largely just that, the works of men ... because the churches and translators have abused and misused the texts and concepts to the point they would be unrecognizable to the original authors.

This is the **Babel Factor** at work today.

The published English versions with their invented religious words regularly contradict themselves and confuse readers. Church words and concepts are inserted, and the inspired words of God have been either removed or twisted. It is a logical premise we must always keep in mind: IF WE CAN’T TRUST THE CHURCHES, THEN HOW CAN WE TRUST THE CHURCH-PUBLISHED BIBLE “VERSIONS”? In fact, when it comes to our own language we cannot take any English religious words for granted. That’s because our current English language has been infiltrated and twisted by religious words and concepts invented by priests and politicians. Modern dictionaries have even incorporated religious definitions for words. Typical dictionaries are of little help. That is why it is important to include an etymological dictionary among your study books so you can research the origins of word meanings.

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

To find truth we must know what words mean. By confusing our words, political and religious leaders are able to change and redefine our realities – the way we see the world and its institutions, including our own.

Churchgoers think they know who Christ is. But they don’t. They think they know what Jews believe. But they don’t. They think they know what Muslims believe. But they don’t. Americans think they know what Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton believe. But they don’t. They think they know what is happening in the Middle East and in Russia, and Ukraine. But they don’t. Conservatives (so-called) think they are better than Liberals. But they aren’t. Liberals (so-called) think they are better than Conservatives. But they aren’t. Both groups are ignorant and simply go around ignorantly parroting accepted-but-meaningless terms.

Why is this the case? Quite simply because neither group knows what the words mean. They have ignored God and have become ignorant.

Americans, Brits, and Europeans think they know a lot, but they don’t. They are victims of religious Babel.

God’s words are always available, but if you want them you must strive for them.

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