

Pusillanimous No More

On TV and movies, Christians are portrayed as being pusillanimous. That word means:

- Walk-over
- Wishy-washy
- Weak as water
- Spineless

This is not what Jesus modelled for us, but it is certainly what we see among hyper-grace, love-everyone Christians.

Today, even more than ever we need the return of the apostle to bring strength back into who we are to be. Along with that, all believers need to have the same inner strength and 'no-mucking-about' character that Jesus had – the 'lion-&-lamb' dual feature.



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With people power destroying the work on leadership in most democratic nations¹, this power-tripping movement is even affecting our nation with Prime Minister Turnbull's cow-towing to pressure. This movement will infiltrate the church groups in Australia before too long with the net result of independent spirits having full influence. But the Kingdom and *ekklesia* are not democracies, they are theocracies with oversight and governance.

This is where the apostle comes to the fore. They bring stability and order, and the anointed authority allows them to cancel the work of the enemy working through community members. Sure there are false apostles, pseudo-apostles and office-bearing apostles, but genuine apostles will soon be visible to everyone as they function in their full capacity. We will know them by their anointing because they aren't elected or appointed by men.

Some things need to be shut down, and this is what apostles are able to do. Two churches in Revelation² were chastised by our King because they didn't shut down evil in their midst. The apostolic leaders in these groups allowed the Nicolaitans and 'Jezebel' to wreak havoc in their community because they didn't act properly in their role as guardians within the governance of the Body.

Paul challenged the Corinthians³ that he would come to them in power and authority⁴. This is the apostolic operating in the authority they have in the Spirit, not as bosses or controlling leaders. Spiritual authority in the true apostle is very powerful. While apostles are not present, or while we surrender to any bondage, the enemy has a 'field day'. While it's our choice to be bound by others⁵ the community actually suffers as a whole because of our lack of personal apostolic resistance.

Those who put themselves under bondage were castigated by Paul, "Have I wasted my time with you?"⁶ This is an apostolic response to immaturity.

For myself, my time to speak up apostolically has begun. What I lost back in 1987 when I surrendered to the opposition of people has been returned with interest – an apostolic flavour. I am now reinstated at a level where I am to speak boldly for our King, resisting the religious, all as part of my apostolic mantle. This came a few weeks ago when I was propelled into the new level during an incident in one of my teaching sessions on 10-5-2017.

1 – Read the quote at the end of this document

2 – Revelation 2:14-16; 20-23

3 – 1 Corinthians 4:18-21

4 – 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

5 – 2 Corinthians 11:20

6 – Galatians 4:9-11

The wherewithal to resist religious people and the religious spirit was promised to me in December 1986 when I was given Ezekiel 3:4-11 as a *rhema* word. The relevant component is: “I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint. Do not be bowed down by their faces, though they are a rebellious house”.

The background to the incident was that I had instructed the class every session for about 18 months to keep their interruptions and questions 'til I had finished my presentation. One particular person continued to interject with comments and additions to my points which is totally rebelling against my wishes as a lecturer. Although they had stated their reason for interjection, the basis of it is spiritual, because they operate in a know-it-all fashion whenever you are with them.

On this occasion they interrupted me with an additional biblical point, so I asked them to cease interrupting. They over-spoke me and continued to give their comment. Without even activating it, the apostolic in me clicked in and I automatically jumped to my feet, walked two paces towards them and stated, “Let me finish”. I sat down and the person acquiesced. At the end of my lecture I asked them to present their point, which they did. We had a congenial supper and I hugged the person and their spouse goodbye.

As I rested in the Lord and allowed him to speak to my spirit about it, I received the knowledge that I had now been propelled into speaking without fear. What I had done in the incident was to address a spirit influencing the person, not the person themselves. This is the role of the apostolic in bringing order and stability to the *ekkllesia*.

Of course, it was my fault that the person continued to interject over the months and why the incident even occurred. Why? Because I didn't speak to them privately so that it was dealt with. I had not been apostolic in my running of the class, fearing the person's retaliation which could cause my lectures in their town to be shut down.

So, no longer am I to be weak, but I'm to truly function in my apostolic mantle and address all things out of order. That of course is done with the apostolic character of meekness, humility, gentleness and *agape*.

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QUOTE

“For more than a year, we have been told that Trump is a racist, sexist, xenophobe, liar, cheat, and narcissist. The attack bears all the marks of a coordinated effort among the major news outlets: CNN, NYT, WaPo, HuffPo, USA Today, and the rest. It reminded me very much of the concerted media attack against Brazil's Dilma Rousseff which culminated earlier in 2016 in her impeachment and removal from power. In the case of Rousseff, we see what has been alternately described as a soft coup or a Wall Street coup, rather along the lines of the “color revolutions” of a few years earlier (which are now largely

understood as CIA-NGO orchestrated). In both cases, pretexts were created and hammered home by an insistent media that whipped up public opinion. In Brazil, it worked. It seemed like it would work in the US.

It is important to understand why Trump was demonized. To be sure, his character makes it easy. There is no shortage of narcissistic, sexist, or otherwise offensive statements in his repertoire from which to draw. But I have never and will never believe this is why he was demonized. Ultimately, Trump is a disruptor, and his disruption falls squarely against the two key pillars of the American ruling elite's ideology: neoliberalism and neoconservatism.

Unlike traditional liberalism and conservatism, neoliberalism and neoconservatism are not opposites. Neoliberalism is just another name for transnational globalization, while neoconservatism is nothing other than the US-dominated global empire project. They work together, two inhuman, anti-human processes that ensure a tiny minority of people control and own all the water, minerals, drugs, GM foods, and everything else worth owning in this world. Hillary Clinton, as the ultimate representative of such an agenda, received unwavering support from all segments of that establishment, certainly from the media. Trump, on the other hand, was vilified.”⁷

7 – Richard Dolan (10-11-2016) “The Disclosure Movement and Donald Trump”
(www.richarddolanpress.com/single-post/2016/11/10/The-Disclosure-Movement-and-Donald-Trump)