

The Things We Think We Know

Petter Johansson, a Cognitive Scientist¹, teaches about “choice blindness and self-knowledge, the things we think we know about ourselves, but don't”².

There is also blindness within the church because believers think they know things, but are blind to the truths of these matters. This all comes about because of the teaching/training they receive which programs them to believe and think in certain ways. Not everything they believe are untruths, but there is a lot of theological mumbo-jumbo that they think are truths.

For example:

(1) Christmas & Easter – These are not biblical. Nor are they ordained for Kingdom citizens.

(2) Church & Synagogue – Christians believe that 'church' is a Christian institution and 'synagogue' is a Jewish institution. Is that correct? Not really. It's that way today, but it was not that way in NT times.

“The word translated as 'church' is the Greek word 'ecclesia' which basically means a body of people who are unified by something. In other words, there was nothing particularly Christian about the term in the first century. Therefore, it is simply inaccurate to translate this word today as 'church', instead of the more appropriate word 'assembly' or 'gathering'.”³ ⁴

“On the other hand, neither did the word translated as 'synagogue' refer to something exclusively Jewish. Synagogues were places where people gathered for meetings in the Greco-Roman world; places where anyone could come and engage in community activities. Jews took a great interest in this phenomenal institution to be sure, but they were not there alone.⁵ Translating the Greek word ('sunagoge') as a 'meeting/assembly' when it is used in a positive context⁶ but translating it in a negative sense as 'synagogue' of Satan⁷ should cause to stop and think.”⁸

(3) The Lord's Day – When John was “in the spirit on the Lord's Day”⁹ and received a revelation of things to come, was it a Sunday or a Saturday? Actually, we don't know, but church convention has it that it was a Sunday. Alternatively, could he have been “in the spirit” on 'the Day of the Lord' witnessing that important day in the future? Here's what a Messianic lecturer has to say about this:

“Both options, Sunday (1st day) and the Sabbath Day (7th day), while possible are a bit problematic for several reasons. One of them is that while the Sabbath Day does belong to the Lord it was never called the 'Lord's Day' before. On the other hand, Sunday, the Day that the resurrection of Jesus had become public, was never referred to as the 'Lord's Day' either. It could be argued, however, that 'There is first time for everything', but I would like to submit to you another possibility that should be also considered.

'The Lord's Day' is none other than 'The Day of the Lord' spoken of so often by the prophets of Israel¹⁰. According to Isaiah this is the day when justice finally prevails as the God of Israel judges his enemies and rewards his children with peace and prosperity. So, was this Saturday or Sunday? Neither. It was the Day of the Lord.”¹¹

(4) Infant Baptism – Many in the institutional church believe that infant baptism is biblically justified. Is that so? No. Listen to Torben Sondergaard show you the fallacy of the biblical proof for infant baptism.¹²

1 – An associate in Cognitive Science at Lund University in Sweden

2 – 2015.theconference.se/speaker/petter-johansson/about/

3 – Revelation 2:1

4 – Dr. Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg (14-12-2016) Blog (israelstudycenter.com/things-think-know)

5 – Acts 15:21

6 – James 2:2

7 – Revelation 3:9

8 – Dr. Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg (14-12-2016) Blog (israelstudycenter.com/things-think-know)

9 – Revelation 1:10

10 – Isaiah 2:12-22

11 – Dr. Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg (15-12-2016) Blog (israelstudycenter.com/lords-day-dr-eliyahu-lizorkin-eyzenberg)

12 – Torben Sondergaard “Lesson 24 – Copy/paste Christianity” (www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCvdrX6Y20) [26:55-38:00]

(5) Homosexuality – We think it's godly righteousness that causes us to be 'turned off' by the LGBT adherents. What if it's something else that causes our aversion. Check this out:

*“[W]hy do you think that the church has such a visceral reaction to the LGBT community? You might answer “well they are in sin”! Yes, to be sure they are – but God does not categorize sin or rank one sin as more obnoxious than another. Why doesn't the church have the same revulsion for gluttony, or gossip, or some of the many sexual proclivities that so often get exposed in our own ranks? What is it about homosexuality that pushes the button of an average Christian the way it does? Consider the following verse:”*¹³

Proverbs 27:19 (NKJV) – *As in water, face reflects face, so a man's heart reveals the man.*

“What is this saying to us? It is saying that when you look into the heart of man and see something other than what God sees, it is because you are identifying something in your own heart. When you look into someone's life and have a reaction that is other than the one that motivated the Father to send Jesus to the cross, it is because you are reacting to something in your own heart and life. This is the plain testimony of scripture even though it may not seem that the Evangelical community has ANYTHING in common with the LGBT society.

Let's consider this question. What is the core nature of homosexuality? Is it not a “like vs. like” attraction as the scripture says “man working with man that which is not convenient”? In other words, a homosexual claims they are only attracted to those that are just like them – a man to a man and a woman attracted to other women. They claim that is how God made them and how God wants it.

Is this not very much in common with how the church works? We only fraternize as believers with those who are just like us. They must believe like us and live like us and be just like us or we will not fellowship with them... We reject any who do not believe like us as “uninformed” at best and going to hell at worst...

What is the difference therefore, in this regard between the LGBT community and the Christian community? In this instance, there is VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE! Therefore, when the Evangelical church looks at homosexuals with revulsion rather than the love of Christ it is because they are judging their own selves and exposing the SPIRITUAL PERVERSION in their own culture of DEMANDING and REQUIRING affinity as a basis of relationship and intimacy – just as a homosexual union requires...

*We need to lighten up not on sin but upon the self-righteous comparative attitudes we have toward homosexuals in the realization that much of the revulsion Christians feel toward the gay lifestyle is rooted in the hypocrisy of the church being the same way SPIRITUALLY as gay people are PHYSICALLY in their proclivities. Get the beam out of your own eye before you take the splinter out of your gay neighbor's.”*¹⁴

To allow the Spirit to teach you truth, you must first empty yourself of everything you think you know – as you learnt from the church or the bible – and allow him to retrain you, bit by bit. He is the Spirit of Truth and one of his functions is to teach us all truth.¹⁵ He will confirm many of your truths, but he will also point out those 'truths' which are untruths.

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13 – Russell Walden (2016) “The Next 50 Years: A Prophetic Perspective” p:43 [Kindle version]

14 – Russell Walden (2016) “The Next 50 Years: A Prophetic Perspective” p:43-44 [Kindle version]

15 – John 16:13