

What Destroys the Apostolic?

By 'apostolic', I'm referring to the genuine apostolic in operation today not modern-day apostles. This refers to those who have an apostolic mantle of some degree or other, and operation out of that anointing. This is the real move of Father in the *ekklesia* in these Last Days.

So, what is it that destroys the genuine apostolic? It's religion.

By 'religion' I mean any type of man-made formalism. We have done this since the beginning of the church by turning every move of God into something that's formal – a system, a tradition, a program, a pattern, etc. David Alley puts it this way:

*“We desire to serve God, and have a heart for what is right and yet also have to fight off human tendencies which war against what God is wanting. Even at the beginning of new things, we can tend to make them be like old things we feel comfortable with. It was precisely this type of thing which stopped many Jews from recognizing the Messiah when He came.”*¹

To-date, we've already done it with the apostolic which was released to the *ekklesia* at the end of the last century. David writes, tongue-in-cheek, about it because his warnings have already happened:

*“It's tempting, and even subconsciously normal to just assume this is a formal thing God is doing. If we didn't stop and properly consider it, we could easily think that there needs to be formal associations of apostles, and official recognition, and processes in place to "ordain apostles"... and so on... and so forth. Before the restoration of apostles has even gotten going properly, it is already being held back by old fashioned thinking, and formalism.”*²

But the apostolic is about relationships and fathering. It is about maturing the saints and the 'wise master builder'³. Not about self-promotion and big ministries. David goes on:

*“Our relationships are to be real, living, sacrificial and overflowing with deep love. These are things you can't teach in an apostolic conference. But they are things a real apostle can impart. Apostles are called to teach the Body of Christ how to love one another, and to help the church be mature. They do so as fathers. This work is not found in the building of any organisation, or especially of self promoting their own work, but with a big heart for all of God's people. Being big, flashy or famous are not proofs of apostolic call. Having a network of churches isn't a proof either. There are many people who have done those things.”*⁴

Be on guard. The religious spirit is constantly looking for ways to direct every believer into formalism. He does it by making them 'feel' that it is more satisfying formally. That feeling is the tell-tale sign of your move to any sort of religion.

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