

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?

An Ancient Call . . .

(Part 2) Don C Harris

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS *(FROM THE LAST ISSUE)*

- Are we lacking in power because we do not know a secret that our God has hidden from us?
- Are we at the mercy of our emotions because we lack a certain pharmaceutical concoction in our brains?
- Are we selfish and egocentric because we have no counselors to teach us differently?
- Do we hunger for spiritual food and drink because we lack good Bible teachers?
- Why do we think that a better doctor or attendance at a seminar or advice from the right theologian will help us?

Life continues to kick us around, our emotions still overcome us, we exhibit less and less self control and we find it harder and harder to love those who do not love us... because...

We are deceived:

Today is the day to release fantasy and pretense If we are to emerge from this quagmire of our deception we must make positive steps. The first step that gains us ground on our journey toward completeness and a life that pleases God, is to accept only what is *true* from any source. This may seem an impossible task, a vaporous notion, or just an ethereal platitude, but it is not as difficult, or as elusive, as you may think. One has a tendency to deny the *reasonableness* of such an effort because of the *impossibility* of recognizing deep deception. But, the deep deception is not where the problem started.

The first step to being less susceptible to deep deception is the elimination of any and all falseness from our lives. It is the lie that we openly and knowingly welcome into our lives that makes way for the deeper deception. When we toy with fantasy or even a desire for things to be different than they are in reality, the line between real and unreal becomes fuzzy, and reason becomes difficult. Fictional journeys we take in our minds facilitated by movies and novels, even daydreaming, none of which are not conducive to Truth. If we are to gain the life intended for us, we need to think upon what is real and provable and accurate – eliminating fairy tales, superstitions and traditions that have no spiritual value (Therefore no value to the life of a Christian). These ridiculous notions of sinful men are found in nearly every aspect of human endeavor.

The Church is not immune to fiction. Rather, the Church world is infested with superstitions and traditions that have no place in the worship of a real and holy God. Nearly every sermon and almost every song strays into false doctrine, Romanism and pagan mysticism. **Their implications create inferences in the mind of the hearer – inferences of theological “facts” that are not facts at all, but are in reality only vain imaginations of an unregenerate mind.** Soon, ideas built upon these false premises are accepted by nearly everyone, even though they have no basis in truth.

After this process moves across a couple of generations, the false notions can mature into “doctrine” simply by virtue of being “tradition” and become so deeply ingrained it can hardly ever be totally erased. If we accept any and every thing handed to us as truth by sinful men in the name of God, we may NEVER find the answers for our difficult and complex lives.

If our minds are saturated with a fictional understanding of God, how can we ever worship Him, as we are commanded to, in Spirit, and in Truth? We know by the testimony of Christ that it is the Truth that sets us free, but, if we cannot recognize Truth when we hear it, how will we ever break the bond of sin over which we now seem to have no power?

Jesus faced this complex situation when he emerged in Israel.

- *Custom had become ritual.*
- *False notions and presumption had become tradition.*
- *Tradition was beginning to concretize into doctrine.*
- *Doctrine into dogma.*

- *Dogma reigned supreme.*

Unfortunately, through all this transmigration of Truth, the Law of Jehovah was forsaken, and mercy was nearly unknown.

There are millions who live this way in their spiritual lives as well. They dare not challenge any aspect of their faith for fear of the entire house of cards falling flat. Unfortunately, because Truth has become dispensable, they have unwittingly prepared and positioned themselves to again place their trust in sinful man, accept false doctrine, and wonder why they have no capacity or inclination to accomplish even the simplest of Christian service.

Although we may read Jesus' words telling us that we will have power over the enemy, those who follow Christ, in our day and age, cannot even seem to garner the strength to deny any of their slightest indulgences. Jesus said with mustard seed faith we can move mountains by simply saying to it, "Move!" Yet we, in our pitiful state of self-interest, cannot even deflect our daily licentiousness, foolish habits, or petty hatred no matter what we profess or declare to the contrary.

- Is what Christ taught an exaggeration?
- Have we misunderstood?
- Are we really to expect signs of grace and power to accompany the believer, or are these just exaggerations, embellishments, or fancies of overzealous Bible writers?

We will not find answers to these or any other questions as long as we willingly accept deception into our minds, never assaying sources or requiring concepts presented to us to stand upon firm and provable grounds. It is obvious that if we are to eliminate what is fraudulent in our *understanding*, we are going to have to pay attention to what we allow to come into our *thoughts*, masquerading as Truth. We cannot build a sure foundation upon the sand of fable, fantasy, or man's wisdom. We must trust no man, but study in order to show ourselves as approved as servants of God, listening only to the "Word of God" which, according to the Scriptures^[1], is none other than Christ within us.

Jesus taught that a house built upon sand would fall when tried by storm.^[2] He told of a "fool" who had built his life upon faith without works. The man heard the words of Jesus, perhaps every time the doors of his church were open, but the foolish man did not DO them. But the one, who not only heard His words but did them as well, was wise and his house was built surely upon rock.

We must eliminate lies.

...**We know inherently that God expects a certain standard of moral living, a repentant and broken spirit, and a life of denial and simplicity, of humility and kindness to others.** We only accept the lies we are told to the contrary because we want to believe they are true. We only accept the lies we are told because the lies let us do what we want to do, meanwhile salving our sore and grieving consciences.

TO BE CONTINUED... (Next Month)

Friendly,

DON C HARRIS

[1] John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
Hebrews 4:12-13, "For the word of God is quick [alive], and powerful, ... Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

1 John 2:14, "I have written unto you, ... young men, because ... the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

Revelation 19:13, "And ...his name is called The Word of God."

[2] Matthew 7:26, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

A TRI Tabernacles highlight is our annual "Talent Show". This year a couple of poems were requested to be published. Here's one. Hope you enjoy!

"My Neighbor is a Preacher"

My neighbor next door is a preacher,
At least that's what he claims.
No title, like Reverend or Vicar,
No letters are after his name.

No fear has he of labor or work,



His shirt is usually wet,
He fixes his stuff, builds what he needs,
Like no parson I've ever met.

A "Man of the cloth," I doubt it.
A Priest, a Prophet, a Monk?
He's like no holy man I've ever seen,
I've been close to this guy- and he stunk!

I can't find him on any roster,
That has all the Pastors listed...

[Click this link to read the complete poem.](#)

ThINKer's Thoughts & Tabernacles memories...

Veronica shared a photo. October 13 at 8:40 AM

Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die. - PROVERBS 19:16

Think Red Ink Ministries October 23, 2015

When is the last time you thanked God that it's Friday? The Sabbath eve approaches with another opportunity to show the LORD that you are going to keep HIS commandments. Exodus 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Sanni Opeyemi Adeyemi and Think Red Ink Ministries shared a link.

Sanni Opeyemi Adeyemi shared a post. 12 hrs

I am proud to be associated with THINKREDINK MINISTRIES. If what you believe is not true, do you want to know it? The feast of tabernacles is just around the corner. be blessed. #think

Think Red Ink Ministries 19 hrs

Do you know the times and the seasons? You too can become a THINKer!

Are you sharing "Think Red Ink Ministries" on Social Media?

These THINKers do...

...follow their example and make sure your family and friends know the secret of "Think Red Ink" to deal with the everyday problems of life - and the BIG problems, too.

Rafael M shared a link. 14 hrs

BLOGTALKRADIO.COM
Red Letter Edition - Weekdays!
HOW TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE

Called the "fastest hour in radio", Red Letter Edition - WEEKDAYS! makes...

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Thanks for sharing!

I am really enjoying your programs on PTCB/GLC. Just had to come to your site and see if I could fill in some of the spots I've missed. Hope you are on for a long, long time. I have a lot to learn! God bless you and your ministry,

~ ThINKer in TX (New)

I hope this finds you well. As always thank you for any and all materials. YHVH's richest blessings to you and your ministry.

~ ThINKer in VA

"When I understood Sabbath and that Jesus was Jewish, I gave too much credence to the Rabbis."

"Oh me too. Well I gave too much credence to the group of Hebrew Roots teachers."

"The ministry of Think Red Ink threw a life line to me!"

"Me Too! Especially when Don Harris talked about the Rapture and blew me away - erased. "

"One day I was defending keeping Christmas in my mind, "I'm doing this for YOU" (meaning Jesus). In my spirit I heard, "If you're doing it for me, why don't you do what I said?" What a great question. Changed my life."

"Right - me too. And it's become a very, very lonely life."

~ ThINKers in Chat

Good afternoon. My appreciation goes to all for your assistance and love. You made many smile. And many more will smile. Thank you.

~ ThINKer in NI

I am afraid that "almost" doesn't count. But I almost made it to the Feast. Thanks, Don, for the wonderful newsletter. Bittersweet. ...I will write a note soon, to try and say *what are the lessons that I have hopefully learned from NOT being with you this year*. I trust we all came through the season humbly renewed.

~ ThINKer in OR

...shared Think Red Ink Ministries's post: "Read the testimonies... Read the realities... These past feast of tabernacles all over the world."

~ ThINKer in FB

...I've been listening for years now. ...Hey Don, if you're still there thanks for all your hard work you do.

~ ThINKer in MO

Please apply these as indicated. Your commitment to me is so undeserved. ...I am forever grateful for your part in all. Also and always, for the joy of truth you continue to bring. Hang in there!

~ ThINKer in OR

I trust that all is well and going? Please convey my regards and appreciation to the TRI Team and other thinkers. I consider myself as part of the TRI Team in Pie Town even though I live in Lagos Nigeria. *THE PREACHING OF TRUTH IS NOT A THING OF COMFORT I MUST SAY*. I pray for you and the team that the Father may continue to make you strong and ready comforting you in all things. TRI has made me a different kind of person. I am learning to trust Him in any situation. Regards from us over here.

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

Posted in Chat 10-21-18 10:33 am MST "An Expected End" a great sermon by Don C Harris. Available by Request@ThinkRedInk.com I think I need to hear this message again Don. Please send it to me. [Done.]

~ ThINKer in NM

"Religion stealing people's souls..." Great line! Could it be that simple? Red Letter Edition. Forty years of church... Never had any minister lead me directly to the Savior until I heard Don on TRI. Don Harris preaches the hard words this world needs it!! Filthy lucre and over-inflated egos! I know so many of those blowhards. Empty suits...

THINKER IN AR: ...where is the teaching on eternal punishment...

REPLY FROM DON: There is a link to an interview I had with a pastor at the bottom of the RLEzine. Here's the link for you: "[Don in the hot seat.](#)" Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for reaching out.

THINKER IN OR: I have no idea what is the latest with Don, with TRI. Still no connection to the broadcasts...

REPLY FROM DON: Some browsers are no longer using the Flash Player that is used at Think Red Ink. Web page update is in the plan for the winter work at TRI. In the meantime, you can listen/watch Think Red Ink Ministry broadcasts using the TRI RADIO APP on your smart phone.

THINKER IN OR: Yes! ! I finally found it [downloaded the TRI Radio APP on my phone]. Thanks so much.

THINKER IN WA: I've been concerned about you for many weeks - because my usual ease of connecting to the 24 hr listen line had practically vanished... My usual thoughts then turn to praying for you. Then the latest email about Tabernacles came with a short paragraph about your health difficulties - more so of late. Don, I'm so sorry. I wish with all my heart that we could be close and help you in whatever capacity we could. I know the tree that hit you did not help you one bit but you recovered amazingly well from the stroke, though I know your eyesight was still effected. I miss my TRI "fix" that I have been so accustomed to getting whenever I had to do stuff with my hands but could listen to you while doing so. You have been a tremendous boost to me. And I honestly have missed you a WHOLE BUNCH. So I have put the "Questions" into an MP3 player and can listen for a long time - and re-listen to the CD's you have sent me over the years. . All of which I SO MUCH appreciate.

REPLY FROM DON: Thanks for your concern. I was just spread too thin to be able to handle all the demands of hosting the Feast and ministry. My goal was to broadcast Tabernacles; instead I managed to disconnect the TRI stream. (Ugh) I was unable to make the repair until Tabernacles was over. Additionally, software changes require web page updates that I am no longer able to do on my own. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THINKER IN WA: Just a quick reply to your email ...no apologies on that score. I just missed the opportunity to learn more thought provoking things from that guy who speaks. Just know that I have delved into many of the subjects you present, so thank you for all the time and energy you put into all that you do. I am sure there are hundreds upon hundreds that missed hearing you as well . . You are loved by many people out here. My prayers for you will continue to be for Jehovah to provide you with everything you need to keep you going, strength, energy, power from on High, and more people who can help you do what you do so well. No response necessary. One of your many friends out here - we care about you.

THINKER IN GHANA: Please i would like to request for the following books: 1. The Red Letter Questions by Don Harris; 2. The Questions of Jesus by Don Harris

REPLY FROM DON: My apologies to you as TRI is no longer able to provide print books. Print books are available for purchase at Amazon or other book retailers for our cost. However, you are able to get the complete FREE 500+ page, "The Questions of Jesus" as an eBook simply by registering at www.ThinkRedInk.com. You will receive the book link by email as a return confirmation of your registration. Many other materials are available in audio and video from the web site. Thank you for your interest.

Click on this text to hear Don "in the hot seat" as he answers the question plaguing Modern Christianity, "Do you believe in hell?" (and more).

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