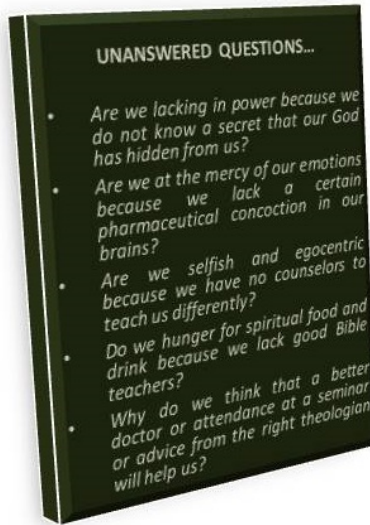


Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?

An Ancient Call . . .

(Part 3) Don C Harris



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 carnal.

Our second step to fulfill our calling is to **trust** the voice within us. We need to make an honest evaluation of the voice within us that calls us to a devout and holy life. The voice within is not merely echoes of your parentage or our upbringing; it is the Guide that was placed within us to bring us home. It is the true ***"Word of God."***

We must recognize it as the gift promised by Christ to believers.^[1] This Guide calls you from sin. The "stop" in your Spirit is a wonderful gift. We should

never offend this, our conscience, for it is God's call. The calling of God is a calling *out* of our world and *into* His Kingdom. It is the ancient call.

Within and without this world in which we live, there is a spiritual Kingdom. It is (and will be) the same Kingdom that will be established on the earth during the millennial reign of Christ. Attributes of this Kingdom are described in the Revelation,

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:27)

Paul also describes the character of the ones who will inherit the Kingdom.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Ephesians 5:5-6

These Scriptures make it obvious that His Kingdom is a spiritual and holy Kingdom. As the Guide within you pricks your conscience about your actions, God is preparing you to live in His Kingdom and at peace with Him.

- How can we kick against these pricks?^[2]
- Why do we expect to have peace with a God whom we will not obey?
- Why do we expect to be blessed and happy in a spiritual Kingdom in which we daily refuse to live?

The daily decisions we have made (to have our way instead of His) have brought us to the condition in which we now find ourselves. We have refused the help of the gift of God within us; we have disobeyed the guide, and have chosen rather to claim "our piece" of

the carnal world. Not knowing the price, we plundered the world, gathering to ourselves everything we wanted, stopping just short of sin perhaps, but in the end, it has cost us our lives, our peace, and our satisfaction.

Many who claim Christ live in this self-serving condition. They have embarked on a smorgasbord of carnality on their journey through life thinking that when they get to the end of the line there will be eternal life awaiting them, only to find that eternal life is not something that you choose at the end, but rather something you chose everyday of your life. Many are keen on publishing the fact we are being called, but few tell us how to answer.

Has it occurred to you yet that it is our obedience to God that is the only response He is even willing to entertain as a sincere answer?

More on that, presently.

God has shown you what is right.^[3] You know, or at least *knew*, what was displeasing to Him and what should be eliminated from your life. You may feel that the lack of conviction in your heart is a sign of your *obedience*, however, while the *presence* of God's chastening us is a sure sign of our adoption^[4], the lack of it, is not necessarily a sign of His pleasure with us. Contrariwise, the comfort and lack of conviction may be an indication of your long-lived *disobedience*. As you became increasingly disobedient, the volume of the guiding voice diminished, leaving you in a state of less and less discomfort. But, there was a time, when you first set out on this way, that you wanted no part of the things that you now consider a natural part of your life. What happened? What changed? Is it that you have become more enlightened, or is it that you have become indifferent to the voice of God?

We are indeed carnal.

TO BE CONTINUED... (Next Month)

Friendly,

DON C HARRIS

[1] John 14:26, ***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things"***

John 16:13, ***"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth"***

[2] Acts 9:5 "... it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."

[3] Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

[4] Proverbs 3:11, "My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:"

Hebrews 12:7-8, "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

"Have you understood all the things?" [Click to Listen] excerpt from the Questions of Jesus by Don C Harris.

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!

"Mature"

***Hey old man. You in the mirror
What did you do with the boy?
The fresh faced kid who seemed much nearer
Before you came to annoy?***

You look like him – and I know sometimes

"Mature"



*You feel you still may be
In fleeting dreams and thoughts sublime
You may even think you're he.*

But you're not, old man; the boy is gone...

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

TRI ThINKer's Thoughts ...



Can I get the CDs on Sabbath and The Rapture? [Yes!] I've been listening to you for years (since your first appearance on GLC). Your words have opened my eyes. Thank you for all you do to get the Truth out there. Through your programs, I am learning to meditate to hear Jehovah. I'm not very good at it though but I know in my heart and spirit that you are right in this and so many other things. Gosh, you are a breath of fresh clean air. Thank you.

~ ThINKer in TX

...Your generosity of spirit, open-handedness with all that you are an have, obedience in the face of great diversity is and will always be one of the best examples of "go into all the world and make disciples..." "Live it." You do, and many benefit.

~ThINKer in OR

Thank you for sharing on GLC. [NOTE: Think Red Ink Presents plays on God's Learning Channel (GLC) at 9:30 AM MT.]

~ThINKer in ID (new)

Thank you Don, for all you do!

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you for taking my call Sunday night about 8 pm central. It was a pleasure and you answered many questions I had, even without me asking them or you knowing you did. I will get the TRI app and register my new email address. Thank you for your time.

~ ThINKer in TX

I am right now making a short YouTube video & planned on directing people your direction on the Calendar. You do an excellent job in your video called "[Creators Calendar](#)". I did a quick search for it online and found your video page [Think Red Ink TV Channel] on Vimeo. ... I checked your other videos, and they looked great.

~ ThINKer in IA

I enjoy the ministry of Think Red Ink. I first heard you on GLC. Then I lost track of you because my computer broke and I did not replace it. I knew you were having vision problems and wanted to check on you. Thanks for being there.

~ ThINKer in TX

THINKER IN TX don't have any money but I would like your new book. Can you please send me one?

REPLY FROM DON Thanks for reaching out to Think Red Ink Ministries. TRI has authorized the shipment of the print book to you. Many ministry materials are available online at www.ThinkRedInk.com Please stay in touch.

THINKER IN VA: I hope you and all are doing well (all things considered). I'm doing fair most of the time. These last couple of days have been tough... Of course giving YHVH the praise and glory goes without saying. Question: Is there a proper or certain position for prayer? I've heard you say not to pray in public, if you did when would you? Thank you as always for any and all material. YHVH's richest blessings upon you.

REPLY FROM DON Thank you. I look forward to your comments and thoughtful questions when you contact the ministry. I have enclosed my audio book, "On Prayer." Here, I will address your specific questions, "*Is there a proper or certain position for prayer? I've always heard you say not to pray in public, if you did when would you?*" As far as the position of prayer, we should let that happen on its own. It's like asking the question "should we cry at weddings?" It's not a matter of should we, or could we, or does it help to do it - sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn't. It's the same as finding yourself on your knees. In the Scriptures, Jehoshaphat was found praying prostrate on the ground. "*...Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.*" (2 Chron. 20:18)

As far as public prayer is concerned there are a couple examples of its utilization in the Scriptures, Solomon, Jehoshaphat and Jesus all used it for the purpose of addressing God and imploring him, but it was for the purpose of making it un-mistakable to the people that God was the worker of the miracle. The hypocrisy comes when we pray in front of people FOR THE PURPOSE of the audience to hear us. Jesus actually apologized for praying the same thing twice, "*...Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.***" (John 11)

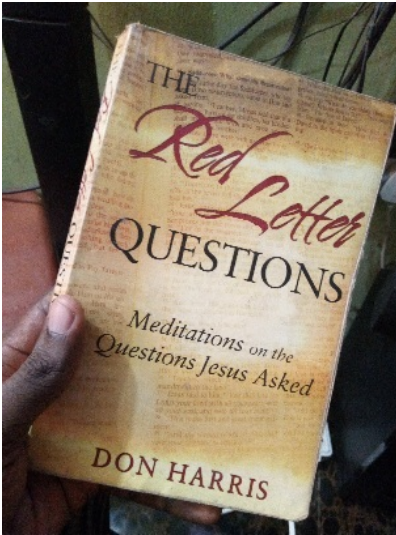
THINKERS: "Please send me the following materials..."

REPLY FROM DON Thanks for requesting TRI materials. It is our joy to follow the red words (the words of Jesus), "...freely give"... We have video programming 24/7 at www.thinkredink.tv with a chat room where you can get acquainted. We hope you enjoy the TRI family. It is high time to think...RED INK!

As I look back once again at the "beginning" of my healing, I cannot but remember your book "The Red Letter Questions" which I bought for 1,000 Nigerian Naira (3.5 dollars) in 2009. I bought it in a Christian bookshop but I later knew from you that your materials were not for sale. My testimony is that I am being healed. Walls are being built (just as you said), but God has been there to comfort and fortify. I pray for Don, Shelley and the wonderful team of TRI for ease of ministry and that danger be far from you as the Lord pleases. Thank you.

[See the front page below.]

~ ThINKer in NI



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