



Chronicles of Diversity

Show me

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The current attitude in much of the world is “show me.”

Last week we dealt briefly with the concept of “Show me the money!” as one of the methods of expose in the world today.

Over most of this series we have also been dealing with the concept of the applications of natural law and common grace. These concepts, available to all humanity, show conclusively that there is a God and we are not Him. However, this truth is not so evident to those whose religion has no room for a Supreme Being. God serves no role in their lives other than an opiate for the masses. (They of course, not being part of the irrational masses.)

We will, in later weeks, deal further with more diverse applications of common grace, but for this week when the United States still pauses briefly for a time of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate to look at one application of common grace that seems to not be natural in its development.

To summarize the recent political election, perhaps a proper show me term would be “Show me the hate.” Some would say that is too strong of a term, and that people only wanted their votes to count. However, most people believe that their votes counted, simply because they followed the voting rules.

This hate demonstrated others, with their specific agenda of worldly wisdom, believe that all means are acceptable to win their point, and to show that their candidate alone, had the wisdom to lead

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us to the Promised Land.

In that regard, John Kerry was a man without any values, George Bush's values were not rational. But I would submit that most of the problem with the Blue county urban liberal reading of George Bush was that he really didn't identify with their understanding of the burden of saving the earth. Not only that, he seemed and seems completely arrogant and purposely ignores their perceived notions on how the earth and humanity must be saved.

"After all it will take a billion years to evolve to this level of intellect again, if we don't all come together. John Kerry understands our burden and slavery quite well. George Bush acts like some Christian space cadet (fighter pilot). George just does not relate to the burdens of this life and he makes me even more depressed. He talks of freedom for Iraq and he doesn't seem to have a clue about our bondage. And I might add, neither do his conservative evangelical friends.

However, by showing their hate, this disrespect is also discernible in the right ditch of big politics. They are not showing anything but that the Jordan River runs into the Dead Sea. Right and left ditches together showing profoundly the truth that Sodom and Gomorrah may be gone, but man's nature does not change.

What the extremes want you to do is get off the narrow path to the promised land and joint them in their wide encompassing ditch.

"If you join our group we will take care of you and provide you with the security that you seek. We, being the leaders of the group, will become the your Master and will own you, and you will become our slaves."

Is this form of slavery of choice really any different than the grounds for which the American civil war was fought almost one hundred fifty years ago? This time however, the slave class is not limited to persons of color, so it is a little more difficult to tell the slaves from their Massas. We all look alike.

The War on Terror is an outward example of this war. Islam is the ultimate form of this religious theocracy of slavery. But what we are unwilling to admit is pretty much all of man's endeavors are nothing more than a process of religious enslavement. The only debate is over who will be the priest and who will be the laity.

Of course we all want to be priests, so we form organizations to promote our understanding of the good, and how we all need to come together to lift our program to the heavens. The whole problem is that no one wants to be the laity. Why is this so?

Because God didn't create men and women to be slaves but to be free, completely free. This includes religious, economic and any other sort of freedom you might envision.

But if we are all truly free won't the world rapidly decay into anarchy?

No, because once you are truly free from not only outward slavery, but also the slavery to your own depravity, a transformation takes place in the human soul, So, "Show me the hate." is replaced with "Show me the love.", or more appropriately, "Let me lovingly serve you." It's a "created in the image of God" thing.

Love, is the greatest common grace example that there is a God. There is absolutely no evolutionary reason for love. Sex and reproduction don't need love, but the one trait that each human person seeks, is to love and be loved in return. Love just isn't rational even if it is common.

However, if you move love beyond common grace, into a specific revelation of God's grace to man, you may eventually see, however vaguely, that love is the power to transform the world.

Therefore in the Bible, you can see in the creation story, a story of God's love for man. In the gospel of Jesus Christ you see another example of God's love. At the end of time is another perfect example of God's love manifest eternally.

We live in a world in which everything seems to have been "dumbed down" to the laity, so they can understand their slavery to religious authority. For example, I recently heard a person describe this community identity in his life, starting as a colored person, then to a negro, then a black, then he became an Afro-American, and now he was being transformed into a person of color.

In reality, he didn't change all that much, but what changed was the way he was forced into a currently politically correct class of slavery. This class distinction had to do only with the color of his skin, not his worth to society as a whole, or to his own specific identity.

In the specific revelation of Christianity, probably the most dumbed down term deals with the concept of "getting saved."

In getting saved an individual passes from mortality to immortality, from death to life, from slavery to true freedom, and yet all you did was get saved, or born again. No wonder the church as lost its power.

When the most miraculous opportunity the world has ever encountered is dumbed down to a brief sinners prayer, somebody has got a problem and it is not the world of evolutionary dogma and political correctness.

For reasons that are foreign to our nature, God has chosen as His method of positive creativity in this world, simply love. Outlawing same sex marriages will not change the world, as neither will recycling all the bottles and cans.

Love changes people from sinners to saints, from men and women to husbands and wives, from self serving worthless wantabe slave masters to servants of humanity. None of this follows the rules of evolution and entropy.

But for this power to be manifest in anyone, you must introduce the concept of choice. In the beginning, actually before the beginning, God chose to love His creation and mankind with unconditional love. If you want to change the world, you must get in line with God's program. You must choose to love, when everyone else may hate you.

In that, lies the essence of original sin and the specific revelation of the gospel. "God so loved the world" just like you used to see in the end zones of football games. God chose to love sinners so much that He chose to set them free from the curse of sin and death.

I haven't seen those end zone signs for a few years now, maybe they have been legislated out of the stadiums, either by rules, or by economics. However, even though the signs may be gone, the power manifest in unconditional love still flows through all society, even if love is getting more and more difficult to see in sporting events, or even in the rest of culture.

The church is called not to legislate morality, but to follow God's example. The power of a man's love for a woman, and conversely, is the essence of marriage. No law of man is ever going to change that truth one way or the other. So what the church must do, one individual free Christian at a time, is to love one another. That love positively changing society, again one individual at a time.

Lesbians don't necessarily change into loving mothers in traditional marriages over night. Drunks also don't often become sober without trial. But all this does happen. Law is there to show us our depravity. That includes both natural and specific laws. Grace, which really is the empowerment of love, can and does overcome the curse of the law. Always has, always will.

The world doesn't need a constitutional marriage amendment, the world needs love. Legislation is much easier than love, because it is a natural process leading to further class bondage and slavery. Love sets one on a different path, out of the depth of the Dead Sea to an eternal Jerusalem.

Not all people will choose that path, for the natural way leads from the depth of the Jordan Valley down into the depth of hell. Hell being the ultimate and only true application of legal justice.

All men and women, one personality at a time, are on the narrow path to either heaven or hell. We are in a world and have our mind set, to keep looking down that lonely heinous road to hades, except by the power of love.

So the message for this Thanksgiving season is to choose love over hate. Only God knows the wonders that may spring from that choice. Miracles still do happen in this world, God has saved them all to be manifest through the application of grace through love. It may not be rational, but it is natural, and just beyond our understanding of reality. That brings us to the term faith.

Faith is knowing the power of love will transform reality. Trying to rationalize that impossibility, should move you beyond any concept of salvation into a loving reality that will take eternity to fully grasp. That is why there is eternal life.

So for a few days choose to be thankful for, and give love, some turkey gave his life for your celebration. He (the turkey) represents a manifestation of common grace love. Make sure you have a big helping of both light and dark meat, and also the skin. But don't forget it is only love that truly sets you free. Always has, always will.

Guess what? Love shows to everyone!

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