

Take-Your-Pick Theology

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Does God operate a theological cafeteria? Are all of the world's religions (i.e., Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, et al.) on His steam table? Is Christianity on the menu as merely one among many choices of access leading to God and salvation? Does He allow men to choose which of these appeals to them most?

Those who believe the Bible is the only inspired Word of/from God must answer "No" to all but the last of the foregoing questions. God has granted men free will, **allowing us to choose** our religious diet, even if it poisons and kills us.

The "cafeteria" described above is not God's. It belongs to men, though God allows men to operate it and dine in it at their pleasure. He has never coerced obedience to His will.

The philosophy of Postmodernism has our nation in its grip. It gives "moral equivalency" to all philosophies, political systems, ethical systems, and religions, among other things. In this diabolical and irrational scheme of relativism, all truth claims are equal. There is no objective, immutable truth or system of truth. Whatever one believes or thinks is one's "truth," but directly contradictory claims are no less "truth." (Can the day be far off when one will seriously argue that his "truth" is that $2 + 2 = 7$, and it be accepted by his fellow Postmodernists?) *Truth*, once respected and sought above all else by honest souls, has thereby been cast on history's ash heap.

"Take-your-pick" theology is Postmodernism applied to religion. It denies "that there is one perfect path that we are meant to follow." The broadminded and idolatrous Jews five centuries before Christ agreed, and God sent Babylon to destroy Jerusalem and lead His people into exile. Postmodernism could not be more anti-Biblical or anti-Christian.

The Bible declares **one** God, **one** Savior, and **one** way — exclusively:

- God's Word is **truth** (John 17:17).
- Jesus is God's beloved Son; we must **hear Him** (Mat. 17:5).
- We **must** believe Jesus is His Son or die in sin (John 8:24).
- Jesus is **the** way, truth, and life; **the only** way to God (14:6).
- Jesus' way **alone** leads to eternal life; all other paths (the "broad way") end in death (Mat. 7:13-14).

- Men can be saved **only** through Jesus (Acts. 4:12).

These and a host of other statements exclude Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Baha'ism, and all other "world religions." It is one thing to reject the Bible. It is quite another to **profess** to believe and teach it, while denying its plainest declarations. These should be ashamed.

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