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Christ's Tacit Verification Of Bible Truth

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"If it were not so, I would have told you" (John 14:2).

By His very silence regarding many subjects, Christ has tacitly verified many Biblical statements and accounts that have been questioned by various highminded theologians. In Jesus' declaration to his disciples that He would have told them had there not been "many mansions" in His Father's House, we can see that if there had been any untruths in their Old Testament Scriptures, He would have told them. Thus, Christ's silence on many things therein that have been questioned by men amounts to His tacit endorsement of their verity.

Below, I shall present just a few of the many Biblical things tacitly verified by Christ. Please note, however, in my presentation of these things as "tacitly verified" by Christ, I do not always mean that Jesus "said nothing at all" about that subject, but rather, I mean that He did not "specifically discount" the Bible statements and accounts of those subjects, and by this silence He tacitly verified their truthfulness.

(1) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE STORY OF CREATION

If the Genesis account of creation had not been so, He would have said so. If one believes in and relies upon the verity of Christ Himself, then one must also accept the Biblical account of creation -- or make Christ a liar by His silence upon that subject. You cannot trash the creation account in Genesis and believe in Christ at the same time! Thus it is also regarding all other Biblical truths tacitly endorsed and verified by Jesus.

(2) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE GREAT FLOOD

If the Biblical account of the Flood and the preservation of Noah and his family in the Ark had not been so, Jesus would have said so. Again, if the story of the Flood is a fairy-tale, then Christ is a liar by reason of His very failure to tell the world so. He said, "I am... the

Truth," and had He known the story of the Flood to be anything other than a factual account, He owed it to His own veracity to point out that the O. T. account was not so -- but He did not discount the story. So, if you believe in Jesus Word, you must also accept the Biblical account of the Flood to be Gospel Truth.

(3) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE STORY OF JONAH

If the account was untrue of how "the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights" (Jonah 1:17), then later "vomited out.. upon the dry land" (Jonah 2:10), then Jesus would have said so. He would not have tacitly verified the story had it been a fairy-tale, a gross embellishment, or a huge exaggeration. In none of His references to the story did Jesus even hint that the story was less than, or other than, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Therefore, if you believe Jesus, you must believe the O. T. account of Jonah.

(4) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE RED SEA AND JORDAN RIVER PARTINGS

Had the parting of the waters of the Red Sea and of the Jordan River been nothing more than season or natural occurrences, Jesus would have said so! Do you believe that? -- or do you agree with one modern Israeli that a few of the O. T. stories were true and all the rest was "PR" (Public Relations Hype)!? I say, "Let God (in the Person of Christ) be true, and every man a liar" (Rom. 3:4)! We can be sure that if anything had been "PR Hype" in the O. T., Jesus would have said so!

(5) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE MIRACLES OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS

Had any of the O. T. accounts of miracles performed by various prophets been untrue, Jesus would have told you so. He never denied a one of them. Therefore, you are compelled to believe them all -- en toto -- including Elijah's fiery ascendance into heaven in a chariot of fire! Had they been Jewish "PR" -- had they been embellishments of the facts -- He Who is Truth Itself would have been compelled to say so. Instead, He tacitly verified them to be the inerrant Word of God. Every miracle performed by Moses, by Joshua, by Samuel, by Elijah, by Elisha, and by all of the other prophets must be accepted as factual truth if Jesus really IS the Truth. To deny them is to deny Him!

(6) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS

No doubt many have doubted and/or denied the miraculous deliverances of Daniel and the 3 Hebrew Children as recorded by Daniel. By not denying them, Jesus verified their truthfulness. Some have declared that Isaiah did not write all of the book of Isaiah -- that there was a pseudo-Isaiah who wrote part of that book. Well, let me tell you folks, if such had been the case Jesus would have known about it, and He would have told the world so, but He did not. Therefore, you had better accept the whole book of Isaiah as the tacitly verified truth of Christ!

(7) JESUS TACITLY VERIFIED BIBLE HISTORY

To swallow the talk of some theological high-brows, one must believe that O. T. History was not all written by whom it is said to have been written, nor at the time it is said

to have been written. Strange! isn't it? how He Who knew the O. T. "having never learned" it from man never questioned Biblical History? (John 7:15). Had O. T. History been all garbled and ridden with errors, as asserted by some "High? Critics," one would think that Christ would have said something about it! -- but He was utterly silent regarding such criticisms; therefore again, we must accept Bible History as the unadulterated truth -- verified by Christ's silence.

(8) JESUS HAS TACITLY VERIFIED THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus never disallowed any of his own miracles to be other than what they were thought to be -- divinely wrought works of God, impossible through natural means. But what about those things which transpired after His ascension? It is true that Jesus said regarding communications with His disciples following His return to heaven, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you" (John 14:30). But we can be assured of this: Had things recorded in the Gospels and written in the epistles and book of Revelation been anything less than pure truth, Jesus would have told His people so. Indeed, I believe that through the inspiration and warnings of the Holy Spirit, Christ has continually guided truth seekers "into all truth" and "away from and out of all error," just as He promised to do:

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you" (John 16:13-15).

It was He Who declared, "If it were not so, I would have told you" Who saw to it that the 66 inspired books of the Bible were included in our canon of Scripture and all else was excluded. It is He also, who has continually guided His True Church away from such errors as Mormonism, Russellism, Adventism, Eddyism, Buddhism, and yes, Mohammedanism (or Islam). How have truth seekers been able to detect both Truth and Error down across the long centuries of the Church Age? Answer:-- through the unerring guidance of Christ, Who promised: "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:21).

When the words of the false prophet, Joseph Smith have threatened to turn truth seekers to the right or to the left to follow his lies, Christ through His Spirit of Truth has warned: "IT IS NOT SO! This, rather, is the way, walk ye in it! Likewise, He continually informs, warns, and guides every truth seeker today, relative to all Truth and every falsehood. When one who already dwells in the Truth is tempted to doubt part of that Truth or to depart from it, Christ reinforces that verity with the strong inward persuasion:

IF IT WAS NOT SO, IT WOULD NOT BE IN HIS WORD! THEREFORE, I CAN, AND MUST, CONTINUE IN THIS TRUTH TO SAVE MY SOUL.

Regarding this matter, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matt. 22:42). I say that He always has, and ever will, distinctly and individually guide souls away from all error and into

all truth, for He is the "God, that cannot lie" (Titus 1:2) -- vocally, tacitly, or in any way, world without end!

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