

Do YOU Have the Spiritual Gonads to Ask Jesus for His Truth?

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus Our Lord,

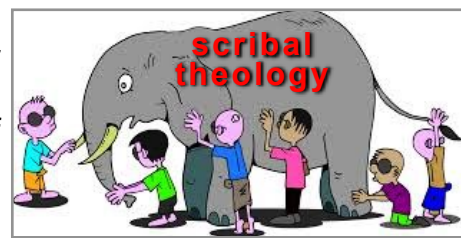
For nearly 45 years we've exposed and confronted the deceit of **scribal theology**. In case you're unsure of what scribal theology represents, it's this: anti-Semitic theological creedal systems, organized clergy hierarchy, and religious practices and traditions which eradicated the Hebrew roots of Scripture and all things "Jewish". In our recent series of **Teaching Emails**, (139 thru 146), **Avoid The Paralyzing Analysis Of The Scribes**, we exposed the evil of scribal theology in Christianity. Centuries of European theologians distorted God's Word by establishing their creeds and religious practices devoid of the Hebraic foundations.

It saddens us to discover how far afield anti-Semitism has influenced theologians over the centuries. As years went by, we grew increasingly dismayed over the number of Christians who blindly accept what is taught them by their clergy. They fail to test by the Holy Spirit if what they're taught is true.

We realized in writing these exposés that it's very difficult to believe that our God allowed these lies to go on for hundreds of years. But the Holy Spirit reminded us that our God is eternal and that time has no bearing on Him: *"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day"* (2Peter 3:8).

Also, what has hurt our hearts so much are the theologies which have eradicated the intimate love-grounded union with our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus by His Spirit that is intended in the **Covenant understanding of the Gospel**. Eliminated as well is the command that our Lord's followers live the same **obedience-based, trust-impelled way of life as our father Abraham**. The obedience-based way of life of Abraham who TRUSTED God is far more crucial to your life of following our Lord out of grateful love than all the Hebrew and Greek theological interpretations. The multitude of differing theologies has made a mess of the unity our Lord envisioned for His followers—first the Covenant unity with His Father, and then the relational unity of His followers with each other.

Centuries of anti-Semitic theologians distorting God's Word was possible through their minimizing the importance of the Older Testament. Also, numerous clergy over the centuries have sought to maintain their own livelihood as a personal priority, fearful of disavowing even one point established by "distinguished" theologians from the past. Clergy privately admit they don't believe all the creedal and denominational positions they were taught to embrace. But they fear losing their job if they are totally truthful with their congregants. Consider this for yourself: Theology without the Hebraic foundations through which our Lord's first followers understood the Bible has given you a limited perception of scriptural truth and of what Jesus commands His own by grace—**love-grounded, Lordship-committed, obedience-based trust!**



We encourage you to have the **spiritual gonads** to ask our Lord Jesus to verify if what you've been taught and what you believe is HIS truth. In case you don't remember from high school biology, gonads are the primary reproductive organs: the testes in the male and the ovaries in the female. Spiritual gonads are YOU having seminal courage (seminal: strongly influencing those who will follow in your footsteps) to seek the truth which is verified by the Spirit of our Lord. This one pursuit—you personally verifying through the indwelling Holy Spirit—will reveal your commitment to Jesus as LORD of your life and where your life stands in His eyes.

In relation to the theological deceit we've been discussing, a few days ago the Holy Spirit spoke to Mike to look once again at the Gulf of Tonkin Incident. The following anecdote isn't about Mike or a military conflict he left behind after three deployments which ended 50 years ago this June. It's about you and any misplaced blind confidence you have in the deception of scribal theology. The take-away for you is this—you must investigate, question and verify!

Mike: Due to the Freedom of Information Act, the US Navy in 2005 released the authorized history of the Gulf of Tonkin Incident that precipitated the Vietnam Conflict. When that information came out we were living in a senior mobile home park in Colorado Springs. Each afternoon four World War II veterans got together at the clubhouse for coffee and conversation. On my way to swim laps in the clubhouse I'd often sit with them, enjoying that they were the last to experience military victory. They had come home victorious while we Vietnam vets came home losers, despised, spat on and rejected.

Chappy was in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and had his first duty station ship sunk from underneath him. John spent four years on a Navy LST and was kamikazied in the last months of the war. The other two guys served in the army and I wasn't sure about their duties, other than I know they risked their lives on several occasions. These WWII vets went to war having a government that had an *exit strategy*: **VICTORY!!!** To the detriment of this nation, World War II was the last war this nation won! Something has gone terribly wrong with thousands of men and women needlessly dying or being maimed: Korea remains a stalemate, and we lost Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, leaving chaos in our wake. Our military left these last three nations destroyed and suffering, with thousands of our own troops killed or psychologically or physically maimed for life.

The very day I told those four vets what the authorized history revealed about the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, the news was filled with President Bush and his Secretary of State convincing Congress and the American people that we needed to go to war with Iraq because there were "weapons of mass-destruction" there. As you know, a thorough search proved there were none, and never had been.

Let's look at the context behind the government-led lie which cost so many their lives in Vietnam. The Gulf of Tonkin Incident on August 4, 1964 stated that North Vietnamese warships attacked two United States warships—the U.S.S. Maddox and the U.S.S. Turner Joy—in the Gulf of Tonkin, which neighbored Vietnam. The 2005 release by the US Navy declared there was a disturbing and deliberate attempt by President Lyndon Johnson and Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to distort the evidence and mislead Congress. Before I go further, let me state: **The Incident never occurred!** Three days after the supposed incident, on August 7, 1964, the Tonkin Gulf Resolution was passed by Congress, essentially unchallenged by our Representatives. Duped by the President and Secretary of Defense, Congress passed the Resolution, believing it was an appropriate response to deliberate attacks on U.S. vessels. In passing the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Congress also removed itself from civilian oversight of the military which is so necessary in times of conflict.

Here's the truth:

Lyndon Johnson and Robert McNamara deceived the American people and Congress by using falsified information about an attack that did not occur. Even the Navy commanders on the Maddox and Joy stated there was no attack. Later, Johnson himself had his own doubts about what happened in the Gulf on August 4. A few days after the Tonkin Gulf Resolution was passed on August 7, President Johnson commented, "Hell, those damn, stupid sailors were just shooting at flying fish."

Now get this. On August 4, 1964 Commander James Stockdale launched from the USS Ticonderoga. He arrived overhead the Maddox and Joy during the supposed attack. For more than 90 minutes he made runs

parallel to the ships' course and at low altitude looking for the enemy vessels. He reported later, "I had the best seat in the house to watch that event and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets—there were no PT boats there... there was nothing there but black water and American firepower." Commander Stockdale was later ordered to launch an air strike against North Vietnamese targets for their "attacks." Unlike the senior officials sending him out, Stockdale had no doubt about what had happened: **"We were about to launch a war under false pretenses, in the face of the on-scene military commander's advice to the contrary."**

When the four valiant WW II veterans heard me tell them about the falsehood, their eyes filled with tears of sadness. They got up from that table and hugged me saying how sorry they were for me having to have suffered so much as a result of lies by the President and Secretary of Defense. In the months to follow, the five of us watched President Bush and the Secretary of State lying to the American public about Iraq while our local news almost every night reported the death of yet another soldier from Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

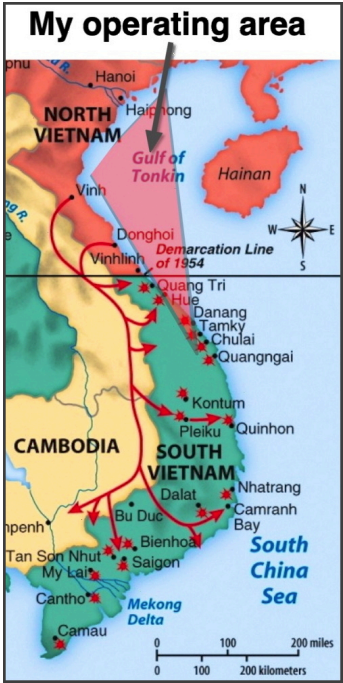
I'm telling you this because it frames why the Holy Spirit has me writing to those who have sufficient **spiritual gonads**—followers of Jesus courageously living with loving appreciation under His Lordship. To live as someone *"after our Lord's own heart"*, you must have the spiritual gonads to ask our Lord Jesus to verify for you through His Spirit the truths He is specifically calling you to put into practice each step of your way. Scribal theology, even the particular one you ascribe to, doesn't mean that its teaching and traditions are truth until our Lord Himself verifies it.

Fifty Years Later, "Walk a Mile in My Life..."

I'd like to share with you some very painful, ongoing life lessons I've been experiencing because of lies that sent me to war. While I'm eternally grateful that our Lord uses Sue and me to bring forth messages from His Spirit, this work has taken place through a tunnel of suffering that He has allowed. It was around 2005 that the early stages of Agent Orange poisoning began to affect me.

Agent Orange was a highly toxic herbicide used by the U.S. military to kill vegetation during the Vietnam Conflict. Eleven million gallons of Agent Orange were sprayed in Vietnam over 20 million acres. Roughly 300,000 Vietnam veterans have died from Agent Orange exposure. That's almost five times as many as the 58,000 who died in combat. Agent Orange has put three million Vietnam veterans and their families at risk. That toxicity is also affecting their children and their children's children. This is a reality that frightens Agent Orange sufferers: What am I passing on in my family?

The first indicator of its effect on me was weeks of ceaseless nerve pain throughout my entire body. It was like every nerve was screaming at my brain. Like many other Vietnam vets, when I sought the VA for help, all I got was the runaround for several years. Because I had regularly flown in and out of Vietnam but wasn't a "boots on the ground" soldier, the staff were confident I wasn't suffering any effects from Vietnam. Their callous disregard finally drove me into PTSD which hadn't been diagnosed when I returned from Vietnam. At times the pain was so relentless that I was overwhelmed by a deep sense of hopelessness and seconds away from committing suicide. The only thing that stopped me was my love for Jesus and for Sue. Even today only that thin line of love for my Lord and for Sue—and HIS love and sovereign will for me—keeps me alive.



My story is by no means the exception. The treatment we Vietnam vets have received from the VA has driven too many of us to suicide. For example: Can you imagine what it felt like for me and so many others to be prescribed medications by a VA physician and then be told by the pharmacist filling our prescriptions, "This med will never work!" Picture us vets facing this type of living hell from a government who poisoned us with Agent Orange and was later driving us into hopelessness. Maybe you don't know that the risk for suicide is 22% higher among veterans when compared to U.S. non-veteran adults.

Most of the enlisted men who served with me were 5 or 6 years younger on average. After pressuring the VA to do a thorough medical exam on me so the younger guys might get help from the VA faster than I was being given, the VA ultimately gave me a 100% disability rating—certainly not something I was looking for.

It's with this same resolve to get to the truth that we've been warning you about scribal theology. My time to keep warning you is running out! With my body rotting from the inside, I live with incessant nerve, joint, muscle and tendon pain. Sleep is elusive, most often less than 3 hours a night. Sitting here now at the computer is like putting my entire body in a vice and having someone tightening it. Do I want pity? No! Am I just an old embittered Vietnam vet? Far from it! Most of you who live outcome-based rather than obedience-based would have a hard time understanding the grace my Father gives me in persevering courage and obedience-based love for Christ and love for Sue.

Am I unAmerican in blowing the whistle on our government or the VA? Not one bit! I'd rather die than betray the **foundation of justice** that our Lord Jesus demands of His own: *"Do for others what you would want them to do for you"* (Matthew 7:12). In the face of evil, such as our President lying us into a war, or the devastating effects of Agent Orange, or the demonic evil of scribal theology, I do for you what I would hope you would do for me as family in Christ, no matter the cost.

I'd like to close with a sorrow I live with about Vietnam, a sorrow that approximates how I feel when I meet Christians who are mired in scribal theology and don't want to even consider that they may be embracing lies because of theological anti-Semitism:

In addition to the massive environmental devastation of Agent Orange in Vietnam, that nation has reported that some 400,000 people were killed or maimed as a result of Agent Orange. Among the Vietnamese, exposure to Agent Orange is considered to be the cause of an abnormally high incidence of miscarriages, skin diseases, cancers, birth defects, and congenital malformations (often extreme and grotesque).



In 2006 I wrote a letter to the Vietnamese government asking their forgiveness for the hundreds of thousands of bombs and bullets I supplied as part of helicopter combat support to our ships and troops. We attacked the Vietnamese unjustly, and I had been duped, and I was complicit in murdering innocent people.

Finally, for you who are reading this and have the spiritual gonads: turn to the **Spirit of Truth** and get you and your loved ones into His truth. Trusting in any of the divisive teachings of scribal theology is a risky gamble to anchor your eternal future on. You may find a measure of comfort now in trusting that those theologians who established the traditions and faith practices you adhere to were establishing what our Lord Jesus wants you to observe. But Christian history and the current

competitive division within Christianity prove this vain trust is misguided and misplaced. Do you want to risk you and your family to what may be lies concerning how you reach heaven's gate? When it comes to truth and verifying it, Sue and I trust only the Spirit of our Lord Jesus. You should too!

Along with members of Congress, millions of Americans trusted Johnson and McNamara—officials who lied us into a conflict with no exit strategy. My suffering and that of approximately 2,700,000 other military personnel who served in Vietnam is nothing compared to an eternity in the fires of hell. Hell is the eternal depository for those who neither sought the Truth or lived by it. Don't be one of these people!!!

Family members and beloved slave/servants of our Lord Jesus until we hear our names proclaimed in heaven,

Mike & Sue

P.S. **Sue:** Over the past 5 decades I've taken part in what Mike wrote about. I've been with him through far too many visits to the VA and watched him endure so many dead ends which well-meaning medical personnel have sent him down. I've been with him each day as he fights back the depression that the constant pain inflicts on him. No matter how he is feeling, I've seen him lead the way for our prayer walks so that we not only present our petitions and prayers to our heavenly Father, but also receive the revelations the Holy Spirit imparts to us to share with you.



But for Mike and me the greatest pain remains in having learned the avoidable, misleading effects of anti-Semitic theology on Christianity. We would have lost hope as we realized the impact of these lies and misrepresentations if it weren't for our heavenly Father revealing the Hebraic foundations to us and commanding us to share them. If our time is running out to share these truths, then your time is running out to make them your way of life through love-grounded, obedient trust in Jesus as Lord of your life. Take this to heart!