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The Trojan Horse and the Dutch Reformed Church.

This article is related to the notices, letters and resolutions in respect of a certain moral inclination, preceding the Dutch Reformed Church's General Synod Meeting of 2007 and what follows. Not only has the foundation been laid, for the final decision on homosexuality, the last couple of weeks, but it has come a long way since 2002. The Dutch Reformed Church has finally declared (2007-06-08) that the Word of God is not essential in their walk with God.

It is clear that this so-called "paradigm shift" has moved the beacons from reasonable hermeneutics (exegeses) to very poor hermeneutics, by demanding that homosexual orientated Ministers be allowed in the pulpit. Professors from various theological faculties have signed a document requesting that the Word of God should be denounced. Obviously they do not know any better, seeing that they have already undermined the Word of God, while those who supposedly know better, who allow this kind of behaviour, find themselves being more accountable.

Is this the example the church is setting for the average, hard working member, seeking fellowship by attending church in order to find some relief from the outside world. This shows that there is no discernment, neither by the university nor the church, especially taking the 2 decisions that the Synod were facing into account after "thorough" consideration by the task team, regarding homosexuality. Not even the 2nd decision would have had any scriptural basis by which they readily appeal to. Thus the Dutch Reformed Church's body has spoken (299 votes to 66). How will those members who have been "sold out" go about this issue?

2Timothy 4:1 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2Timothy 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

Just the thought of someone taking communion without repenting and turning away from sin!

1Corinthians 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

1Corinthians 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

1Corinthians 11:31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

What happened to:

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

1Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

If the church cannot point out sin for what it is, then there is no difference between the church and the world!

Who will stand up for our own people? It is quite clear that those who are supposed to, will not be taking on the responsibility. The Trojan Horse is in our midst and the enemy has already been deployed. The build up to this point in time has culminated over some years and has not manifested over night. I and many others have warned against this intrusion, but needless to say it was ignored. This clearly shows the fall of the Dutch Reformed Church and their incompetence to hold to the Word of God. The Lord accused Israel of blatant immorality when they departed from Him.

Numbers 14:33 "Your sons shall be shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness.

Hosea 4:12 My people consult their wooden idol, and their diviner's wand informs them; For a spirit of harlotry has led them astray, And they have played the harlot, departing from their God.

Hosea 5:4 Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God. For a spirit of harlotry is within them and they do not know the LORD.

Certain Professors from a theological faculty, accused of heresy, were acquitted based on the Dutch Reformed Church's Synod's admission that critical-theological (faith) accountability be practiced. Although this wasn't relevant to the initial complaint, it was still permitted by the commission, regardless of the fact that it was evident that they were undermining the authority of Scripture. They would have been found wanting only if the commission's findings were objective and true to scripture.

Did the Synod imply that certain fundamental principles in Scripture be questioned? This seems evident according to the results of the General Synod Meeting of 2007, whereby immorality was condoned.

One such example from the documents of the commission's inquest and founding of Prof Julian Müller:

"The commission, in the hearing and investigation of the complaint as well as the defence, took into account, the decision of the General Synod (1998, 2000, and 2002) regarding the authority of Scripture as well as the Catechisms as historical documents".

The synopsis of the General Synod's decision mentioned above, shows that the Synod wants to promote the subsequent following of open hearted critical debate regarding issues of faith (Please see decision 4 & 8 in the Synod's decision register [www.ngkerk.org] as well as decision 3 & 4 of the General Synod of 1998, p. 517).

Judged on the Synod's decision, the commission is of opinion that Prof Müller acted within the spirit and letter of their resolution, concerning the complaints against him. **The Commission is also of opinion that Prof Müller, in his calling as theologian can profess the ruling of the General Synod. It is also clear that the Synod is building a bridge between "the tradition" and the so-called "critical faith accountability".**

Prof Müller describes his theological position as "**post-fundamental**", whereby **fundamental theology** as well as **relative theology** should be avoided. In short, he is a liberal "**post-fundamental**" theologian. According to him this simply means that "**the fundamental principles of the Bible have become null and void**". This refers to the people pointing out the academic path of the church. Who are you bluffing? He is not the only one! The offerings of the congregation subsidises their salaries and if you were wondering about the Curatorium of the Dutch Reformed Church, it is part of the Dutch Reformed Church's body!

The Synod has used the church as a scapegoat to accommodate homosexuality and as a result have blatantly rejected the authority of the Word of God.

It will take a lot of effort to rid the church of this intrusion and looking at the pathetic attempt of the church itself, I can safely say that we can count them out. The General Synod has also shown us their true colours and maybe the time has come to cry shalom and leave the Dutch Reformed Church. Surely there will be a minister or two amongst the 3000 that have not bowed in front of Baal because they are not bound to the structure and will listen to the Lord when He speaks! They are the shepherds we need - not wolves in sheep's clothing!

I sincerely hope that the Lord has not cut us off and cast us away. The Bible is not ancient history; we need to understand that Scripture also applies to us in this modern day and age;

2Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Timothy 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

The spirit of truth and the spirit of error?

1John 4:6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Strive to be found **spotless and faultless** by the Lord in peace.

2Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

2Peter 3:15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

2Peter 3:16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

While professing to be wise, they became fools and therefore received the retribution for their iniquity.

Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
Romans 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonoured among them.
Romans 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,
Romans 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, **men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.**
Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
Romans 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,
Romans 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
Romans 1:31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
Romans 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Does this mean that God has handed the church, which **approves of this kind of behaviour**, over to believe what is false!

1Kings 22:23 "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

Could it be possible that the Lord Himself has sent the spirit of error to deceive the church due to its ignorance and because it refuses to listen? The Word of God clearly shows that it is possible, while the wolves in sheep clothing will obviously deny that by twisting and quoting Scriptures out of context. Ironically Ahab had a choice to adhere to Mica's call before he was to proceed. In the same fashion the church ignored the warnings of several modern day Mica's and still refuses to respond to these outcries.

Be warned, the Lord is watchful!

How could we have reached this ultimate low in the history of the Dutch Reformed Church?
This is probably related to the types of "**Hyper Calvinistic**" **hermeneutics** being endorsed as well as the "**post-fundamental**" theology, also known as critical-theological (faith) accountability.

The wrong assumption that you are baptized into the covenant and that fact gives you "carte blanche" to live a sinful life. This attitude is threatening the future existence of the church, for the sake of love. This love is surely not "**Agape**", but rather "**Phileo**" or even "**Eros**" and in a very corrupted way, if I may say.

The problem is not necessarily discipline, love or lack thereof, but is deeply rooted, as you can see:

1Corinthians 5:9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;
1Corinthians 5:10 I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.
1Corinthians 5:11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

The type of exegeses applied, dilutes the Word of God and causes for it to be put into practice incorrectly. The meaning of the Bible is altered to suite people, who are actually supposed to be trained in the handling of God's Word, just like Paul was.

On top of this, we find the mentality of **once saved, always saved**. It is not scriptural and causes people to be over confident. This does not mean that we don't have assurance of our salvation. It simply means that we need to be alert, so that we will not be deceived, especially in the last days. The Bible clearly says that he, who endures, will be saved. Take into account the Lords warning in Matthew 24, regarding the deception and great falling away, preceding Christ's return as well as the warning to the 10 virgins in Matthew 25 that goes hand in hand with the previous chapter.

Matthew 24:24 "For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Again, it comes down to the correct hermeneutics. There is no depth in the knowledge of eschatology (End time doctrine), pneumatology (Doctrine on the Holy Spirit and His works) and soteriology (Doctrines on salvation). The result of this is most probably a branded conscience, of which apartheid is definitely evident. How can we be ready for Christ's return if we don't listen to the Holy Spirit? Thus it is impossible to prepare people for the biggest onslaught on Christianity. Slowly but surely we are lead astray, while the veil is lowered even more and more. Are we to turn to Rick Warren or Joyce Meyer and Co in our defence?!

Surely the best defence is a thorough study of God's Word and turning back to Him. The Church leaders should set the example!

It seems that we have reached a point in time, whereby the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees would have to be removed and thrown out with the bath water in order to cleanse the church from their influence.

Matthew 16:6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Matthew 16:12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Christ is coming:

Revelation 16:15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

Revelation 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;

Revelation 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

We need to understand that you can ultimately end up away from God due to your actions, even though you were once in right standing with Him! Faith needs to be accompanied by good works, good works that compliment ones faith in this Christian walk.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

Revelation 19:8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The theory needs to be exact in order for the practice to be correct. The poor application by the Dutch Reformed Church of the theory in practice is evident. The university's theory is rubbing off on the church. This is seen in Coenie Burger's article of Monday, 11th June 2007 in the "Godsdiens-aktueel" with headline; **"Gay debate defines church's character"** Say no more!

The press will have to take responsibility for their part in this whole affair, with regards to what they chose to publish and what not. It seemed that the majority of the articles were pro homosexual rather than vice versa. The question remains if there were any articles that reflected the true perspective on this issue and I am sure that if you dig deep enough in the archives of the publishers, you would find the proof. The media cannot be blamed for the route that the Church has taken, but for lack of judgement on the articles placed, which at times even took up a whole page, especially Pik Botha's opinion on the issue. He was openly in favour of homosexuality and had a very poor reference to the scientific facts regarding this matter. Not to mention Laurie Gaum's "created in the image of God" in the Beeld of Friday 15th June 2007, by Neels Jackson. Again this article took up a whole page. I wish he would just repent and turn to God!

Do not think for one moment that I consider myself holy or that I have anything against homosexuals. My outcry is purely **"Sola Scriptura"**, the Word of God and the Word of God **alone!** The love I am referring to is Godly love, **"Agape"**. How can you say that you love someone and refuse to give them the truth? My argument is not of any emotional sort and I am only requesting that we apply some common sense. Most of us can read and understand English.

Matthew 24:12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

Again it's **"Agapé"** that will grow cold. Surely one cannot say that the world has **"Agape"**!

The true perspective of Love!

2John 1:5 Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.

2John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning that you should walk in it.

2John 1:9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

2John 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;

When someone does not tolerate constructive Christian dialogue anymore:

1Corinthians 5:11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

Jude 1:23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

It is without a doubt, clearly evident, that the Afrikaner people find themselves in exile. There is a strong possibility that this is the case, due to the previous theological deviations and is only apparent when one takes a critical look at the situation in our country. By being involved with politics, instead of conforming to the Word of God, the Church was not able to put into practice the instructions from God. At present, it seems that the church has not learned from past experiences. Unless you do not fear the great falling away, even if you have received the gift of the Spirit, according to **Hebrews 6:**

Hebrews 6:4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 6:5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Hebrews 6:6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Don't think for one moment that the collapse of the **JG Strijdom Monument** was a co-incidence, exactly 40 years, on the day, after South Africa became a republic on May, the 31st 2001. This is probably the last prophetic warning to the National Party as well as the Dutch Reformed Church. The Dutch Reformed Church will need to repent of their sins or else follow the same path as the National Party. After the events of the last week it seems that the writing is on the wall. They say a picture speaks a thousand words. Just have a look at the old Dutch Reformed Church in **Church Street, Pretoria** below, being converted into a mosque – what a tragedy!

Is this how the sun is setting on the Dutch Reformed Church?





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Jeremiah 14:17 "You will say this word to them, 'Let my eyes flow down with tears night and day, And let them not cease; For the virgin daughter of my people has been crushed with a mighty blow, With a sorely infected wound.

Jeremiah 14:18 'If I go out to the country, Behold, those slain with the sword! Or if I enter the city, Behold, diseases of famine! For both prophet and priest have gone roving about in the land that they do not know.'"

Will we confess our sins and return to the Lord?!

Jeremiah 14:20 We know our wickedness, O LORD, The iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against You.

Does your conscience allow you to leave someone without warning them? My conscience is not branded, therefore I can not keep quiet. I appeal to true believers to come into motion. Maranata.

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