

Using Earth Terms to Define Eternal Things

Defining Maturity

Defining Leadership

Defining Doctrine and Orthodoxy.

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One of the very confusing things about defining Eternal Things by Earth Terms is that every group defines their concepts with various and very diverse terms. Some groups have standardized on “orthodox” terms to define various things in their groups. Some times this has resulted in an “Orthodox Society” that is attached to that group.

For example; In our area we have the various levels of Amish and Mennonite groups that have developed into “religious societies!” Each group has adapted to certain “orthodox doctrines, customs, traditions, dress and life styles.

society >noun (pl. societies) 1 the aggregate of people living together in a more or less ordered community. 2 a particular community of people living in a country or region, and having shared customs, laws, and organizations. 3 (also high society) people who are fashionable, wealthy, and influential, regarded as a distinct social group. 4 an organization or club formed for a particular purpose or activity.

In attempting to “standardize” religious thinking into an “orthodoxy” the result has been to “finalize” the religious concepts into a “standardized doctrine” that becomes stagnant, inflexible and authoritarian.

orthodox >adjective 1 conforming with traditional or generally accepted beliefs. 2 conventional; normal. 3 (Orthodox) relating to Orthodox Judaism or the Orthodox Church. from doxa 'opinion'.

To summarize our theory, the terms “doxa or 'opinion' defines these “religious concepts.” They create certain “beliefs” or “opinions” from Church history, Bible verses, early church fathers, or from religious leaders and refuse to accept anything different or any modification of their “orthodoxy.” “Current Revelation” is summarily dismissed as “False Doctrine” and the persons who believe such things as “Deceivers.”

This is revealed throughout church history in every restoration since the 1400's. Still, progressive restorations, progressive experiences, developing and growing spiritual Life has revealed, advanced and explained many truths over these past 500 years.

Act 3:18 "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN? AFTER the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

God has PROGRESSIVELY been in a continuous RESTORATION of “ALL THINGS” spoken by the His holy prophets from ancient time.

What God has been “restoring” to the church will continue until Jesus returns “for His Church.”

It is my theory that any group that is not in the process of a “continuing restoration”

is already stagnant, inflexible and authoritarian. They are existing in the “status quo” and are being fossilized by their “orthodoxy.”

The visible church (of whatever denomination) has been subjected to the “**Doxa or opinions**” of its leadership. Each “leadership” has been affected by its “maturity” and its development into another spiritual dimension. I am assuming that a “continuous spiritual INNER development” within the “leadership” is essential to “the restoration of all things.”

In other words; A comatose leadership will result in a “comatose church.”
“Comatose; Still breathing but lethargic and inactive. Producing nothing but taking up space on God’s Earth!

Luke 13:6 And He *began* telling this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any. 7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. **Cut it down!** Why does it even use up the ground?' 8 "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; 9 and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, **cut it down.**"

The Kingdom Requirements, revealed within “the Gospel of the Kingdom,” may seem too harsh and too strict for the casual church believers and the relaxed and unconcerned leaders! However, the fact remains that God is not putting up with comatose situations where NOTHING (no fruit) is being produced that contributes to the Kingdom Life. Once again we have a difficulty with earth words to define Kingdom demands. Is there no “orthodoxy” to define the Kingdom? No! The Kingdom is a progressive revelation and the “progression” is dependent upon our “living within its inner Government.” God is Sovereign over His Vineyard and has established the Laws involving the Kingdom Fruit. “PRODUCE OR BE CUT DOWN.”

Over the years we have attempted to define “maturity and leadership and ministry and revelation and understanding, ETC.” Of course, that has not be successful!

If I could and if that is possible I would like to define all these things with terms, concepts, verses that could be reduced down to an orthodoxy that could be cut in stone. However, all these things are still developing as we develop into Kingdom persons that are experiencing the Inner Laws and Government of God, and by doing His will and fulfilling His Eternal Purpose!

Still, the Kingdom can not be reduced to a doctrine or organized into an orthodoxy or be defined by an agreed upon set of earth words. The Kingdom is defined by a LIFE lived wholly under the Absolute Sovereignty of Almighty God. Since this is always a progressive and developing LIFE / LIVING EXPERIENCE it has NO permanent definition. Even the Kingdom Fruit is progressive and its definition is always developing.

It is in that same way that the definition of maturity, leadership and ministry must be kept fluid and must take no fixed shape or orthodoxy but must remain flexible and one that can easily yield to the Holy Spirit, whom is gracefully leading us into another major restoration of the things spoken by the prophets. Why? Because we are still looking for that CITY yet to come.

Heb 13:10 We have an altar, from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we do not

have a lasting city, **but we are seeking the city which is to come.**

We have an altar to EAT FROM that is related to the New Jerusalem and Mount Zion. The question; Is this a real Altar, with real food, that relates us to the New Covenant and to the New Jerusalem? Should we, each, be eating that Specific Food as preparation for **the city which is to come?**

Since we may know NOTHING about “that Altar” which has been assigned to us for our food, there may still be an unfolding and a progressive revelation and understanding and EXPERIENCE that is available to us. We may now know that some of the food from the former Bronze Altar was assigned ONLY TO THE PRIESTS. While this is a different Altar, the “eating” may be reserved for the Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. If we just casually assume that we are presently “eating from that Altar” because we are “already saved,” we may be in for a big shock.

We can be certain of one thing; NO ONE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH A FIXED ORTHODOXY OR TO PUT A LID ON REVELATION OR TO ASSIGN REVELATION JUST TO THE EARLY CHURCH LEADERS. WHY?

God is still unfolding the mysteries to the Church and RESTORING everything spoken by the Prophets BEFORE Jesus can return!

Well, brother, can't you at least give us some small insight into this Kingdom Dimension that you have perceived after 45 years?

A Simply Simple Explanation might be this; The Kingdom is God's Absolute Sovereignty ruling over every aspect of earth and everyone who is truly converted as far as the Kingdom! Everyone is doing the will of God on earth as it is being done in heaven. Since EVERYONE IN HEAVEN IS NOW DOING THE WHOLE WILL OF GOD, we can “estimate” what our future very clearly will be and the goal of every ministry.

Even a statement this simple is still abstract UNTIL everyone is actually doing the will of God and fulfilling Jesus' Statement and His understanding of INCENSE PRAYER! Still, INCENSE PRAYER cannot be reduced to an orthodoxy because it is ONLY illuminated by the Fulness of the Spirit or by the Seven Spirits of God. INCENSE PRAYER is standing in the Circle of His Absolute Sovereignty and Cooperating with God until His Will IS BEING DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE IN HEAVEN. It is by INCENSE PRAYER that we learn to rule while still in the church age.

IF THIS PRAYER HAS NOT YET BEEN RESTORED TO THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CHURCH, WE STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO WITHIN ANOTHER RESTORATION. But how do you know believers are not praying that way? Because this IS INCENSE PRAYER and so few are actually do the WILL OF GOD!

But, brother, how can you be so certain about these things? That is because THE HEAVENS ARE STILL RETAINING JESUS UNTIL ALL THINGS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS ARE FULFILLED. JESUS HAS NOT YET COME SO MORE RESTORATIONS ARE IN GOD'S PLANS!

THIS IS NOT COMPLICATED! However, leaving these “Experiential Restorations” up to someone else may be a big mistake! We need to stay flexible and be alert to accept every change necessary to participate in the next restoration which may be THROUGH THE SECOND VEIL.