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“A Scriptural Worldview & Churchview”

Introduction

*As the church is opposed by heresies thru time, there seems to be one error in each era that is predominate

*80s & 90s – charismatics became charismanics

*2000s & 2010s – modern worship became fleshly entertainment

*I believe the predominant error is now changing

*But this time the err is pressing in from both ends of the spectrum – far right & far left

*On far right, there's the Tradrad movement

*On far left, there's the Seven Mountains Mandate

*Here's brief definition of these

#1: Tradrad is one who's radical in traditionalism

*They want to return to One Church, even Latin Mass in many cases

*They don't believe God has a place for a diverse church or even Israel

#2: 7 Mts Mandate is a belief that the church should dominate in all aspects of this world

*They're the Kingdom bringing Christ's return

***Using the 5 vowels, today we'll see the 5 common problems that Tradrads & Seven Mountains Mandate theology have in common**

1st problem – A is for Application of the Word – They misapply significant Scriptures & concepts

***7 Mts Mandate comes from Dominion Theology**

1. Teaches we should have dominion over all areas of life (govt, schools, arts, etc) based on these verses
 - a. Read Gen 1:28 – Plants & animals serve us, yes, this is the same as in Psm 8:6
 - b. Read Dan 7:27 – This speaks of the 1,000 Kingdom, not now, same as in Rev 11:15
 - i. Same interpretation for (Read) Rom 8:19
 - c. Read Eph 1:22-23 – Not about materially ruling this world but having spiritual authority
 - i. Same as Great Commission in Matt 28
 - ii. In (Read) John 18:36 Jesus says He's not concerned about this world's kingdoms
2. We must take from the Word what's there & not put into the Word what we want to be there

*Tradads emphasize legalism over grace by idolizing tradition

1. Practices like dress codes, appearance of the church building, & service routines are often taught as required and not as a range of choices
 - a. Read Gal 3:2-3 – we’re totally dependent on His Spirit & grace, not our efforts & design

*Both ends of the spectrum emphasize experience over truth

1. Whether, as tradads, we’re trying to “create an authentic ancient church environment” or, as the 7 Mt Mandate, we’re “creating culture”, both are willing to sacrifice God’s Word to do it
 - a. Read Matt 15:1-3 – Traditions can be good until they’re made higher than God’s principles

2nd problem – E is for Eschatology – They have an erroneous view of End Times beliefs

*Most believe Kingdom Now Theology that removes the doctrine of a literal 1,000 Millennial Kingdom

1. Some teach Amillennialism
 - a. Spiritualize away the 1,000 yrs
 - b. Millennium is from Jesus 1st to 2nd comings
 - c. This violates a plain literal teaching
2. Some teach Postmillennialism
 - a. Christ will return for the church but only after we Christianize the world
 - b. This violates (Read) II Tim 3:1-5
3. Both positions remove the teaching that the 1,000 year Kingdom is the David Kingdom promised to Israel, not the Church
 - a. The apostles confirmed this in Act 15
 - b. Read Act 15:13-17

3rd problem – I is for Israel – They minimize or demonize the nation Israel & God’s plan for them

*Most believe Reformed Theology that God’s promises to Israel have been given to the Church

1. Recent interview by Tucker Carlson of Sen Ted Cruz received much media attention
 - a. They spoke of supporting Israel...or not

- b. Tucker laughed as Sen Cruz said we're called to support the modern state of Israel
- c. Candace Owens help spread these lies
- 2. There're 3 big questions that we should answer
 - a. Question #1: Isn't Dispensationalism just a recent invention, funded by powerful groups. It began with John Darby's teaching & the Scofield Reference Bible shortly thereafter, right?
 - i. Answer: Wrong
 - 1. Lee Brainard wrote a great book in 2024 called *Recent Pre-Trib Findings of the Early Church Fathers*
 - 2. He shows those (Ephraim the Syrian & Eusebius) that believed in a Pre-Trib Rapture & that Israel still has a role
 - ii. More Research – Dan 9, & Romans 9-11
 - b. Question #2: Is the Israel we see in the land, the real Israel?
 - i. Answer: Yes
 - 1. Probability alone says a nation once extinct for 1900 years can't come back
 - ii. God predicted their return in Eze 36-38, Isa 66, Jer 31, etc)

- c. Question #3: *How are we to support Israel since they do much evil?*
- i. 1st, Israel isn't guilty of nearly the amt of evil as social media would have you believe
 - 1. Devil promotes giving Israel (and the Church) a bad image & reputation
 - ii. 2nd, we're called to bless & not curse Israel
 - 1. This doesn't include supporting sin
 - 2. God created 4 institutions (govt, Israel, the Church & marriage)
 - a. We bless & don't curse these four institutions, but this never includes the support of sin
 - iii. We bless Israel b/c we want to lovingly provoke them to fall in love with our Jesus
 - iv. Why bless Israel? (Read) Gen 12:2-3
 - 1. God will make Abe a great nation & He'll bless / curse them that do likewise
 - a. What nation is it?
 - b. The nation the Messiah comes from, which is Israel (Read Gen 18:18)
 - c. Gal 3 says we're blessed like Abe b/c we put our faith in Jesus

4th problem – O is for Order – They distort a right view of God’s established authority structure

***7 Mts Mandate violates Biblical authority by appointing modern day Apostles**

1. Peter Wagner coined the term New Apostolic Reformation – believing in modern apostles to lead the church into great earthly power
2. They point to (Read) Eph 4:11-13
 - a. But read Eph 2:20
3. Word means *sent one* – must be sent by Jesus
4. God’s Word gives us all things for life & godliness in the Scriptures (II Pet 1:3, 3:16-17)

***7 Mts Mandate violates Biblical authority by appointing women pastors**

1. Women have many roles aren’t permitted to teach men (Read I Tim 2:11-12)
2. Qualification of pastors in I Tim 3 & Tit 1 clearly calls for men to be the pastors
3. We cannot spiritualize this away

*Tradads also have a problem w/ order & authority in that they would have you return to a priesthood of a few men and list Mary as a Co-Redeemer

1. They want to get rid of the disorganized, untrained protestants
 - a. That's not a bad idea, but how do you do it?
 - b. All servants should strive to do it well
2. But there is no Biblical reason to put authority in the Catholic Church, a priesthood or pope
 - a. We don't need any man to tell us if we're being led properly into good teaching
 - b. We have the Word for that
 - i. Read Act 17:11 – Bereans searched Bible
 - ii. Extrabiblical traditions & idolatry always come from investing authority in men to do our work, whether that's...
 1. Interpreting the Bible for us (priests)
 2. Setting practice for us or saving us

5th problem – U is for Unity – They place burden on us to unify the church and the very world itself

***Tradrad wants to unite the church**

1. They want to consolidate order down to a single church and that is the Catholic Church
 - a. Sounds good to get rid of the disorganized, untrained protestants, until you see what's left
2. The Bible shows lots of diversity of working out our own salvation
 - a. Paul and Barnabas split resulting in multiplication not division
 - b. Gifts of the Spirit from Rom 12 & I Cor 12 & 14 indicate there's many varieties of church
3. We cannot sacrifice Biblical truth on the altar of unity

***7 Mts Mandate wants to unite the world**

1. They want Christians to become the dominate force in religion, family, education, govt, media, arts, & business

2. Sounds fine to extend that we're an influence
3. But it distorts our purpose if we it's our goal to conquer the world instead of pulling people from it
4. You say, shouldn't the Church be building good Christian culture all around?
 - a. Yes, we should excel in all areas, including our participation in govt, schools, family, sciences & the arts, but these are tools, not goals
 - b. Jesus said (Read Luk 16:13) – Can't serve both God and this world
5. We're ambassadors of another kingdom – we use this world's tools to point to another (Eph 6:20, II Cor 5:20)
6. This world's going to burn, not be saved...and certainly not by sinful flawed man (II Pet 3:11)

*Jesus is the only one that can bring unity

1. Jesus 1st divided (Read Matt 10:34), so He could unite us all by His cross (Read Eph 2:13-14)

Conclusion

*Overarching problem here is that they deny the plain, straight-forward literal interpretation of the Bible & spiritualize its meanings

- 1. A is for Application – they misapply scripture**
- 2. E is for Eschatology – they have erroneous end times positions**
- 3. I is for Israel – they minimize or demonize Israel**
- 4. O is for Order – they distort biblical authority**
- 5. U is for Unity – they place the burden of unity on the church instead of on Jesus Christ**

If someone's being led down a doctrinal or cultural path, look ahead 5 steps and ask where it's leading

Let the Word of God be our authority in all 5 of these areas!