



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Instead of having a dead religion, have a living relationship.”

A Smorgasbord Chapel

When I take someone to a hospital for a procedure, I cannot just sit in the waiting room. I walk around and sometimes visit the facility’s chapel. I look at the material they have and at times I have spoken with God there. But I never see anyone else in the chapels. The last one I visited was donated by a person with my last name, but I did not know them. This one had a prayer carpet, prayer covering, a phone to the chaplain, and a long table with about 20 different religion books. They had everyone covered: Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Mormonism, Catholicism, Jehovah’s Witness, Unitarian, Christianity and more. It was a smorgasbord of religions.

It reminded me of Apostle Paul, at Mars Hill, in the City of Athens. “Seemingly, everywhere Paul looked he saw images of Zenus, Athena, Dionysus, and many other Greek gods. Many Athenians were obsessed with their religious traditions. So much so, they made certain not to forsake any god by worshiping a deity known to them only as the Unknown God.”¹ See Acts 17:16-32

When I taught College and Career Sunday School, I had a series on different religions. I compared their beliefs and books to the Bible. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” II Tim 3:16 We are instructed to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Tim 2:15

Yes, we should live in peace, love our neighbor as ourselves. We should try to “coexist”, but at the same time should be concerned about their souls. Many are religious and sincere about their beliefs but without knowing the Christ of the Bible they are sincerely wrong. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6

*In I Kings 18 “And Elijah came unto all the people and How long halt ye between two opinions? It the Lord be God, follow Him, but if Baal, then follow Him.” Elijah then proved that Jehovah with a fire demonstration. In the song “Days of Elijah”, by Robin Mark, there is a line that is repeated several times: “There’s is no god like Jehovah.” I sing it: “There’s is no God **but** Jehovah.” You can be the next Elijah.*

*Is there enough evidence in your life to show that Jesus is alive and the only way?
When was the last time you shared your faith with someone or are you just “coexisting”?*




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“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Prov 14:12

*Too many people’s god are like the ancient Greeks’,
stone dead.*



¹livingpassages.com/preaching-gospel-mars-hill/

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