

How Faith Works

THE POWER OF SILENCE

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Walk as children of light (for the
fruit of light is found in all that is
good and right and true),
proving what is well-pleasing
unto the Lord; (Eph 5:8-10)

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**DOES BIBLE SILENCE PROVIDE PERMISSION
FOR WHATEVER PRACTICES WE'D LIKE?**

**DOES BIBLE SILENCE PROHIBIT ANYTHING
NOT COMMANDED?**

**EVERY PRACTICE AND VARIATION WE SEE IN
MODERN RELIGION COMES DOWN TO
ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS!**

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If it were the case that anything not expressly forbidden in the New Testament is permissible in the Christian religion, then we could not only use pianos to accompany our singing, but beads to aid our prayers, crucifixes to focus our devotion, and hashish to enhance our sensitivity. We could also initiate an organizational network similar to that which has been protested so strongly in Catholicism or begin financing church projects with bingo games (where legal) on Tuesday evenings. **Not one of these things is explicitly forbidden in the New Testament**, and no one who denies the legitimacy of the authority principle as outlined above can consistently argue against any of them. (Shelly, 1987, 33-34)

Since 1987 when this was written, all of these things (and MORE!) have found there way to mainstream religion.

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Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said, 'Among those who are near Me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron held his peace. (Lev 10:1-3)

Offering fire God was silent about killed those men!

This same idea is taught in the New Testament (see Acts 15:42)

Respecting the silence was a matter of respecting God.

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For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe **Moses said nothing** about priests. (Heb 7:14)

Jesus is our High Priest
(see Heb 4:14)

Jesus is from the tribe of Judah
(see Matt 1:2,16)

The Mosaic law is **silent about priests from Judah – it only talks about priests from the tribe of Levi.**

For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily **a change in the law** as well. (Heb 7:12)

Hebrews uses silence as proof that the law had changed!

If we speak where the law is silent, we aren't obeying that law anymore!

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These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. (Col 2:23)

When God is silent, we must be silent, too. His silence means something. If we speak where He is silent, it is our will that is being heard, not His.

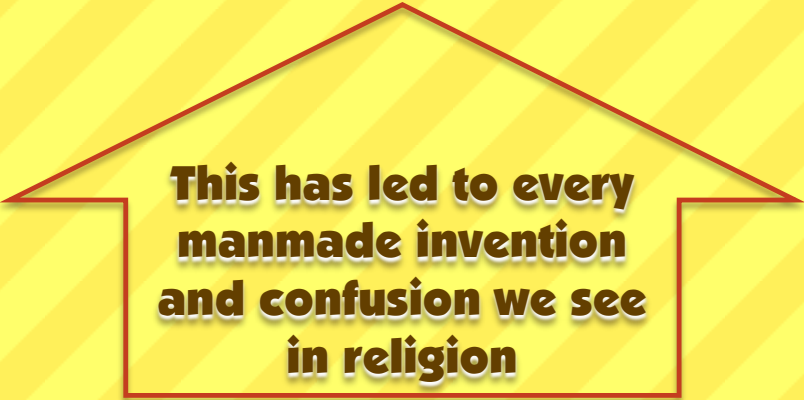
Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. (Eccl 5:1-2)

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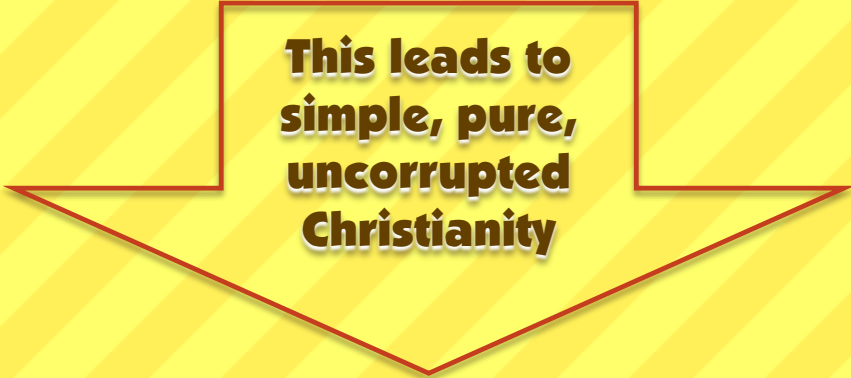
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