

Truth and Love Both

Paul G. Humber, September 21, 2016



Some Christians, professing Christ, seem to think that a main way to evangelize (share the good news of the Gospel) is just to love unbelievers into the faith. We certainly should love sinners, but what does that mean? Truth is important. Real love for sinners should motivate us to confront error and offer hope. The Spirit says, “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ” (Eph 4:14-15).

Notice, He speaks of the “trickery of men” and “craftiness in deceitful scheming.” Over and over again, the Bible stresses to be on guard against false prophets and teachers. Should Christians confront “trickery”, “craftiness”, and “deceitful scheming” or just wrap a loving arm around sinners?

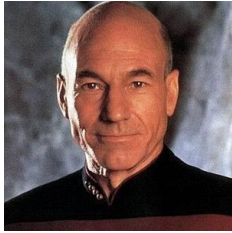
Paul’s Mars Hill, for me of late, has been Social Media. One “deceitful” scheme is evolution—the notion that nature does not need a Creator—it can all happen on its own over millions (and billions) of years. Instead of saying “God has done marvelous things,” many social-media people say, “Evolution has done marvelous things.” Evolution thus becomes a substitute for God—an idol of the mind. Science, not God’s Word, is their authority (their bible). James Dickson wrote to me on Sept 10, 2016, “You only have 2 choices. Either genesis is taken allegorically or Christianity has been disproven by utilizing modern science.”

Others might put it this way, that honey gathers more flies than vinegar. I am hard pressed to find that kind of teaching in the Bible. John the Baptist was not giving out honey but got a lot of attention, nevertheless, by speaking truth. Jesus performed the greatest act of love imaginable but was scorned, mocked, and crucified in the process.

I try to stress truth in social media but have been called a liar many times. Does this mean I am doing something wrong? Should I stop? The thinking of some might go like this, “Paul, what you write upsets people—be nice—give them honey.” Well, it’s hard telling people to repent with honey; they need truth. What truth?—that they have offended God and that He has provided an escape for them—from their self-centered pride and hell. They need to repent (Lk 13:3) and bowing before the One who conquered death.

Have I met with success? I think so, but that does not mean speaking the truth-in-love meets no opposition. It meets a lot. When the Apostle spoke at Athens, he got mixed responses. Jesus said that He Himself came to bring division (“Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on

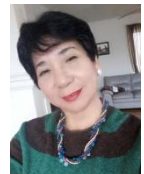
earth? I tell you, no, but rather division,” Lk 12:51). Do I get any positive responses? Yes, let me supply some examples.



← On Sept 19, 2016, Stan Tarrant wrote (excuse his typos), “Wow wish i had this reasearch at my fingertips when atheists were trying to say hitler basically used his ‘christianity’ to justify his genocide.” [I had given Stan significant documentation (that Hitler was energized by evolution). You can find it on the CR Ministries website, under “resources.”]

This next one is unusual because it actually comes from an evolutionist, “When I'm wrong I am spectacularly wrong. I was taught this in uni and clearly the latest data presents a picture in, at best, the 10's of thousands of years. So apologies for sticking to old information.” [I had written to him, “David, prove that the half-life for DNA is 220 million years, but please do not give me a link only claiming that. I am asking you to give me the experimental paper--NOT evolutionists theorizing based on pathetic evolutionary assumptions.” He responded, “Do your own research. This is standard fare in biochem courses.” Then followed the “spectacularly wrong” post given above.]

Wilma Misa (to the right) wrote (9/4/16), “thank you for the message... Praise God that I have eternal life because of Jesus who paid my sins at the cross of calvary. Yes, those who accepted Jesus as the way the truth and the life shall never die but will live for all eternity.” This was in response to one of my videos.



Here’s a negative, from James Johnson on 9/1/16: “Your fruit is rotten, Paul Humber. You lie about dinosaurs and the age of the earth all the time.” Does Jesus prepare us for this? He said, “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



Maggie Barr wrote, “But I just had it yesterday with those kooks trying to heckle and bully Paul G. Humber.” Glenn Braganza wrote, “I want to give a big shout out to (especially) To my Alto, Jorge Rodriguez, Paul G. Humber, Paul Koepp, and so many more of you, who subject yourself to criticism, and even ridicule on the other creationism group.” James Johnson wrote again (image above), “He usually comes back with a Bible verse and asks someone to repent. I doubt Paul G. Humber has ever converted a single soul doing this. His life has been wasted.”

Karen Brown wrote, “Really like your page.” Reeder Lyons wrote, “GREAT → Witness and Testimony of our uncreated Creator allowing the rain to fall on the unjust and the just, YET, it is a great witness that GOD exists. Thank for this uplifting post respectfully.” Al Yerks wrote, “Thank you Sir, I appreciate your ministry!” Chris Morgan wrote, “Paul, I would have been pleased to have had a seat in your classroom. But like the demons that infested the man of the Gadarenes, we Chris Morgans are legion. I must be content to learn from you via



your very interesting postings. This Chris Morgan is a missionary teacher in South Korea.” Paul Koepp wrote, “Paul G. Humber, you should get a saint’s reward for patience and long-suffering working as long and meticulous as you do with this evolution beliefism group.” Jorge Rodrigues wrote, “Paul G. Humber I saw the way they behaved in the other page, but they clearly were grasping for air, they had no arguments, they are pathetic, you did good.” Sean Pavlac wrote negatively about me, “This is the same retard who can’t wrap his mind around basic biology and natural selection. Of course you won’t be able to grasp how dynamic the earth is and how things change over millions of years when you honestly believe that your sky daddy just snapped his fingers and created everything in an instant.”

There are other positive signs. The CR Ministries FB page has gone from less than 100 likes to 514 (as of 9/20/16). My interaction on a Philadelphia forum some years ago eventuated in my debating an Orthodox Jewish Rabbi in Queens several years ago. Topic?—“Is Jesus Prophesied in the Jewish Scriptures?” As of 9/20/16, there have been “64,849 views” and 2,861 “comments.”

Was I mean in that debate, dishing out vinegar? Here is what a New York “Senior [Prison] Chaplain” wrote about the debate, “Greetings and good morning Mr. Humber, I have recently viewed your New York debate with Rabbi Stinger and I wanted to express my gratitude to you for being an example of what it is to be walking with truth and clearly with the fruits of the Holy Spirit. My prayer for all Christians that view this debate is that they are able to identify the physical aspects of the fruit of the Holy Spirit for if they are not, a debate like this can be quite confusing to many. Please know that you and your ministry will be in my prayers and again thank you for giving us a prime example of the spirit. May our Lord continue to guide you and be with you.”

Stephen was attacked. The Apostle Paul was attacked. Jesus was crucified. Jeremiah was put in a well. Was Isaiah sawn in half? Joseph was betrayed. David was attacked by his own son. Elijah was threatened. Abel was slain. John was exiled. Some calling me a liar is mild by comparison.

To be continued.