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The New Normal

We might suppose that the Bible might be a written definition of normality: after all, it itself claims to be the very words of God. Granted that I do not believe that the Bible in our hands is inerrant: but, the Bible in God's (both the Father and the Son) hands is most certainly inerrant (Revelation 5). It cannot possibly be otherwise. God, our great Creator (Father, Son, and Spirit) most certainly defines normality: He made and shapes us all. God is the definition of normality.

On the other hand, when we talk about the errancy of the Bible in our hands, we are talking about the many ways people's hands have defiled the Bible, just by touching it. These errancies are important and necessary to study. We have lost the originals, and even copies of the original of Moses in Moses' original language. We are talking mostly about issues of archaeology and text criticism.

Unbelievable as it may seem, there are even those who deny the existence or historicity of Moses at all. I've even been led to believe, by the voices of what is published, that this is the dominant viewpoint of American Colleges, Universities, and even very many Seminaries. It also appears to be the vast consensus of worldwide opinion. It was even touted as science and shilled in a widely broadcast, two hour, TV presentation.

Errancy in text criticism is a different matter. For example, Romans 1 lists 9 such text errors, most of which are meaningless trivialities.¹ You decide whatever you will; I think that, this means that the messages of Romans are fundamentally sound, and remain a normative standard, in spite of the fact that they were handled by people. The Bible, in spite of people's defiling of it has proved to be a durable, relatively indestructible, and reliable standard of normalcy.

Nevertheless, if the Law of Moses were to be removed from our understanding, as the God given, standard of normalcy, where would the rule of Law be? Many claim to govern, live, and rest upon the rule of Law as their norm of life. What would be left of the Law's freedom, morality, and sense of security if the Law of Moses, at least as a subliminal normality, is absolutely and completely stricken?

Here is where Jesus enters the picture as perfect sinless man, God-man. Jesus fulfills all the righteous demands of the Law of Moses, which is

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=KJV;SBLGNT;LEB>

- a. Name reversal or word order of, Jesus Christ (1:1).
- b. Change of preposition from, around, to, above (1:8).
- c. Addition of, of the Christ, after the word, gospel (1:16).
- d. Reversal of word order in, for God (1:19).
- e. Addition of the word, and, after the word, wherefore (1:24).
- f. The word, themselves, is changed to a more intense word with the same basic meaning (1:24).
- g. The form of the word, themselves, is changed again (1:27).
- h. The word, porneia, was added after, unrighteousness (1:29).
- i. The word, implacable was added after, without natural affection (1:31).

God's statement of His Law: these he fulfills flawlessly and perfectly. The Bible is not defiled when He touches it. He is the perfect Law and Will of God walking around on two feet. He is the walking, talking standard of normality, above all others. We become normal by becoming like Him. He is my Ebenezer, beyond which no modern-day, would-be, pseudo-neo-Philistine may pass. Here, I raise my Ebenezer.

Be that as it may, there are still other standards of normality. In the realm of science and statistics, normality is defined as a mean, mode, median (three ways to evaluate and measure central tendency). The average person is the normal person, scientifically and statistically speaking. Deviation from normality may be evaluated and measured by range or deviation. Behavior inside this range is still considered normal. Outside of this range is thought to be abnormal.

Many modern people, the neo-normalizers, the neo-Philistines have thrown all these ideas out of the window. The New Normal is whatever society wants, or whatever whoever screams the loudest wants, or what TV and name brand news says we want, or what I want. In other words, the New Normal is no normality at all for each person declares their own standard of what is normal, right, and wrong.

Under the New Normality there can be no science or statistics: for, all these measurements have been rendered meaningless under the rule of me and meism. Under the New Normality there can be no rule of Law: for, all of Law has been reduced to mob mentality... whatever the mob does is righteous.

Surely, Satan has been released to deceive the Gentiles once more (Revelation 20:7-8).

At this point, I reach my Ebenezer. Yes, He may be torn down: but, He gets right up again. His picture may be defiled in my social media account: but, He Himself is still there, eternally indestructible, on the throne in heaven beside the Father, His earthly kingdom still overseen by the Holy Spirit, the Vicar of Christ on earth.

The New Normality thinks it has the victory: but, Jesus Christ still rules with a rod of iron. If the New Normality truly reigns, why can't, why doesn't it end war, murder, famine, strife, and more? The New Normality cannot, because it only thinks it is a thing: it's not really a thing; it's nothing more than the rejection of the True Normality... but, a rejection that greatly damages all other sincere efforts at normality.

In spite of the deadly dangers of this rampaging plague of New Normality; Jesus, nevertheless, holds up a cure. Drink of the Water of Life (Revelation 22:17), which is a frequent Bible metaphor for the Holy Spirit.

The New Morality insists that even offering this absolute and perfect cure is forbidden. The ill must continue to suffer in their sin. This is the New Morality. The New Morality is abnormal. Where does it end?

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, ‘Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’

“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, ‘Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.’

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believes on Him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

“He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.” — John 3:3, 5, 16-21, 36 KJV, modernized

The Great Physician offers a perfect and complete cure to all people for all sin; a more than adequate heavenly staff of doctors, nurses, other technicians, procedures, medications, and hospitals standing by, ready to serve you. There is a catch to this healing process. You must sincerely want it. Unless you are genuinely thirsty, I can't even hold out a cup full of this healing medication, the water of life, for you to drink.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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