



A WORD IN DUE SEASON

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THE GOD WAY

From the National Coordinator's Desk

The conscience endows every human being with a natural sense of right and wrong as well as the capacity to choose between good and evil. It is what makes man what many have termed "A free moral agent". "Right and wrong" or "good and evil" therefore constitute the fundamental moral premise for man's decisions and choices which ultimately shapes his philosophy and destiny.

The concept of right and wrong is the moral foundation on which human beings derive their values and precepts; societies establish their traditions, customs and laws; it is the corner stone from which great civilisations have taken rise. The greatest wars ever fought never began in the war zones; the greatest atrocities (genocide, terrorist attacks, serial killings, etc) ever committed never started at the incident ground, they all originated in the battlefield of the mind. It began as a confrontation between good and evil in the consciences of men.

The September 11 Attacks on the Twin tower in New York, the London and Madrid bombings began with a battle between good and evil in the minds of Bin Laden and his Al Qaeda followers. What many across the globe perceive as a devilish ideology resonates in their minds (Bin Laden and Al Qaeda) as doing the will of God. Human beings shape the course of their lives from two alternatives—the right or wrong way the good or evil path. We go ahead and try to conceive the Almighty God and Creator of the universe from this natural human moral foundation (good and evil).

However, it is important to underscore here that God dwells beyond the confines of human consciences. He is far above and has always maintained His sovereignty over human standards, values and way of life. God declares unequivocally in His word that "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your



Which way will you take when you reach life's crossroads

thoughts." (Isa 55: 8 – 9). He told Samuel that His perception is different from that of man (1 Sam 16:7). One of man's greatest problems in his quest to know God is his desire to detain Him within the frail, narrow confines of human wisdom.

Man seeks to conceptualise God, to narrow Him into a logical precept, a theory, a philosophy or theological idea. However, each time man imagines that he has had a full grasp of Him; God fades out like a mirage. We cannot use the finite wisdom God wired our brains with at creation to comprehend His infinite wisdom. It will be like a product trying to understand its manufacturer, a building trying to rationalise its architect or a clay utensil trying to reason out its design with its potter. How do you reason out someone whose foolishness is wiser than your wisdom; whose weakness is stronger than your strength (1 Cor 1:25)?

The conscience limits the natural man to a dual dimensional moral foundation—good and evil ways. The Holy Spirit adds to each believer a third dimension—the God way. There exist to each Christian, three ways of doing things: The right or good way, the wrong or evil way and the God way. Each one of us is naturally acquainted to the good and the bad ways but what about the God way? Romans 5:8 throws some light on this issue. The good and right way to treat a rebel is to punish him but the Bible says God sacrificed His son for our sake at a moment we had rebelled against Him by becoming sinners.

He demonstrated His greatest act of love (Joh 15:13) at a moment that we deserved His wrath and condemnation most (Rom 6:23). That is simply not the right way neither is it the wrong way it is just the God way. Jesus speaks of the God way in the Beatitudes (Matt 5). It is about loving your enemies, blessing those who

curse you, praying for those who persecute you. The God way goes beyond the logical human moral system of right and wrong or what is good or acceptable; it (the God way) has to do with the perfect will of God (Rom 12:2). It is logically correct, right, good and acceptable to recruit a qualified and competent person to fill in a vacancy but the God thinks differently. He chooses a barren man (Abraham) to execute His "father of many nations project"; He takes a persecutor of Christians (Paul) to make him His Apostle to the Gentiles and to write a great part of the Bible (New Testament). God deliberately chooses the foolish things rather than the wise, the weaker rather than the strong (1 Cor 1:26 – 28 AMP).

The God way brings to light the standards of God's Kingdom. By doing things the God way, we demonstrate and enable people to see and experience the Kingdom of God on earth. We can only truly fulfil our role as the light of the world and the salt of the earth when we start doing things the God way. Each day in our walk with God, we are confronted with a choice: to do things in a way that seem right to us and to do things the God way.

Everyday life walk us through the valley of decision and brings us into a crossroad with three pathways: the right way, the wrong way and the God way. At that moment we are free to choose between having our way, with our desires, our passions, ambitions, quest which often sounds reasonable, logical, and correct in our mindset or listening to the still small voice from God which speaks things that usually do not align with our understanding.

We have to choose between yielding to the high sounding voice of our mind and the reassuring and comforting peace of God that defiles our understanding. You will choose whether to find comfort with a rational or logical confirmation in mind or the peace of God that validates His will in your heart? Before you ever choose to yield to man's way (which usually seems right) it is important to reflect on where it ultimately takes you to—death (Prov. 14:12). Trust in God with all your heart, yield not to your own understanding and choose the God way.



Br. Asanga Fon
National Coordinator





QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

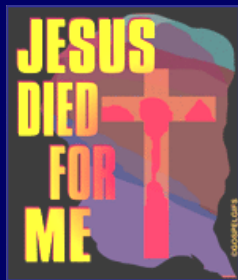
You are a miracle looking for a place to happen; You are a testimony looking for a place to be delivered.

Bishop TD Jakes

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

PROVERBS 27:6 (KJVR)



MINISTRY UPDATES

We bless God for the for the successful launching of A WORD IN DUE SEASON last month . The ministry was very much on the move in the month of August and God in deed blessed our efforts as we went out to preach the gospel.

"I was in prison, and you visited me"



CYJ Douala took a great step to share the love of God in the world of the incarcerated. Under the leadership of Br. Emmanuel OBEN (Branch President) , they made an evangelistic visit to the New Bell Prison in Douala on Tuesday August 18th 2009. They shared gospel and presented gifts to the prisoners in their prison quarters. The gospel was preached to both ordinary and high profile (former government officials accused of corruption) detainees and a total of 68 per-

sons accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

Follow-up of these souls is going on in collaboration with a Prayer Team of the prison. The greatest great needs of these young converts are Bibles to enable them grow spiritually. You can respond to this need by getting in touch with Br. Emmanuel OBEN (Tel: +237 99 34 09 36).

The power to make wealth

Effective, biblically sound business strategy and nuggets for those going about God's business. That was the focus of an innovative business seminar organized CYJ Limbe. The seminar brought together prominent Christians businessmen and those in management and a cross-section of believers from CYJ and other ministries in Limbe



Moments of refreshing

Members of CYJ Branches and Centres in the North West Region converged at CYJ Nkwen Centre, Bamenda from 28th — 30th August 2009 for the first North West Regional Retreat. Holding under the theme: "Moments of Refreshing" the retreat provided an ideal platform for leaders and members of CYJ in the North West to renew their commitment to fruitfulness in the CYJ vision and to deepen their intimacy with God. Speaking during the programme was the National Coordinator, Br. Asanga FON and his assistant, Br. Emmanuel NKABYO and Sr. Yvonne TAH.

The retreat ended with a success party on Sunday August 30th . During that the success party brethren were challenged to show prove of their faith by bearing fruits and those who succeeded in their exams were honoured and prayed for. The retreat turned out to be real moments of refreshing in God's presence.

IN PERSPECTIVE

Bafoussam for Jesus 2009

CYJ Bafoussam Branch is partnership with the fellowship of Pentecostal Pastors and local churches in Bafoussam is planning multi-faceted evangelistic outreach in the town of Bafoussam. Build for the last week of September, the programme comprise: two days of Jesus Film Projection (in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ); two Crusade nights and 6 days of personal evangelism and training on Evangelism Explosion.

Holding under the theme "Buy without money"(Isa 55:1) the crusade shall take place at Nouvelle Route Eveche meanwhile the Jesus Film shall be

projected in two different locations in the town.

Medical and Evangelistic

Outreach, Kribi 2009

Preparations towards the Kribi programme has gathered steam with various committees carrying out effective work. Planning meetings are going on in Yaounde for the ministry and in Kribi for the Local Organising Committee (LOC). A meeting between CYJ (represented by the NC and Br. Nicholas NGALA) and the LOC (represented by its President, Pastor Salomon) took place in Kribi on Thursday 03/09/09. During this meeting both parties agreed to push

forward the programme to November 2009 to ensure effective planning and fruitfulness.

Annual Evaluation and Planning Meeting (AEPM) 2009

Preparations are already underway for AEPM 2009 build for Yaounde from 27th — 30th December. The host Branch, CYJ Yaounde is leaving no stone unturned to ensure a hitch-free event. Logistics and feeding arrangement are already being worked upon. While awaiting details and advancement from the CYJ National Desk.

AWDS QUIZ (REPEATED) WHY JESUS CHRIST? QUIZ

Why did you choose to serve Jesus Christ as a youth? The NC asked this question to Br. Asanga Fon and this is what this CYJ CRADAT member had to say " What makes JESUS CHRIST so special to me is His youthfulness. He was born a youth, He lived His whole life as a young man and died at the peak of His youth (at the age of 33). HE resurrected, is alive AS A YOUTH. He has the Good News for youths which is the object of their desire and lifelong quest—an enjoyable life. "

In one paragraph, give us your answer to the above question. Email your answers to nc@cyjonline.org. The best three submissions will receive a portable hardcover Bible and will be published on the CYJ website: cyjonline.org

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: CYJ North West

CYJ North West Region emerged in December 2008 after the national leadership of CYJ decided to split the Grassfield Region into two: North West and West. This Region, which recently held its first regional retreat, is grappling with serious challenges of commitment and fruitfulness in the vision.

FACTS AND FIGURES

HEADQUARTERS: Bamenda

REGIONAL COORDINATOR: MFOLEM

NGWA ABONWU

BRANCHES: 2 (Bamenda and Ndop)

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