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“Learn From The Butterfly”

Today we find ourselves in a critical era, where the stench of moral decay permeates the very fabric of our culture. As I survey our world, I am struck by the unsettling thought that this could be

akin to the pre-flood era or the days before God's wrath fell upon Sodom and Gomorra. Our world, indeed, has lost its moral compass, and all signs indicate things are only going to get worse.

Hollywood has undoubtedly contributed to this moral meltdown. Ben Shapiro has observed: "Hollywood is completely disconnected from reality, but they do have an impact on how people view morality. And that is why Hollywood remains a dangerous place for the creation of culture."

Yes, Hollywood has played a large part in shaping our culture, but believe it or not, there is another dimension to this that I consider far more sinister and dangerous than anything Hollywood has produced. We are warned of it in 1 John 4.

1 John 4:5 Amplified Bible

5 They [who teach twisted doctrine] are of the world and belong to it; **therefore, they speak from the [viewpoint of the] world [with its immoral freedom and baseless theories]**—demanding

compliance with their opinions and ridiculing the values of the upright]....

This verse is not talking about the toxic influence of Hollywood on our culture but rather about wicked, ungodly teachers who sneak into churches and corrupt by teaching damnable heresies. Without question, we live in a time when this is happening far more often than we want to admit. Because of this, it is essential that true Christians understand that the culture Hollywood promotes and false teachers accept is contrary to the message of the Bible.

Romans 12:2 KJV

2 And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

This verse illuminates our divine calling, not just to resist the moral decay of our world, but to transcend it and radiate as beacons of the transformative power of the cross of Jesus Christ. Despite the prevalent dilution of the salvation message in many churches, they cannot deny that a true salvation experience should entail a profound, life-altering transformation. The old must perish for the new to emerge. Without death and burial, there can be no resurrection! The sinful nature of man must be crucified with Christ.

In nature, the butterfly provides a beautiful example that clearly illustrates what that transformation is supposed to look like.

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The butterfly comes from a caterpillar that crawled around on the forest floor, feeding on dead, decaying matter. After spending its entire life feeding on rot, it spins a cocoon around itself, dies, and decomposes. However, a few weeks later, a new creature emerges from that cocoon of death, a creature that no longer crawls around feeding on decay and rot but flies tirelessly for hours, free from the life the caterpillar lived. This is one of the greatest observable recreative miracles in all of nature and is a perfect picture of how our lives are to be transformed by Christ.

Unfortunately, some in the church today want us to believe that even though we have never died to sin and self and continue feeding on the decaying rot of this world, we are beautiful butterflies. Someone needs to read their Bible!

Romans 6:5 KJV

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection...

If the message of salvation is altered to make it acceptable, it is no longer the true message of salvation. Likewise, Christianity that has been altered to make it acceptable to an ungodly culture is no longer true Christianity. It is now only a form of godliness that is weak, powerless, and unable to fulfill the glorious mission God has given it.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are in this world, but not of it. We have a divine calling to

transcend the moral decay that surrounds us and point a lost, dying world to the saving grace of our Lord. Let us not merely speak of God's love but boldly proclaim the true message of salvation, testifying to the life-changing power of the cross. We are called to be formidable obstacles to the devil, beacons of reason in a chaotic world, and an unwavering source of light that refuses to let darkness consume our world.

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**MAY WE NEVER FORGET WHO WE ARE,
AND WHAT OUR CALLING IS!**



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH