

## LIVING IN THE LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” – Romans 1:22

All of your religious professors, scholars, and the vast majority of professing Christianity, and unsaved people live in a land of make believe. Not only do they live in a land of make believe they make their arguments from this fairy tale world. Since their doctrines and arguments don't hold up to biblical scrutiny, they retreat to a land of make believe where you cannot touch them. It is this land of make believe that they go to as a last resort to make their arguments which no man can prove or disprove what they are saying or claiming.

Here are some examples of how people retreat to this fairy tale world when confronted with truth, that is, the Holy Bible.

I was talking to a good brother in the Lord and he told of an experience he had recently in a history class that he is taking in a university. The subject of the lecture was about Christianity and the professor started to talk about Jesus. The professor stated that Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God. Our brother responded that it wasn't true and that Jesus did claim to be the Son of God and he can prove it. So a Holy Bible was opened and they turned to Mark 14:61-62 where they ask Jesus if he is the Christ, the Son of the Blessed. Jesus responded, I am. Faced with what the Bible *literally* said, the professor upset then blurted out, “Well Jesus never claimed to be God.” Our brother responded that that was a lie as well and that Jesus did claim to be God. He cited the Gospel of John where he claims that he and his Father are one, and that Jesus claimed to be I AM, a reference back to the burning bush in Exodus (see John 10:30-33, 8:58, Exodus 3:14). After confronted with truth, the professor being defeated in battle, retreated to the land of make believe, the fairy tale world, and said, well those verses were probably added later by Christians and they put those words into Jesus' mouth.

What did the professor do? She retreated to her haven of rest, the land of make believe, and just blurts out something that no one can prove or disprove. When faced with what the Bible plainly said, she makes a statement that says those verses were added at a later date. How does she know that? She doesn't. Why did she say that? Because her ignorance was shown or she was caught lying and when confronted with the light of God's word, instead of submitting to what the Scripture said, she goes to a fairy tale world to justify her position, *even* when confronted with the proof that Jesus did claim to be the Son of God and even God himself!

Here is another one. I was a religion minor at college and took several classes on religion. All of them were taught by universalists, pluralists, and Roman Catholics. One day in class the professor stated that nowhere in the Old Testament does it say that the Messiah would die. I raised my hand and stated that it did. The verse that says this is in Daniel 9:26, which says Messiah would die but not for himself. I quoted this verse to the class. The class opened their Bibles and saw that it was so. The class was silent for about ten seconds and the professor asked if anyone wanted to respond to that. No one did. Then later talking to the professor one on one he said that many people in the Old Testament were called Messiah. I said he was right. Nevertheless it does say Messiah

would die and the context puts his death between the reconstruction of the second Temple and the destruction of the second temple. Then he said that ancient Jews didn't interpret this verse that way. That's great, but the Bible still says what it says.

Then it eventually led to an argument about the so called "world views." He said I was approaching the Bible with a world view that the apostles, prophets, and Jesus did not have. The professor said that they saw the world differently then a post-enlightenment twenty-first century white American did. What does that have to do with what the Scriptures literally say? How does he know what they thought in the first century? How does he know for sure? He doesn't. When confronted with what the Scriptures plainly say he retreated to a world of make believe which says our world view was and is different then the world view of the people of the first century, therefore implying we cannot understand what the Bible says and means by what it says. I don't buy it at all. The apostles, prophets, and Jesus himself took a literally approach to the Bible and they believed it was the word of God and could not be broken: I believe and approach the Bible they way they did. Different world views? Not at all.

Again, when confronted with the light of biblical truth people will run to a world of fairy tales to justify their position, beliefs, or arguments when they don't hold up to biblical scrutiny and use arguments that no one can prove or disprove. No one knows *for sure* what people thought like back then. The only reliable source of truth is the Bible. And in the Scriptures we see how the apostles, prophets, and the Lord read and interpreted the scriptures, and they took a bible believing literal approach.

If you want to see what a man really is, give him the truth and see how he responds. One thing preaching in the streets and witnessing has taught me, is that MANY people love their sin more than God and could care less about God. That's the truth. People love evil more than good. Thank God for the blood of Christ! I'm glad he had mercy upon me and saved me when I called upon him! I used to be like that, and by God's grace I don't want to be like that ever again.

When witnessing and standing up for the truth, eventually you will back down somebody into a corner and they will continue to kick against the pricks. This is when they retreat to the world of make believe because they have the lost the battle and are exposed. Then they'll say, "Well the Bible is a book of men" or "nobody can know for sure" or "that's your interpretation" etc. Or they'll say I believe in evolution or don't believe God exists: all that nonsense. They'll say the Bible is full of errors and is not true. They'll say science disproved the Bible. They retreat to their havens of rest in a fairy tale world so they can continue in their sins and rebellion against God and his word.

The Scripture says that we can know that we have eternal life (1 John 5). When you did what that Book said to do and you called upon the name of the Lord, did he not save you? He did didn't he? He kept his word. He put is Spirit within you didn't he? He did, Amen? The Spirit bears witness that the Holy Bible is the truth and there is a God in heaven and Jesus is there now. He bears witness with your spirit that you are a child of God now. After you got saved you probably realized very quickly that those that did not believe in Jesus were headed for trouble. You knew they needed to believe on Jesus to be saved.

You know what that Book says? Look at John 3:33, "He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true." When you received Christ's testimony, you knew right there that God is true, and not a liar like us sinful men. You know it! You can't prove it with man's wisdom (you cannot prove ANYTHING with man's wisdom) but you can hear the sound thereof but cannot tell from whence it cometh and wither it goeth (John 3:8). God's Holy Spirit is within you and you know these things to be true. You can't explain it, you just know it. That's his Spirit within you confirming his word.

Christian, you and I are not the ones living in a fairy tale. We are not living in a world of make believe. If you believe on the name of God's Son you are wise man. If you believe God's word the Bible you are wise. When you first got saved I bet you did. Who talked you out of it? Was it God's Spirit?

The world of make believe is the refuge for those that don't want to submit to the truth. When confronted with the truth they resort here as often as needed to justify their sin and rebellion against God. They profess all these things, they claim to be wise, and they definitely act like they are wiser than God and his word, but they are fools. You know what is true. God's word is the truth. Thank God for that Book and God's Spirit that confirms it is true. I could care less what sinful man has to say against it. Since I have received his testimony, I have set to my seal that God is true!