

# KEY QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

## 1. THE BIBLE

Are the very words and sentences of the Bible (in the original manuscripts) all selected and inspired by God through the human authors so that we may honestly say that:

- A. "What the Bible says, God says" and "The very words of the Bible are God's Words": and,
- B. "The Bible is co-authored by God and the human writers so that it was fully inspired by God through the prophets in the same way that Jesus was both fully God and fully man at the same time: and,
- C. The Bible is true not only in matters of the unseen, spiritual world, but also wherever it touches on matters of interest to history and science, time and space, ...?

## 2. GOD'S OMNISCIENCE/FOREKNOWLEDGE

- A. Is God's knowledge of all things in the future as certain as His knowledge of all things in the past, and does God's knowledge of the future specifically include the future choices of all free agents including Himself and;
- B. Do you believe that God's moral character is infinitely, eternally and immutably holy, righteous and good, ensuring that His choices will always be holy, righteous and good?

## 3. PELAGIANISM

Did Adam's sinful nature pass through the genes to every human being so that every human at conception and birth is spiritually dead, rebellious, guilty and polluted before God and needing Christ's blood Atonement to be saved and to overcome both sin's penalty and its present power?

## 4. THE ATONEMENT

Was Christ's death on the Cross as the Lamb of God a substitutionary Atonement for man's sin to rescue His people from the judicial condemnation of God because of their sin, so the penalty for sin could be legally paid by Christ and man could be counted righteous as he stands clothed in Christ's righteousness?

## 5. THE TRINITY

Does the God of the Bible exist as a Trinity of three Persons wherein all three Persons are fully God and possess all the attributes of God, but the Father is not the Son or the Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Spirit, and the Spirit is not the Father or the Son.

## 6. HEAVEN AND HELL

Do all true Christians spend eternity with God and His people in Heaven and are all those who reject Christ's salvation separated from God and Heaven for eternity?

## 7. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Do you agree that one cannot have a relationship with the real, Biblical Christ as their Saviour if they do not also take Him eagerly as their Lord, Master and King of their lives, Who has the right to call them up to a life of obedience to Him and the Bible for the rest of their lives?

## **8. UNITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Do you agree that:

- A. True, Biblical Unity of the Body of Christ must be based upon a doctrinal foundation that includes historic Christian doctrines as revealed in the inerrant Scriptures and expressed in the Apostles Creed and;
- B. Local Biblical unity would lead the leaders of congregations and Christian organizations within a city or county together to prayerfully create plans for sustained, ongoing, cooperative Christian ministry in and for their community, and seek the Lord's enablement to call these plans into life together whether it is for evangelism, education, mercy ministry, or righteous social activity...?

## **9. CHURCH DISCIPLINE**

Do you agree that:

- A. The purpose of Church Discipline is: to maintain the honour of God; to restore sinners; and to remove offense from the Body of Christ and thus warn others to avoid sin and;
- B. Disciplinable offenses include both violations of the Divine Will stated in the Bible, and violations of sound doctrine and Biblical truth and;
- C. All Church Discipline is non-optional for churches wishing to operate by the Bible...?

## **10. CULTURE, CONTEXTUALIZATION & MISSIONS**

Do you agree that:

- A. Various cultures are relatively "good" or "bad" dependent upon the degree to which they reflect God's character and promote His purposes as stated in Scripture, both for their members and the larger good of creation as a whole: and,
- B. The Christian's primary loyalty and obedience is to Christ and His Kingdom and only secondarily to the Christian's own culture and civil government: and,
- C. In the Great Commission task of discipling all nations, it is essential that the Biblical Gospel be made understandable, meaningful and relevant to the people of any given culture by proclaiming (preaching), as well as by verbal and nonverbal forms of communication normally used in that culture without compromising the Gospel or diminishing it's message out of fear of displeasing that respondent culture...?

## **11. THE CHRISTIAN'S CIVIC DUTIES**

Do you agree that:

- A. The principle of civil government is a Divinely established sphere, and that all citizens, especially Christians, have a stewardship role in civil government: and,
- B. Citizens under any government are accountable to God and their fellow citizens for the preservation and increase of justice, righteousness, mercy and national stability: and,
- C. That in a constitutional republic based upon representative government, citizens share responsibility for the actions and decisions of their elected leaders...?

## 12. SOCIALISM

Do you agree that:

- A. God appointed mankind as steward over the earth and that the Bible teaches that individuals have a right to hold and manage their own private property: and,
- B. The opportunity for an individual to profit from his labours, and to produce wealth through his just and lawful endeavours, is a primary motivator in the production of wealth, and a key ingredient to a society's economic health and stability: and,
- C. The Bible is the sufficient source for learning the fundamental economic principles which both please God, and lead to economic prosperity and stability, and contains economic principles which are moral and just, principles which ought to be followed by all people, all societies, and all states: and,
- D. Earning profits and gaining wealth in the process of serving the market with goods, or services is a good and moral thing when pursued in accordance with Biblical principles, and it is the responsibility of the Church to teach the fundamental principles of Biblical economics, and Biblical economic theory is the only legitimate economic theory for all people of all cultures...?

## 13. DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Do you agree that:

- A. In the Bible God has given all mankind three, moral absolutes for marriage which are:
  - 1. Marriage partners are to have exclusive sex with each other but no one else;
  - 2. Marriage is to be a partnership and commitment between one man and one woman for life;
  - 3. In Eph. 5: 22-33, God tells us the marriage is to reflect and be an example of the relationship between Christ and the His Bride the Church, wherein the husband is to model the role of Christ by his willingness to lovingly sacrifice his life for his bride, and the wife is to model the Church's obedience and submission to Christ by her obedience and submission to her husband.
- B. The Bible offers us only two possible legitimate reasons for divorce which are:
  - 1. Physical adultery on the part of one of the marriage partners; (Matt. 5:31-32) and,
  - 2. Desertion/abuse on the part of one of the partners (1 Cor. 7:10-15); and,
- C. The Bible prohibits believers from entering into marriage with unbelievers (1 Cor. 7:39, 2 Cor. 6:14)...?

## 14. BIBLICAL DISTINCTIVES BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES

Do you agree that:

Though both male and female humans are endowed by God with His image and are therefore of more value than all other created things in the universe. The Bible makes it clear that God has commanded males, not females, to carry the role of headship and leadership in both the home and in the Church, and that these distinctions are built in and commanded by God as absolutes, and are not just the result of cultural mores?

## 15. HOMOSEXUALITY

Do you agree that:

- A. The Scriptures describe all homosexual practice as sin, and all Scriptures condemning fornication apply directly to homosexual sex as well, but also, the Bible sees homosexual sex as particularly perverted and unnatural, and calls it “an abomination”: and,
- B. The Holy Spirit, when one is born again and washed by the atoning blood of Christ’s sacrifice, is able to empower homosexuals to learn a holy love for both men and women and overcome their perverted sexual desires and have a normal, heterosexual marriage: and,
- C. The Bible offers no hope of salvation for practicing homosexuals who claim to be Christians, and churches which attempt to be Biblical should not allow practicing homosexuals to continue as communicant members.

## 16. BIBLICAL APPROACH TO COUNSELING

Do you agree that:

- A. The Bible is the only basis of true knowledge about God, human existence and healthy, human relationships based upon reality, and has sufficient wisdom to provide a systematic approach to counselling and provides a basis for understanding all personal and situational problems: and,
- B. Every human is required to love God supremely, and his neighbour as himself, and psychological problems and immoral actions stem from failure to fulfil this love command, and sin (as a failure to live up to God’s moral requirements), hinders, or severs, relationships with God, or our fellow human beings: and,
- C. Thus, “psychological”, “behavioural”, “mental & emotional” problems are also at their base, also spiritual problems, which need correction by the Scripture and God’s Spirit, so the goal of Christian counselling is to aid in the process of Biblical conversion and sanctification which progressively restores human beings to the image of Christ eventually?

(NOTE: Sub-point C does not mean that prescribed medication is never needed for some.)

## 17. ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

Do you agree that:

- A. God’s “People”, since Christ’s death, resurrection and ascension, are now united as one “new man” and heirs of God’s promises to Abraham, existing as the Body of Christ, whether the individual members were genetically Jews or Gentiles. Also, Rabbinical Judaism is not an adequate faith for salvation of the Jewish people: and,
- B. It is legitimate for there to be “Messianic Jewish congregations” or Messianic Jewish cell groups in the structure of the larger Church, but sectarian attitudes of separation from the larger Body of Christ, or requiring the maintaining of Jewish cultural expressions, or requiring exclusive physical descent as a membership policy, would all be anti-biblical and would eventually be damaging for the unity of Christ’s Body and tends toward self-destruction: and,
- C. With regard to salvation, God has always had only two categories of people on earth: those who are saved and are His people, or those who are not His people and are lost, so the

genetic Jewish people do not, or cannot, comprise a “third category of humanity” as if there existed three categories of human beings; the saved, the lost, and the Jews?

## **18. CHRISTIANS EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN**

Do you agree that:

- A. Christians are required by God in the Bible to live in obedience to their Lord Jesus, and thus are called by God to see that their children are intentionally and systematically taught the Biblical Worldview. God has given parents custody, jurisdiction and authority over their children, as stewards to raise them as servants of Christ, to seek to discern their calling and to train, discipline and educate them in that Biblical Worldview: and,
- B. Anti-God and Anti-Biblical public school educators or curriculum developers are an unwise choice for preparing our Christian children to become wise, Bible-obeying, Jesus-loving, mature servants of God in their adult lives who see all of life through the grid of the Biblical Worldview. In fact, the public school system and teachers at this point in history generally teach the opposite of the Biblical Worldview, therefore we strongly urge Christian parents and their church’s leadership to either home school their children, or send them to a clearly Christian school, but not to the government schools?

## **19. THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

Do you agree that:

- A. Human beings are all created by God, with God’s own image imbedded within their soul and spirit, therefore they are all of immeasurable value, to be valued above all animals, vegetation or material wealth, and are to be treated as God commands us in His Bible: and,
- B. Abortion of the foetus and infanticide are cold-blooded murder of the child and can do (and usually does) untold damage to the aborting mother, therefore abortion should again be a criminal offence with clear, legal, civic penalties as it was in the past: and,
- C. Societies which condone abortion are judged by God for countless murders in the land, so such societies need to either repent and change their laws or expect God’s severe judgment?

## **20. GOD’S LAW FOR ALL SOCIETIES**

Do you agree that:

- A. God revealed His Laws for all mankind in the Christian Bible by means of inerrant, verbal inspiration and that those written laws are absolute and universal and therefore are to be obeyed by all mankind: they apply to Christians and unbelievers and to all social orders in all places at all times: and,
- B. A human cannot be walking in love and at the same time be disobeying God’s Moral Law and neither Christians nor non-Christians have the right to disobey God’s requirement of love toward God and one’s neighbour: and,
- C. God’s Bible is the ultimate, standard by which all other laws, books, ideas, morals, actions, or people are to be judged or valued...?

## 21. ENVIRONMENTALISM

Do you agree that:

- A. In the Bible, God has given His obedient people who love His laws and His actions, the task of stewardship of the earth and all its resources, mines, vegetation and animals, and wants the societies of all mankind to operate within this stewardship according to His laws and principles stated in the inerrant Bible: and,
- B. It is apparent that the socialistic version of the Environmentalist movement is both hostile to God's eternal, absolute principles for how life is to be lived on this planet, and has fallen into the hands of global socialists who wish to use their pseudo-scientific mandates as a means of tyrannical control over the nations of the earth. Thus we call for open, real dialogue between those who promote Biblical Stewardship of the earth with those who believe a government-controlled Environmentalism is the answer; and,
- C. The false claims of "Global Warming" and other scare tactics have been disproved by hard facts from meteorologists and scientists from other fields...?

## 22. EVOLUTION

Do you agree that:

The theory of Evolution is a logically and scientifically false and unfounded concept which offers no actual evidence for it's theories in the real fossil records or geological records or in any established facts from any field of science, and that the laws of probability show that the vast complexity of the human body cell (plus many other biological facts) render Evolution impossible to all except those who believe it irrationally as a kind of "religious presupposition" and hold to it in spite of the facts rather than because of the facts?

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