

A Bridge Works Both Ways

If the church is to survive it must change. And change for survival is exactly what Nick, and you, his supporters, have undertaken.

If the Christian Church is to survive – and by that I mean more than just the Roman Catholics – if the Christian Church is to survive as an institution that can guide the spiritual lives of humanity, an institution that can provide the means of guiding the spiritual lives of tomorrow’s humanity, of today’s growing and maturing humanity, then it must evolve. It cannot remain mired in its own dogma, ignoring the mistakes of the past, ignoring the fact that the truth lies buried in two places: in ancient records, and in ancient greed.

I shall use that term [greed] to cover things like seeking power, seeking to be right, seeking control. These are not institutional, they are simply institutionalized by human beings.

And some of those human beings are alive today—some of them may be you!—trying to undo the damage and perhaps speaking out against the “abuses” of the church. And when I say the church I mean the entire Christian community.

As you move forward on this mission, please remember that within every branch, within every sect of the Christian community – Eastern, Western; any who base their current teachings and trace it back to my life and teachings 2000 years ago – any one of them, any sect can identify those people who live by what they understand those teachings to be. These parishioners are no different from you in many ways. They come at life with pure hearts and intentions to love and to honor God and intentions to forgive and intentions to live a “good” life, a righteous life, a spiritual life, let me put it that way – to live and manifest a spiritual life, and to share themselves and their spirituality with their fellows. Within every sect you will find these people. And these are the people, these are the people who need the bridge you are building. These are the people who can and will work with you to shape a new and better civilization for humanity.

They need a way, they need a bridge, they need a way forward – or backward – to the light at the core of truth.

There are many ways to go about that. None of those ways is easy. Each of those ways entails the church, whichever sect you have, whichever branch, tributary, stream that in any way claims source to my teachings of 2000 years ago. It entails the church looking at itself, looking at the documents, the most ancient documents upon which it bases its truths. And a good many of the most significant texts can be found in the Vatican.

There are some ministers today, I will not name names— Let me put it this way: there are theologians who are historically versed and understand the distortions. If they do not understand the specific distortions that have entered into church teachings, they do understand how those

distortions were entered and they do understand that some distortions occurred. And if they can understand and identify one, they know in their hearts there are more.

You can work with them, make them allies, help them open their hearts to the truths you see and walk with you as you bring your case to Rome.

These people, these theologians who are historians know the truth. They can lead their fellows, their peers to these truths. They can encourage their peers to speak the truth.

The bridge that must be built from the original teachings, the light of the original teachings to what has happened today, to where people are today, that bridge must be built in part from within the depths of the institutions. From the depths of the institutions themselves. And that means those who are within the institutional hierarchies need to listen to the historians who are among them, the historians who look with clear eyes and clear minds and clear hearts at the truth of what happened then, and why it happened, as my teachings moved thru the existing world and out into the humanity of that time.

You and Nick have chosen the Vatican as the place to start for obvious reasons, reasons I need not recount. This is your first bridge – and a bridge works both ways. Remember that. A bridge works both ways. These kinds of bridges are less effective when they are built in anger. These bridges are most effective when they are built in love and compassion and understanding and based on truth, based on the best truth that can be seen and known. This is the truth Nick and you, his supporters, are presenting. Be aware as you deliver your message that those within the institutions, those with loving intentions in their hearts, the intention to serve and better humanity in their hearts, must be the ones to take a very difficult and hard look at what it is that has happened.

I ask you to search your own hearts and understand you are showing the way. You may very well be one who has been hurt, damaged, suppressed by some of the teachings of the church. And I would urge you to seek calm, loving strength within and work not with anger or revenge in your heart.

I would ask both sides of this bridge, you who hunger for the truth, the light of the core teachings and those you'll meet within the institutions—each side to examine their motives for action or inaction. Examine your motives. And I think you will find, when that is done, that you share the motive of serving humanity, that you share the motive of bringing forth the true light of the teachings. I think you will find that.

Then ask: Is your action or inaction bringing forth the core of truth?

For when you get to the core of the teachings, you will find them, I think, quite simple, quite straight-forward, not necessarily easy to live by, but straight-forward. In that case some of the theological positions that have caused controversy and splits in the church become irrelevant. They do. Because, you see, at the core of my teachings is the fact that the light of God is within each and every one. I will say that again. The light of God exists within each and every one. When that light shines forth from within each human being, then these finer points of theology become less significant. Each individual can shine their own light forward and no two are going to be exactly the same.

Let each person find their own God-inside, their own truth so that the institutionalized church becomes an inclusive place of gathering where different viewpoints, for instance, can be shared. There is no need for everyone to believe exactly the same thing. There is a need for everyone to shine forth the light of Christ within and to work together and to respect the differences and to rejoice in what is shared, and to work together.

The church, institutionalized church can emerge as a place of gathering, as a place of teaching, as a place of information sharing, a place of social leadership. There are many reasons to maintain the institution, an evolved institution of church, for groups working together are more powerful by far than individuals working alone.

This message of the necessity for a bridge, a bridge that is built from both sides without anger, without pointing fingers, but built only with – yes, love and compassion, but with the purpose of service. With the purpose of bringing the light of the truth of the God within, bringing that forth to be a foundational aspect of humanity’s evolving spirituality. I say to Nick and you who support him – let this be the bridge you commit to build.

The core truths must be freed. But they must be freed thru inner searching, thru love and compassion, and understanding the motives behind the cry for freedom, behind the cry to free the original truths. This I believe. This I will help Nick and you, his followers, achieve.

This, thru love and respect. This I would help you achieve.

But please, not with anger, though you have been deeply scarred. I would give you my blessings to work past any scars that you may have and I know that there are those who are deeply scarred. I would give you my blessings to work past, to reach love and forgiveness, to free yourself from anger and move forward in love and compassion and dedication to evolving, not dissolving, the institutions that have come to be the Christian Church.

I would ask those within the institution, within the institutions of the Christian Church to take a very daring step forward to own the “truths” that have been perpetrated in my name. To own what has been perpetrated in my name and look at it in the full light of the sun and ask yourselves: What happened? Change what it is you can change, and evolve. But first you must own.

This I would ask. And this Nick is asking in my name – and you are supporting his daring step forward.

Whatever you do, understand your own motives and act in love. Act always in love. Understand your motives. Thank you.

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