

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

STAR WARS- WORLD VIEW

Enjoy the action, but beware of the message-

<http://global.christianpost.com/news/the-faith-vs-the-force->

http://www.probe.org/site/c.fdKEIMNsEoG/b.4217915/k.7FF6/The_Worldview_of_Star_Wars.htm

Posted by Cal in Theological Issues at 17:48

STAR TREK THEOLOGY

The dangerous world view of Star Trek

<http://www.pantheism.net/paul/history/star-trek.htm>

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NEW: POSTING RESUMES FROM MARYLAND

You may have noticed that I have not posted here for several weeks. That is because my wife and I have been very busy relocating our home from Massachusetts to Maryland. Today, I pick up my digital pen and paper to blog once again. I pray that you will be helped in your life as a Christian by what you read here [and on my website, reformedliving.org] in the days ahead. - Cal

Posted by Cal in Personal Journal at 15:30

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Both Jesus and Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God. One Biblical meaning of the word "kingdom" is power as in ... Another meaning is dynamic- reign and the third use is static- realm. There has always been the Kingdom of God inasmuch as God has always had and exercised power. He has always ruled in the affairs of humanity and the natural world. And where He has done that, there has been His Realm.

In a special way, the power and reign and realm of God were present in the world in the life and times of Jesus. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Kingdom of God prevailed and conquered the Powers of Sin, Death and Satan (although these Powers deny and resist this Truth strenuously!) That is the penultimate good news of the Kingdom preached by Jesus and Paul. The Kingdom of God continues today in all 3 senses of the word. When the Risen and ascended Jesus personally and publicly returns at some point in History, the fullness of the Kingdom shall be manifest in the redemption and renewal or transformation of both earth and the heavens.

The Kingdom, power and glory belong to God alone- not to Satan or to Humanity, let alone any Nation, organization or political Leader. None of the latter can build the Kingdom. God alone does that.

However, God uses all these and the forces of Nature, as the agents or instruments of His Kingdom. The most important or primary agent that God uses to demonstrate His power and to expand both His reign and realm is literally the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God grows (the power, reign and realm of God are manifest) primarily through the spread of the Word of God. The Church is not the Kingdom, but it is the keeper of the Keys to the Kingdom (Matt 16:19) And those keys are Preaching the Word and Discipling those who respond to that preaching- those who confess the Faith, are baptized and learn to obey the commands of God. (Matt 28:19f; Acts 2:36-42, 8:12)

Preaching and Discipling! These are the major privilege and responsibility of the Church. I no longer have the authority or opportunity to preach in any church (although I can pray for and support those who do); but through the medium of the internet, I hope to continue to teach and disciple Believers.

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