

Suppressing the Truth in Unrighteousness

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“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,” Romans 1:18

Acts 4

The Sadducees, priests, and temple captain were all *“greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (4:2-3)*. The Sadducees did not believe in angels, spirits, or resurrection (*Acts 23:8*), yet they had control of the Temple, the center of religious activity! That has always struck me as bordering on the absurd: those who least believed in spiritual things are in control of the spiritual center of influence! This should show you and me how corrupt Israel was at the time of Jesus.

Well now, the religious leaders come together to figure out how to stop the apostles from preaching the resurrected Jesus. They are not interested in **truth**, they are interested in promoting their **agenda**. So they call in Peter and John to ask them by what power they worked a miracle in causing a lame man to walk (*Acts 3:3-10*). After listening to Peter explain that the power came from the resurrected Jesus of Nazareth, they convened in a private meeting and said: *“...’What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name’” (4:16-17)*.

These religious leaders are trying to use their power and influence to **subdue** the preaching of the truth – **they are suppressing the truth in their unrighteousness** – something that has been done often before!

Elon Musk & Twitter

The news and social media outlets have been ablaze lately with consternation over Elon Musk purchasing Twitter in order to allow free speech to have an internet outlet. It’s okay to let billionaires like Bill Gates {Microsoft}, Jeff Bezos {Amazon}, Mark Zuckerberg {Facebook}, and George Soros {billionaire investor} have a public voice, but Elon Musk must be stopped because we cannot afford the luxury of “free speech” where both sides of an issue are discussed. So once again we are faced with *“suppressing the truth in unrighteousness.”* Popularizing free sexual expression of every kind, promoting world -wide society without borders, condemning religious organizations as *too restrictive* are just some of the concepts that are popularized by the left-wing billionaires.

University Prohibitions

It is well-known that for decades American universities prohibit “free speech” on the discussion of evolution versus creation. Now some of these same universities want to condemn any religious beliefs against immorality as some kind of “phobia.” The prominent agenda of universities is to promote an “open society” (George Soros’s term) that includes everything *except conservative, biblical viewpoints*. Lest you think this is a political article, keep in mind that I am comparing today’s society with that of the first century when Christianity was **suppressed** by Sadducees, Pharisees, and other sects. God has warned us in *Romans 1* what happens when any society, any people, or any nation **forgets God (Rom. 1:28)**. Because God is in control, ultimately these anti-God programs will fail. But their influence could go on for decades, even centuries, before a radical return to God and true religion occurs. How many souls will be lost eternally while ungodly, unrighteous people try to turn the world into a secular utopia? We shall see as events unfold. Read your Bible, stay true to the book, do not expect political programs to save Christianity, and remember this: *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17)*. Just be sure that you are not caught up with them!371803

