#### **Political Correctness In Spades (Part One)**

What Is Political Correctness? John W. Ritenbaugh Given 16-Jul-16; Sermon #1332c

Today I am beginning a series; I don't know how long it is going to be, but I have collected a pretty good bit of information and it is something that I think we need to consider, and consider seriously. It is on "political correctness." Today I am mostly going to do some explaining about what it is and why it is dangerous. But we will get to the dangerous parts a little bit later. Today I just want to talk about the general idea of education.

Every time I give a commentary, I understand that it is going to be bad news. It is my hope that you will, as a result, be able to grasp a brief analysis of how God looks at the news that is taking place in this nation. It is my hope you are receiving these commentaries in that light.

God is not just a Creator; He is also the master Educator. But opposing Him from the position of his invisibility is Satan, who is also doing his utmost to educate people to his perspectives, and thus to his ways, attitudes and conduct.

Do you grasp—do you thoroughly understand—that we face life using what we believe drawn from what we learn to face the circumstances of life? It is from what we learn that we make our choices. In one sense, life is that simple. Do we not learn from books? Hasn't our Creator supplied mankind with a Book that provides us with a fairly detailed program containing standards He wants all of us to be guided by so that we are able to face life's circumstances?

Books are not the only source of education for living life. There is also the reality of learning and being guided by our experiences as we live within the culture we presently live in. Thus we in turn also use those experiences as guides.

In Deuteronomy 30:19, our Creator makes our responsibility clear:

**Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.

That is very clear, is it not?

**I John 5:19** The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

In one sense, the competition overwhelms the truth in terms of number of people who are following it. That is a second realty we must be aware of and deal with, and *don't think* this world is not having an impact on you.

That second reality is that the Creator's enemy—Satan—is also educating. He has influence over the entire world and his educational properties are opposed to God's, and is he slick! For 200 years from this nation's founding, we were guided by a basic education from God's book. But that education was replaced over a period time by a system given by the ruler of this world's operations—all this comes from Satan—as applied to politics, science, scholastic education, economics, entertainment, religion, news reporting, and social conduct. That is a load, and most of it has come from the mind of Satan.

I attempted to show you by means of the series on the philosophers ["Mightier Than the Sword"] how long Satan has spent turning our education for life from one that is a tried and proven system—God's—to another loaded with attractive-to-carnality thoughts, but in practice destructive as a bomb with a fuse set to go off. In short, his system doesn't work, regardless of how attractive it appears.

One of the latest satanic ploys used to destroy *our* thinking processes is in fact a direct attack against reality. I find it exceedingly interesting that Satan did not attempt this attack until Americans had been dumbed down enough to accept its ridiculous and radical strangeness. When I give you some examples in the following weeks, you are going to see how strange political correctness is.

Using this ploy also required—at the same time—to have in place the necessary tools to spread its reality-denying concepts rapidly and combine these with the persuasive powers of bureaucratic government and public opinion. Speed is necessary here, along with ignorance. That is because this ploy only works on people who are (1) ignorant of many things in life; (2) very unsure of themselves; and (3) fearful besides. Some people have the entire package. Very, very many in the population have this entire package. These three elements motivate them to accept political correctness.

Here is a definition: Political correctness is an insidious demand that you dismiss the evidence you can witness with your own eyes, your own experiences and from what you've already learned, and replace it with a delusional, false narrative that is shoved into your mind to force you to conform.

I am going to give you a rather far out example but perhaps because it is so far out it will help you to see it clearly and help you to understand the forceful power of one's fear of being on the outside looking in. This is very important: being on the outside looking in.

#### Here is the far out example:

If you are looking at a red barn along with a fair number of your friends, and they are friends you want to please and continue to be companions with, but they hold you in some measure of scornful contempt, insisting it is a blue barn. The power of political correctness demands that if want to be friends with these people, you nod your head in agreement and surrender what you are seeing with your own eyes, even though your evaluation and logic is true. In other words, you're right but your desire to be friends with these people and be part of the group forces you to conform.

Political correctness is essentially a war on truth, or we might call it a war against facts, reason and logic, by which the powers that be (which might be your friends, or it could be the company you work for; it could be the federal government you want to stay in agreement with)—it does not matter how outrageous the demand is.

The powers that be might be the government, a political party, a social organization—there is a very powerful social organization out there these days—or even the company that you work for. All that is needed are the factors that set the stage for pressure to conform to apply its powers to be placed on us. This danger is very real. Mark my words: It is going to be aimed at you. It is going to be aimed at the church, because when they tell us to march and we put forth our left foot, they are going to say, "Put forth your right." Those who want to conform to what is politically correct might put forth their right foot. God, in a sense, is hated by everyone, and we are doing to find ourselves outside, looking in. How great is the desire to be on the inside? That's the question.