

"Sola Scriptura" or is it, "It is Written!"

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew words *Yahoshua* (yeh-ho-shoo'- ah) for *Jesus*, *Yahweh* and *Elohim* for *God* and the *LORD* and *ruah* for *pneuma* (spirit).)

"It is Written!" is the believer's foundation. What is written are words coming from the very mouth (peh) of the Creator, Adonai Yahweh. Associated with but not equal to, "It is Written," is the phrase, 'Sola Scriptura,' which is Latin for, 'Scripture Only or Scripture Alone.' Martin Luther stated, "those things which have been delivered to us by God in the Sacred Scriptures must be sharply distinguished from those that have been invented by men in the Church, it matters not how eminent they be for saintliness and scholarship."¹ Today's Protestant Church would verbally agree with his statement but their stated beliefs contradict the premise of Sola Scriptura, let alone, "It is Written." Historically, Yahweh wrote his Word and then gave his words, to the prophets, beginning with Moses, to be written for the instruction of his people. His words were always to be the absolute standard for mankind to live by but the words of men and the words of the adversary have been and are being commingled with or stand in opposition to Yahweh's words. The clergy, Protestant and Roman Catholic, are taught, from childhood, the scriptures, commingled with the doctrines of men. Roman Catholics accepted the traditions of the Fathers as divine revelations, while Protestants protest against such barbarism but never-the-less they practiced the same behavior, "...saying—I, indeed, am of Paul (*Luther*), but, I, of Apollos (*Calvin*), but, I, of Cephas (*Hagin*), but, I, of Christ (*Wesley*)" (1 Cor. 1:12). Protestants are deceiving themselves, being no different than Rome Catholics. Self deception has been described by saying, "There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true."² "It is Written," is scriptural, while "Sola Scriptura," is an effort to proclaim, "It is Written" but attaching with it man-made doctrines.

Humility is one of the greatest strengths a person can have. Matthew 18:4 states, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this child, the same, is the greatest, in the kingdom of the heavens." A lack of humility to the Word of Yahweh is rebellion. The Apostle Paul spent an entire day showing the Jews the scriptures concerning the Messiah. Upon their leaving, "...Paul having said one thing—Well, did, the holy spirit, speak through Isaiah the prophet, unto your fathers, saying—Go thy way unto this people, and say—Ye shall, surely hear, and yet will in nowise understand. And, surely see, and yet will in nowise perceive; For the heart of this people, hath become dense, and, with their ears, heavily, have they heard, and, their eyes, have they closed,—lest once they should see with their eyes, and, with their ears, should hear, and, with their hearts, should understand, and return,—when I would certainly heal them." Yahweh said the same things to the Jews in Isaiah 6:9-10. Ignorance of scripture, in both cases, was not their problem but rather these individuals, for whatever reason, hardened their hearts, rejecting the words of Yahweh by

¹ The Babylonian Captivity of the Church, Works of Martin Luther, Vol. II, p. 261

² Søren Kierkegaard

choosing rather to retain the doctrines of men, as the Word of Yahweh. These doctrines of men are then indoctrinated, as truths not to be questioned, into children from an early age. Those who refuse this indoctrination are called heretics, this occurred to the prophet Jeremiah, our Lord Yahoshua, the Apostles Peter and Paul and ministers, such as Arian, Michael Servetus and Thomas Emlyn, to name only a few. For those who covet Yahweh's truths, coming from the mouth of Yahweh, as presented in the Hebrew thought (Prophets were all Hebrews), written in Yahweh's Holy Word, one must accept the reality that they will be persecuted and excommunicated by Protestants and Roman Catholics, those who are presently leading today's Christian Churches.

(For contrast between "It is Written," and what people actually teach and believe, I will quote from the Southern Baptist Convention's Statement of Beliefs, which can be found at SBC.net.³ Their beliefs are common among most Protestants.)

"It is Written"

Yahweh begins the narrative of, "It is Written," when he wrote, with his finger, the Ten Words, as the book of Exodus reveals; "Then gave he unto Moses, as he finished speaking with him in Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony,—tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohim...And Moses turned, and went down out of the mount, with the two tables of testimony in his hand,—tables written upon, on both sides of them, on this and on that, were they written. Now as for, the tables, the work of Elohim, they were,—and, as for the writing, the writing of Elohim, it was, graven upon the tables " (Ex. 31:18, 32:15-16). His first words upon the tablets being, "I, am Yahweh thy Elohim...Thou shalt not have other gods, besides me." The name, 'Yahweh,' is used eight times in the ten commandments, as recorded in Exodus 20:1-7. When Yahoshua was asked, "Teacher! which commandment, is greatest in the law? And, he, said unto him—Thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim—with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: This, is the great and first commandment. The second, like it, is, this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. In these two commandments, all the law, is contained, and the prophets" (Deu. 6:4-5, Mt. 22:36-40). Protestant Churches will say they believe these statements but at the same time their Statement of Beliefs do not even discuss Yahweh being their Elohim and they confess, "The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being." Where is this Written?

"It is Written" continues with Moses and the prophets recording Yahweh's words; "Then said Yahweh unto Moses—Write..." Jeremiah was commanded by Yahweh to, "...Write thee all the words which I have spoken unto thee, in a scroll" (Jer. 30:2). John was commanded to, "Write, therefore—what things thou hast seen and what they are; and what things are about to come to pass, after these things" (Rev. 1:19). All the scriptures, coming

³ Southern Baptist Statement of Beliefs SBC.NET - <http://www.sbc.net/bfm/bfm2000.asp> - Southern Baptist Convention

from the mouth (peh)⁴ of Yahweh, were written by Hebrew prophets. Hebrew, not English, thoughts and words are the foundation of, "It is Written." Protestants state, "God the Son; Christ is the eternal Son of God; in His incarnation..." but where is this Written?

Our Lord Yahoshua, beginning his ministry in the wilderness, proclaimed, "It is Written," four times to the slanderer (diabolos), in Matthew chapter four, the first being, "It is written,—Not on bread alone, shall man live, but on every declaration coming forth through the mouth [peh (Deu. 8:3)] of Yahweh" (Mt. 4:4). What did our Lord Yahoshua write? Nothing! Why? It would have been exalted above Yahweh's words, as given to the prophets, such as is done with the Red Letter Bibles. To those readers, what is written in red, takes on more importance than the other scriptures, even though Yahoshua proclaimed in John 12:49, "Because, I, out of myself, spake not, but, the Father who sent me, hath, himself, given me commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (Jn. 12:49).⁵ It is also written, "A prophet, will I raise up unto them, out of the midst of their brethren, like unto thee,—and I will put my words in his mouth, so shall he speak unto them whatsoever I shall command him" (Deu. 18:18, Acts 3:22). He spoke as did all the prophets, Yahweh's words. Protestants confess, "God the Holy Spirit; The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine" but where is this written? YAHWEH is present in the scriptures (used over 6,800 times) but not present in their vocabulary?

⁴ 06310 פה peh mouth. This word appears almost 500 times in the OT, most frequently in Psa (sixty-six times) and Prov (fifty-six times). Some preliminary observations on the various uses of peh may first be noticed. (1) Primarily as an organ of speech (a) for God, (ca. 50 times) only in #Ps 18:8 [H 9], {#2Sa 22:9} and perhaps in #Job 37:2, is God's mouth something other than an organ of speech. (b) for man; (c) for animals. {#Nu 22:28} (2) Less frequently, an organ for eating and drinking. {#Eze 3:3, inter alia} (3) Mouth as 'opening/outlet/aperture/entrance' for example, of a well; {#Ge 29:2} a sack; {#Ge 42:27} a cave; {#Jos 10:18} a city; {#Pr 8:3} 'edge' of a sword. {#Ge 34:26} (4) In phrases such as peh 'ehad 'with one accord'; {#Jos 9:2} peh 'el peh 'mouth to mouth'; {#Nu 12:8} peh apeh 'from one end to another'; {#2Ki 10:21} (5) peh with prefixed prepositions: 'according to (kepî) his service'; {#Nu 7:5} 'according to (lepî) the multitude of years'; {#Le 25:16} (6) peh in fractional units: peh shenayim. {#De 21:17 2Ki 2:9 Zec 13:8} This particular phrase has been translated two ways — 'a double portion' or 'two-thirds,' which is more correct. Hence, Elisha asks not for a 'double portion' of Elijah's power and gift but for two-thirds.

We can now look at how peh is applied to God, then to man. Approximately fifty times the OT speaks of God's mouth. The God of the OT is a God who speaks. His voice has not been muted. Interestingly, in all but two passages it is in God's capacity as the LORD that he speaks. #La 3:38 uses the phrase mippî 'elyôn 'out of the mouth of the most High.' #2Ch 35:22 informs us that the saintly king Josiah met his death because he refused to listen to the words of the Pharaoh 'from the mouth of God' (mippî 'elohîm).

Most prominent is the phrase 'al pî yhw, 'according to the mouth (=commandment) of the Lord.' It occurs twenty-four times, eighteen in Num plus #Ex 17:1 Le 24:12 De 34:5 Jos 19:50 22:9 2Ki 24:3. Note the heavy concentration of this phrase in the Pentateuch. When God speaks he speaks with authority and finality. God's speech is also prophetic speech as is illustrated in references from the prophets. {#Isa 1:20 40:5 62:2 Jer 9:11; etc.} Thus, the prophet's word is not his own concoction. He becomes God's mouth. {cf. #Jer 15:19} In God's mouth there is also a creative word: #Ps 33:6 and #De 8:3 (live on what comes from the mouth of God). In Psa and the wisdom literature the uses of peh refer predominantly to man's mouth, not God's.

The mouth is the external manifestation of one's character and disposition. The mouth is the organ through which one's relationship to God is ascertained. Obvious here is the oft repeated theme of praise to God in one's mouth (#Ps 8:2-3 [H 3-4]; 34:1 [H 2]), or a prayer that God may guard the believer's mouth. {#Ps 142:3} (TWOT)

⁵ Joh 17:14 I, have given them thy word, and, the world, hated them, because they are not of the world—even as, I, am not of the world. Joh 3:34 For, he whom God hath sent, the sayings of God, doth speak; for, not by measure, giveth he the Spirit. Joh 14:10 Believest thou not, that, I, am in the Father, and, the Father, is, in me? The things which I am saying unto you, from myself, I speak not; but, the Father, within me abiding, doeth his works.

From the Mouth (peh) of Yahweh

Lutherans confess that, "We teach that the Holy Scriptures differ from all other books in the world in that they are the Word of God. They are the Word of God because the holy men of God who wrote the Scriptures wrote only that which the Holy Ghost communicated to them by inspiration."⁶ Isn't it interesting that Protestants grab this one verse from Peter, capitalizing Holy Ghost, making it⁷ a god, thereby discarding thousands of years of testimony that states that the prophets wrote what came from the mouth of Yahweh. Yahweh said concerning Moses, "Mouth to mouth, do I speak with him, And plainly—not in dark sayings..." (Nu. 12:8)? Deuteronomy 8:3 states, "So he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna which thou hadst not known, neither had thy fathers, known,—that he might lead thee to consider that, not on bread alone, shall the son of earth live, but, on whatsoever cometh from the bidding [peh = mouth] of Yahweh, shall the son of earth live." Yahweh wrote, concerning his only-begotten Son, "A prophet, will I raise up unto them, out of the midst of their brethren, like unto thee,—and I will put my words in his mouth, so shall he speak unto them whatsoever I shall command him" (Deu. 18:18). Where is the Holy Ghost in these verses?

How we received scripture is plainly given in the book of Jeremiah, which states, "And it came to pass, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah, from Yahweh, saying: Take thee a scroll, and write therein, all the words which I have spoken unto thee, concerning Israel, and, concerning Judah, and, concerning all the nations,—from the day I began to speak unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even until this day...So Jeremiah called, Baruch, son of Neriah,—and Baruch wrote, from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of Yahweh which he had spoken unto him, upon a scroll" (Jer. 36:1-4). Can it be any clearer? Typing in, "Yahweh said," on the Online Bible program, results in this phrase being used 111 times in the Old Testament. How many times, in the Old Testament, does holy spirit come up? Three times and it has nothing to do with the man-made doctrine of [God] the Holy Ghost communicating to the prophets by inspiration! Protestants can say, "It is Written," "For not, by will of man, was prophecy brought in, at any time, but, as, by holy spirit, they were borne along, spake, men, from God," (2 Peter 1:21) " but, we can say, as did Yahoshua by saying, "Again, it is Written," "Then said Yahweh unto Moses—Write..." (Ex. 17:14). Is it written, "Then said God the Holy Ghost unto Moses, Write?

"Again, it is written..."

The slanderer is very good at quoting Yahweh's Word. He stated, "...If thou art God's, Son, cast thyself down,—for it is written, To his messengers, will he give charge concerning thee; and, on hands, will they bear thee up, lest once thou strike, against a stone, thy foot (Psalm 91). Yahoshua said to him, Again, it is written,—Thou shalt not put

⁶ A brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod; Of the Holy Scriptures

⁷ pneuma is neuter in the Greek language not masculine.

to the test, Yahweh thy Elohim" (Mt. 4:6-7). Quoting scriptures when the scriptures are out of context, or from the Greek New Testament or they are a few difficult verses that contradict many clear verses etc., to produce a doctrine is a tool of the slanderer, as can be witnessed in the above exchange. When someone quotes 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:21 on how we received the Word of Yahweh rather than quoting the thousands of verses in the Old Testament, we must ask ourselves, Why do they deceive themselves? Are they seeking truth or are they seeking scriptures that validate what they desire to believe? I can say, "It is Written," "If anyone cometh unto me [Yahoshua], and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, further also, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:26), which is written but as we all know this scripture must be understood in the light of all the clear verses, such as, "...So shalt thou love thy neighbour, as thyself,—I, am Yahweh" (Lev. 19:18). Proclaiming, "Again, it is Written," is absolutely necessary when dealing with Protestants who quote scriptures that validate what they desire to believe. An additional example would be the Protestant's scripture used upon the death of a Christian, such as 2 Corinthians 5:8, which they would say, "It is Written," "...absent from the body and to be present with the Lord (NKJV)," but we can say, "Again, it is Written," "In the sweat of thy face, shalt thou eat bread, until thou return to the ground, because, therefrom, wast thou taken,—For, dust, thou art, And, unto dust, shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:19). Southern Baptist's say, "Sola Scriptura," concerning the Last Things, "The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord," but "It is Written," "For, evil doers, shall be cut off, but, as for them who wait for Yahweh, they, shall inherit the earth" (Ps. 37:9).⁸ John 3:16 disagrees with their belief when it states, "For Yahweh, so loved, the world, that, his Only Begotten Son, he gave,—that, whosoever believeth on him, might not perish [apollumi],⁹ but have life age-abiding." Neither Hell or Heaven are in this verse!

The book, 'The shape of Sola Scriptura,' by Keith A. Mathison, classified Christian groups into three camps; Tradition 0, Tradition 1 and Tradition 2. The Roman Catholic Church (Tradition 2) accepts, as doctrine, the Word of Yahweh along with the teachings and traditions of many other men, which they would call the extra-scriptural sources of revelation, which are equally as authoritative as scripture. He divided the Protestant Church into two camps; The Magisterial Reformers (Tradition 1), which would be John Calvin and Martin Luther and the Radical (thorough) Reformers (Tradition 0), who are the Anabaptist and Mennonites, to name a few. Luther and Calvin asserted that scripture was the sole source of revelation but it must be interpreted in and by the Church and that it was

⁸ Ps 37:11 But, the patient oppressed-ones, shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves over the abundance of prosperity.

Ps 37:22 For, such as are blessed of him, shall inherit the earth, But, the cursed of him, shall be cut off.

Ps 37:29 The righteous, shall inherit the earth, that they may settle down, to futurity, thereupon.

Ps 37:34 Wait for Yahweh, and observe thou his path, that he may exalt thee, to inherit the earth, On the cutting off of the lawless, shalt thou look.

Mt 5:5 Happy, the meek; for, they, shall inherit the earth:

⁹ 622 ἀπόλλυμι apollumi ap-ol'-loo-mee to destroy

to be interpreted according to the ancient apostolic teachings of the Church, the regula fidei (Latin for rule of faith).¹⁰ Keith described the Radical Reformers by stating, "These Radical Reformers insisted that not only was scripture the sole infallible authority, but that it was the sole authority altogether. Secondary authorities such as the Church, the regula fidei, and the fathers were considered irrelevant at best."¹¹

Martin Luther on the Doctrines of Men

Martin Luther, who was a Roman Catholic Monk, was an example of an individual who, in many areas, humbled himself to the Word of Yahweh, rejecting many of the doctrines of men, resulting in him being excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church. Luther's appearance at the Imperial Diet was described as objective, clever and well thought out. He had to appear before the Emperor twice; each time he was clearly told to take back his teachings. Luther didn't see any proof against his theses or views which would move him to recant: "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

Martin Luther stated, "I should prefer all my books to perish that only the Bible might be read, for other books take up our attention and make us neglect the Bible."¹² "The writings of all the holy fathers should be read only for a time, in order that through them we may be led to the Holy Scriptures. As it is, however, we read them only to be absorbed in them and never come to the Scriptures. We are like men who study the sign-posts and never travel the road. The dear fathers wished, by their writings, to lead us to the Scriptures, but we so use them as to be led away from the Scriptures, though the Scriptures alone are our vineyard in which we ought all to work and toil."¹³

That the Doctrines of Men are to be Rejected

Martin Luther wrote the following quotes in his article, "That the Doctrines of Men are to be Rejected:" *"He walks in such religion and in that which he has never seen." This is the very worst feature of the doctrines of men and the life built upon them, that they are without foundation and without warrant in the Scriptures, and that men cannot know whether what they do is good or wicked. For all their life is an uncertain venture. If you ask them whether they are certain that what they are and do is pleasing to God, they say, they do not know, they must take the chances: "the end will show us." And this is all they can say, for they have no faith, and faith alone makes us certain that all that we are is*

¹⁰ pg. 120

¹¹ pg. 123

¹² Conversations with Luther, p. 179

¹³ An Open Letter to the Christian Nobility, Works of Martin Luther, Vol. II, p. 151

*well-pleasing to God, not because of our merit, but because of His mercy. Thus all their humility, obedience and all of their religion is, at the very best, uncertain and in vain."*¹⁴

Martin Luther rejected many doctrines of men, for which he is to be praised, but, at the same time, he retained many doctrines of the church fathers, thereby becoming one of the persons he was speaking against, deceiving himself, as is so common today. Protestants proclaim, 'Sola Scriptura,' while their Statement of Beliefs or Catechisms or Teachings, reveal many doctrines of men. They choose to please men rather than Yahweh, cowering from the persecutions and tribulations that would occur if they diverted from the

¹⁴ *"Vainly they pull themselves up," that is, they have no reason to do so. For although their practices are uncertain, unbelieving and altogether damnable, yet they make bold to puff themselves up and to claim that they have the best and the only true way, so that in comparison with theirs every other manner of living stinks and is nothing at all. But this puffed-up carnal mind of theirs they neither see nor feel, so great is their angelic humility and obedience! O, the fruit of the doctrines of men "They do not hold fast the Head," which is Christ. For the doctrines of men and Christ cannot agree; one must destroy the other. If the conscience finds comfort in Christ, the comfort derived from works and doctrines must fall; if it finds comfort in works, Christ must fall. The heart cannot build upon a twofold foundation; one must be forsaken. Now we see that all the comfort of the papists rests upon their practices; for if it did not rest upon them, they would not esteem them and would give them up, or else they would use them as matters of freedom, how and when they pleased."*

"If there were no other misfortune connected with the doctrines of men, this were of itself all too great—that for their sake Christ must be forsaken, the Head must be lost, and the heart must build on such an abomination. For this reason St. Peter calls the orders abominable and damnable heresies, which deny Christ, when he says, in the Second Epistle, 2:1, "There shall arise among you false teachers, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, and deny the Lord that bought them."

"Paul, in Galatians 1:8f., says: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." In these words you hear a judgment of God against the pope and all doctrines of men, which says that they are under the ban. And this ban is not like the pope's ban; it is eternal and separates a man from God, from Christ, from all salvation and from everything that is good, and makes him the companion of devils. O what a terrible judgment is this Look now, whether the pope, priests and monks do not proclaim another and a different doctrine than that taught by Christ and His Apostles. We said above that Christ teaches, "What goeth into the mouth doth not defile a man." Contrary to this and beyond it the pope, priests and monks say, "Thou liest, Christ, in so saying; for the eating of meat defiles a Carthusian and condemns him; and the same is true of the other orders." Is not this striking Christ on the mouth, calling Him a liar and blaspheming Him, and teaching other doctrines than He taught? Therefore it is a just judgment, that they in their great holiness are condemned like blasphemers of God with an eternal ban."

"Paul, in Titus 1:14, says: "Teach them not to give heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn them from the truth." This is a strong command, that we are not at all to regard the commandments of men. Is not this clear enough? And Paul gives his reason: they turn men from the truth, he says. For as has been said above, the heart cannot trust in Christ and at the same time in the doctrines or the works of men. Therefore, as soon as a man turns to the doctrines of men he turns away from the truth, and does not regard it. On the other hand, he who finds his comfort in Christ cannot regard the commandments and the works of men. Look now, whose ban you should fear most! The pope and his followers cast you far beyond hell if you their commandments, and Christ commands you not to heed them on pain of His ban. Consider whom you wish to obey."

"Solomon, in Proverbs 30:5 f., says: "Every word of God is purified: and is a shield unto all them that put their trust in it. Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." With this I will end for the present; for there is much more in the prophets, especially in Jeremiah, of which I have written in the treatise on Confession. Here then Solomon concludes that he is a liar who adds aught to the words of God; for the Word of God alone is to teach us, as Christ says, Matthew 23:8, "Be ye not called masters. One Master is in you, even Christ." Amen." (That the Doctrines of Men are to be Rejected, Works of Martin Luther, Vol. II, pg. 429-448

established religious man-made paths.¹⁵ They have witnessed the historical persecutions of the saints, such as Jeremiah, Paul, Arian, Servetus and Tyndale and they want no part of it.

You might say, and rightfully so, then why do these Christian ministries prosper when they are teaching some of the doctrines of men, such as did Martin Luther? Success, according to the terms of men, is no guarantee for accuracy. For example, the size of the Roman Catholic Church is enormous. They teach the Lordship of Yahoshua, his sacrificial death and resurrection (Romans 10:9), which are true, which bring men to salvation, but, as we all know, they teach many pagan doctrines, such as praying to Mary. On the other-hand, the prophet Jeremiah taught Yahweh's truths for forty years but had a very small following of believers, if any at all. According to the religious world of today, his ministry was a failure. They would conclude that his failure was due to Yahweh not being a part of his ministry otherwise it would have succeeded. The lesson we must learn is that Yahweh works in and through people who teach correct doctrines, who perform good works and at the same time, these same people can be teaching pagan doctrines, performing evil works. For example, Yahweh helped King Ahab fight victoriously against the Syrians (1 Kgs. 20). This is the same King Ahab who Yahweh spoke saying, "And Ahab son of Omri did the thing that was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh,—and did more wickedly than all that were before him" (1 Kgs. 16:30).

Yahweh anointed Jeroboam king¹⁶ over the ten tribes. He performed good works, but he also created two calves to be worshipped in Bethel and Dan;¹⁷ later his sin was known as the sins of Jeroboam.¹⁸ Another example was king Jehu, who was also anointed by Yahweh, who reigned for forty-one years. He obeyed Yahweh by putting to death the house of Ahab and destroying Baal and his worshippers, which was very pleasing to Yahweh, so much so, that he rewarded his heirs with kingships,¹⁹ but he also sinned the sin of Jeroboam, which was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh.²⁰ Could the Pope fit into these examples? How about Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, Kenneth Hagin or the whole Roman Catholic and Protestant Church? Are they committing the sins of Jeroboam, by worshipping and praying to three gods (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit), even though they proclaim these are but one God?

¹⁵ There are a few exceptions of men being deceived, such as the Apostle Paul, who stated in 1 Timothy 1:13, "Though, formerly, a defamer, and persecutor, and insulter; nevertheless mercy was shown me, because, without knowledge, I acted, in unbelief."

¹⁶ 1Ki 11:31 and said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten places,—for Thus, saith Yahweh, Elohim of Israel—Behold me! about to rend the kingdom, out of the hand of Solomon, and I will give unto thee ten tribes:

¹⁷ 1Ki 12:32 And Jeroboam made a festival in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the festival which was held in Judah, and offered up on the altar, likewise, did he in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made,—and he kept in attendance in Bethel, the priests of the high-places which he had made.

¹⁸ 1Ki 15:30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he committed, and which he caused, Israel, to commit,—by his provocation wherewith he provoked to anger Yahweh Elohim of Israel.

¹⁹ 2Ki 15:12 That, was the word of Yahweh, which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons, to four generations, shall sit on the throne of Israel. And it was so!

²⁰ 2Ki 14:24 And he did the thing that was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh,—he turned not away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused, Israel, to commit.

Can one say, 'Sola Scriptura,' or "It is Written," when one says, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Incarnation, Trinity, Mary the Mother of God, Fully God and Fully Man, infant baptism etc.? Absolutely not! Yes, even Martin Luther, did not escape from these corrupting doctrines which had been handed down from the accepted Church Fathers. Martin Luther, when proclaiming the Word of God Alone, was including, as the Word of God, the doctrines or creeds of the Church Fathers, such as were presented in the ecumenical councils. His writings reflect these doctrines, which have nothing to do with, 'Sola Scriptura.' For example, Luther, in his Epistle Sermon, Trinity Sunday, stated,

"It begins I believe. In whom? In God the Father. This is the first person in the Godhead... Continuing, the Creed says, I believe in another who is also God...The first designation of God the Son makes him the only Son of God...In the third place we confess, I believe in the Holy Ghost. Here again a distinct person is named, yet one in divine essence with the Father and the Son...Thus briefly this confession comprehends the unity of the divine essence — we accept and worship only one God — and the revealed truth that in the Trinity are three distinct persons. Such distinction is made for the purpose of affording Christians the unqualified assurance that there is but one God and yet three persons in the one divine essence — truths the sainted fathers have faithfully gathered from the writings of Moses, the prophets and the apostles, and which they have maintained against all heretics."²¹

Roman Catholics called Luther a heretic, while Luther called Arius and the Anabaptists heretics.²² Luther was proclaiming, 'Sola Scriptura,' but stating, "the revealed truth that in the Trinity are three distinct persons," when his statements have nothing to do with, "It is Written," but rather we can all say his statements are, 'Not Written!'

It is Written but by Whom?

The Southern Baptists write, "All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation." This statement, though it sounds very reverent is false. They should have written, "All Scripture is a testimony to YAHWEH, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation!" It makes you wonder what books the Baptists are reading. Isaiah 44:6 states, "Thus, saith Yahweh—King of Israel, Even his Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts,— I, am, First, and, I, Last, And, besides me, there is, no God." Protestants will proclaim, 'Sola Scriptura,' but Sola Scriptura, to them, is inclusive of the writings of certain Church Fathers and other doctrines that they desire to believe, as can be witnessed below.

It is Written, "All souls, therefore; are shut up within Hades: do you admit this? (It is true, whether) you say yes or no: moreover, there are already experienced there punishments and consolations; and there you have a poor man and a rich." (St. Tertullian 160-220 AD)²³

²¹ Epistle Sermon, Trinity Sunday (Lenker Edition, Vol. IX, #I6-23).

²² Table -Talk, #DXV (A Compend of Luther's Theology, pg. 243)

²³ Chapter 58, Conclusion, Tertullian on The Soul

It is Written, "It will not be out of place to consider the ancient tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the apostles and guarded by the fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be a Christian either in fact or in name" (St. Athanasius 296-373 AD).²⁴

It is Written, "We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being" (St. Athanasius 296-373 AD).²⁵

It is Written, "Glory to the Father with the Son, together with the Holy Spirit" (St., Basil 330-370 AD)²⁶

It is Written, "The orthodox doctors of the Church have correctly and wisely expounded that the Word of God was the supreme angel, who then began, as it were by anticipation, to perform the office of Mediator." (St. Calvin 1509-1564AD)²⁷

It is Written, "That the baptism of infants is pleasing to Christ his own work demonstrates." (St. Luther 1483-1546AD)²⁸

The adversary's methods of deceiving Christians are nothing new. Yahweh has instructed us that we are not ignorant of his thoughts (2 Cor. 2:11), one of which is to inculcate a child of Yahweh with doctrines not in the Word of Yahweh, such as he did unto Eve. His deception is so powerful that people, as the sand of the sea, living under Christ's 1,000 Year Kingdom, will rebel against Christ, resulting in their own destruction. Their rebellion and destruction have been foretold to them in Revelation chapter twenty, never-the-less, the deceiver rallies them, to their own demise, to attack Christ. This is an illustration of the power of his deception. This account is similar to Pharaoh fighting Yahweh, in the book of Exodus. Blinded, Pharaoh pursues the Israelites into the Red Sea, which is presently supernaturally divided, to his own destruction. Signs of insanity you might say?

Inculcation by the Church

The definition of inculcate (in-cul-cate) is "to endeavor to force (a thing) into or impress (it) on the mind of another by emphatic admonition, or by persistent repetition; to urge on the mind, esp. as a principle, an opinion, or a matter of belief; to teach forcibly." To teach forcibly one must attach a doom if one refuses the inculcated teaching. An example of

²⁴ On the Most Holy Trinity

²⁵ On the Most Holy Trinity

²⁶ On the Holy Spirit pg. 17

²⁷ Calvin on the Trinity, Chapter 13, 10

²⁸ A Compend of Luther's Theology pg. 169

which is a statement in the Nicene Creed, which states, "And whosoever shall say that there was a time when the Son of God was not, or that before he was begotten he was not, or that he was made of things that were not, or that he is of a different substance or essence [from the Father] or that he is a creature, or subject to change or conversion--all that so say, the Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes [accursed] them." The High Priest and the Sanhedrin inculcated the Hebrews with the traditions of the fathers, as the Church also does today. Refusing to be inculcated resulted in the man born blind, in John chapter nine, being excommunicated. The same methods of inculcation are used today by the Church, with the same punishment if one refuses to be inculcated. The heretic label will generally be attached to all who reject the inculcation of the Church. Luther refers to Arian as, Arius, the heretic, because he rejected the inculcation of the Trinity. Luther also taught that, "...they that deny the divinity of Christ, do lose all Christianity."²⁹ Typing in Jehovah Witness on Google, results in responses, such as, "Find out why Jehovah's Witnesses are considered a destructive cult." Heretic, cult, antichrist etc. are labels of doom that are usually attached to all who refuse to be inculcated into the doctrines of the Church.

"It is being Written," in the New Bible Translations

Inserting the doctrines of men is a never ceasing endeavor by our adversary and his workers, some of which are Bible translators and publishers. The Geneva Bible, printed in 1560, under the influence of John Calvin, would insert notes (commentary) next to the scriptures. For example in Philippians 2:6, which states, "Who being in the form of God..." their note states, "If Christ being very God..." thereby inserting what should have been written by Yahweh, according to the Church Fathers. Today, the New Bible translations insert commentary as the Word of Yahweh, without notifying the reader of this deception. As an illustration, I will attach the verses John 1:18, 3:16 and Philippians 2:6 together, comparing the translations of the Rotherham (Literal Reading), NIV and NLT Bibles. The points of this study are to observe the manipulation of the statements, "an Only-Begotten God," "Only-Begotten Son," and "in the form of God."

Rotherham Emphasized Bible

No one, hath seen, God, at any time: An Only Begotten God, The One existing within the bosom of the Father, He, hath interpreted him...For God, so loved, the world, that, his Only Begotten Son, he gave,—that, whosoever believeth on him, might not perish, but have life age-abiding...Who, in form of God, subsisting, not, a thing to be seized, accounted the being equal with God,

NIV Bible

No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known..."For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that

²⁹ A Compend of Luther's Theology, pg. 52; (Commentary on Galatians, pp. 217).

whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life...Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

NLT Bible

No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us..."For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life...Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

The deceiver, by manipulating the Bible translations, can now say, "It is Written," "The one and only Son is himself God," or "Who being in very nature God." Also, he can proclaim, "It is not Written," "His Only-Begotten Son," but rather, "It is Written," "His one and only Son," eliminating the problem that the Church Fathers had to deal with when they emphatically proclaimed, "Begotten not Made!" Now, Yahoshua is no longer begotten! Commentary has now become the Word of God, which is no different than what the Roman Catholic Church does! This practice necessities that we use Rotherham's Emphasized Bible and study the Hebrew words and secondarily the Greek words used in the text. For example, would any of us realize, even using the Rotherham Bible, that egeiro, used 141 times, being translated raised, really means to awaken? Romans 10:9 should had been translated, "That, if thou shalt confess the declaration with thy mouth—That Yahoshua is, Lord, and shalt believe with thy heart—That, Yahweh, awoke [egeiro] him from among the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Conclusion

The Protestant Church, proclaiming, "Sola Scriptura," as has been illustrated, is self-deceived, at the very least, and at the most is a deceiver. The religious leaders in Yahoshua's time were no different than the ones we have today. According to the religious leaders, in Yahoshua's time, Yahoshua was a heretic, a leader of a cult and one who was or should be excommunicated from the Temple. His doom, for not being inculcated into the doctrines of the Rabbis, was death, as was Stephen's. Later on the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Church would emulate the Jews by putting to death Tyndale and Servetus! Luther's and Calvin's saying Scripture Alone is a sad facade. As I stated in the introduction, self-deception can be described as, "There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." Protestants confess a belief in God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, which isn't true and when you show them the verses that Christ as a God (Eph. 1:3, 17 etc.), they refuse to believe what is true! They say, 'We believe the Bible to be the Word of God,' but when they are shown 1 Corinthians 14:39, "So, then, my brethren,—be zealous to prophesy, and do not forbid, to be speaking with tongues," they refuse to do so. To avoid the deceptions, one must use Rotherham's Emphasized Bible and study the Hebrew and Greek words used in the text. "It is Written," and "Again, it is Written," are the true test of Truth. If Church doctrines are not written consistently in the Hebrew text, BEWARE.