May 21, 2024 - Day 2,111,670 of the Crisis of Identity

Title: Do we Need Theology?

Do we need theology? How many people know what theology is, let alone, know what it means, or if it is important to life? I recently came across a poll taken on the "State of Theology", taken by Ligonier Ministries. With the cultural crisis facing mankind since the advent of Jesus, Christianity continues to confuse the issues, with theology being one of them. How many people think of theology when they think of Jesus? I would venture to guess, not many. Theology is a construct of mankind for the purpose of setting themselves in a place of authority above others. Defining for the masses what they should believe concerning Jesus, based on their interpretation of the biblical narrative.

- 1. What is Theology?
- 2. Did Theology start with Christianity?
- 3. Do we need theology?

Here are some examples of what we are discussing.

- 1. Theology: The Definitive Guide to Getting Started, Tobin Perry 4/13/2024, logos.com
- 2. What is Theology? K. Erik Thennes 12/11/2015, crossway.org
- 3. What is Theology? Austin Cline, Updated on 1/3/2018, learnreligions.com
- 4. Theology, Encyclopedia Britannica Online, Updated 4/25/2024, britannica.com

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Title: Theology, Doctrine, Dogma

So, Theology, the study of God! What have we learned? In the past two thousand years we have concluded with our study that you cannot comprehend, understand, or hold the knowledge of God. *Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them*. So, why do we continue in the study of God? What are the doctrines that have been shown to us that will manifest in mankind that which may be known of God? How many Dogmas have been set in place to dictate the course of the believer? But to what end? Is this not the question? We have abandoned our pursuit of the truth relating to being in the image and likeness of our Father for the pursuit of Christian theology. Will we repent?

- 1. What have we learned?
 - a. Theology, Online Etymology Dictionary
 - b. 9 Things I've Learned in 9 years of Theological Education, Allyson Howell (Todd) 11/27/19
 - c. 4 Ways Theology is Practical for Everyday Life, Marc Cortez 6/22/23 christianity.com
- 2. I have spent the better part of my existence in the consideration of Christianity and what this means to me and my personal relationship with Jesus the Anointed of Jehovah. Would this be called theology? I have not attended a school or sought the educational titles of such pursuits.

So, what has everything I have read, including the bible and extra-biblical material, the days of contemplation and prayer, the seeking the knocking on the door, produced in me? Is it simply doctrines that provide an opportunity for dogma that presents as Christian? How do we understand and know being? When is the pursuit of our image and likeness not relegated to the science, philosophy, or theology of mankind? Only when we put away adulteration, will we come into the truth and hold the truth of being, that we are created in the image and likeness of Jehovah.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

G846 αὐτός autos ow-tos'

From the particle $\alpha\tilde{\upsilon}$ au (perhaps akin to the base of G109 through the idea of a baffling wind; backward); the reflexive pronoun self, used (alone or in the compound of G1438) of the third person, and (with the proper personal pronoun) of the other persons: - her, it (-self), one, the other, (mine) own, said, ([self-], the) same, ([him-, my-, thy-]) self, [your-] selves, she, that, their (-s), them ([-selves]), there [-at, -by, -in, -into, -of, -on, -with], they, (these) things, this (man), those, together, very, which. Compare G848. Total KJV occurrences: 4813

When we see this word translated in the 1611 version of the accounts and letters written by the apostles, we understand this comes from the theological viewpoint of the Reformation and the church of England. Although one thing remains above all the quarreling, fighting, and killing among the Protestants and the Papists, trinitarian theology. In the scripture above you can see the use of the English word, 'him' instead of it. This is done for the express purpose of propagating the theology that dictates the doctrine of Jesus concerning 'divinity and humanity', rather than holding the truth that Jesus is the second man created in the image and likeness of our Father in heaven.

John 14:17 translation:

Even the mind of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth it not, neither knoweth it: but you know it; for it dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

What is it that men cannot see? <u>THE TRUTH!</u> It is recorded by Paul who stated in a letter, "let this mind be in you, that was also in anointed Jesus."