

Being Necessarily Negative

Introduction

From time to time I get accused of being negative. In virtually every case this is done by people who are poorly informed about the reality of the matter under question; in many cases it is by people just living in a dream world. It is very sad when this is done by supposed Christians. Thus people tell me off, demanding that I should 'be more positive' and stop complaining.

My contention in this paper is not to justify my character; that is God's job at the Last Day; my job is to do what I must do to serve the Lord. My contention is that most people who accuse me of this are not seeing the reality and ought to be the same as me (or any other radical observer).

My natural character

For the benefit of those who have not met me I should give some background.

By nature I am a positive person and one who has learned (from many setbacks) to be very patient. Indeed, secular friends consider me to be extremely patient (especially my guitar students). My supposed negativity is not endemic in my personality.

Though I have known depression as a direct result of reaction to traumatic circumstances, I am not naturally depressive. Again, I have long been known as the life and soul of the party. In secular work I organised many social activities (during my own time) to brighten up the office, which were so successful that this was recognised and sponsored by the director as benefiting the morale of the staff. These included cricket matches, sing-songs and concerts (where I played), parties and a magazine that I established, edited and contributed towards. In fact, one work colleague told me that I was the most positive person that he had ever met.

By nature I am neither pessimistic nor optimistic; I am a realist. However, I do survey all the options and prepare for the worst as a sign of good sense ('being prepared' was due to my old fashioned Boy Scout training). Some wrongly see this as pessimistic. In fact it is the result of long experience, both of people's weaknesses and circumstances that can go wrong.

So, I am not naturally negative.

So why am I accused of being negative?

General Issues

The importance of being a realist

A Christian is neither pessimistic nor optimistic while in this world. Regarding the future state we are optimists because we know that we are overcomers and have eternal life, but regarding this world we can never be optimists because we know the power of sin and the devil. This world is a negative place since the Fall.

A Christian must be a realist. He must evaluate current circumstances and see the root of the issue and then judge rightly. His choices will then be realistic.

We will see shortly that the apostles, and the Lord himself, were realists.

The importance of the truth

The basis of the Christian's life is truth. Truth is found in Jesus Christ and God's word is truth as the written testimony of Jesus. The believer must focus upon the truth; not just in doctrine as opposed to error, but to the truth of any given situation. He must never follow lies or deceit. Thus knowing the truth about any circumstance is very important.

Therefore, being either negative or positive is meaningless to the Christian; the believer is only concerned with the truth of any given matter and nothing else. If the truth is negative, then the Christian must be negative; if it is positive then he can be positive. It is the truth that matters.

Thus if the truth of an issue is negative, then putting a positive spin on that is simply deceit and nothing else. It is sinful to be positive about something that is negative because that is lying.

The importance of knowing the times

Only complete fools pretend that things are not as they really are. Ostriches that supposedly put their head in the sand are completely deluded if they think that being blind will help them avert a coming disaster. Trying to put a positive gloss on the situation before us will not only do us no good whatsoever; in fact it will help others to be unprepared for what is coming. Wrong-minded positivity is actually damaging if it fails to warn those who look to us.

To illustrate this, imagine a man walking dangerously close to a cliff top unaware that the ground ahead is crumbling. Being positive in this situation is to say that the man is fine, he is not stupid and knows what he is doing. However, the realist warns the man immediately telling him that he is in danger of losing his life. This is not being negative and thinking the worst, it is a due warning based on facts. When times are bad, this is how foolish positive thinkers are; they do nothing to stop people walking off ideological cliffs.

The fact is that there are times when we can be positive and times when we must be negative. Wisdom knows the difference.

It is utterly foolish being positive when extremely negative circumstances threaten. Now this has nothing to do with faith. Faith is something that overrides a negative assessment of a situation and believes for something else. Being negative in evaluating a bad situation does nothing to hinder genuine faith.

Faith is the belief in things not seen. Faith is not generated by being positive; that is false, fleshly belief that it worthless. Faith is something that arises despite the negativity. Faith rests upon God's word not circumstances. In fact, a true assessment of a negative circumstance drives a person to God, who will often give faith to meet that need. Being positive about that same bad situation drives a person away from dependence upon God and the need for faith. Positivity in a bad circumstance is dangerous.

Positivity is fleshly

In a fallen world, man has no place being positive. Sinners have nothing positive to look forward to at all.

Despite this, there have been repeated movements that are centred upon positive thinking. These are delusions of the devil.

Many of these have developed in the last 150 years when the sin of man has been coming to a crescendo and the devil has been let loose to fulminate his global plans for total iniquity.

One of the most well known of these movements was the, ‘Power of Positive Thinking’ teaching of American religious broadcaster Norman Vincent Peale. ‘The power of positive thinking’ was also the title of his book published in 1952. Peale was clearly no evangelical¹ and his teaching was unbiblical and pernicious; according to many health professionals it was dangerous.² Some professionals averred that Peale’s positive thinking arose from his Arminianism, based on a wrong view of man’s ability. One Episcopalian bishop openly called Peale a heretic;³ true evangelicals would agree with this assessment.⁴ Many Christians in the 50s and 60s became compromised when they took this devilish teaching on board.

The power of positive thinking has much more to do with the occult and magic than Biblical spirituality. It teaches that people generate their own ‘luck’ or good things if they become positive in their outlook. The more positive you are the more good things happen to you. It teaches that man can change his circumstances by being positive and deluding himself through self-hypnosis while ignoring the sovereignty of God and accepting God’s will.

Biblical issues to help clarify matters

Jeremiah and the prophets in general

Just look at the multiple denunciations in the prophets; page after page of denunciations against Israel and all the other nations nearby. Even prophets like Isaiah, noted for their consoling truths, are filled with denunciations and condemnation, prophesying doom on sinners. Prophets always have a negative edge in their ministry or they are not prophets. Encouragement follows correction; building up follows breaking down what is wrong.

When faced with injustice and unrighteousness, the prophets railed against rulers, condemning them in the harshest of terms over and over again. Some prophets did not just preach in the streets and write about this but went to the ruler or priest and denounced him in person for unrighteousness, idolatry, oppressing the poor, or hurting the needy. Amos is just one example of this.

The church is meant to be a nation of prophets; those who represent God to the people. Why should we be any different? We should discover the truth about what is going on in society and be a champion for the oppressed, denouncing the wicked rulers that cause such suffering.

The modern church has lost its prophetic voice and is far too cosy in bed with the world. For example, it is difficult for a church to condemn the evils of the tax system that

¹ Peale was, allegedly, a 33-degree Freemason. He was raised as a Methodist and was also a friend and supporter of Richard Nixon. He later was a pastor in the liberal and ecumenical Reformed Church in America.

² His thesis was condemned by contemporary mental health doctors and even by psychiatrists, who stated that his book was ‘without depth’, ‘deceptive’, and ‘false’. Many warned that his teaching could lead to people developing mental health problems. His techniques were based on self-hypnotism [autosuggestion] and his book was filled with unsubstantiated anecdotes and no evidence. Peale considered that his methods were Jesuitical.

³ Episcopal theologian John M Krumm.

⁴ The fact that heretic universalist and elite-sponsored Freemason Billy Graham fully supported Peale and considered him a mentor only adds weight to the certainty of Peale’s heresy.

prosecutes very poor people over pennies or for filling in a form wrong, but exonerates rich people that avoid millions in taxes, when the church receives Gift Aid tax rebates.

If there is widespread suffering in society being caused by unrighteous leaders, then it is a sin to be positive about things. We should condemn the wicked that are an affront to God.

The prophet represents the times

Prophets appear when they are needed. There were periods in Israel's history when there were few or no prophets. Prophets come in when there are problems or declension and bring God's word to bear on those problems; in the OT that often meant with denunciation.

Thus in a time of wickedness and unrighteousness it would be folly for a prophet to bring a positive message. The prophet must bring the relevant word of God to bear on the current situation. In a time of very negative behaviour and policy, then the prophet will bring a very negative word.

A clear example of this is Jeremiah.

Jeremiah has often been called the 'prophet of doom' because his messages were so negative. But that was just a reflection on the contemporary situation. As God's mouthpiece he had to bring condemnation when it was needed. You cannot be positive when the times call for being negative.

The issue is the truth. What was the truth in the time of Jeremiah: spiritual adultery in God's people, oppression of the poor and needy, fleecing of God's sheep, hedonism, idolatry and iniquity in the ruling class, and abandonment of God's law everywhere. In a time of widespread transgression, God's judgment was looming and Jeremiah had to be negative.

Do we need examples? I will give but a few.

Set up the standard toward Zion. Take refuge! Do not delay! For I will bring disaster from the north, and great destruction. The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of nations is on his way. He has gone forth from his place to make your land desolate. Your cities will be laid waste, without inhabitant. For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail. For the fierce anger of the LORD has not turned back from us. Jer 4:6-8

Gather yourselves to flee from the midst of Jerusalem! Blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a signal-fire in Beth Hacerem; for disaster appears out of the north, and great destruction. Jer 6:1

'Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations'. Jer 25:9

How could Jeremiah prophesy positive things when the nation was corrupted by sin and God's judgment was upon them? Anyone being positive in such a time would have been in contempt of God.

Jeremiah was criticised for being negative when he told the truth

I am in derision daily; everyone mocks me. For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, 'Violence and plunder!' Because the word of the LORD was made to me a reproach and a derision daily. Jer 20:7-8

Jeremiah suffered terribly for speaking the truth. He was imprisoned, tortured and nearly died in a slimy pit because he wasn't speaking positive things. Note this; one of Israel's

greatest and long-living prophets and one of the major writing prophets, was full of negative speaking and was persecuted for not being positive.

Jeremiah's summary of his ministry under God

And it shall come to pass, *that* as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. Jer 31:28

As the mouthpiece of God, Jeremiah had to bring a message of doom to Israel. God had to rip apart the rot and destroy it before he could again build the house up.

Thus here we see the purpose of God in Israel which is explained by Jeremiah. This was:

To pluck up	To build
To break down	To plant
To throw down	
To destroy	
To afflict	

There are five negative items and only two positive ones. The five negative items were necessary before the positive ones could be introduced. Anyone rebuilding a house or improving an old garden understands this process. There is far more work done preparing the ground and getting rid of rot before planting or new work can be done.

Jeremiah could not be positive when declaring the work of God because God was doing something necessarily negative before he could rebuild the nation.

The positivity of Israel in her idolatry and transgressions

Very often in Scripture we find that it is those who are positive in bad times that are earmarked for condemnation. For example:

In the time of Samuel, the Israelites were idolatrously worshipping Ashtoreth and other gods (1 Sam 7:3). Faced with a defeat by the Philistines, the Israelites were supremely positive and ignored their sin. They thought that because they were God's people and had the Ark of the Covenant they would be safe. Thus they fetched the Ark from its place and took it into battle (1 Sam 4:3). They entered into a second battle with the Philistines and, despite their positivity, were slaughtered (1 Sam 4:10) and the Ark was captured.

Israel's positivity about being the chosen people of God and having the Ark of the Covenant did nothing because the nation was in sin and transgression.

In the time of Isaiah Israel was still idolatrous and oppressed the poor and yet positively trusted in the daily sacrifices in the temple (Isa 1:2-7). God spoke through Isaiah and said that the sacrifices and feasts meant nothing (Isa 1:11ff) at all in the light of the sin of the people. God told Israel to, 'Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow', (Isa 1:16-17).

In the time of Jeremiah, the people were still full of sin and idolatry and yet positively trusted in the presence of the temple as a sign of God's dwelling with them. Then Jeremiah brings God's word to them saying, 'Do not trust in these lying words, saying, "The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD"', (Jer 7:4). Instead they were to be negative about their condition, see the problems and put them right first. This included: thoroughly

executing justice; not oppressing the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow; not shedding innocent blood; and not committing idolatry (Jer 7:5-6).

Over and over we see that Israel was positive about the externals of religion (the temple, feasts and rituals, the Ark) and expected God's blessing because of these, while at the same time was full of idolatry, sin, transgression and oppression of the poor and needy. They rather needed to be negative and bewail their sins rather than be positive.

The modern church is in a very similar situation.

The realism of Jesus

Jesus is the light that exposes darkness

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend [apprehend, overcome] it. Jn 1:4-5

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practising evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. Jn 3:19-21

The purpose of light is to overcome darkness. Those who have light must expose darkness. If the light isn't exposing darkness then it is not light or the light is hidden beneath something and not shining.

Jesus is the light of the world and when he was on earth he exposed darkness and overcame it. Throughout his life Jesus exposed the darkness in men and in the world in general. He sometimes did this ruthlessly and without any diplomacy. When faced with man's sin or a lack of faith, he was not positive but utterly negative. See for example:

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? Matt 12:34

Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, 'O you of little faith'. Matt 16:8

He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offence to Me'. Matt 16:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged *to perform it*'. Matt 23:13-16

Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Matt 23:33

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matt 23:27-28

He said to them, 'Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?' Mk 4:40

Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?' Jn 3:10

Jesus was also negative when faced with wicked rulers:

And He said to them, 'Go, tell that fox'. Lk 13:32 [Regarding Herod. 'Fox' was a term of derision used for crafty people.]

Jesus was negative about whole towns

Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.' Matt 11:20-24

Jesus openly spoke negatively about the evil in the world

The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. Jn 7:7

The testimony (light) of Jesus is very clear, he spoke very negatively towards situations which called for it. Despite this he could be very caring, even to sinners in clear transgression, such as the woman caught in adultery. Jesus had the wisdom to know when to be negative and when to be positive.

You cannot be a disciple of Jesus and fail to speak negatively about the evil that is in the world. The disciple is not always positive.

The realism of Paul

Paul was negative about Jewish opposition

Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake. Rm 11:28

I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off [castrate themselves]! Gal 5:12⁵

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judaea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judaeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost. 1 Thess 2:14-16

When the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles'. Acts 13:45-46

The unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. Acts 14:2 [Luke, under the influence of Paul.]

Then Paul said to him, 'God will strike you, *you* whitewashed wall'! Acts 23:3

Paul was negative about church defectors and false teachers

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but

⁵ Paul is basically saying that those Jews who insist on circumcision should let the knife slip and castrate themselves in the process to make themselves eunuchs.

their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. Rm 16:17-18

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame -- who set their mind on earthly things. Phil 3:18-19

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of gain*. From such withdraw yourself. 1 Tim 6:3-5

For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. Titus 1:10-11

We could give many more similar examples.

The apostles, following the example of Jesus, were not squeamish to speak very strongly in negative criticism of opponents of the Gospel. Indeed, Paul uses sarcasm, mockery, irony, scorn and ridicule to add weight to his negative critiques. Today church teachers are more likely to accept what the opponents say and try to ameliorate any differences.

Paul was sometimes very negative in exposing the sins of believers

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed. Gal 2:11

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth. Gal 3:1

And besides they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 1 Tim 5:13

He is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions. 1 Tim 6:4

Paul was criticised for telling the truth about situations

Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? Gal 3:16

Paul was not afraid to speak plainly, often with severe criticism, in order to present each man perfectly edified to God. This meant that sins and errors had to be plainly exposed.

Where we are today

Like it or not, we are commanded to know the times.⁶ Jesus demanded that we be vigilant in assessing our circumstances and understanding what is going on in the world. Never in history has this been more important than today.

The Jews of Jesus' generation were condemned for failing to see their Messiah and then rejecting him. The whole generation was cursed and later destroyed. They did not see the times they were in and failed to be ready for the Messiah. In the same way, the modern

⁶ Matt 16:3; 'you cannot discern the signs of the times'. Matt 24:42; 'Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.' Matt 25:13; 'Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.' Mk 13:33; 'Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.' Lk 12:56; 'You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?'

church must be careful not to fail to see that the end of time is near⁷ and fail to make herself ready for the appearance of the Lord in the heavens. Jesus even told a parable just to give this warning.⁸ Indeed, Jesus definitely implies in this parable that those who are not ready for his coming at the end, those who do not see the signs of his coming, are not saved at all.

The period of preparation for the final satanic global empire

The sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do. 1

Chron 12:32

I have made the case in a number of papers that we are currently in the period when the devil is preparing his final wicked kingdom.⁹ It is not fully here but it is well underway and has been for 150 years or so. This is why we have had two world wars, multiple economic collapses, multiple famines, various pandemics, the massive apostasy and deception in the church, growing persecution of Christians in the world, the legalisation of iniquity in society, etc. with worse to come.

It is absolutely vital that believers understand this in order to know what sort of time we are in and how to think and behave. If you do not understand this, you will definitely be deceived and will likely make very bad decisions.

For example: prior to the Iraq War I wrote that such a war was based on lies, would cause terrible disruption to the region and would needlessly kill many innocent people. I debated with many Christians who fully supported the war and fully supported Tony Blair, even considering him a Christian. Sometimes I was shouted at for suggesting his motives were venal. History has proved that I (and many others) was right and that those sad Christians had no understanding of the times whatsoever, leading them to vote for a wicked man and support his iniquitous quest; to say nothing of supporting the deaths of over a million innocent civilians and paving the way for the chaos and misery that now engulfs Iraq.

This is what happens when you do not discern the times.

Since the satanic plan for the world is gathering momentum, national governments are fully culpable in the demonic strategies (see next). This is obvious logic, but it is also demonstrated in the policies that they push. An obvious example would be Gay marriage; another would be legalised abortion on demand. But less obvious cases would include the lies about global warming. Apart from the huge taxes and new regulations this has placed on the world unnecessarily, few people realise that it is part of a UN plan to achieve a socialist world state with totalitarian laws. There are statements written into treaties that spell this out in black and white. Fortunately, the last one (Copenhagen Treaty) was

⁷ I am not saying that the end is very near today, but that we must not fail to see when it is near.

⁸ Matt 25:1-13; 'Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.'

⁹ For example, 'The depths of deception right now'. This book lists several other papers that are relevant here.

defeated when campaigners made this clear when it was hidden in Annexes, but the elite are pushing it again in new treaties, such as Paris in 2015.¹⁰ Your government is complicit in assisting the satanic plot to control the world and destroy Christianity.¹¹ Therefore, do not support them in any way.

In this period there is little to be positive about

I have proved in various papers that as we are in the final stages of the preparation for world government and the demonstration of the man of sin, national governments are merely puppets and are hand in glove with global elite interests. This is why such malignant policies are continually enacted and why society continues to deteriorate, no matter who is in power. In the UK there is virtually no difference between left and right wing mainstream parties. Notice that the wicked and utterly failed austerity policies of the Tories are going to be upheld by Labour if they get in power, despite the warnings of major economic thinkers who have explained that this is economic and social suicide. The Tories' austerity measures have increased the national debt and enriched the rich, but they insist it is the way out of debt, even though the tax base has decreased.

Policies such as homosexual discrimination laws, quantitative easing, sexualisation of young children, brainwashing of schoolkids, injustice in the courts; coupled with enriching bankers, austerity measures against the poor and sick, toleration of paedophilia at high levels, and so forth, are not accidents but are part of a plan to destabilise society and squash the working man. Add to this the dumbing down of the media and entertainment industry, plus the widespread provision of free pornography and the rest of the population is nullified from any rebellion.

In a time when there have been unprecedented attacks on ordinary people, and particularly Christians, at every level of society, only an utter fool would claim to be positive. Not only is there nothing to be positive about, people ought to be angry.

The sheer mass of injustice surrounding everybody alone ought to be a reason for righteous anger. God is angry about it and so should we be. The fact that 4 million people in this country are in food poverty is a disgrace that should make us angry. How can anyone be positive when the Red Cross is distributing food parcels to poor British families and the fact that only food banks have stopped multiple deaths by malnutrition? Anyone who seeks to be positive about this ought to be ashamed. It is wrong to be positive about government iniquity.

Consider:

- The number of homeless people has risen dramatically.
- The number of suicides has risen dramatically, even amongst the middle aged. Psychologists have reported that this is directly caused by austerity policies.¹²
- The number of children in poverty has risen dramatically.
- The number of people on benefit sanctions for trivial reasons, leaving them without food, rent or power, has risen dramatically as a result of government targets.
- The number of disabled and sick people with constrained circumstances and reduced income has risen dramatically.

¹⁰ See lectures and YouTube blogs by Lord Monckton explaining this.

¹¹ The underlying purpose of the final satanic world government is the eradication of Christianity. Pre-runs of this global totalitarian government also tried to exterminate Christians (such as the Stalinist Soviet Union or the leadership of Mao in China). Millions of Christians were killed in these regimes.

¹² See study by Dr Carl Walker.

- The number of working people living below the poverty rate has increased dramatically.
- Legal aid has been reduced.
- Government snooping on personal telephone calls, weblogs and emails have risen dramatically.
- The NHS is being gradually destroyed and broken off for privatisation, much of it to pals of Cameron.
- In real terms £30 billion has been cut from the pre-coalition NHS budget.
- Wages have massively shrunk.
- Personal buying power is now at 1980s levels.
- Millions of houses are now needed just to catch up with demand.
- Massive influx of immigrants has devastated the infrastructure of many cities. In the last three years immigration numbers are equal to a new city larger than the size of Brighton and Hove or about 28% the size of Birmingham (the UK's second city).
- 400 GP surgeries are at risk of closure, 98 at imminent risk, many have already closed. Some people now have a journey of scores of miles to see a doctor; others have to wait a month to see one.
- Local infrastructure is collapsing. Many services have been cut or cancelled, such as meals on wheels or in-home care for the sick and elderly. Social services are at the point of collapse in some towns.
- Care homes have been dramatically reduced causing bed blocking in hospitals.
- Mental health care has been deemed not fit for purpose. Mentally ill children have been sent to a centre hundreds of miles from their parents and friends since there is nowhere locally. Others have been put into local police cells where their condition has worsened. Some studies affirm that this is a ticking time-bomb in the NHS.
- Ambulance reaction times are dramatically increasing. Numbers of ambulance failings, some resulting in unnecessary death, have increased.
- Working class people in London, vital for necessary services (such as cleaners or nurses) are being forced out of London completely, which in turn, increases their cost of living on travel.
- Pension funds are falling into deficit due to ultra low interest rates demanded by Quantitative Easing.
- Austerity measures have utterly failed to address the national debt, which is bigger than ever before and has risen more sharply under Osborne than any other chancellor. Measurements differ but the most conservative estimate is £1.5 trillion.

Yet at the same time

- Banker's bonuses have either continued as before or risen.
- The top 10% of the rich population has become much richer.
- The top 0.1% of the population has become exceedingly rich.
- Tax changes have massively benefited the rich.
- While the young and the poor can't get a house at all, the rich have benefited from the housing bubble, caused by government policies.
- MPs salaries have risen sharply.
- MP fraud has continued.
- Quantitative easing has not benefited the poor, the middle class, new entrepreneurs or struggling business but has gone to the bankers to be speculated on at near zero interest.

In addition, Britain has contributed (within the EU and NATO) to provoking a potential third world war in Ukraine by aggressively confronting Russia with subversion and CIA sponsored civil war¹³ and concerted removal of the elected president. Foreign agreements going back decades were that NATO would not encroach upon buffer states or seek enlargement of the EU in the east. The west is responsible for the thousands of deaths so far; Putin is merely protecting Russian interests and their only warm water seaport (in Crimea), which is entirely natural; to say nothing of the fact that East Ukraine and Crimea have been part of Russia for centuries until very recently. The media frenzy about Putin in the west is based upon lies and fabrications.¹⁴

We could continue in this vein ad infinitum, so much is wrong. The point is that there is much in society and government to cause alarm. There is nothing to be positive about when so many people are needlessly suffering.

But added to this one must observe the global elite's overarching plan which is also manifesting itself very clearly. This should cause great concern. No Christian can be positive about the coming satanic world government; the preparations of which are all round us.

Caveat

I must make myself understood here.

Are we to walk about constantly in a state of doom-ridden fear and worry? Of course not; no one is suggesting that at all.

Do we have things to be constantly positive about as Christians?

Absolutely yes. Not only that but we should be in constant praise and inexplicable joy in our salvation. Even in prison after being beaten Paul and Silas were able to rejoice and praise God.¹⁵ In the darkest depths a Christian is able to rejoice. The whole testimony of the Christian is that they can rejoice **DESPITE** what is happening to them and what is going on around them because their treasure is in heaven. Our job as saints is to praise God and rejoice in his grace and mercy.

But we also have a testimony to reflect what God thinks about what is going on around us; as Jesus said, 'I testify of it that its works are evil'. Our job as prophets is to condemn evil around us and be righteously angry about the oppression of the poor.

What is being said in this paper is that we need to know the truth about our situation in society and react to that truth as God does. Surrounded by terrible injustice and needless suffering done in our name we should be angry and condemn the politicians that do this as wicked. Our stance on the times and the evil in the world must be a negative one.

Failure to do this means that we are complicit in the wickedness and failing to represent the testimony of God who cares for the poor and needy.

How do we do this?

¹³ A Gladio B enterprise.

¹⁴ Christians should consider that as well as being a supreme nationalist, Putin is a devout Russian orthodox Christian. This is why the Luciferian global elite are opposed to him. Also note the calls for a new EU army to be centred in the east.

¹⁵ Acts 16:25.

Not by political lobbying, civil unrest, protest marches and such like; we are not like the world. Our job is to represent God and to show what God's view of our circumstances is. We do this in our day-to-day testimony; by speaking the truth. In our conversations with friends, family, neighbours and anyone who will listen, we explain the truth of what is going on. Those of us with public ministries will write about such things, speaking the truth and exposing the works of evil as Jesus did; those who blog can do the same on blogposts and videos on YouTube.

The key is that every Christian needs to be informed, needs to know the truth, needs to get angry about it and needs to testify against the works of darkness.

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. Eph 5:11-12

Being positive

I trust you now understand that regarding our walk in the world we are to be very negative; there is nothing positive about a world that is in rebellion to God and filled with iniquity. God testifies that even its 'good' works are evil (Rm 3:10-18; Prov 15:8-9, 21:4, 27, 28:9).

Yet the Christian is supremely positive. He is positive because he focuses on God. He is positive because he looks to Christ. He is positive because he walks in the Spirit.

Even in the midst of tribulations and afflictions the Christian can praise God, and praising God is positive. Anyone who sets their attention on Christ and the things above will be positive.

Then, when a Christian looks at the works of God that have no consciousness that fell with Adam, even though they have been damaged and set in bondage, he can still be positive and glory in God. Thus the wonders of nature in general fill us with amazement and positive feelings – a sunset, a sunrise, the majesty of mountains, a hundred-year old tree, the design of animals etc. All these speak of the creation made by God and thus testify to God's glory and this is positive.

[There are some aspects of creation that dismay us, but these aspects are items of creation that changed their divine purpose after the fall and the entrance of sin into the world. Thus animals that predate on others, or animals that live off others (parasites), are not positive at all. You cannot see a lioness rip apart a live baby gazelle and feel positive. These do not testify of God's original intention but reflect the changes that sin brought into the world.]

Then there is the testimony of God in his people. This is positive. We see this in good churches and in godly families. Where children are raised in the fear of God and we see their childlike faith, we feel very positive. When a church has a godly testimony, despite many practical difficulties, this is positive. When a sound teacher writes a book about faith, Scripture or the Lord God, this is positive. When a missionary writes a biography telling of the testimony of God in his life and labours, this is positive. When a suffering Christian glorifies God – that is positive.

Christians have a great many things to be positive about – but none of them are in the world of sin.

Thus the believer is the only person on earth that can be truly positive because he is not of this world and is looking to another. Only Christians are positive.

Conclusion

Jesus condemned the world. He openly condemned the works of the world as evil. Indeed, a great deal of Jesus' interaction with individuals in the streets and synagogues was very negative. He condemned unrighteousness, hypocrisy, legalism, fraud and injustice in national and religious leaders. He did this openly, uttering terribly condemnatory words to their faces, even calling them, 'brood of vipers'.

Faced with injustice and unrighteousness Jesus did not react positively, nor did he ignore the issues facing the poor. He spoke very negatively and even with condemnation.

If we walk in the truth, as Jesus did, then we will necessarily be negative about the world around us which is filled with evil and getting worse on a daily basis. Indeed, it is wrong to be positive about this world of sin.

Our job as sons of light is to expose the works of darkness and condemn them. This necessitates being negative.

Our job as prophets is also to expose errors and unrighteousness and proclaim the way of the Lord. This is very negative. You cannot build up without first breaking down what is wrong.

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