

THE ACCOMMODATIONIST

Accommodationist: a person who seeks compromise between an original fundamental doctrinal premise and a far distant liberal or non-doctrinal premise

Every age has had them. Every doctrine has experienced them. They are the accommodationists. Those who rise from fundamentalism and creep, usually slowly but surely, toward lesser truths by seeking to accommodate those beyond the fundamentalist's position — thus the name, “Accommodationists.”

The Accommodationists are always into “bridge-building” away from their present position to a far shore of Lesser Land. We see these accommodationists today as those which seek to accommodate such people as the trinitarians by calling them “brothers” and singing to them the songs of placation with stanzas that declare that the Godhead terminology is merely a matter of semantics as is, of course, the rite of water baptism. They also cast aside the garments of holiness standards to don a more “accommodating” wardrobe. The “hair question” ceases to be a question at all as they pronounce that the Bible never taught such “customs.” And in nearly every area of doctrinal restraints and boundaries, the accommodationists seek to edge ever farther from those principles and embrace those “just-over-the-bridge.”

However, there is a vicious boomerang effect to their actions that they seem oblivious to—and that effect is one that poisons itself and suffers death and decay simply because the accommodationist movement cannot remain stationary—it becomes the snake that swallows its own tail—its “teachings” breed a continuation of the slide which it is helpless to stop because to do so would mean to cease to be accommodating!

Examine the following illustration:

(Points A and Z are stationary).

* Point A = Original Doctrinal Position of the Church

* Point Z = The World's Position.

->Point A = Original Doctrinal Position.

Accommodationists positions from point A toward point Z.

--> Point B = First position from point A toward point Z.

---> Point C = First position from point B toward point Z.

----> Point D = First position from point C toward point Z.
-----> Point E = First position from point D toward point Z.
-----> Point F = First position from point E toward point Z.
-----> Point G through Y = The unstoppable sequence
continues toward point Z.

-----> Point Z = Assimilation by the World.

Or, this view:

Point A (The Church) -----> Point B (First Movement) ----->
Points C through Y (Continual Movement) -----> Point Z (The World)

As seen the “boomerang effect” in the accommodationist movement is an effect that their teaching, in time, produces, which is a death of its position because “accommodation” can only breed more accommodation that turns and devours itself as it gravitates farther from each previous position like some demonically inspired slinky.

Once that the original accommodationists move to point B with their accommodating ways and set up camp in that position, then as time passes and as a result of their teachings and examples, there will arise neo-accommodationists that look at those at point B as too restrictive and unaccommodating for their liking and will move closer to point Z by moving to point C. Yes, the scenario repeats itself after due time there will arise from point C neo-accommodationists that will feel that those at point C are too restrictive and unaccommodating and will move closer to point Z by moving to point D. And the “same verse, same song” continues ad infinitum.

Notice that at each point of the accommodationists' movements that those at those certain points do not reference themselves back to point A, especially after a couple of movements; no, they judge from “where they are presently.” This means that each movement views their previous point as “hard-liners” and they themselves as “progressive and enlightened.” THIS is why each previous point (B and all that follow) will die, because each previous point, due to its teachings, is nearly drained of its adherents except for a very few that try to remain stationary and eventually die out.

The expression “Don’t drink the Kool-Aid” is commonplace today as a warning instructing people to not “swallow” some doctrine, philosophy that would poison their mind. This expression comes from the 1978 sad episode that took place in Jonestown, Guyana, where Jim Jones ordered his nearly one thousand followers to drink from a tub of grape-flavored Kool-Aid laced with cyanide and tranquilizers.

Cult leader Jim Jones, because of this poisoned Kool-Aid mass suicide has, rightfully so, earned him a despicable name that will, no doubt, live long into future history. We ask ourselves, what kind of man can so control a group of people that he could order the death of men, women, and children with such relative ease? While demonic agencies were without a doubt engaged in the entire tragedy of Jim Jones, it will be Jim Jones that will forever bear the shame of that pathetic event that intentionally slew nearly a thousand souls.

While Jim Jones' name became infamous and was splashed across all venues of present-day media for the treacherous soul that he undoubtedly was, there exists in our world the purveyors of sweetened craftiness of a "gospel" of accommodation served from a huge vat of compromise and worldliness that poisons their own followers.

"Give the people what they want—accommodate them"—not what they lack—and try to make doctrine more palatable to the world is the mode of operation among the accommodationists. In some of their outer circles, the only Pentecostal flavoring left in their midst comes from individuals that are dinosaurs from a previous era—but they shall soon be only fossils found only hidden beneath the years of the humus of compromise. The Kodak Moment shall soon pass!

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