

Paul as a Role-Model and His Teachings Solution on Ephesians Cases Based on 2 Timothy 3: 10 - 17

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Abstract

This article discusses about the influence of Paul's role-model towards Ephesians regarding various problems they encountered around. The role-model states in the holy bible dealing with Paul is not only talking about His character or His life pattern which is always properly for God, but also about His pure faith. The author of 1 and 2 Timothy underlined on Paul's teaching context and his role-model since it is contrary to other heresy or pervert teaching context. Paul teaching context concerns about true life to live based on God's will whereas heresy or pervert teaching context reverse to what God's will. Henceforth, the author of Timothy book asked Timothy to represent all the leaders and the teachers to follow Paul teaching context, because the true and good teaching was able to renew life and model of teaching towards Ephesians. By using Hermeneutical Spiral method, the result of data analysis showed that heresy teaching content impacts the humanity life and tends to be threads for Ephesians faith.

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Introduction

The author of the books 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus describes that pervert teaching content consists of some components such as God's law (Titus 1 :10 "... who keep stay on circumcision law". Furthermore, those who will teach Gods law though they themselves do not understand what they are talking about and they do not know what the outlines of the content are, see (1 Timothy 1:7). The meaning of "Those who will teach God's law" is the person who wants to teach God's words and approved by people, he has good accountability of his teaching content. Besides, there is a term Gnostics/knowledge, see (bnd. 1Timothy 6:20, "Avoid things dealing with bullshit, or unholy, things contrary to knowledge). The author indicates characteristics of Gnostics as a tale or pedigree, see (1 Tim 1:4).

According to Barclay (2006) in the ancient era the authors and the historic hero tent to write romantic and fictive compositions dealing with town or family pedigree. Generally, ancient era was characterized by pedigree of all things that ensure the people to believe in. at the old Testament. There are topics about names, see (Genesis 4:17-26; 5:1-32, and so on). There is also in New Testament there is a pedigree of Jesus (Mathew 1:1-17 ; Luke 3:23-38). The author of Timothy books says that unstoppable tale or pedigree is named superstition, see (1 Timothy 4:7), since the content of the tale or pedigree is about Jesus that is emanated (shine out from His personality) then the emanation shine out the next second emanation, and next to the third emanation and finally till the emanation shines out far away to cover all His creations. And even till there is an emanation which does not know and further hates God. For each of emanation, there must be a hierarchy of biography or pedigree. According to their belief that it is not God who create this world but emanation.

Moreover, about the topic of teaching entitled "Resurrection is going on" see (2 Timothy 2:18). It is believed for them that in macro cosmos, spirit (phnomia) of God is covered by nature layers, whereas by micro cosmos that the spirit is covered by soul cloak derives from the owner of heaven.

In trapped condition, the essence soul of human being should depart away from the trapping cloak layers and run away from the owner of heaven and wander away around the earth. When wandering the soul never knows its background and essence. And, it is going to realize itself when the influence of the heavenly owner separate out from the soul by Gnosis (knowledge), such a process is named resurrection which means

spiritual subconscious. The resurrection is created by the savior who gives knowledge to the soul /spirit to make it being subconscious of its background and pedigree. The subconscious stated above is similar with saving from devil intimidation, and it is only for those who got gnosis.

Results and Discussion

Gnosis community claims that there is savior or heroic element or saver to make soul free from the heavenly owner intimidation. The main task of the savior is to come to this world and makes communication with the souls in the world so that they understand and try to part themselves from such intimidation as stated before. It can be so, if the savior gives gnosis or knowledge to make the souls realize about their existence at the earth. Such subconscious is interpreted as resurrection in gnosis, henceforth, gnosis is similar with pervert teaching. Pervert teaching that cleaned by the author of shepherd scripture is named Jewish which was expanding around Ephesians after Paul era. Easton (1947) gnosis which was explained in shepherd book is the Gnostic that was raised up in the second century, the one that thread community of churches existence.

Characteristic of gnosis is synchronized which means that it is able to unite some various religions to be one and solid unity, such as philosophy, and Eastern mystics combined to Jewish and Christian religion. Besides, Christian ancient was usually those who passed down Jewish house (sinagoga). That is the reason so that a major part of Christian religion teaching is a bit alike with gnosis, in New Testament it is named Jude elements, such as apocaluptics looks like gnosis elements, it is about resurrection that has been happened, see Guthrie (1993).

According to Filo (1976) both the ideas of Greek and Jewish should be combined to make the content of teaching being better. He is actually from Syncretics that always merge Jewish material of teaching to the Greek one. For this purpose, he used allegory method to prove that the dualism between mind and body of human can be found in Exodus law (book of Moses). In his description says that soul was already existed before body and it is eternity, but when body created then soul becomes abstract and un-logic thing. As Plato thought, Filo said that body is a jail of soul but he does not say that all elements are bad. Since there is a correlation between soul and logical mind, safety is also influenced by knowledge, it is called Gnostics from Jewish, Pre-Christian.

The next expansion, there was an interaction between Gnostics and Jewish then to Jewish-Christian. As the result, from Christianity side, seemed that there was an improvement of Gnostic elements, for instance about the savior. Based on the certain information resources at pre-Christian era named Gnostic mythology, it was said that the savior is abstract (untouchable), the savior was not incarnated and unseen. According to Walls (2000) in Christian-Jewish Gnostics the character of savior has been figured out but could not directly named as Savior, it was said that Gnostics has been given by God trough out Holy Spirit. Then at the second century of Christian Gnostics there was an incarnated savior that can be seen and touchable, it was stated in Gnostics tradition.

In John's scripture can be seen a basis for gnosticism ; heavenly Savior who comes down to the world and comes up to heaven again, He is the only One who is able to listen to His voice, understand the meaning of His calling, and who automatically answer His calling. Reversely, those who do not come from Him would not receive Him and even reject Him, they will say that the world is a place of fighting between bright and dark, devil and angelic. Characteristic of heresy/pervert is intellectual speculation, for instance : they usually come to problematic conditions (1 Tim 6: 4); discussing no sense problems (2 Tim 2: 23). The Jewish word for "problems" in Timothy is "seij/zeteseis", which means speculative debate. Such condition was taken as a big chance for intellectual person to get opportunity to prefer in discussion they held in their community. According to the author of Gazing that the teachers of heresy are basically very proud and selfish, even though practically they know nothing (1 Tim 6 : 4). They usually positioning themselves upper than Christian people, since they believe that only knowledged people who can possess safety. Based on Gnostics belief that God has no direct contact with material of the world of which is usually identically with bad character. God is similar with good character whereas world material is similar with bad character, shortly to say that it is impossible if God touch bad material directly. According to them that as the return for such a distance between God and world material, it is clearly for them to say that God they belief in is never care on this world in which we live in. they even deny that Jesus is the eternity of human and God as well.

For such a case, the author of Timothy book was contrary against the idea above then He said : "1 Tim 2 : 3-4) for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"

Based on heresy, Jesus body is only seeable material but not a real and touchable body / material (dositisme : the difference between spirit and material is that material has bad character, so, Jesus as God is not human but He only wears human body so that He looks as if as human being.

To reject the heresy idea, the author of Timothy said “remember this, Jesus Christ who had sacrifice and resurrection, was born derived from Daud’s blood throughout holy mother Mary, this is the news I proclaim in my book, see (2 Tim 2: 8 “). Jesus is holy and mono, He bridges between human and God as Father, Jesus as Savior has given His life on the Crossed sacrifice to save human being from all their sins. For this testimony I was assigned as proclaimer and the man of Jesus, see (1 Tim 2 : 3 – 7a) . Jesus who comes and calls human not because of human works but because of Father’s willingness and true love gracefully that He puts on Jesus personality as God before His coming to the world and by Holy Bible that breaks through the human life from addiction but saves into happiness and eternity. It is also written in (2 Tim 1 : 8c – 10).

According to the author of Timothy that the agent or the teachers of heresy are not only wrong theologically but also fail ethically. Their characters are out of Christianity pattern of life, see (1Tim 6 : 4 – 5a), and even they share the wrong content of teaching to earn their own benefit for themselves, see (Tit 1 : 11). They really teach about *aesthetic* life (can not eat certain food and can not be married) but in fact their own life is not aesthetic, they are liars, see (1 Tim 4 : 2), able to produce no sense words (2 Tim 2 : 14), they act as if they know every thing but the fact know nothing (1 Tim 6: 4). The worst characteristic they have is, able to create various problematic circumstance so that raising bad temper for people to quarrel one each other or creating bad social relationship. That is the reason why the author of Timothy asked us to avoid them as far as possible if we assist Jesus as our God, see (2 Tim 3: 5), further he said in Titus 1: 11a “ mouth of such a people should be dump”

The influence of heresy against the people was so fast just like a cancer in human body, see (2 Tim. 2: 17). The cancer implies about serious danger which affecting the Christian faith. The writer of Exodus said “all those who stay in small Asia were back off from me, see (2 Tim. 1: 15).

Viewing from historical study, concerning of Timothy 1 and 2 together with analytical study of 2 Tim 3 : 10 – 17 means that Paul as a teacher and as a leader was taken as a good rolemodel for Ephesians congregation since his teaching content is quite different from heresy teaching content. At that time, Paul became rolemodel since he had a specific and different way and content of teaching from the others (heresy teachers). Henceforth, the author of 1 and 2 Timothy raised up lively about Paul’s life and mentioned himself as Paul and mentioned that Timothy as the receiver of those two books, even though Paul has been passed away. This can be proved from the explanation which was found in (1 Tim. 1: 1; 2 Tim. 1: 1 dan Tit. 1: 1: “from Paul ...”). Until the second century it was still approved that Paul was the author of the book, but only Markion and Tatianus who did not agree about. Then, at the 19th century, there were more people who rejected Paul as the writer of the books, and even some of them frankly to say that Paul had only 4 books to write : Rome, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians.

It was found some suspects about Timothy of which it was believed that both Paul and Timothy have been in closedfriend for a long time especially 2 years together in Ephesians, but in fact, Timothy looked as if did not know about teaching theologically. Furthermore, it was also proved in Timothy book said that both of them were just known one each other but how came he could directly write the books. “when I go on my way to Macedonia, I assign you to stay in Ephesians to advise them for not teaching other wrong content to teach” see (1 Tim 1:3). In this case, heresy belief has been there when Paul left Ephesians went to Macedonia.

Other suspect was that both were just parting when Paul left Timothy in Ephesians, but the scripture below said that in a short time they would meet up; 1 Timotius 1:3 , (2 Tim 2: 8, 16), (2 Tim 4:9).

Conclusions

By using Spiral Hermeneutics method of this study, those books which were stated above showed that the books are pseudepigraph (using fake name as the main characters). It was found that to prove the ancient writing Lewis Donelson used analogy models in the form of : reminding, private advice, general advice. It was done for the purpose of the readers can maintain health and good content of teaching.

To overcome some problems which were raised up at the time was, by answering the question “why did the people at that era used fake names as the writer and receiver of the books which were written? The answer is, to show that the books were well-designed by well-viewed people, since it was trusted that the

author of the books were Jesus' apostles. If an author believe that his writing was suitable for an apostle, he then could add name of the apostle on it. Shortly to mention that at that era, it was legally to use fake name (pseudepigraph) as long as the purpose was to share the truth.

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