

Truth On Fire

Apollo C. Quiboloy Exposed

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Introduction

If you have done any TV channel checking on Sunday afternoon, you may have come across the broadcast of Apollo C. Quiboloy, the self-proclaimed “Appointed Son of God” who claims to have ushered in the Kingdom of Christ on earth. His ministry is based in Davao City, the Philippines. The phrases “Gospel of the Kingdom” and “The Kingdom of Jesus Christ” are prominent in his ministry. The problem is his ministry has nothing to do with the Kingdom of Christ, nothing to do with Christ himself and nothing to do with the gospel of the grace of God.

The apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth, warned them concerning a counterfeit Christ, a counterfeit gospel and a counterfeit Spirit. He wrote: “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another JESUS, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another SPIRIT, which ye have not received, or another GOSPEL, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4). Later in the same chapter, he adds: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (11:13-15).

Apollo C. Quiboloy is a minister of Satan notwithstanding his repeated claims to be “The Appointed Son of God” and to oppose “Satan Lucifer the Devil.” He comes across to viewers as an angel of light, but is a minister of Satan transformed. His gospel is essentially the religion of Cain clothed in biblical terminology. His is a typical cult movement in that it has its roots in an extra-biblical personal experience. The two words that best describe his ministry are: (1) blasphemy—applying the words Jesus used to describe his unique relationship to the Father as a reference to himself, and (2) bastardization—misapplying the scriptures in violation of their contexts. His preaching, which has a strong persuasive element, literally exudes blasphemy. In my mind, only the Antichrist, when he finally manifests himself on the world scene, will be more blasphemous. Quiboloy is clever, but he's a counterfeit! A true disciple of Jesus with a modicum of biblical knowledge can spot this deceiver a mile away.

Personal Testimony

Almost all cult leaders claim to have had some personal experience with God wherein they claim God gave them a revelation that became the basis of their ministry. They liken it to Moses at the burning bush or Paul on the road to Damascus. Quiboloy claims God spoke to him, saying: “I will use you!” He goes on to describe his journey to ascertain whose voice he heard and what it meant. His experience, he says, took him to a few mountains where he ate bananas for five years, all the while God answering his questions. He claims he finally came to the point where he said in his heart: “Father, I will do your will no matter what!” This was the moment, he says, that he was “born again in the spirit of obedience to the Father's will” and became “The Appointed Son of God.”

He now tells audiences the voice he heard was the same voice Moses (Burning Bush) and Paul (Damascus Road) heard, his experience being only the third time in history God spoke to a man in similar fashion. In his testimony, he claims both Moses and Paul were his predecessors. In other words, he claims to be the third member of a three-man club. Think of the arrogance required to make such a boast. As God spoke to Moses about leading Israel out of Egypt and spoke to Paul about preaching the Church-age gospel, so the voice of God told him to abandon the Church in order to establish the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth. Quiboloy tells his followers the Church Age is OVER and that the “Almighty Father” told him so.

Anyone who understands NT teaching about the Church knows: (1) Jesus Christ is the HEAD of HIS Church, (2) The Church is HIS body, (3) ALL believers in the Church Age are MEMBERS of HIS body, and (4) The Church Age will NOT be OVER UNTIL the HEAD of the Church extracts HIS body from this earth in the Rapture to meet HIM in the air. According to scripture, the coming of Jesus for HIS Church (Rapture) is “the blessed hope” for believers in this Age. If Quiboloy is correct, the Head of the Church has abandoned HIS OWN body, called off the Rapture and left HIS Church hopeless. It is obvious to ANY serious student of scripture

whose voice Quiboly heard and who is using him! Question: "How could so many millions of his followers be so wrong?" Answer: Abject ignorance of scripture!

Quiboly cites Revelation 21:7 as proof of his unique position: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." He claims to have overcome "Satan Lucifer the Devil" at that moment and that God made him "The Appointed Son of God." As such, he claims he is now "The Model" for all who would become sons and daughters in the Kingdom of Christ. In John 10:10, Jesus affirmed: "I and my Father are one." In a stroke of utter blasphemy, he applies this scripture to himself. While I have never heard him claim to be God in the flesh, that is what he effectively does in claiming that the unique union that exists between Jesus with the Father applies to him. In one message, I heard him issue a warning to anyone who would criticize him, question his authority or speak evil of him. He used this scripture in his warning: "Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me" (John 8:49). People who dishonored him, he said, also (1) dishonored the Father that dwells in him, and (2) did the work of Satan Lucifer the Devil. Quiboly repeatedly puts himself in the stead of Christ. In doing so, he is guilty of blasphemy of the highest order. Again, only the Antichrist will be a more blasphemous personality when he finally manifests himself on the world scene. In fact, Quiboly in his deception could well be a forerunner of Antichrist.

Attack on the Trinity

A doctrinal staple in the Quiboly cult is a denial of the Triune nature of the Godhead—the Trinity. I've seldom heard him speak without assailing the Trinity as the machination of Satan Lucifer the Devil. His teaching about the Nicaean Council of 325 A.D. and Athanasius is an outright LIE and a gross misrepresentation. He claims the doctrine of the Trinity found its origin at the Nicaean Council. He asserts Athanasius, under pressure from the Emperor Constantine, invented the idea of a Triune God (or three gods) to better meld the Christian faith with a multiplicity of Roman gods, making Christianity more palatable to the masses. This is a total misrepresentation of the facts, an exercise in intellectual dishonesty. What Athanasius and the Council did was combat the error of one named Arius, who taught Jesus was NOT God, but a created being. His heresy became known as the Arian Controversy, or Arianism. Arius denied the deity of Christ. The Council of Nicaea in 325 AD did nothing more than affirm the deity of Christ and apostolic doctrine! Quiboly claims the Council of Nicaea was the time and place where Athanasius and fellow church bishops concocted Trinitarian doctrine. Such was not the case.

When one reads the NT, it is abundantly clear the Father is God, the Son is God and the Spirit is God. This was apostolic teaching—Trinitarian teaching—for nearly 300 years before the Nicaean Council. 1 John 5:7 validates this truth: "For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these THREE are one." The Council of Nicaea did not invent the Trinity, but simply formalized Trinitarian teaching in response to the heresy of Arius. If you had belonged to the church at Ephesus circa 60 A.D., where Paul spent 3 years preaching and teaching the gospel of grace, you would have heard Trinitarian doctrine. If Jesus is not God and the Godhead is not Triune, there is neither mediation nor salvation possible for lost sinners. An attack on the Trinity is an attack on the Godhead and the gospel. Opponents of the Trinity are their own worst enemies!

The Trinity is not RATIONAL doctrine, but REVELATIONAL truth! Opponents of Trinitarian doctrine typically resort to one of two devices to gainsay this truth. The first is to deny the deity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, which was the device Arius chose. In this way, Arius could still maintain Jesus and the Father were two distinct individuals, as the NT attests. The second is to claim the Father and Jesus Christ are the same Person. Quiboly resorts to this second device.

Let me try to explain his logic. It begins with the proposition you cannot separate the words of a person from the person himself. Words are merely an extension of the man. This logical-sounding premise then allows him to say that Jesus, as the Word of God, was merely an extension of the Father. He uses this linguistic trickery to allege the Father and Jesus Christ are the same person. He further alleges that, upon his ascension back to heaven, Jesus the Word was reunited with the Father as the one person they've always been. Moreover, Jesus ceased to be the "Only Begotten Son of God", being replaced by Quiboly, the "Appointed Son of God", whom he has raised up to establish his kingdom on earth. He calls his ministry, "The Kingdom of Jesus Christ" and his TV broadcast, "The Gospel of the Kingdom." But his ministry represents neither Jesus, nor his gospel nor his Kingdom. It is blasphemous to the core. As Paul taught the Corinthians, Quiboly is a minister of Satan, transformed into an angel of light. As a typical heretic, he lambastes Trinitarianism as a "Three Gods" doctrine and perpetuates the

LIE about Athanasius and the Nicæan Council.

In summary, the apostolic doctrine of the Godhead is One God, Three Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The Council of Nicæa simply reaffirmed it. The opponents of Trinitarianism insist on One God, One Person, Three Titles or Manifestations (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). This is the rational, humanistic approach to the Godhead. But as we said before, Christianity and Trinitarianism are not RATIONAL, but REVELATIONAL! If there is no Trinity, there is no Christianity!

The scripture in Hebrews 1:1-2 casts some light on Quiboloy's logic: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." According to Quiboloy's logic, Jesus became the SON of God because he was the WORD of God. In scripture, however, Jesus became the WORD of God because he was the SON of God! Quiboloy's ministry is built upon another Jesus, another gospel and another spirit, as are so many ministries in the Church Age that deny the deity of Jesus and the doctrine of the Trinity!

Gospel of Will Worship

In addition to being biblically correct about who Jesus is (God in the flesh) and the composition of the Godhead (Trinitarian), the acid test of any ministry is the gospel it preaches. Gospel means "good news." The good news for any sinner is to learn that God in Christ has done something about his sins. In providing a full satisfaction for our sins through his substitutionary death on the cross, the Father offers, on that basis, forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life through simple, child-like faith in Jesus. The blood of Jesus washes a believer from his sins and the Spirit, whom God sends into the heart of every believer, brings the life of Jesus, eternal life, into his bosom, enabling him to experience and have fellowship with God. The Bible expands on the gospel of Jesus Christ with doctrines like Justification, Regeneration, Redemption, Sanctification, Predestination, Glorification, Sonship, Discipleship, Fellowship et al. You will NEVER hear Quiboloy preach on ANY of these topics that relate to the gospel of the grace of God.

The focal point of Quiboloy's message is repentance. That sounds so biblical and so fundamental that one might ask: "What's wrong with that? Didn't Jesus preach repentance?" Yes, he did! But what is biblical repentance? It's the Greek *μετάνοια* (metanoia), which means "a change of mind (resulting in a change of direction)." Boiling it down to understandable terms, it means coming around to God's way of thinking. When the sinner comes around to thinking about himself as God thinks of him (through Holy Ghost conviction), godly sorrow is inevitable. Repentance that has its proper effect will result in faith—trusting and calling upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save him from his sins. Acts 20:21 expresses the gospel formula: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, REPENTANCE toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

When a lost sinner believes upon the Lord Jesus Christ, he is born again (regenerated). Scripture tells us: "But as many as RECEIVED him, to them gave he power to become the SONS of God, even to them that BELIEVE on his name: Which were BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13). By way of illustration, Jesus likened the new birth through faith in him to Moses raising the serpent of brass in the wilderness, whereby Israelites bitten by venomous snakes could, with a simple look of faith, receive healing and preservation of life (John 3:14-15). Jesus described the new birth as a matter of "LOOK and LIVE!" In addition to being regenerated, the believer is "justified by faith" and has "peace with God" (Romans 5:1).

Now that we've established the biblical gospel of grace, we can consider the Quiboloy gospel of repentance. As we said before, Quiboloy interprets "born again" as being "born again in the spirit of obedience to the Father's will." In other words, it's when a sinner gets to the place where he says in his heart: "My heart is fixed, my mind is made up, I will do the Father's will no matter what!" That attitude is commendable and represents exactly what God would have every man think. But a spirit of FIRM RESOLVE is NOT REGENERATION, NOR does it result in being born again. Sinners never REPENT into the Kingdom; they are BORN into the Kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ! In Quiboloy's gospel, a sinner is saved by his repentance. In the Christian gospel, a sinner is saved by the Lord Jesus, the one he trusts to save him from his sins! It's the difference between Will Worship and Christ worship!

The Quiboloy message of repentance is nothing more than Will Worship. His denial of the Trinity that alleges the Father and Jesus Christ are the same person turns the Jesus of the Bible into ANOTHER Jesus, the Holy Spirit

into ANOTHER Spirit and the gospel of grace into ANOTHER gospel. As with all cult movements, they are conspicuous by what they DO NOT preach as much as they are by what they DO preach. In Quiboloy's gospel, followers will NEVER hear the gospel of grace, NEVER hear about redemption and the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus, NEVER hear the doctrine of justification by faith and NEVER hear about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, in whom he takes up permanent residence as the earnest of the believer's inheritance.

Conclusion

There are other aspects of the Quiboloy cult that deviate from biblical truth. Among them is the bastardization of biblical texts divorced from their contexts and used as proof texts—a typical cult practice. In this article, it will suffice to expose the fraudulent nature of his banana-eating testimony, his outright misrepresentation of and LIE about the Council of Nicaea and Athanasius, and his gospel of repentance—a subtle form of will worship. If one happens to watch one of his TV programs, one will hear repeatedly phrases like “Praise the Father”, “Praise the Almighty Father” and other such attributions to the Father. But the “Father” Quiboloy and his flock extol should not be mistaken by viewers for the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Quiboloy and the religious elites of Jesus' day share the same Father. Jesus said: “Ye are of your FATHER the DEVIL, and the lusts of your FATHER ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a LIAR, and the FATHER of it” (John 8:44). His spiritual kinship bears a strong resemblance to Simon the sorcerer: “But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used SORCERY, and BEWITCHED the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was SOME GREAT ONE” (Acts 8:9). There's not a dime's worth of difference between “Some Great One” and “The Appointed Son.” Both have Satan for their Father and operate under the same power of darkness!

Quiboloy leads his followers in the worship of Satan, the god of this world, who loves to masquerade as Christ, as will Antichrist. We know this to be the case by his extra-biblical experience, his anti-Trinitarianism and his gospel of will worship. His is a latter-day iteration of the gospel of Cain, who sought to find acceptance with God without the BLOOD of sacrifice. It's heartbreaking to see thousands of followers assembled in white garb to celebrate “The Almighty Father” and his “Appointed Son.” They are no doubt there because they desire to find acceptance with God. In this regard, they're no different than Muslims, who seek acceptance with Allah. Quiboloy is no more a spokesman for God than was Mohammed. But Quiboloy is far more dangerous than Mohammed in that his cult is founded upon a false Christ.

One last word from scripture. In 2 Timothy 3:1ff, Paul warned Timothy the “last days” would consist of “perilous times.” According to Paul, religious leaders would exhibit “a form of godliness” but deny the power thereof (3:5). He added: “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (3:13). The undeniable truth of deception is that deceivers are themselves deceived before they go about the business of deceiving! These evil men, these seducers, have a form of godliness that the spiritually ignorant easily misconstrue as the real thing. Apollo C. Quiboloy is such an evil man operating in these last days!

If you are a follower of Quiboloy, there are a few things you should know. The first is Jesus Christ that Quiboloy preaches has no power to save you from your sins or give you life. Quiboloy manufactured this false Christ from his bogus personal experience and bastardization of biblical texts. Secondly, the Jesus of the Bible is the Second Person of the Trinity. In order to gainsay this truth, Quiboloy LIES repeatedly about Athanasius and the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. He has to keep telling this LIE to give credence to his heresy. Jesus, the Son of God, God in the flesh, died for YOUR sins and rose again for YOUR justification. He is the One Mediator between God and man. Thirdly, sinners are born again when they believe on Jesus. Regeneration is the work of God. No amount of repentance on your part can produce spiritual life. When a sinner comes to God with empty hands and calls upon the Lord Jesus to save him from his sins, God does the work of regeneration, gives him a spiritual birth, makes him a son in response to faith. That's how sinners become sons and daughters of God.

I beg you in Jesus' name to abandon Quiboloy and his antichristian cult. The “Almighty Father” you worship is NOT the God of the Bible. He is Satan, the one that lives within Quiboloy, who loves to be worshipped as God. If you remain on your current path, you will one day join Quiboloy in the Lake of Fire. PLEASE GET OUT!