**There is always more to the story than meets the eye**

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If you've ever had that moment where you felt the urge to explore/research anything related to religion and Jesus, remember these two things. Hear me out.

1.) The bible is a collection of the necessary writings to make God's business plan of life all come to pass, exactly how it was intended to from the beginning - every iota, every dot. I will get to prophecies playing out in The Prophecy Blog and how they came to pass.

When an entrepreneur writes a business plan, you know the ultimate goal of what you want to accomplish before anything happens.  You get organized by writing down the necessary resources to gather, the team you need for employees, equipment required to make your business operate, etc - but not everything is written in the business plan itself during the process of you accomplishing your goals of making the business come to life. God knew the End before the beginning. He knew who was in the book of life before the foundation of the world and those He needed on his team, the resources and things needed in the exact time of existence they were created to carry our His purposes. He knew Jesus His son was the reason for creating the story before the foundation of the world and that he would be manifested in the days when the virgin Mary would give birth to him.

The Entrepreneur sets the base guidelines upfront to stay focused on the task needed to reach your goal, and then the rest plays itself out through the process of the creation. So like this business plan created in an everyday example of life we are familiar with, so God created a business plan playing out called the bible. Religion has played a direct course on the things that have happened in society both good and bad. How we mis-interpret things created the bad. We need to also remember there is much more hidden from us - **NOT** included in the bible - on who Jesus was and what he did on this earth. Though we know His character, we don't know how he personally dealt with sinners and the dialogue he created and the Love he shared with each person uniquely -  See this scripture below

John 21:25 "*Now there are also many other things that Jesus did.  Were everyone of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written*." ESV

So yea, what is written is the perfect base amount of info needed to make God's plan all play out.  To those who seek, it's the perfect combination of truth and questions and direction to guide us and the course of mankind. There is also parables and riddles and visions and much symbolic language that plays out throughout the bible.  It may not guide you, but you can't deny Christianity has not played a large role in the course of things that have played out.  No matter who you are, there are verses that many verses that really do help keep us in check and add meaning to our lives if we follow them. Even if you don't know the verse, the teaching that you know within your heart and conscious could be directly tied to many verses that many remember by heart. Thus Jesus sent the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Truth, which convicts us of guilt and plays a part in the Law Written within our Hearts.

2.) If you've ever heard or read something that makes Jesus seem mean, or something that goes against some of your personal beliefs in the Bible (popular ones that cause strongholds of resentment for many non-religious people would be examples such as homosexuality references, women being submissive, slavery references, heaven and hell, etc) then remember this.  Jesus spoke as sharp as a double edged sword (HEBREWS 4:12) so that the course of mankind would go according to the plan.  The bible talks about lots of bickering and differences of opinions, people getting riled up over teachings and what not. So Jesus - the CEO and servant of God's business plan - relayed the exact messages that needed to be heard.

I stand by everything Jesus said, I'll never knowingly contradict the Word in my beliefs and what I relay - though translations and context make some verses and passages very easy to be interpreted differently between people.

When Jesus said **"*I did not come to bring peace, but a sword*"** and **"*I have come to set a man against his father, daughter against her mother, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law*."** It meant the stuff he said was very sharp, controversial for people to hear - puts people on edge, new to the time, so naturally there are many of people who will have differences of opinions on these matters.  Even family members. Jesus taught we are all family members if we focus on doing the Will of God first and foremost.

Bible calls the Word "The Gospel of Peace" which was everything Jesus wanted and taught for us to strive for - but divisions do happen when you speak as sharp as a double edged sword about these types of topics, and hold people to the highest of accountability. That's what leaders do, so remember that Jesus's words which were documented in the bible which played a large course in our history also kept people in line and in check because we are a fallen people.

Anyone who says they have no sin is a liar. We all have our flaws, mess up all the time so we can't be perfect, weren't made to be - but speaking as sharp as a double edge sword means you give direction to others so that they strive to progress.  Our imperfections also teach us to acknowledge our weakened state and that we don't have all the answers.  But we should always know in the back of our minds, that someone upstairs does.

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