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QUESTION: "WHAT IS DOCTRINE?"

ANSWER: "IT'S A RELIGIOUS CREED"

EXPLANATION:

The other day, I was talking to an older gentleman who has been a Christian for most of his life, but he didn't know what the word 'doctrine' meant.

He kept on saying "What is it?" despite my attempts to tell him.

LIKES AND DISLIKES

Now there are things like **preferences**, **likes** and **dislikes** but these aren't doctrine.

For example in a restaurant, the **waiter** says to you

"Would you like the cheese or herb tomato sauce on your spaghetti?"

One **athlete** says to another

"Do you prefer green or yellow running shoes?"

One **camper** says to another

"Do you like to wake up to a sunny morning or a cloudy one?"

Generally speaking these are not things that you would live or die for (or maybe some people would?). There was an Earl in the 18th century in England, who died from a heart attack when one of his many servants told him he had a hole in one of his socks.

LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE

One of the characteristics of this last church age we find ourselves in, is the inability to **endure sound doctrine** ([2Tim 4:3](#)).

As the leaky ship "**DIFFERENT 'BIBLE' VERSIONS**" sails off over the doctrinal cliff, we are not to be surprised, as they **extracted** the very word "**doctrine**" in scores of places.

Using 'the pea under the cup routine' we find the substitution for the word "**DOCTRINE**" to be the word "**TEACHING**".

RELIGIOUS CONTENT

Doctrine has always been connected with religious content of some kind.

Doctrines are rock solid statements of belief that are religious things a person believes in. These are beliefs that one stakes one's life upon.

People aren't burnt at the stake for eating bananas. No, great men of God died for refusing to renounce that the Roman Catholic mass was the actual body of Jesus. This is doctrine. We have never heard an executioner about to light the faggots at the stake, saying to the victim "For the last time, will you give up eating lamingtons with cream and jam?"

DOCTRINES ARE THE TENETS OR BELIEFS THAT APPEAR IN CREEDS

It's similar to the **Apostles Creed** which was formulated to distinguish between Christianity and other religions.

Teaching, on the other hand, is about what anyone can learn like water polo, maths, reading, boxing, aerobics and car mechanics.

Bible Teaching is much more about general knowledge and is changed to suit different Bible versions and different interpretations and preferences.

Doctrine goes deeper to our core beliefs on how to live the Christian life.

There are hundreds of Technical and Further Education courses that you can enrol in to be taught and expand your knowledge.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

First of all, you need a Bible that gets rid of the following ...

1. The commandment to **search** the scriptures (NIV John 5:39)
2. The commandment to **study** the scriptures (NKJV 2Tim 2:15)
3. The word "**doctrine**" (NKJV Matt 7:28, 22:33 and Mark 1:22, 27, 4:2, 11:18, 12:38 etc)

The King James Bible	The New King James Version (Rome's prize production)
<p>Matthew 7:28 (KJB) <i>And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:</i></p>	<p><i>Matthew 7:28</i> (NKJV) <i>And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,</i></p>
<p>Matthew 22:33 (KJB)</p>	<p><i>Matthew 22:33</i> (NKJV)</p>

<i>And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.</i>	<i>And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.</i>
<u>Mark 1:22</u> (KJB) <i>And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.</i>	Mark 1:22 (NKJV) <i>And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.</i>
<u>Mark 1:27</u> (KJB) <i>And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.</i>	Mark 1:27 (NKJV) <i>Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."</i>
<u>Mark 4:2</u> (KJB) <i>And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,</i>	Mark 4:2 (NKJV) <i>Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:</i>
<u>Mark 11:18</u> (KJB) <i>And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.</i>	Mark 11:18 (NKJV) <i>And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.</i>
<u>Mark 12:38</u> (KJB) <i>And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,</i>	Mark 12:38 (NKJV) <i>Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces,</i>

SO WHO FALLS FOR THIS SATANIC DECEPTION?

We are **not** talking about Humanists, Evolutionists, Unsaved, the Ecumenical Movement, Liberals, Modernists, Romans Catholics, SDA's or Mormons.

No. it is the saved, the Christian, who once upon a time, knew sound doctrine when they heard it, but rejected it because it upset their 'apple cart'.

They just **didn't like** it or they **couldn't understand** it ... much like the fellow mentioned at the start of this article.

I believe it actually **HURTS THEIR BRAINS** to be conformed to sound and proper doctrine.

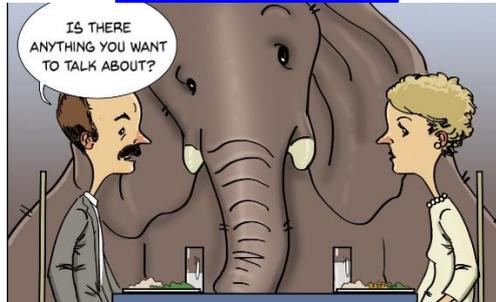
Their preferences are internet preachers, popular theologians or a best-selling authors, you can easily pick up at any Christian Book Store.

And don't take my word for it.

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