

Differences between Cosmic & Doctrinal Pacifists; Light & Color Illustrate GAP; the Trinity: Ultraviolet, God; Visible, Jesus Christ, Infrared, the Holy Spirit

- 35) There are many other examples that pit cosmic viewpoint against divine viewpoint and new issues are hatched daily that add to the conflict.
- 36) The major differences between pacifists that emerge from Progressive ideology and those that develop from biblical instruction are:
- a. What is flexible to the cosmic pacifist is inflexible to the doctrinal pacifist; what is inflexible to the cosmic pacifist is flexible to the doctrinal pacifist.
 - b. The cosmic pacifist wants his inflexible standards imposed by means of force while the doctrinal pacifist wants his inflexible standards accepted by means of influence.
 - c. Cosmic pacifists seek to impose by law their beliefs upon everyone while doctrinal pacifists seek to influence people to accept their beliefs by means of persuasion.
 - d. The cosmic pacifist intimidates and punishes those who disagree with his beliefs while the doctrinal pacifist prays for those who disagree with his beliefs.
 - e. Therefore, the cosmic pacifist is an intolerant totalitarian while the doctrinal pacifist is a tolerant persuader.
 - f. No matter what category of pacifist, he ceases to be a pacifist when the inflexible standards of his belief system are challenged.
 - g. The Bible reveals that the cosmic pacifist's beliefs have their source in darkness while the doctrinal pacifist's beliefs have their source in the light.
- 37) The light of doctrine enables the believer to identify the essence of God, each characteristic revealing a different aspect of the divine personality.
- 38) The sum of the parts defines the whole. Whereas light is one in essence it has a multiplicity of characteristics that are distinguished by the eyes of various creatures as color.
- 39) In other words, the various frequencies that make up visible light are color coded by receptors in the human eye and transferred to the visual cortex of the brain.
- 40) The various characteristics that make up divine essence are explained by the Holy Spirit to the human spirit and then transferred following volitional consent to the *kardia* of the soul.
- 41) As we have noted from several passages of Scripture, God is light and this makes reference to His divine essence. The characteristics of His essence are illustrated by the various frequencies that make up visible light perceived in the human brain as color.
- 42) Thus without "light" the human brain cannot perceive the world around him. With light he is able to realize, conceptualize, and categorize his environment.

- 43) In similar fashion, without the Light of divine revelation the believer cannot accurately perceive the essence of God, distinguish its divine attributes, or discern His three personalities.
- 44) With the Light he is able to realize through the teaching of the Holy Spirit the full essence of God, conceptualize it through objective analysis of the information, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, categorize it into *epignōsis* understanding of its several characteristics.

B) Light as an analogy to the personalities of the Godhead:

- 1) The electromagnetic spectrum consists of an infinite number of frequencies, light being among them, but making up an extremely small part of the whole.
- 2) All these frequencies are radiated by the sun and provide the human race with the essential logistics for basic needs.
- 3) Over time many of these frequencies have been harnessed to provide advanced technology that has prospered mankind.
- 4) Visible light consists of six major sets of frequencies beginning with violet, that has short waves and high frequencies, and diminishes to red which has low frequencies and long waves.
- 5) The wavelengths are measured in nanometers: one billionth of a meter:
Violet: 380-450 nm
Blue: 450-495 nm
Green: 495-570 nm
Yellow: 570-590 nm
Orange: 590-620 nm
Red: 620-750 nm
- 6) Adjacent to either side of the visible part of the spectrum are two sets of frequencies that are invisible to the naked eye.
- 7) Ultraviolet radiation has shorter waves and higher frequencies than does violet's visible frequencies. Ultraviolet light cannot be seen and cannot be felt.
- 8) Ultraviolet radiation is divided into two categories: UVA (380–315 nm), UVB (315–280 nm). Overexposure causes sunburn of the skin but the rays themselves are not felt when they strike the skin.
- 9) Infrared radiation has longer waves and lower frequencies than red's visible frequencies. It cannot be seen but it can be felt and its heat is used in many kinds of therapy.
- 10) Infrared's frequency range is between approximately 750 nm (billionths of a meter) and 1 mm (thousandth of a meter).
- 11) From the three categories of ultraviolet, visible, and infrared frequencies of light we can illustrate the three Members of the Trinity:
 1. God is illustrated by ultraviolet light. He cannot be seen or felt.
 2. Jesus Christ is illustrated by visible light: He can be both seen and felt and we have studied John's testimony to these things.
 3. The Holy Spirit is illustrated by infrared light: He cannot be seen but He can be felt.

- 12) From the phenomenon of light we find illustrations that depict God as one but with three personalities.
- 13) The breakdown of visible light into its various frequencies that the human perceives as color demonstrates the characteristics of divine essence.