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SUMMARY

The sample article titled "What is the Relationship Between Hermeneutics and Preaching?"¹ summarizes how some people often confuse the terms hermeneutics and preaching. I think this article is a good way for me to share my special knowledge on this subject with my Christian brothers. Because I think it is time to give a real sermon to a society that confuses its God with its prophet. According to the author of the article in question; sermons are preaching, that is, giving advice. Hermeneutics, on the other hand, are the principles of interpretation, that is, informing. As can be seen, although both professions serve the same purpose, they are actually two separate disciplines. However, they are not unrelated disciplines. In fact, there is a very important connection between them. So what exactly is the relationship between interpretation and preaching?

How you answer this question will most likely depend on your understanding of the nature and task of preaching. I would like to say that I wholeheartedly agree with the author of the article. Indeed, the primary responsibility of a preacher should be to "speak what God has said."² Although the author states that he values faithfulness in this regard, he does not clarify what is to be faithful. Indeed, should the preacher be faithful to the words of God Almighty? Or should he be faithful to the sacred texts that everyone knows? Or should he be faithful to the interpretations of the texts that differ according to the principles of interpretation imposed on him? Since interpretations vary greatly according to the intellectual structures of their authors, should the preacher preach according to the opinion of the interpreter approved by the Catholic

¹ McGonigal, Kerry., *Philosophy of Preaching.*, Easey, Jan 18 2014,

² McGonigal, Kerry., Article: "What is the Relationship Between Hermeneutics and Homiletics?"

Church or the opinion of the Vatican? In this article, I will try to present you with different opinions on this subject as much as the limited time allows.

To briefly summarize the differences; Biblical Hermeneutics is the study of the principles of interpretation regarding the books of the Bible. It is part of the larger field of hermeneutics, which includes the study of the principles of interpretation as both theory and methodology for all forms of communication, oral and written. While Jewish and Christian Biblical Hermeneutics have some overlap and dialogue, they have distinctly separate interpretive traditions.

Although hermeneutics is a philosophical concept, it is essentially of religious origin. Although it expresses the problem of interpretation and meaning in philosophy, its main use was in Christian theology. Because Christianity claims to be both a new religion and the continuation of Judaism, and because it attributes divinity to its founder, Jesus, it inevitably required the need to explain and interpret the resulting contradictions. For this reason, the subject of interpretation has shown itself most in Christian theology. Christianity is a religion that considers its founder as more important than the Bibles because it considers it to be divine, and at the same time, it has the concept of "holy book" a few centuries after it emerged, leaving this concept of "holy book" behind the church after Augustine, and since Jesus said that he was sent to the Jews, it also addresses the pagans, all these contradictions have necessitated the emergence of a great tradition of interpretation. All philosophical or theological studies to be conducted on Christianity must take into account the historical sources of the problems in Christianity. This is also a condition for accurate interpretation.

The most important step to be taken on this issue is undoubtedly that the Christian world will have to put aside the religious rote learning imposed on it by the clergy and activate the ability to "use reason" that God Almighty has only granted to mankind, and first decide on the following issue; Is Jesus one of the great prophets? Or is he the God to be worshipped or the son of God? Any interpretation that cannot shed light on this question cannot reveal the true words of God Almighty! Preachers who rely on these memorized interpretations can never be considered to have conveyed true information to their people...

INTRODUCTION

Description

In order to fully understand Christian thought and interpretations, it is necessary to understand the early Jewish faith and the historical roots of the first Christianity that emerged from this faith. Christianity has a historical structure that hides its roots in the various opposing ideas that emerged at that time. Both the established religious belief at that time, the administrative structure, and the position of Jesus among the Jews and the pagans hide the roots of the need to reinterpret the Christian idea and belief structure every century.

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Discussion

The term Judæo-Christian is used to conflate Christianity and Judaism, referring to Christianity's derivation from Judaism, Christianity's acceptance of Jewish scriptures as constituting the Old Testament of the Christian Bible, or the supposed values the two religions share. The term Judæo Christian first emerged in the 19th century as a term for Jewish converts to Christianity. The term has been criticized, largely by Jewish thinkers, for reliance on and perpetuation of notions of supremacism and for ignoring fundamental differences between Jewish and Christian thought, theology, culture, and practice.

Although Judeo-Christian was widely used in the United States during the "Cold War" in an effort to create a unified American identity against communism, its use of the term "Abrahamic religions" has sometimes been seen as problematic, as it includes other faiths in addition to Christianity, such as Judaism and Islam, Bahaism, Samaritanism, and Druze.ⁱⁱⁱ

Law professor Stephen M. Feldman, examining the pre-1950 period, particularly in Europe, sees the invocation of a "Judeo-Christian tradition" as a form of supremacism. When we accept that Christianity has historically engendered anti-Semitism, this so-called tradition appears as a dangerous Christian dogma (from a Jewish perspective). For Christians, the concept of a Judeo-Christian tradition conveniently implies that Judaism is evolving into Christianity, that Judaism is somehow fulfilled in Christianity. The concept of a Judeo-Christian tradition derives from Christian theology, according to which the Christian covenant (or Testament) with God supersedes the Jewish one. According to this belief, Christianity reshapes and changes Judaism. This belief thus implies, first, that Judaism must be reshaped and changed, and second, that modern Judaism remains only a "remnant." Most importantly, the belief in a Judeo-Christian tradition insidiously conceals the real and important differences between Judaism and Christianity.^{iv}

It is also a fact that Christianity has been the target of many criticisms, ranging from being misused for political purposes to offering a new religious identity under the name of Abrahamic religions.^v However, my personal opinion is that; how far can one go with a God understanding that favors only one race, wants the other races to be destroyed and is reduced to a human status until it reaches the status of a jealous husband who constantly curses and scolds his wife! It is not known which mentality created a contracted God, but since it is not possible for it to continue in this way forever, it would be more correct to ensure that it evolves positively within Christianity and continues with a more realistic approach, and perhaps to see them come together under the Umbrella of Islam, which they both belong to, by doing what is necessary for the Abrahamic religion to which they belong. Because you should know that after Islam was conveyed to all the universes, it was brought down to the planet Earth and conveyed to all the prophets starting from our ancestor Hz. Adam, to Hz. Seth, Hz. Enoch, Hz. Naoh, Hz. Abraham, Hz. David, Hz. Solomon, Hz. Jesus, and finally Hz. Muhammad³ Therefore, I swear that the religion in the sight of God is Islam^{vi}

³**Prophets Family Tree:** Hz. Adam, to Hz. Seth, Hz. Enoch, Hz. Naoh, Hz. Hûd, Hz. Sâlih, Hz. Abraham, Hz. Lût, Hz. Ismail, Hz. Ishak, Hz. Jacob, Hz. Joseph, Hz. Job, Hz. Jethro, Hz. Moses, Hz. Aaron, Hz. Yeşu, ./..

Hermeneutics is originally religious as well as being a philosophical concept. Although it is related to the problem of interpretation and meaning in philosophy, its usage has in fact developed in Christian theology. Since Christianity was a new religion which attributed divinity to its founder, Jesus, and claimed to be the successor of Judaism, it was necessary to explain and interpret the contradictions that emerged. For this reason, hermeneutics has mostly appeared in the Christian theology. Christianity accepts its founder as a deity, he is seen as more important than the Bible itself. A few centuries after the bible has emerged, it attained the name 'holy book'. This term has been discarded by the Church after Augustine. In addition to these, Jesus was claimed to be sent to the Jews, yet Christianity was also oriented toward pagans. All in all, the need to solve these problems has created such a great tradition of interpretation. All philosophical or theological studies on Christianity have to take historical sources of the religion's problems into account. This is also a necessity for an accurate interpretation. This study focuses on the origins of the historical problems of Christianity, the ideas of the historical figures who represent those problems and their relations with each other.

As described above, the first conflicts within the community began when Paul entered the community. The community led by Paul gave weight to the pagans and Christianity spread rapidly in the Roman Empire where pagan religions were widespread. Despite the intensification of persecutions, Constantine gave freedom to Christianity before becoming a Christian three centuries later and gradually the laws of the Roman Empire were changed according to Christianity. Unusual powers were given to the church. Marcion: A Jew of pagan origin who grew up on Paul's theology and entered Christianity, which spread rapidly due to his work of inviting the pagans. Although it was initially composed entirely of Jews, non-Jews were later included in this belief.

"The first representatives of Christianity, the Ebionites, did not accept the abandonment of the rules of the Jewish religion. They also did not accept the divinity of the prophet Jesus. Because, according to the Ebionites, the prophet Jesus was a person born of a normal marriage

Ezekiel, Hz. David, Hz. Solomon, Hz. Hoşea, Hz. Jonah, Hz. Zekeriya, Hz. Yeşeya, Hz. Daniel, Hz. Elijah, Hz. John, Hz. Jesus, and finally Hz. Muhammad., Source: Genesis & pseudonym: "Işık Evren Türk" Eseryel Selçuk., Genesis-Yaratılış Bilimi, (p.72-76) August 2016, Ankara/Turkey.

with a man and was no different from other people. (Waddington 1833:66) For this reason, they were rejected and later founded a larger church. (Waddington 1833:VIII).

The intense arguments that broke out between Paul and the Apostle Peter were based on the following problems: Peter was saying, “You say that you saw Jesus on the road to Damascus and learned the religion from him. Then why is what you say you learned the opposite of what we learned? If you learned the religion from Jesus, then who did we learn it from? You say you are an apostle. Then why are you fighting with the apostles? You were his enemy. Why would he appear to you? If seeing Jesus once is enough, why did Jesus walk around with us for years? As a result of these arguments, Paul was expelled from the congregation as the “antichrist.”

However, today's Christianity has been shaped entirely on Paul's theology. The current Gospels are also the Gospels written by Paul's supporters. During the time of Theodosius the Great, idolatry was banned and in 529, Emperor Justinian closed Plato's Academy in Athens on the grounds that it was idolatry. (Sarıç1ođlu 1982: 231) However, since those who were concerned could not completely erase their old beliefs, old beliefs inevitably had an effect on new problems. Again during this period, Marcion, who emerged with his extreme loyalty to Paul in 140 AD (Boer 1976:60), interpreted the beliefs of Paul's Christians in an extreme way. Marcion was expelled from the church in about 144 and founded a separate church:

According to Marcion, salvation was achieved by a simple step of faith in the news he understood as the "good news". Marcion attributed the God of the Old Testament to the world as evil and Jesus' words "a good tree cannot bear both good and bad fruit" (Matthew 7:17), arguing that a place that contained so much pain and evil must be the work of an evil being. This idea was the starting point of Marcion's interpretations. He defined this evil creator with the Platonic term Demiurge, which was also used by the Gnostics, and said that the world, as well as man, were the work of this evil god. Marcion also said that Christ did not have a body, but only pretended to have one.

Marcion also argued that only one of the Gospel sections would be sufficient and made his decision on the Luke section. He added the Luke section to the other corrected Pauline letters and cleaned up some parts that could cast a shadow on the Gospel he defended and presented it to his church as the first holy book in his opinion.^{vii} Despite the difficult conditions, Marcion had a large following, especially in the churches in the eastern parts of the empire, and

continued there until the 5th century. He said that; according to the Jews, the Great God who created the world was not the Creator, but another being called the Demiurge. In other words, the Demiurge was not the father of Jesus. The world was created by the Jewish God. The Old Testament, in which this idea was discussed, should be removed from the beliefs of Christians. When we say the Bible, all the books of the Old and New Testaments come to mind. Marcion rejected the unity of these books (Chadwick 2003:104). According to Marcion, there could be no holy book for Christians other than the Gospel of Luke, the History of the Apostles and the Letters of Paul. Because of these views, Marcion was seen as the most dangerous representative of Gnosticism within the church (Boer 1976:61) and was accused of heresy by the church. Thereupon, the church he founded as an independent entity was later erased from history by the emperor's law on heretics.⁴

"Arius and Athanasius: Born in Alexandria and founded the sect named after him (Arianism), Arius claimed that the 'Kalam' (Prophet Jesus) was not a divine being at a time when there was no common decision about the Gospels, that is, no agreement on a common Gospel, and many Gospels were held by different groups as Christian beliefs (Montague 1997:29), and thus caused the emergence of an institution considered heretical in Christianity and the greatest event in Christian history. Later, his relations with the Church were reconciled and he was appointed as a priest, but in the sermons he gave to enlighten the people, he claimed that the 'Kalam', which the Christian faith accepted as God, could not be God and could not even be considered a divine power. He did not listen to all the warnings given to him and was eventually dismissed from his position in the church. Leaving Egypt, Arius first went to Palestine and then to Bithynia, and tried to spread his ideas there. He also met Eusebius of Izmit and made him adopt his views, thus creating a more powerful and effective discussion environment. When this discussion spread to a wide area in a short time and caused trouble for the church, Emperor Constantine felt the need to intervene in the incident. When warnings to stop the discussions, to resolve the resentments, to reconcile with the church elders did not yield any results, Arius was excommunicated by the Council of Nicaea in 325 due to his views that were against the basic principles and essence of the Christian religion, and by this essence I mean Paulus' views. His book "Thalia", in which he collected his thoughts, was banned. Due to this ban, most of our information about Arius comes from books written by his opponents rather than his own manuscripts (Rowan 202: 95)."^{viii}

⁴ Assist Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kavlak., "Hristiyanlıkta İncil Yorumlarının Tarihsel Kaynakları" (p.17-19)

"The Catholic Church's belief in the; "Father-Son-Spirit" trinity and embodying this trinity was, for Arius, who based his views on the principles of reason and placed faith under the control of reason, contrary to both nature and human thought. Even the division of the churches into East and West could not prevent the spread of the ideas put forward by Arius (Rowan 2002:98), who rejected the divinity of Jesus Christ with reasoning, and the emergence of some new belief institutions. Most of the movements that believe that God is the only being and do not accept the trinity as real have been influenced by Arius' views. This debate between Athanasius, two Alexandrian theologians who defended the Trinity, and Arius, who found the Trinity contrary to Christianity and reason and accused the church of spreading this doctrine, spread to the entire Christian church and the first council convened in Nicaea and imposed the necessary prohibitions. The Council of Nicaea was not content with this prohibition, and prepared a book defending Christian beliefs against Arianism and distributed it to the churches.⁵

Here is where we finally came to! As the author of this article, I would like to state with sorrow that; that book, prepared by the Catholic Church during that period, printed and distributed to all churches, is the main source of all the errors that have come down to the present day! The definitive evidence of where the fundamental error that led the Christian faith from the monotheistic Abrahamic religions to polytheistic religions began has been determined with an undeniable certainty. Because this evidence presented to us supports the following principle defended by the Catholic Church, which has established itself as the true interpreter; "Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, born of God the Father before all ages. Jesus is God of God, the light of light, the true God Himself. He was born but not created, of the same essence as God, identical, the one who does all works and causes them to be done."^{ix}

As a writer who has worked on the philosophy of religion and written numerous articles and books, this topic has always interested me and I have followed it with concern. I wonder how many Christian believers we can find in the Christian world who have grasped in a contemporary way that "Jesus was a prophet created by God in a very special way, but he could never be the Almighty God Himself, God the Son, or "God of the World"." Moreover, while I was helplessly tormented by questioning the state of mind of those who endanger the afterlife of Christian believers, when I heard that those who mislead the Christian faith were the Catholic Church itself or its highest clergy, I was deeply hurt by the conclusion I reached. Because, I had conceded a

⁵ Assist Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kavlak., "Hristiyanlıkta İncil Yorumlarının Tarihsel Kaynakları" (p.20-22)

goal from an unexpected place. I would like to make a brief explanation here so that you can understand my sensitivity: Jesus Christ said the following while teaching his disciples on the Mount of Olives: "Never say of me that he is God, or that he is the son of God. If anyone of you has said such things, let him ask forgiveness of God Almighty and stop thinking like that. For those who love me only because I am a prophet will receive their reward on that day. Those who continue to do otherwise will be like those who built their houses on sand; they will be swept away at the first storm or flood and destroyed. And those who persist in this wrong attitude on that day, I will not know them!" This lesson, which I have briefly summarized, was narrated by Matthew, one of Jesus Christ's disciples, as follows and is recorded in the Bible in the same way since it is approved as a sacred text:

Jesus Christ; *"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. (7:21) 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'O Lord', 'O Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (7:22)^x 'Many will say to Me in that that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? Didn't we drive out demons in your name? Have we not done many miracles in your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' (7:23) 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' (7:24) 'Therefore whoever hears these saying of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: (7:25) 'And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. (7:26) But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: (7: 27) 'And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.'"*
(The Holy Bible, Matthew 6:7 and 7:21-27)^{xi}

For those who cannot learn the necessary lesson from the above verse! This time, Jesus Christ spoke with another magnificent verse stating that he was only a prophet and that he wanted to be remembered as such^{xiii}:

Jesus Christ; *"He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward..."* (Matthew 10:41)^{xiii}

Yes, although these two warnings are clearly stated in your Bible, why do most of you not want to see him just as a prophet, but insist on worshiping him as if he were 'the son of God', 'the

god of the world' or 'the supreme Lord himself'? If it is not disrespectful, I would like to address our Honorable Pope once again at the last stage of this thesis: Your Excellency, I know that you attach importance to philosophy. As can be easily understood from the verses in this thesis; A holy book as comprehensive, detailed and unique as the Holy Quran; Please do not allow the extremely unfair and unfounded attitude of "The Holy Quran is not a divine book" to continue during your term of office! For your Excellency knows better than any of us that the following counsel of Jesus Christ has no other meaning than the same appeal as my opinion:

Jesus Christ; ***“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. (17.) For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed; There is nothing hidden that will not be known or brought to light!”*** (Luke 8:16, 17)^{xiv}

If the thesis writer has the right to have a final say! I would like to use this right for the well-being of my dear Christian brothers. Dear Brothers and Sisters, there is no guarantee how many more days any of us will be able to live. You know, my brothers who are begging when the Messiah will come! Let them know well that when Jesus Christ returns to us; I swear, he will not repeat the above advice for us, and we will never have the opportunity to listen to it again and do what is necessary of those words! Therefore, please follow Christ's advice and give up your desire to deify him, so that you may be saved...

CONCLUSION

Of course, it cannot be expected that these discussions, which have been going on for about two thousand years, will continue for that long. Because, while humanity is living in the age of the cosmos, no one should expect their intellectual structures to continue struggling in the darkness of the Middle Ages. Therefore, of course, the science of interpretation is important. It may be important for preachers to keep up with these interpretations. But the preacher must know the interpreter's opinion and the principles on which he bases his interpretation. Therefore, there must be close ties of follow-up and cooperation between these two disciplines. I hope what I say next will create the necessary clarity in your mind:

It is important that the interpreter makes interpretations that are in accordance with the principles of Bible interpretation, and that the preacher takes these into consideration and even remembers that he will be bound by a bond of loyalty. I also say yes to this parallelism. Of course, at first glance, this unity should be like this. However, I must state right away that if we were to say that the biggest obstacle to mankind's correct perception of religious truths for two thousand years is again this attachment and blind loyalty, believe me, we would not be very wrong.

Yes, I can sign David Allen's words; "There is no good preaching except good interpretation" without thinking twice. Likewise, as David Jackman wrote; "When God's Word is taught faithfully, the voice of God is truly heard." I wholeheartedly agree with Jackman's words. Moreover, I do this without knowing what he means! Because, although there is uncertainty on that subject, there is an important key word here that will open every door; "If you teach with faithful devotion only to Almighty God Himself, then both the teacher and the learner will truly hear the voice of God."

But here, in Christianity or Judaism, the real issue is the obstacles to awareness that will lead to the truth. In other words, if the truth differs according to the authority that will teach the true words of God, will the citizen remain loyal to what the dominant power says; What I mean is, will the Vatican have a different understanding of truth, a different understanding of truth of the Catholic Church, a different understanding of truth that the members of the Council cannot say but can put into their hearts, or will the philosophers who serve in the field of Theology and write books for this purpose, or theologians who do research in the field of philosophy of religion, be loyal to the Bible Commentaries they have determined as a result of serious research, and just to look nice to the Vatican so that their research funds will not be cut? Yes, loyalty is very important in all religions. This concept that is highly valued, namely "Loyalty", can suddenly become a boil that ignores God! Even if I wrote five hundred pages of books on this subject, I may not be able to finish what I will tell. I feel it is my divine duty to recommend those who want to learn the real reason for this situation in the shortest way possible and from a more scientific perspective to read my thesis titled "Analysis of the Degree of Divinity in the Holy Books".

The source you get the word from is as important as being able to understand the word of God correctly. Which holy text did you feed on? Is the Holy Text directly full of God's words, how did you understand this? For example, why does the Torah never mention how the universes were created? Did God not have anything to say on this subject, and neither the source nor the preacher mention it, but a contractual god who is constantly reduced to human qualities only protects one race and tries to destroy other nations. And why was this god always portrayed as a jealous and blasphemous husband, which council decided that this would be the case! Could all these be the wishes of the Almighty God? The preacher must know very well what he serves. In other words, what kind of perception of God exists in both the preacher's mind and the interpreter's mind. First, this must be known, and then the preacher must decide whether he will serve the holy text, the words of the prophet, the words of the interpreter, or the words of the Almighty God. It is imperative to know this before being loyal! Otherwise, God forbid, loyalty can suddenly turn into allegiance to the king. These words of mine do not only apply to Christian Theology, but also to more than 20 religious beliefs that have existed on our planet. Those who study these religions will see that there are religions that worship their prophets instead of God, or, as in the current Rastafarianism religious belief, there are a considerable

number of those who worship the emperor of the country himself, the King Hayliye Selassie, who founded the religion.⁶

Now, after sharing such a wealth of information with you, I would like to ask the following question to the precious Christian believers. The Catholic Church's senior clergy, the precious Cardinals and the most authoritative speaker of the Vatican, who knows all the facts written in this article much better than any of us, if I remember correctly, His Holiness, who taught as an associate professor of Christian Theology and also studied philosophy, despite being perfectly mature and giving us all hope! Why does he continue to remain silent on these issues like the Popes before him? He certainly knows the advice given by Jesus Christ in three different verses by heart, but why does he not choose to give the necessary explanation to the precious Christian and Jewish believers!

Moreover, Another big mistake of the clergy who guide the Christian religion is that they spread the claim that "Islam is not a heavenly religion" and "the Quran is not one of the holy books sent down by God." Prophet Jesus himself warned those who caused this with the following verses^{xv}:

—“No one lights a oil lamp, covers it with a container, or puts it under the bed. On the contrary, he puts it on the candlestick so that they can see the light coming. For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed; There is nothing hidden that will not be known and will not come to light.” (Luke 8:16, 17)

For all these reasons that I have tried to present and explain above, the preacher must at least have a higher education in theology, then have studied more than twenty religions that prevail on earth, or at least be educated about all the Abrahamic religions that care about the "One God Belief". All of these must be done to determine the true word of God and to reveal what is true. What I mean to say is that the preacher must first be equipped with the foundations of religion, so that he himself must first know what he will be loyal to, and then he must faithfully convey the religious truths he knows to the Christian community.

⁶ AIU, Eseryel Selçuk, phd of Philosophy Final Thesis," Former Ethiopian Emperor-Rastafaryanizm Religion (p. 29)

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