

The Separating Process

The world seems to be tearing itself apart, and there is a reason for it.

Satan is trying to trigger everyone, including God's people.

He is trying to get them emotionally involved in all of the injustice, corruption, and criminality that is growing by leaps and bounds.

He wants you to choose sides and take action.

Don't bite that hook! (Ex 23:2)

It is Satan's world that is turning on itself and destroying itself.

We don't take sides, because in this system of things there is only one side: Satan's

We just want to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe during this time of unrest.

Is this part of the great tribulation? (see my article "The Great Tribulation - Discussion")

What is the purpose of the great tribulation?

Does it have a purpose?

Yes it does: To reveal who people are.

As I show in my article, "Who will survive Armageddon" it is our actions that prove our heart condition, which is how we are separated.

The great tribulation is a time of separating sheep from goats, righteous from unrighteous.

How are people separated?

By identifying their heart through their actions.

But what of people who don't do anything to show their true heart?

Many people are apathetic and do nothing.

How do you identify the true heart condition of those inactive people?

You prompt them to action.

How do you prompt someone to action?

You fill them with fear or anger.

All of the different things that are going on these days are designed to push the emotional button of people.

Everyone has issues that are important to them, and those issues are being used to draw them out.

If what you care about is being trampled on and destroyed, how will you react?

Do you take to the streets to mete out your own personal form of justice, like many of those in the world are doing?

Or do we let Jehovah handle it? (De 32:35)

Everyone is being tempted by being "*drawn out*" by what triggers them. (James 1:14)

People will be pushed to their limit to see how they will react.

And by their actions Christ will see clearly their true heart condition, allowing him to make a clear and unchallengeable separation of the sheep and the goats.

This is a quote from the Feb 15, 2013 Watchtower pp 27, 28:

When you hear two voices at the same time, you have to choose which one you will focus on. Your selection will depend on which one you want to listen to. The Jews who wished to do the desires of their father, the Devil, did not listen to Christ. We receive messages from 'the house of wisdom' and from 'the house of stupidity.' (Prov. 9:1-5, 13-17) Both wisdom and stupidity keep crying out to us, as it were, and that presents us with a choice. Whose invitation will we accept? The answer depends on who's will we wish to do. Christ's sheep listen to his voice and follow him. (John 10:16, 27) They are "on the side of the truth." (John 18:37) "They do not know the voice of strangers." (John 10:5) Such humble ones [obtain glory].—Prov. 9:23

People will be judged by what voice they listen to and then act on.

Like that old image of a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other, both whispering into your ear.



Neither are forcing you to do anything.

It is up to you to decide how you will act.

A sheep will listen to the good voice while a wicked person will listen to the bad.

Christ will not have to decide who is wicked and who is righteous.

Each individual identifies himself by his own actions.

It is like the wide gate and the narrow gate. (Mt 7:13-14)

No one chooses for you, or forces you through a particular gate.

You make the choice of which gate you go through.

He merely takes note of which gate you have chosen, and so the separating work is accomplished.

Note that not taking the wide gate does not mean you have walked through the narrow gate. Both choices require action. You may not have acted wickedly, but have you acted righteously? To get on the narrow road you must step forward and go through the narrow gate, not just sit and look at it.

(James 2:14-16) Of what benefit is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but he does not have works? That faith cannot save him, can it? ¹⁵ If any brothers or sisters are lacking clothing and enough food for the day, ¹⁶ yet one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but you do not give them what they need for their body, of what benefit is it?

The separation process requires action on your part.

People go through the narrow gate by performing good deeds. (Mt 25:34-40)

You don't have to save the world, but you do have to do *something*.

(Matthew 10:42) And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple, I tell you truly, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Happily, most of us *have* helped others, and not just with words, but with deeds.

Turn Around

Have your actions shown that you have chosen the wide gate? All is not lost. You can turn around and go through the narrow gate instead.

(Matthew 18:3) Truly I say to you, unless you turn around and become as young children, you will by no means enter into the Kingdom of the heavens.

(John 12:40) “He has blinded their eyes and has made their hearts hard, so that they would not see with their eyes and understand with their hearts and turn around and I heal them.”

(Acts 3:19) “Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, so that seasons of refreshing may come from Jehovah himself

(see also Mt 13:15; Mr 4:12; Acts 28:27)

When you look at the news you see that so much of the world is in a rage. Each side thinks they are right and that they are justified in their actions. (John 16:2) Perhaps we should consider Isaiah 26:20 when there is violence near our home, and stay inside (if we can), and let this anger pass us by.

(Isaiah 26:20) Go, my people, enter your inner rooms, And shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a brief moment Until the wrath has passed by.

What do *you* think of this hypothesis?

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