

Title: People Who Have Understood Paul is Anti-Christ

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Summary: This is a list of Intelligent people, who have realised that Paul

In the excellent book *Christ or Paul?*, the Rev. V.A. Holmes-Gore wrote: "Let the reader contrast the true Christian standard with that of Paul and the betrayal of all that the Master taught....For the surest way to betray a great message is to misrepresent his message....That is what Paul and his followers did, and those who followed Paul in his error it has failed lamentably to redeem the world...The true Gospel of the blessed Master Christ, which the disciples John and Peter and James, the apostles who tried in vain to defend and preserve intact were as utterly opposed to the darkness of Paul, as light is opposed to the darkness."

The great theologian Soren Kierkegaard, writing in *The Journals*, echoes this. Quote:

"In the teachings of Christ, religion is completely present tense: Jesus is to be imitated, to imitate him, become a disciple. But then through Paul came a basic alteration: attention away from imitating Christ and fixing attention on the death of Christ. Martin Luther, in his reformation, failed to realize this and even before Calvinism became degenerate at the hands of Paul. Paul made Christianity the religion of the dead. Paul threw the Christianity of Christ away, completely turning it upside down, the opposite of the original proclamation of Christ"

The brilliant theologian Ernest Renan, in his book *Saint Paul*, wrote: Quote: "True Christianity, which will last forever, comes from the gospel words of Jesus, not the words of Paul. The writings of Paul have been a danger and a hidden rock, the source of the defects of Christian theology."

Albert Schweitzer, winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize, has been called the greatest Christian of his time. He was a philosopher, physician, musician, clergyman and theologian. In his *The Quest for the Historical Jesus and his Mysticism* he wrote: "Paul....did not desire to know Christ....Paul shows us with what completeness the true Jesus was regarded....What is the significance for our faith and for our lives?....The attitude towards the Gospel of Paul is different from the Gospel of Jesus?....The attitude towards the Gospel of Jesus is that he does not repeat it in the words of others, but to its authority....The fateful thing is that the Greek, the Catholic, and the Protestant all contain the Gospel of Paul in a form which does not continue the Gospel of Jesus"

William Wrede, in his excellent book *Paul*, informs us: Quote:

"The obvious contradictions in the three accounts given by Paul in regard to the resurrection are enough to arouse distrust....The moral majesty of Jesus, his purity and power"

people, his manner as a prophet, the whole concrete ethical-religious context signifies for Paul's Christology nothing whatever....The name 'disciple of Jesus' to Paul....Jesus or Paul: this alternative characterizes, at least in part, the warfare of the present day"

Rudolf Bultman, one of the most respected theologians of this century, wrote in his *The Historical Jesus for the Theology of Paul*: Quote:

"It is most obvious that Paul does not appeal to the words of the Lord in the essentially Pauline conceptions are considered, it is clear that Paul's Jesus' teaching is -- to all intents and purposes -- irrelevant for Paul."

Walter Bauer, another eminent theologian, wrote in his *Orthodoxy and Heresy*: Quote:

"If one may be allowed to speak rather pointedly the Apostle Paul was the enemy of the apostolic age."

George Bernard Shaw, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925; in his *Man and Superman*, we read: Quote:

"There is not one word of Pauline Christianity in the characteristic utterances of Jesus. It really never been a more monstrous imposition perpetrated than the imposition of Paul on the soul of Jesus....It is now easy to understand how the Christianity of the police and the Church, while Paulinism overran the whole western civilization at that time the Roman Empire, and was adopted by it as its official faith."

Will Durant; in his *Caesar and Christ*, he wrote: Quote:

"Paul created a theology of which none but the vaguest warrants can be traced to Christ....Through these interpretations Paul could neglect the actual life of Jesus he had not directly known....Paul replaced conduct with creed as the test of change."

Martin Buber, the most respected Jewish philosopher of this century, wrote in *Hasidism*: Quote:

"The Jesus of the Sermon on the Mount is completely opposed to Paul"

In one of the best books on early Christianity, *Those Incredible Christians*, by the author reports: Quote:

"It was not only the teaching and activities of Paul which made him obnoxious to the Jewish leaders: but their awareness that he set his revelations above their authority with the mind of Jesus, greater than that of those who had accompanied him, who had been chosen by him....It was an abomination, especially as his ideas were known to those who knew of Jesus, that he should pose as the embodiment of the Messiah's spirit, the demon-driven enemy of the Messiah....For the legitimate Church, Paul was a disruptive influence, bent on enlisting a large following among the Gentiles, with a numerical superiority with the support of which he could set at defiance the authorities in Jerusalem. Paul had been the enemy from the beginning. and because he was so hostile he had craftily insinuated himself into the fold to destroy it from within."

If anyone knows other people, who have seen the truth, please add them to the list.