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I was working at a library during my seminary years around 1980. We were culling extra books and stuff that was out of date. I spied a couple of history books and promptly added them to my own library. I still have them, and I'm glad I do. You see, even then, I was concerned about the post-modern mindset that was re-writing history. I could visualize a day when the information in those books wouldn't be available anymore. Mind you, this was pre-political correctness days. I had read Orwell's book, "1984" when I was younger and didn't really want to be brainwashed. So, I put those books of basic, historical truth on my shelf.

We've come a long way since then, and generally I've been proven correct in my earlier assumption. Modern history textbooks routinely overlook or downplay traditional views of history. Anything accomplished by "white European men" is verboten. Ancient Greek and Roman thinkers and leaders are either unread or have been rendered irrelevant. Basically, people are being fed historical pablum about the past in favor of the post-modern views of diversity, anti-racism, and against anything smacking of Christianity.

Into this mix has arisen the internet, the modern "god" called: Wikipedia, and of course, the intrusive nature of the tech/merchandizers: Google, Amazon's "Alexa", and others. So, it was with great interest that I played a couple of YouTube videos about both the home Google helper and Amazon's version called: Alexa. Both asked those "helpers" the same question: "Who is Jesus Christ?" The answers were educational.

In one video, the fellow asked Google: "Who is Brahmin?"—The chief Hindu god. It gave a brief but concise answer. It also knew who Krishna, Moses, Allah, and the Mormon founder: Joseph Smith were. In none of these cases were those helpers vague or did they hedge. But when it came to Jesus Christ, it would not give a complete answer. And nowhere did it ever say: "He is the Son of God." Or even, "He is known by Christians as the Son of God." When repeated on a Google home device, again incomplete answers were provided. Most of the time it would direct you to Wikipedia's home page on the subject. And when Amazon's Alexa was asked this, the answer back was: "Sorry I don't know how to help with that yet."!!!

Now, maybe the computer engineers of these devices aren't really done with their coding, yet. I don't know. But I surmise almost everyone out there has heard of Jesus Christ and knows at least a little about the Christian claims to His divinity. Alexa knew all sorts of things about Santa Claus, but not Christ?!!

I'm not a rocket scientist, simply a humble parish Pastor, but my parents gave me a brain and some horse sense. The post-modern world has and is currently waging a quiet war against Christianity. They are slowly but surely trying to write Jesus Christ out of the

human equation. I can well visualize that in coming years a question like: "Who is Jesus Christ?" will simply be termed or viewed as irrelevant, so they just won't answer it.—Ah, I guess Alexa already does that.....And if the forces of anti-Christianity are doing that to Christ, what other truths are they obliterating?

This February the Christian season of Lent begins. This year it is on Valentine's Day, St. Valentine's Day, on the 14th. It is known as: Ash Wednesday, as in ancient times ashes, denoting repentance, were put on people's foreheads to mark their penitential heart. Lent is all about: Who is Jesus Christ? All of our Wednesday night mid-week services will focus on that truth and flesh out a more complete answer. Maybe we should have Google, or Alexa engineers come and sit in, they might learn something!

The older choir members will recall when Tirzah Krey directed us. One year she had us learn and sing the beautiful Lenten song: "Who is Jesus?" And then the lyrics tell us: "Friend of sinners....Son of God and Son of Man." Now that is politically incorrect!! But, it is the truth. That's exactly who Jesus is. He is God's Son born into human flesh. He came to take on all our sins, to befriend sinners and save them with His death for us on the cross. Knowing this truth sets our souls free from eternal damnation. Believing this truth opens heaven's doors to us. And contemplating our need of this truth makes us humble, grateful, and obedient to His holy will. So, I would urge all of you to come each Wednesday night and have your brain and your heart filled with God's nutritious soul food instead of consuming the plastic pablum of worldly mush.

George Orwell's book, "1984", taught us that if "Big Brother" controls what we see and hear, it ultimately controls us. Right now a huge, semi-unseen, fight is going on around the world to do just this. The folks who either own or are in charge of the knowledge content we all are bombarded with each day are seldom Christians. So, the more they can block content as to: Who is Jesus Christ? The more Christian truth, morals, values, and ethics decline. Satan always uses whatever he can to disrupt God's truth and His salvation. But, we still have a brain, we still have our faith, we still have our Bibles. And most of all, we still have our all-powerful God on our side! I guess Solomon was right when he said: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding....." The Lord be with you! Pastor Thomas H. Fox