

HOW TO START A SECT, A MOVEMENT, OR A CHURCH

It is the history of religious orders, that the longer they exist the more they will crystallize their beliefs into a set of doctrines prescribed by their earthly fathers, rather than their Heavenly Father. Too many of us are content to rely upon the fact, that our forefathers truly dug out all the Truth necessary for life and Godliness in Christ. We seem to feel that they uncovered all of it, and there isn't anything left to dig out on our own. Satisfied with the status quo, we resent anything that disturbs the peace of the brotherhood. The Word of God needs to be taught to every generation, each and every one of us needs to make the truth of the gospel a hands-on experience. It needs to be investigated by every generation till the end of time... Saving faith is produced by relentless investigation of the Oracles of God, which tells us about His only begotten Son.

I've read somewhere that religious movements are born in caves and die in cathedrals. Some of our present day movements have been a step in the right direction, but we aren't there yet! Many give off the impression that total and complete truth has already been arrived at by Church Leaders, so we don't need to continue searching for truth.... Taint so! Some are at peace in Zion, when we ought to be engaged in war with old Satan. And it seems to me that the strongest weapon against our mutual adversary is a personal grasp of divine truth. And it doesn't come in a neat wrapped package in the form of bottle with a Genie' ever ready to answer our beck and call. John Ruskin said it better than I could ever say it, "**Without seeking, truth cannot be known at all. It cannot be declared from pulpits, nor set down in articles, nor in any wise prepared and sold in packages ready for use. Truth must be ground out for every man by himself out of his own husk, with such help as he can get, indeed, but not without stern labor of his own.**" AMEN!!!!

Yours for Truth and Freedom..... Horace Hooper