



Point of View

Dear Marketplace Friend,

Most asked question, of me, the last two weeks: *"So... what do you think about Sarah Palin?"* It has probably happened to you, too... with the question coming from people who inhabit both ends of the political spectrum. So, *what do you think?*

We're barraged - constantly - by the media blitz of modern life, all of which converges on our psyche with one consistent purpose: *to change the way we think.* Even the part of the bombing that is called "entertainment" is part of the assault. In fact, the entertainment component is often the most diabolical, because it is clandestine. While we are looking for a little intellectual relief - movies, music, mindless television - our moral/ethical/cultural compass is being recalibrated. When we turn our world view radar back on, how we see "the facts" will be shaded by what we now believe to be *real... and right.*

How are we supposed to see our world? What is the appropriate benchmark for wise thinking?

When John set out to tell the story of Jesus, he didn't start with Mary and Joseph; he started in Eternity, past: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were*



made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." (John 1:1-5)

The English translation loses some of the richness of the Greek New Testament: what we read as "word" is the Greek word, "logos," which means "divine intelligence." That wisdom was not stuck in a book; it was anchored in the Godhead... and it became human in Jesus the Christ. Vitality (life) and clarity (light) are both inherent in that wisdom.

That mindset - the wisdom of God - was humanized in Jesus... but it was memorialized in the completion of the divinely-inspired Scriptures. To that end, to this day, *"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16).*

Knowing the God-man, the Lord Jesus

Christ; having the Spirit of the Living God inhabiting us as a benefit of that relationship; AND, having the Word of God to codify the divine intelligence: that presents to us the ability to see our world the way God sees our world. To have the same opinions about world events - and the people involved - that is a cut-above the opinions expressed on the finest cable television news programs.

Soo... "What do you think about Sarah Palin?" The bigger question is: what does God think about Sarah Palin? And, what do you suppose God is looking for when he looks for leaders in our society?

When God was looking for a new King for Israel to replace the popular - but corrupt - Saul, this is what he told Samuel: *"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."* (1 Samuel 16:7)

So... what do you think God thinks about Sarah Palin, or Joe Biden, or Barack Obama, or John McCain? And, *will his opinion align with yours?*

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