



Truth Nuggets The Echo Chamber Trap

People are often trapped in their echo chamber without realizing it. An echo chamber is a comfortable place where one only hears what they believe. The only ones allowed in are those who think the same. Those inside often seek to bring others into their familiar spot. When attempting to interject a new truth into an echo chamber, the common response is, “Well, we believe....” or “Our leader(s) say....” or sometimes a defensive condescending rebuttal, and even condemning remarks. To accept new truth would be to see their bubble burst, their ideology weakened, their security structure facing collapse.

This pattern is commonly found in science, religion, politics, and other areas. For example, nearly every major scientific breakthrough came from a paradigm shift of looking “outside the box,” a breaking from tradition & old ways of thinking. When Copernicus presented that the earth revolved around the sun, and not the other way around, he was a lone ranger and faced harsh opposition, ridicule, and mockery since everybody “knew” that Copernicus was wrong. After all, who was he to veer from the Egyptian astronomer Ptolemy who “proved” that the earth was the center of the universe?

The medical doctor who promoted the germ theory and emphasized that doctors must wash their hands before performing surgery was fired from his hospital job. He was persecuted by the medical profession, and it took decades before surgeons came to the same conclusion.

Einstein was a paradigm-shift thinker, a truth-seeker who startled the world of physics by proving mathematically that mass & energy could be equated and converted to each other. He famously said, “...problems...cannot be solved on the same superficial level on which they were created.”

The Constitution was a radical paradigm shift in governments, one “of the people,” “by the people,” and “for the people”...one that stated that all men were created equal, not born into a class category of royalty or serfdom...and that all of the people had the same God-given rights, (Proverbs 30:21-22). That meant the government could not give the rights, and could not take these God-given rights away. As expected, such a radical shift from the norm was met (and still is), with fierce opposition, yet the USA remains the world leader, a shining city on a hill.

Hillary was shocked to learn that she had lost the 2016 Presidential election (in spite of the election fraud “safety buffer”). But then, she had unwittingly been trapped in her own echo chamber of listening to fake news networks like CNN & not questioning their polls. The same thing recently happened with Frederiksen, the leader of Denmark. When she declared that Trump would never have Greenland, her liberal media fawned all over her, touting her as vastly popular. Trapped in this echo chamber, she decided to pull an early election, where she was stunned to be soundly defeated by a pro-Trump man. She resigned in humiliation.

Religious groups are most famous for trapping people within their own echo chamber, training people within them to stick to certain Bible translations, not to question their traditions, doctrines or leaders. People within hear a drum-beat of “Don’t read that,” “Don’t listen to them,” “Don’t go there,” and certainly “Don’t question.” The walls of the religious-folds echo chambers are not just doctrines, traditions, and teachings, but often extend to dress codes, facial hair standards, and generating fear about leaving the bubble. But a true “truth-seeker” will question when echos contradict some scriptures. They’ll question, “But isn’t Jesus/Yahshua our Shepherd?...our Covering?” “And isn’t the Holy Spirit for us today?” “Furthermore, isn’t it the Holy Spirit that leads us into truth?”

Be brave, & seek to know, love & obey our Creator & our Messiah with all of your heart, mind & soul. As we network with other believers outside of our favorite religious group, and as we drink from multiple fountains of truth, we avoid the echo chamber trap and discover both expansion & clarity of vision. Seek & you’ll find! (Matthew 7:7-8, Acts 17:11, Proverbs 25:2, Isaiah 45:15)

** As a young man I witnessed paradigm shifts with my uncle. He made a living replacing vacuum tubes in TVs, until they were replaced by a radical different technology, not better vacuum tubes, but transistors. So he learned to replace them, until another shift came, solid-state transistors. They didn’t need replacement, and so he retired. The significant improvements came because someone took a very different approach to the problem. This concept left a lasting impression upon me, helping me to rise to the top in each of my various careers as I looked to the Holy Spirit for novel solutions to tough problems. Eric lives with his wife (& editor), Mary Elizabeth (independent Bible researchers), in Easton, Maine; ericjellis@protonmail.com. Their writings are available free at www.bibleconcepts.com under “Other Writings,” then “Studies by Eric.”*