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Apostolic Moorings

Mooring is the act of an object or person being kept safe by an external force. In the Christian concept, an Apostle is an obedient follow of Jesus Christ. An apostolic mooring is whereby Christians are dependent on God for guidance in life. The Christians lives are directed by the Bible and try to line their lives with the characters from the Bible such as David, Abraham, Joshua and the Son of God, Jesus. Believers believe one should not follow their destiny, (Jeremiah 10:23) "Lord, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps." Christians believe that Yahweh is the ultimate power and no one is greater than Him. For this reason, a believer(s) will rely on the Spirit of God and the scripture to lead them in life. The importance of apostolic moorings is as discussed below.

Good values. The Bible requires all Christians to have good values. These values are referred to as the Fruits of Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). Every Christian is expected to possess these fruits. The values dictated here are ones which are important for a person to own whether Christian or Non-Christian. A value such as love will help everyone to be mindful other people. When a person loves their neighbor, they will not steal from them. If everyone shows kindness, cases of corruption will reduce. Patience is also an important virtue: a patient person is less likely to easily get angry as compared to an individual with a little patience. Other fruits such as gentleness, faithfulness, peace, joy are not only applicable to Christians but also to any human.

Assurance of a future; The Bible promises the faithful Christians of an afterlife in heaven. Heaven is depicted to be a beautiful place where human problems such as sickness, death, financial problems are not there, (Isaiah 25:8), "he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the

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earth. The LORD has spoken". With this concept in mind, Christians are more assured of their future. They concentrate more on how to get to the Promised Land rather than trying to figure out their purpose in life. A person will focus more on how to make their life better if they worry less about their future (Stevens & Louis 54-57, 2011).

Preachers; some priests tend to use the Bible as a platform on which they exploit people. They interpret the scripture accordingly to how they want. For example, the Scripture requires believers to give offerings and offer tithes regularly. Pastors take advantage of this to benefit them financially. Preachers also use the scripture to entice the public into electing a leader whom they deem the best fit not on religious grounds but because they know they will benefit when that individual is elected. They are also cases in which they abuse young girls in the idea that it is God working through him. These exploitations happen just because Christian surrenders their life to God, and because a preacher is the servant of God, they don't oppose the evil acts by the pastor.

Social connection; Christians regularly gather in different places to worship God. These sites include churches, shrines, individual homes, chapels. In these venues, they get to share about each other lives. This significantly promotes togetherness. As they share, people get to open up about the troubles they are facing. (Stevens & Louis 102-131, 2011) sharing is a great way of promoting unity in communities. The venues can also be used as platforms for the government to pass their communications to the citizens regarding issues such as vaccination, job opportunities, development plans among others.

Biblical characters; The Bible has been in existence since 'the beginning of time.' The challenges that the characters of the Bible went through are the same ones we face today. These

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challenges are in the areas of politics, finances, social and religious. A character like King David teaches us that a leader is more than just physical appearance. King Solomon shows us that wisdom is the best gift a human can possess. Through these characters, we can identify the common human failings and weakness and learn on ways to avoid them. For example, we should let the youth take up leadership positions, unlike King Saul.

Unity; all through the Bible, God urges the believers to be united. Jesus does not judge anyone on the grounds of tribe, profession or religious affiliation. In the Book of John, Jesus broadly approaches the Samaritan woman and asks her for water irrespective of the enmity that was there between the Jews and the Samaritans. "A Christian should be the pillar that unites all everyone" (Cisneros 1991).

Hard work; the Doctrine of Christianity requires everyone to work. Every person is expected to 'sweat' if they are to be paid. In the creation story, it's written that God also worked. Characters such as Abraham, Joshua, David had to do the physical work as they relied on God to bless the work of their hands. This shows us that the Christianity does not mean relying on God entirely and doing nothing.

Adhering to the human laws; Christianity teaches obedience to the rules and regulations of the government. Christianity is not an opposition to the political system rather a way of improves the method of governance of our state. In the Book of Luke, when Jesus was asked the question on whether to pay tax or not, He answered that what is Caesar's should be given to Caesar and what is God's should be given to God. Jesus answers addressed the controversy of offerings and tax. A faithful believer has values which are acceptable for everyone, (Luke2:52)

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"...and in favor with God and man." A nation that chooses an apostolic leader makes the right decision.

Should people trust an external power that cannot be perceived by the five senses? There are oppositions to an apostolic mooring. The opposition believes that one should not rely on an external power to lead them. These people are referred to as atheists. Aesthesis believe that humans are in charge of their destiny. The belief of an external force is called God is a mislead conception. They follow the understanding that humans are in charge of their fate. The following points will evaluate the importance of one controlling their destiny.

The economy of a country; Christians are promised a better life after their death. This makes them ignorant of their present and put all their focus on preparing for the Promised Land. Christians tend to lag behind in working and spend their time in evangelizing. A nation requires most of its population to be working for it take advance economically. (Jones & Graffin, 2006). Sources of government revenue such as taxes, business license fee, and foreign exchange are significantly affected. If the minimal wage of a country is low, the taxes collected will be little. This disadvantageous a nation whose majority of its population are Christians. Human beings are bound to lack finances, when that happens, it's the duty of an individual to get up and work. Some Christians will refuse to go to work and just sit down claiming that God will provide. Eventually, they end up bankrupt with a lot of debts. The debts can greatly cause stress to an individual.

Christians, the Chosen People. The Believers go by the notation that they are 'elect' they believe that the Christian Doctrine is the way and any other religion follows a road to hell. Hell is a place supposed to be where the unfaithful will go and be burnt for eternity. This notion puts a

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boundary between the Christians and the Non-Christians. A conflict arises. An example is a conflict between Muslims and Christians. This conflict has resulted in the death of many innocent people.

Ignorance of government laws; some Christians tend to follow their path. This mostly results from a misunderstanding of the Scripture. Misinterpretation can cause conflict between believers and the government. An example is where Christians go to preach in a foreign nation. A country such as Dubai has a strict mode of dressing for the girls and a strict moral guideline. A Christian will not adhere to this set laws as they believe that no man is above God. If the Believers followed their path, they would not have been objective to the set rules and regulations.

Basic human nature; a human can get sick, injured. The Apostolic Moorings require adherence to God as the ultimate giver and taker. Believers believe that God heals the sick, gives material possession to people, created the universe. Some Christians will refuse to visit the hospital for getting sick. When they lack finances, relax and say that God will provide. This reliance on God for everything has seen many children and adults succumb to sickness and eventually die just because they were waiting for God.

Apostolic mooring has its importance and following one's destiny also has its importance. If the Gospel were to be presented properly to avoid misinterpretation, complete reliance on God would help human beings to deal with the day-to-day challenges. From the discussion presented, it's evident that apostolic mooring is a path to be followed. Throughout the evidence adduced, God is at work in people's lives. Total surrender to Him can benefit not only an individual but

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also the community as a whole. If a nation were to trust God for its providence, it would prosper financial and political.

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