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**“Jesus said, “Follow Me”**

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Many of us remember some of the games we played as children we thought were so much fun. Two of those games were: “Simon Says,” and “Follow the Leader.” In the game of “Simon Says,” there is only one “Simon” allowed at a time. Everyone wanted to be “Simon,” because he or she was the *one in control* of the game, directing the players what they needed to do. For example; “Simon says, Jump up and down.” If anyone stopped jumping up and down before ‘Simon said’ to stop they were out of the game. It was very important to listen attentively to “Simon’s” commands so you wouldn’t follow the false instructions that “Simon’ would sometimes give, i.e. “stop jumping.” If “Simon” didn’t say, “Simon Says” before his or her request, one was to continue the current activity until Simon said, “stop jumping.”

The game “Follow the Leader” was very similar to “Simon Says.” One had to mimic and do everything the “Leader” said or did. If one didn’t follow the leader’s commands they were out of the game, even when the instructions were some-what dangerous-you were required to follow the “leader!”

As we reminisce of those childhood days, we sometimes laugh at those silly games we use to play not realizing the imminent danger. However, our Christian walk is no laughing matter, nor is it a game!

**What does that mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

“And He spoke a parable to them: Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but every one who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6: 39, 40 NKJV

Students of Jesus, will follow Jesus. They will emulate Him as their divine teacher and not be side-tracked, by the sensationalistic allure of false teachers and worldly leaders! Their instructions come from God’s Holy Writ-The Bible, not 21st century “Simons” or “arbitrary” leaders!

“Then Jesus said to them, A little while longer is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you: he who walks in darkness *does not know where he is going*.” While ye have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons (*the* *children KJV)* of light…” John 12:35, 36 NKJV

**“An Entomology Lesson”**

“There is a certain type of Caterpillar known as the ‘Pine Processionary Caterpillar.’ It is so named for obvious reasons. When they move about, they always travel in a procession, and their favorite food is pine needles. A French naturalist named Fabre decided to conduct an experiment to find out through close observation the reason for such peculiar behavior.

He placed a large flower pot on a table and placed a column of Pine Processionary Caterpillars on the rim of the flower pot. He also placed a branch of pine needles next to the flower pot on the table. To his amazement the caterpillars went around in circles playing a game of ‘*follow the leader’* for seven straight days! They were unable to *break the habit that was leading them nowhere.*

Not one of the Caterpillars attempted to craw down the side of the flower pot to gorge on their favorite food. Fabre finally found the reason they were content with moving around in circles. They followed the thread of silk that the *lead* *caterpillar* laid down in front of them. Instead of breaking free from the procession, *instinct* took over, compelling them to *follow the leader* that led them nowhere.” [[1]](#footnote-1)

God’s people don’t walk by instinct, or pre-disposition, but by faith in Jesus! The silk that we follow is found in God’s Word!

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” Ps119:105 KJV

**Amen!**



1. James A. Tucker. “Windows on God’s World, “Blind Followers,” Washington D.C.

   Review & Herald Publishing Assn., 1975, p. 24. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)