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One defining feature of many Christian men today is the effeminate practice of covert and evasive speech.

Even worse is the fact that this manner of speaking is widely seen as the moral, "charitable," and polite manner of speech, to be praised, encouraged, & emulated. (Thread)

The essence of this effeminate style in the evangelical man is the strategic avoidance of taking personal responsibility for (or "owning") what he has to say.

This goal (the evasion of responsibility) is achieved through various tactics calculated against clarity & precision...

Rather than saying exactly what he means in a clear, and unequivocal, manner, the polite evangelical man will hint at his meaning through innuendo and implication—so as to alway maintain the plausible deniability that he didn't mean the controversial thing he meant...

Or, if he does speak clearly with unambiguous moral authority, he will be sure to leave the object of his criticism unclear. The object of his criticism—whether a person, or an idea—will always remain abstract, theoretical, and disconnected from any specifics or concretes...

By implementing the right degree of unclarity on either the nature of his criticism, or on the object of it, he ensures that the right people in his audience will be emboldened and endeared toward him, but that he will never have to defend or substantiate what he has said...

As noted above, this evasive manner of speech is not some guilty indulgence.

It is the widely accepted and prescribed method of communication for a "good Christian man."

Directness of speech, on the other hand, is considered a sign of bad manners, or even of sinfulness...

A man who says what he means, clearly and unambiguously, naming names where relevant, and welcoming open debate to those who disagree—

This man is seen as "arrogant," "divisive," "rude," "uncharitable," and unworthy of public engagement...

Our evangelical culture has adopted an ethic of communication which is perfectly designed to embolden error while neutering truth.

Only error can prosper in a climate of dogmatic ambiguity, and only truth can suffer as a result.

In this culture of dogmatic ambiguity of speech, honest men will necessarily be discouraged and punished for their honesty, while dishonest men are inevitably encouraged and praised for their dishonesty.

If we want true and lasting reform in the Church, this must change...

Many have become aware, and begun to battle against, some of the particular errors currently being pushed (e.g., wokeism, socialism, feminism, etc...), but such errors only became prominent to begin with as a result of this evangelical culture of ambiguity...

In addition to combatting the particular errors, we must also combat the effeminate culture of "polite" ambiguity which acts as the seedbed for all manner of error.

We must insist upon shining the sanitizing light of clear speech into every facet of evangelical culture...

We must make holy war against every false assumption about what is "polite," "charitable," and "respectable" in public discourse.

We must put the evasive, lying, cowards to shame for their refusal to take responsibility for their speech.

Imagine how healthy the Church could be if Her men spoke clearly and unequivocally, if they named names and listed specifics where relevant, if they stated their positions and declared openly their willingness to defend those positions in the light of public scrutiny.

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