

Confession of a Normie

Confession time! I have never fully read a comic book. Confession number two! I love comics. As a kid, I saw the Archie comics on the stand. I suppose I saw other comics there as well. Yet, I don't remember. Was I ever raptured by superman or batman? Not in the comics. The funny part to me is a geek show I watch on YouTube called Nerdrotic. This man named Gary is a comic nerd. He has segregated the comic universe into two types of people. It's the nerds that love and read comics and the normies that love the movies and shows. This was my 8th year going to our local comic expo. I love the panels of stars and comic book movie heroes. It's so fun. I guess I need to admit I'm a normie.

The Nerdrotic channel is awesome. He has helped me understand the comic and nerd world. Certainly, I am a nerd. Yet, not a comic nerd. Would I dress up? Sure, I would but I'm not driven with passion to do so. It's hilarious that I rate the costumes. This girl looks awesome and that girl should put some clothes on. One guy looked cool while another might not want to quit his day job. But... I love it all. The interview panels are the best. I have learned so much about this world that I have loved from a far. Many of us love Star Wars or Lord of the Rings. Comic expos bring these worlds to life. I love it!

Since I'm a normie it's kind of weird being in their world. I get it but don't get it. Certainly, I'm more partial to their head space than the cool people. Yet, so many bosses and successful people dress up and embrace the comic world. I am no different. Will I start reading comics at some point? Probably not, but if there was a fitness expo, I'm in! However, we normies spent hundreds of dollars and four days soaking in the comic and entertainment experience. I had a blast. Why do I desire this world when I clearly am a nerd to the nerds?

What does God have to say? Indeed, what would God say about the nerdrotic world?

John 15:18-21 *““If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master. ‘If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. 21 They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.?”*

The Christian world does have expos. Believe it or not but they do. You can be a consumer whore in the Christian world. Yet, I equally love that world too. Am I betraying Gods world while loving the comic world? Let’s face it, the comic world is mildly opposed to God. Yet, the comic world has nerds that are usually shunned by the normies. You will not find a kinder and more loving group of people than in the comic world. All are accepted. It’s the same for Christians. The Christian world wants to be brothers and sisters bonded in Jesus. God has a message and kingdom to promote. It’s a place where acceptance and love crash into each other. Gods’ world does not change its way. It is what it is no matter what the world thinks. I love that about God and His kingdom. I equally love that about the comic world. They love being different.

Granted the comic and entertainment industry has very little room for God. Yet, strangely enough they do try and emulate Gods values. They are however, two separate worlds. So, there I stand entering both doors. As a Christian that came to believe later in life, there is some distance between me and the old (Christians from birth). We are different and separate within the same world. The comic family needs me to fund their expos. To give them a place to thrive without

judgement. Yet, I am not the nerd they are. We are different and separate within the same world too.

There is no bridge between the things of this world and the heavenly realm. Except humans. Yet, Jesus is the connection, but He resides now within people rather than a moose. It's people that talk about and point to God the Father. One of the good things about the nerd kingdom is community. People can lovingly be together as nerds, rich kids, head bangers, and intellectuals. They are all in this world mixed together. It's no different in a church. I am not trying to bridge the two. It can't be done. However, there is a place for love, caring, and acceptance. There is a place for fun and laughter in a godly way. The nerd world and the church do share in the goodness that God promotes. We have to start somewhere and that is my mission. Be kind to those who are usually shunned by the world and the church. That is my confession.