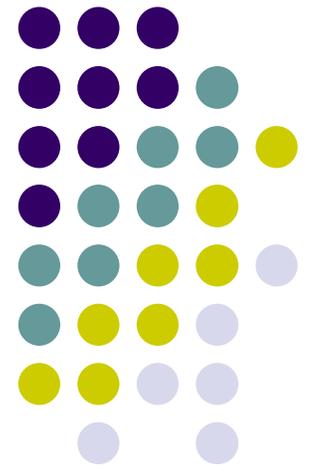


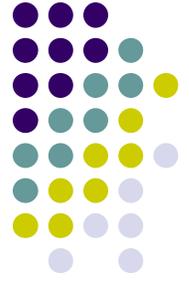


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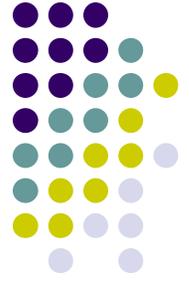


Jesus as a Person of Authority



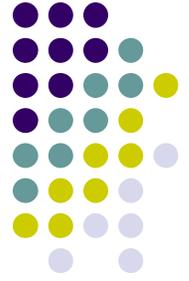
- Jesus said: “All authority (exousia) is given to me.... Matthew 28:18
- How did Jesus respond to the opportunity to become king? John 6: 14-15
- When Jesus cleansed the temple Matthew 21: 12-13, 23; DA 600

Authority: An Overview of the Biblical Meaning of the Term



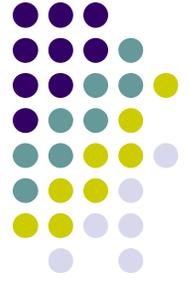
- It is from the Greek *exousia*. The literal meaning is to have the freedom to choose to do. It implies the ability. Think about that term - ability. It could mean you are free to do because no one can stop you, or because your community “authorizes” you.
- Power is from the Greek *dunamis*. It is the capacity to carry out something. Being able. It is generally used in the context of change of something. The term power is closely associated in scripture with authority. They can only be associated rightly when power comes from the community “authorizing”.

Authority in primate societies



- **Physical dominance is associated with authority**
- **An animal in authority maintains the spatial center of the group**
- **They maintain attention of the group**
- **They mediate aggression**
- **They set direction of movement**
- **They protect from predators**
- **They orient others to status and role**
- **They maintain norms – including mating**

Authority in human society



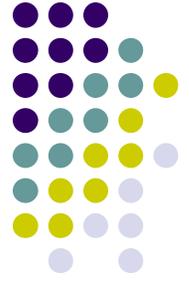
- **Children manifest much the same authority role as animals**
- **In young adults groups establish roles and tasks, assign authority, achieve cohesive bonding**
- **Authority provides a coordinating and problem solving mechanism**
- **Adults determine authority and retain the power to reassign authority**
- **We build systems to manage authority among ourselves**

How humans manage authority

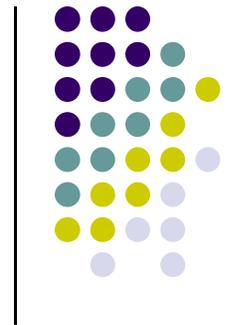


- **It is given not taken**
- **It is taken away**
- **It is conferred as part of an exchange**
- **It is voluntary and conscious**
- **When these principles are transgressed a population is handicapped for generations**
- **Ultimately authority is internalized as conscience**
- **The voices and values are internalized and people provide their own authority**
- **When stress increases people regress and give away authority – freedom**
- **When mismanaged, dependency on authority lessens human capacity and degenerates into bureaucratic institutions that rely on central planning**

We often equate leadership with authority



- **We frequently call people in positions of authority leaders**
- **In careful reflection we realize that those with authority may or may not provide leadership**
- **Leadership does not require authority**
- **Authority may substitute for leadership**



The power and authority (ecclesiology) of the church is the ability of the church to accomplish His mission through His gifting of each member according to God's providence. The church is a transforming agency, changing the world according to God's calling. His calling of every member of the body and empowering them through their spiritual gifts is our authority.

Do pastors have authority over the church or in the church?

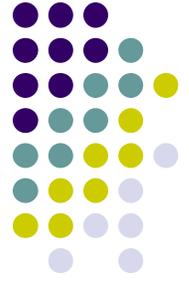




No Power to Rule

- “No man has been made a master, to rule the mind and conscience of a fellow-being. Let us be very careful how we deal with God's blood-bought heritage.
- To no man has been appointed the work of being a ruler over his fellow men. Every man is to bear his own burden. He may speak words of encouragement, faith, and hope to his fellow-workers; he may help them to bear their special burdens”--*Manuscript 29, 1907, pp. 9, 10 (Individual Responsibility & Christian Unity, Jan. 1907). {ChL 27.3}*

No Kingly Authority in Seventh-day Adventist Church



- “God has not set any kingly power in the Seventh-day Adventist Church to control the whole body, or to control any branch of the work. He has not provided that the burden of leadership shall rest upon a few men. Responsibilities are distributed among a large number of competent men.” --*Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 236. {ChL 49.3}*