

Sunday, May 20, 2018  
Apocalypse Now: The Lion Roars  
“Pergamum: Truth on the Line”  
Revelation 2:12-17  
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Revelation 2:12-17 (focal: v13a: ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith...’)

In Pergamum, the church was asking questions such as: How should a Christian live in a city like Pergamum? What could one do, and what should one not do? Should one take part in the normal civic life – which included festivals of the gods, not least Rome and the emperor? Was there a way in which one might do enough to get by while drawing back from full involvement? At this point, some in the church at Pergamum seem to have taken that permitted flexibility all the way into cultural assimilation. There’s no point standing out; we are part of this society, let’s go with the flow. Jesus’ response is clear. What does the One who has the sharp two-edged sword coming out of his mouth say in response?

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