Ancient knowledge that has been locked up and hidden by the institutional religionists for over two millennia.



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Progression of Knowledge

"I cannot agree with those who say that they have 'new truth' to teach. The two words seem to me to contradict each other; That which is new is not true. It is the old that is true, for truth is as old as God himself."

- Charles Spurgeon

Many website visitors write me and say they appreciate me not publishing any false church doctrines and relying on my own study of the Bible. They ask me about my progression of knowledge or about my climb up the spiritual mountain of knowledge. It's a long story just like everybody who has gotten this far but I'll touch on the highlights just to give you an overview, from what people tell me many have similar thoughts. And then there are some do not understand when I say, "...just because I gave up on the popes holidays doesn't necessarily mean that I jump in bed with the Jews – so to speak."

Some equate searching out spiritual mysteries as peeling away the layers of an onion to get to that core of pure truth. It took me over 25 years, to claw, kick, crawl, and church hop my way through all the mishegoss of the Christian religions to get to the original Messianic Jerusalem Church – and they did not make it easy! I was raised a Lutheran and growing up I heard many Catholic horror stories of torturing and murdering people, sometimes whole villages, in the Christian faith because they would not go long with church doctrine. So I began my study of church history there. They were right, the Catholics from the very beginning up to a little past the medieval times demanded mute obedience and blind faith by the point of a sword (see Fox's Book of Martyrs for the complete story). Catholic history takes me back to about the year 300 when the Roman Emperor Constantine took over Christianity and began the Roman Catholic Church (I explain it in more detail in my <u>Christmas Conundrum</u> article). Now we backtrack the 300 years, which was more of a time of Jewish Christians or Messianic Jews as we call them today and their gentile Christian converts. The next step back in time is Yahshua and the Apostles. Yahshua says live by His example (1Cor.11:22) in character traits (love, kindness, forgiveness, etc. Galatians 5:22-23) and religious habits (He kept His FATHER's Holy Days, He used the spiritual power-tools, laying on of hands, blessing, etc.)

"Making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down."

- Mark 7:13

What give us caution is that Yahshua also had a big problem with the Jewish religious leaders of his day, saying they were controlling and corrupt. So here is the point where one has to be cautious about jumping in bed with the Jews –so to speak. Acts chapter 15 records some of the controversies that the first Jewish and gentile Christians faced. Mostly it was the rabbinic order that Yahshua had a problem with, so we have to back track in time before there was a rabbinic order, and try to discern what the original Hebrew faith was like. We learn from the Patriarchs like Abraham, and from the books of Judges,

when YHWH ruled Israel after the time of Moses. Now I have discovered lot of the pieces to the spiritual puzzle but not sure how to make sense of it all. The first thing I started to do was to put these Bible truths in chronological, time order, to make them easier to understand and to fill in the final gaps the study of prophecy becomes helpful.

At a young age my mother gave me a Bible, I started reading the Gospels and Genesis but got bogged down, then I thought let me skip to the end and see how the spiritual story turns out. After reading Revelation chapters 19-22, that is when the Book of Revelation became one of my favorites, and I spent many years studying its prophecies.

As the saying goes, "may you live in interesting times." While some people are bored with religion, those faithful virgins (Mat.25:1-13) who do their work and have learned how to "see" find these spiritual times very interesting. One can clearly see many signs of the coming Tribulation era, just to name a couple, such as the great number of people falling from the faith before the Antichrist appears. Our worlds financial system is breaking down, and we know the Antichrist will rise to political power as a financial reformer with a new type of financial scheme – he will have the very charismatic and convincing answers to what the people want to hear. Also the Catholic Church also figures prominently in the Tribulation era, and that answered a lot of questions for me.

The Catholic Church has been in the news a lot lately and for those following St. Malachi's predications there is a lot of behind the scenes talk about this pope being the last pope. Revelation chapter 17 outlines the story of Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, who is drunk with the blood of the saints, and deceives the nations, it fits Catholic Church history and many Christians believe the verse describes the pope and the Vatican, which sits in the seven hills. Now here is the kicker, when you think about it, nobody actually thinks about what the Catholics deceived the nations about. It is an issue many seem to forget, even for the Christian prophecy teachers. Think about it, of all the churches that broke away from the Catholics, starting with the first, the Greek Orthodox, to today's Protestants, they broke away on theological based irreconcilable differences like the pope speaks for Jesus and holds the keys to heaven. They all still keep one thing. Have you figured it out yet? It is the Babylonian, pagan based holidays that they all still keep, I.E. Sunday worship, Easter, Christmas, etc., they are not from the Bible, and they are not part of the example Christ told us to follow. So the <u>thinking person</u> has to ponder, if we quit the pope's pagan holidays where do we go?

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ"

- Colossians 2:8

We can find another hint in the example Yahshua gave us and that was in His religious affiliation. The Essenes, the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls, were the religious order that John the Baptist and Yahshua had ties with. They were the serious Bible scholars, the true Believers, and the faithful watchers of the day. They were wise to the Messianic prophecies and they were making preparations. To the Essenes, righteousness meant a person also had to be right in his heart, he had to be right with his brother, and lastly he had to be right with GOD. The Essenes formed a few hundred years after the Prophet Jeremiah, and they most likely took his words to heart. They felt that the rabbinical Sadducees and the Pharisees had become more like political parties then a religious order. They considered the priesthood corrupt, and the Temple worship was not pure in YHWH's Spirit and Truth - it had become ritualistic. It suffered from many of the same problems we have today in our worship centers; it had become ritualistic and overblown with pomp and ceremony. It had become corrupted by the leaders using the heresy of Nicolaitanism (putting a religious leader between YHWH and the people Rev.2:15). They felt that the people were misled and lost, righteousness has been reduced to mere ceremonialism, and that the rabbis were condemned for their corruption. They saw a corrupted Sanhedrin which totality conquered the common people, keeping them on a tight leash, while the rich were treated with favors. The Essenes would have nothing to do with it. Seeing all this around 200 B.C.E. they decided to remove themselves from the mainstream religious society and prepare for the "great event," the arrival of the long awaited Messiah.

Now here is something to get you thinking, do you see what happened? The Essenes rejected rabbinical Judaism and returned to the roots of their faith. The thinking person has to contemplate, what did they return to?

We find more answers when we go to YHWH's Hebrew (not Jewish) Holy Days and Habits. (In ancient times when Israel was one nation the Holy Days were called the Holy Days of YHWH or the Israelites, and gentiles would also visit the Temple in Jerusalem on High Holy Days to show their respect to YHWH.) The study of prophecy puts it all together for us. If one studies the prophecies of the suffering Messiah then you see them fulfilled in YHWH's spring season of Holy Days. Yahshua died on Passover, was buried on the Day of Unleavened bread, rose of the day of Firstfruits, and gave us the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Now we await the fulfillment of the conquering Messiah in the Tribulation Prophecies laid out in the fall season of Holy Days. The Messiah will return on Trumpets, he will judge the nations on Judgment Day and the world's population will begin their new life in the Millennium Kingdom during tabernacles. All the pieces of the spiritual puzzle are beginning to fall into place, and there are other spiritual events that can be seen in the Holy Days. Through the Messianic prophecies, YHWH shows us humankind's spiritual evolution, from chaos to eternity. YHWH shows us that many of HIS Covenants are fulfilled in the annual Holy Days, and HE shows us HIS ancient Spiritual Path to guide those willing faithful to HIS eternal kingdom. And lastly the Holy Days show us that YHWH is in charge and actively in control of world events.

Like the Essenes, we do not observe the Holy Days as a requirement of salvation. First and foremost, we observe them because Yahshua and the Apostles did. We do not have to wear special garments, or adopt special names, rituals, and creeds (Col.2:16-17). It is a matter of the heart, we grow closer to YHWH and Yashaua by living as a holy example in our day-to-day lives (Mat.5:16; 1Cor.10:31). We observe them, for those who can see, because they teach humanity about our CREATOR's Kingdom. YHWH's annual Holy Days are ancient spiritual keys to a timeless treasure trove of our CREATOR's Wisdom. YHWH is trying to help us, and in HIS infinite wisdom HE designed the Holy Days to have many in-depth and multilevel meanings, all with perfect symmetry leading to one place - HIS Kingdom. They have historical lessons - which we should honor by their remembrance. They teach current day character building lessons - which we should learn. They teach us health lessons for the mind and body to improve our daily lives. And the fall season of Holy Days teach us a "shadow of things to come" as they picture a prophetic, Messianic message of hope. They are future prophecies of human catastrophes with many on a planetary scale (Col.2:16-17) - which we all should watch for.

"You go your way, I'll go YAHWEH"

The ancient ways carry purpose and should not be forlorned, they are ancient spiritual keys to a timeless treasure trove of Divine knowledge, the trouble is Satan has been very good at hiding them. Everyone on his own must make their decision because in the end you will have to answer to only one, YHWH – and that leads us to the next spiritual event beginning on the 10th day...

"My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God."

- Proverbs 2:1-5

Enjoy the journey of learning...

Please remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for all those who stand with Israel (Ps.122).

Take care. Peace and blessings, Errol.

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