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THE PHARISEES, KABALA & THE END TIMES REBELLION – PART I

[This is an exciting series for me. When I discovered some of this information, - I realized that the thread of pagan / occultic rebellion that runs from Nimrod and the Tower of Babel to the Christ's soon-anticipated return is richer than I previously thought. Jesus Himself was taking on these very same forces that first rebelled in Heaven under Lucifer. The Devil had even corrupted the practice of Biblical religion, - during Christ's day – and would do so yet again, - in the last days, - under the Antichrist. It's the same battle fought since the dawn of history.]

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*Throughout Christ's ministry here on earth we see Him spreading the good news of God's love, His compassion demonstrated through healing and His offer of forgiveness to all that would accept it. Yet Jesus' confrontational attitude toward the Pharisees and religious 'Powers-That-Be', and His characterization of them as "**whitewashed tombs**" whose father was the devil himself was certainly remarkable and possibly puzzling. Now however, scholars are increasingly uncovering a link to the occult that would explain the reason for, - and the necessity of, - His unwavering attitude.*

Defining The Link

"Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God... You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do'." (John 8:42, 44)

It's at this point that we're going to look at a concept that will go a long way toward explaining Christ's ongoing war with the Pharisees and other religious authorities that ran throughout His earthly ministry. What we observe is Jesus reaching out in love and compassion to Jews, Samaritans, Romans and the poor, - and even the Pharisee Nicodemus and others of that party that would listen. For the Pharisaical hierarchy however he reserved His most biting commentary and attacks. It seems there was something more going on here. Now previously we've documented the infiltration of Christ's Church by pagan forces and the adoption by some Christian branches of practices that had their origins in the worship of pagan gods. The same happened to Israel through the Pharisees. Over the centuries they had let the influence of the occult sneak in. They had turned to mysticism colored by an association with Gnosticism that served as the forerunner of Kabala. That by the way, is the same Kabala followed by some Jewish sects today and adopted by such Hollywood types as Madonna. As such, the ancient Pharisees plugged into the system of secret societies that began in Babel/ Babylon, then migrating to Egypt and across the world. It survives today in Free Masonry, Rosacrucianism, Skull & Bones, The Bildebergs, etc ad infinitum. So though the term was not yet in use, the 1st century Pharisees were the forerunners of today's kabbalists with all of their New Age / occult baggage. That's our starting point.

Getting Started

To understand this at all perhaps we should begin by talking just a little bit about Kabala and its relationship to both Biblical Judaism and early Christianity. Now Kabala is at its root a mystical Jewish theology that can be traced back at least to one, Isaac the Blind, considered to be the Father of Kabbalah. It was considered a search by the mystics to reach the "higher throne" of the Almighty. Its' practitioners believe that it reveals the deeper and truer meaning of the Torah, the Jewish Law as contained in the first five books of Moses.¹ As such it is "a revelation to

the Sages from a remote past, and preserved only by a privileged few". It comprises and gives meaning to the Oral Law, ²such as that which was enforced by the Pharisees in Jesus' day. It was and remains, a religious system of 'secret knowledge' about God. Thus it was intimately entwined in the 1st century with Gnosticism, - with each influencing the other. Gershom Scholem, the leading modern scholar on Jewish mysticism confirms the occult roots of the Kabbalah. "From the beginning of its development, the Kabbalah embraced an esotericism closely akin to the spirit of Gnosticism, one which was not restricted to instruction in the mystical path, but also included ideas on cosmology, angelology, and magic." He goes on to describe how over the centuries, this developing Jewish thought took in "...the mystical, speculative elements from the occult and especially magical elements". These later developed into "secret doctrine" and "initiation rites" that have existed "up to modern times" in Jerusalem.^{3 4 5}

So we can understand something about the Pharisees belief's by looking at Kabbalah and can shed light on that by looking at Gnosticism. Gnostic beliefs would after Christ's death and the founding of Church, rise up to influence and challenge early Christian doctrine. Now just like Kabbalah, Gnosticism was all about secret knowledge which only the privileged could know. Today's Gnostic Apostolic Church tells us that "Mankind is moving toward the Omega Point" via the "Path of Transfiguration" returning to the "Treasury of Light". Yeah, just like this sounds, these are all concepts of the New Age and Eastern religious systems, that have often just adopted the veneer of Biblically based religions as they advance their heresy. The 'Treasury of Light' for instance is a concept found in Zen Buddhism, the "root source of all Buddhas". We are told "there is no ego in the treasury of light".⁶ And as for the concept of a 'Path of Transfiguration',; - well that can be found in Rosacrucianism for one. It is a way that leads "humans back to their divine origin".⁷ Remember, in all occult / New Age / and Eastern based systems, man is a part of the divine; - a little god, - if you will.

As you can see, these religious philosophies have much more in common with the occult than with the Bible on which they claim to be based. Modern Kabbalah for instance utilizes angels, magic and astrology as it attempts to influence the workings of the universe. According to Louis Berkhoff, the Apostle Paul was likely taking on these heresies in Colossians and 1st Timothy. This philosophy which had its roots in Judaism, "ultimately developed into a strange mixture of Jewish elements, Christian doctrines, and heathen speculative thought".⁸ It was only a few years before Paul addressed these problems, that these Jewish-fermented ideas were infecting the likes of the Pharisees who opposed Christ.

This is not such an unnatural development. Over the course of their history, the Israelites had often fallen to the sin of worshiping the gods of the land. The worship of Baal and Ashtoreth was related to the religious practices of ancient Babylon and the mystery religions of old. It is a habit that the Jews seemed not fully able to break. Now when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt they had rubbed up against the worship of Osiris and other ancient gods. These had originated in Babylon before being imported by the Egyptians. The incident of the Golden Calves; - when the Israelites rebelled against the Great God Jehovah, to set up idols of their own making; - can be viewed as an extension of this mode of thinking that they had been exposed to while in Egypt. Next the Israelites took possession of the Promised Land, - but refused to obey God with regard to purging the land of all traces of their enemy. That opened the door to more pagan influences. So history shows that the Israelites repeatedly fell to that fatal temptation, adopting the native gods and grafting them somehow into some hybrid system. When they worshipped Baal, they sacrificed their children in a deadly form of Satanic ritualism. When they worshipped Ashtoreth, - knowingly or not, - they were paying homage to a very prince of demons.

Over time all of these religious compromises took their toll. The books of 1st & 2nd Kings chronicles a history of the Israelites in their split kingdoms of Israel headquartered in Samaria and Judah with its capital at Jerusalem. In each of these kingdoms, we find the kings alternately moving the population toward paganism and its practices or back toward God. In the end the evil triumphs and God banishes first the Northern Kingdom, or Israel and later the land of Judah from the land given to them by covenant. The Israelites had not held up their part of the bargain. Instead they had embraced the evil of these satanic pagan gods. Fast forward to the Babylonian captivity. The Israelites have been relocated to Babylon. We see in the Book of Daniel how the Babylonian system took in the vast number of Jews, moving them toward their own paganzed religious system. At the head of that Babylonian

religion was a “sacerdotal caste” we call magi. In the words of Tom Stewart, these consisted of “priests, Chaldeans, physicians, philosophers, astronomers, astrologers, soothsayers, in short the brain trust of the kingdom”. The root word from the Greek *magoi* has been translated *wise men*, but also sorcerer, magician and specifically a member of the order of Zoroastrian priests coming mainly from the Medes and Persians. (However, the secret society that is the Magi has spread throughout the region and even as far as China.)

Scripture tells how God showed the prophet Daniel, a member of the Magi caste, the King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and interpreted it for him. For that service he was promoted “**chief of the governors of all the wise men of Babylon**”. (Daniel 2:48) Daniel somehow became a member of this priesthood without being tainted by its pagan influences. In fact, Daniel’s prophecies became part of the tradition for at least some of the Magi of succeeding generations. It was members of this class that looked to the Scripture for the timing and location of the coming of Messiah. They knew from the prophecy of the 70 Weeks found in Daniel 9, the approximate timing of the appearance of the Christ. Matthew tells how God gave them a sign in the heavens, “**His star in the East**” (Matthew 2:2) to show them the exact time and location of His entrance into the world.⁹

Apart from Daniel’s influence this cult of the Magi was nothing more than another form of the ancient mystery religion which had spread across the region. Throw in the fact that the Northern tribes had intermarried with other ancient peoples after the Assyrian conquest, corrupting their already fragile system of worship, and leading to “the development of a syncretistic religion” that rejected everything that did not come from the Pentateuch, (the first five books of Moses).¹⁰ All of this had by Christ’s day begun to congeal, expressing itself in the fact that the Jewish religious leadership had been compromised by the teachings and practices of the Middle Eastern mystery religions.¹¹

NEW MONEY

The movement has begun! Whether it will prove to be a signal event or just an aberration in international finance, only God can tell. The International Monetary Fund, - (A truly global bank in both name and intent), - has begun to issue SDRs, [Special Drawing Rights] – and here’s the kicker, - that can be denominated in currencies other than the US dollar. The SDR’s are actually an accounting tool, - that the Chinese have suggested, - might serve as a nice alternative to the dollar, - are a combination of the dollar, the pound, the euro and the yen. Now the Chinese are walking a fine line right here. They hold about \$700 billion in American T-Bills, and are dependent on the US economy to buy a lot of their stuff. On the other hand, they gobbled up \$50 billion in the new bonds, - a first move perhaps toward getting out of the dollar. In addition, China, India, Russia and Brazil grabbed \$10 billion each. This is the first time that an international organization has issued anything even close to its own currency. What it provides is an escape hatch that the world could use to quickly move out of dollars, whenever the market believed that – oh say – the US debt got so big that it was perceived as having no real value. Add to that the fact that at the latest G8 Summit, President Medvedev of Russia showed off a new coin which he said represented a “united future world currency”. It was minted in Belgium and bore the slogan, “unity in diversity”. This comes on the heels of the G20 summit held back in April when the power arm of another global bank, - the Financial Stability Board of the Bank of International Settlements was greatly enhanced and expanded. It is developing mechanisms to enforce regulatory control over central banks and national financial policies throughout the world. *Can anybody say, ‘One World Government’?*^{12 13 14}

PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM THE KOOK FRINGE ?

My interest here began when my attention was drawn to the rather shocking pronouncement by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg with regard to Roe v Wade. As recorded in an interview with Emily Bazelon of the New York Times, Ginsberg said that when it first became law, she believed legalized abortion was instituted to control “growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of”.¹⁵ (The lives of somewhere around 50 million babies have been ended since Roe; - one out of every three conceptions in the 80’ & 90’s)^{16 17} Now all of

this brought to mind the stated plans of the New World Order types as revealed in their fevered and frenzied pronouncements – that would have the world reduced in population by about two-thirds. It is no secret that the abortion movement and something called eugenics are intimately married. Rooted in Darwinism, eugenics is an attempt to direct the path of human evolution by preventing ‘undesirables’ from reproducing. It was the ethic behind Margaret Sanger and the Planned Parenthood, which shepherds the abortion movement around the world. During the early decades of the 20th century, forced sterilizations were its vehicle both in Nazi Germany and parts of the US such as the Tuskegee Experiment in Alabama. During the 1930’s, Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger put forth a plan for racial purity, called the Negro Project which used family planning, birth control and abortion to limit and reduce the black population of the country. One letter by Sanger confirms the nefarious nature of her plan, as she describes the recruitment of Black ministers to ‘sell’ her ideas. “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.”¹⁸ That means of coercive government mandated population control is not dead. John Holdren, is President Obama’s newly appointed Science Czar. Back in the 1970’s he called for a World Government; - a “Planetary Regime could control the development, administration, conservation, and distribution of all natural resources, renewable or nonrenewable”. And in Holdren’s mind, just how far can the government go? His answer is sobering on many levels. Obama’s appointee concludes that even “compulsory population-control laws, even including laws requiring compulsory abortion, could be sustained under the existing Constitution if the population crisis became sufficiently severe”.¹⁹

In more recent times, Ted Turner, Bill & Melinda Gates, Warren Buffet and the Rockefellers have contributed millions to the cause of population control and reduction. And under the auspices of the Club of Rome, - an international organization dedicated to the formation of a truly global government, - plans were put forward for the reduction of the world’s population by as much as 2 billion souls.²⁰ Just a few years ago, Dr Eric R Pianka of the University of Texas at Austin, called for the extermination of 90% of the humans on the planet using the airborne ebola virus; - a painful disease that “liquefies” the organs of its victims. His calls brought enthusiastic applause from his audience.²¹ Now putting an apostrophe on that sort of thinking, the Nazi-tied Prince Philip of England, - once said that “In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.”²² That type of thinking has already found its way into government policy. A US Security Council Plan pushed by Henry Kissinger back in 1974 called for the use of food as a weapon with which to force certain nations to reduce their own populations. The plan called for the withholding of food supplies from certain countries to force compliance with American policy wishes vis-à-vis population control. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Brazil and Mexico were on the list of thirteen countries to be so targeted.²³

Understand too that the radical environmental agenda is an integral part of that move to cull the population of the earth. Prince Charles gives the world just “96 months”, - 8 years, - to avoid the “nightmare” of “irretrievable climate and ecosystem collapse”. To Charles that means the end of Western “consumerism”; - and he veritably drools over the prospect.²⁴ And the Environmental Fascist In Chief, - former VP Al Gore that the adoption of the Climate Bill making its way through Congress now will not only help the environment but move us farther down the road toward “global governance”. That echoes the words of former French President Chirac who celebrated the Kyoto Accords as “the first component of an authentic global governance”.²⁵ All of this is very interesting in the light of the Pope’s recent calls for a “true world political authority”.²⁶

QUICK TAKES

- The head of the Episcopal Church in the US, Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori says that it’s “heresy” to believe “that we can be saved as individuals, that any of us alone can be in right relationship with God”.²⁷ *Then what pray tell is that whole notion of being ‘born again’ and the substitutionary death of Christ?*
- The ‘Religion of Peace’ was at it again in Somalia. They beheaded seven people for being “Christian followers and spies”.²⁸

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