

GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART I

“But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.” (John 5:42-43)

Every major religion on the planet is yearning for THEIR Messiah! And all believe he is about to make his appearance. Christian, Jew, Muslim, New Age, the Eastern Religion...all await his coming. All but the Bible-based belief-systems, (Christianity & Judaism), look forward to the arrival of One World Religion that will rule the planet. They name it differently; the Rule of the Madhi, the Age of Aquarius. But however it is named, it is depicted as a time of unity, when justice will prevail. But whose justice? The Bible warns us of this coming unified religion. It will be a false faith, and a forced faith. It will ushered in by a great falling away from the true worship of God. It will have at its center the worship “the God of forces”, (energy perhaps?) and be headed by a worldwide religious figure known as the False Prophet. It will be ushered in by signs and wonders that will point to the divinity and headship of a man called the Antichrist. In this series we will explore the forces that are even today moving toward the establishment of this End Times Religion. And we’ll look at just what it may look like when it’s operating.

[A little disclaimer right from the start: Throughout the course of this series we will be touching on material that is controversial to say the least. I promise that we will approach it in love. It will never be gratuitously offensive. However the Truth will be served. We will let the evidence lead where it may.]

WAITING FOR MESSIAH

“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ’, and will deceive many.” (Matthew 24:4) “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” (Mark 13:22)

Candidate # 1: The Rev Sung Yong Moon. The founder of the Unification Church and owner of the Washington Times believes no more waiting is necessary. The Messiah is already on earth, - and coincidentally: It’s him! Back on March 23, 2004, at a ceremony in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, a crown was placed on Moon’s head as he declared himself to be “humanity’s Savior, Messiah, Returning Lord and True Parent”. He believes that he was “sent to earth...to save the world’s six-billion people”. Ask him, and he’ll tell you what he has accomplished already. That night he revealed that: “The founders of five great religions [Jesus included] and many other leaders in the spirit world, including ... Marx and Lenin . . . Hitler and Stalin, have found strength in my teachings, mended their ways and been reborn as new persons”.¹ To sum up his mission: Jesus didn’t complete his work, - so God sent Rev Moon to finish the job.

Candidate # 2: El Mahdi, the Islamic Messiah. Islam is looking for the imminent return of the 12th Imam, who went into “occlusion” (hidden by God) in the 9th century. He will return with a ‘Jesus’ who will deny his own divinity and serve as his disciple and assistant in the ‘Divine’ plan. That plan calls for the Mahdi to appear at the End of Days, following a time of war and chaos. Iran’s President Ahmadinejad has announced that it was his divine mission to pave the way for the Mahdi’s appearance.² The Islamic Messiah will first reveal himself in Mecca, then Medina, and all of Arabia will follow him. According to Islamic prophecy he will go on to conquer Syria and Iraq and utterly vanquish the Jewish State. A series broadcast on official Iranian radio says that the Madhi will eventually set up a “global government” in Kufa, Iraq. Part of his official mission will be to rid the world of Christians and of course... Jews...after which he will set up a government under Islamic law, veritably reeking with righteousness, compassion and justice as is the way of ‘The Religion of Peace’.³ Interestingly enough, this Madhi could make his appearance as early as spring of 2007.

Now here's just a bit more. The name of the occluded and soon returning Madhi is Muhammad ibn Hasan ibn Ali. Among other requirements: The coming Islamic Messiah must be descended from Mohammed through his daughter Fatima, and have royal connections to Iraq. There happens to be one man on the scene today that traces his descent to Mohammed through Fatima, - has ancestral connections to both the Sunni & Shiite lines, - and has a royal claim to the throne of Iraq (Babylon). He is of the Hashemite line and his name is His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan.⁴ In some circles the Prince has long been considered a candidate to ascend a revived Hashemite monarchy in Iraq. Former Israeli Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu supported that idea back in 1996.⁵ Could the returning Madhi be that man?

Candidate # 3: Tom Cruise. I won't spend a lot of time with this but the Grand Poobahs of Scientology have informed Hollywood actor Tom Cruise that he is "Scientology's Christ-like figure". One day he will be 'worshipped like Jesus'. Though criticized now, "future generations will realize he was right". *Right!*⁶

Candidate # 4: Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda. Jesus Miranda is a serious candidate; - at least in his own mind. It was during a vision back in 1973 that "two hulking men" announced that the Lord had come and "integrated with" him. His 'messiahship' was a progressive office however. The former Catholic, Pentecostal and Baptist worked as a minister at first as he revealed God's latest covenant. By 1998 he was the reincarnation of Paul. By 2000 he had named himself Christ and earlier this year he promoted himself to Antichrist, complete with a 666 tattoo. *After all, you can't worship the first Jesus anymore if the new one is already on the scene.*⁷ Miranda explains that Jesus "would first come as a thief in the night".⁸

All of this would be somewhat comical if it were not for the following this man is drawing. The 'New Jesus' boasts over 300 congregations in several countries totaling up to about 100,000 followers. And they more than revere this man. They worship him! He has drawn a following by teaching a doctrine completely foreign to Christianity. As Newsweek reports, under God's new plan "there is no sin, and no Satan, and people are predestined to be saved".⁹ That's just the same old New Age / Occult / Scientologist / Pagan message that has been sold to the gullible since the beginning of time. So in the name of "open[ing] up people's minds", members of his Cresciendo en Gracia, (Growing in Grace) ministry, picket and burn the symbols of competing religious organizations. And Jesus was just a Jewish man, and those that worship him, - become Jews".¹⁰ That's the scary doctrine of the brand new christ.

Candidate # 5: The Lord Maitreya – OK, this is a complicated one. The 'Lord Maitreya', refers to the coming of the "Christ consciousness" that is to come in the form of an individual. He is the central figure of New Age thought; the 5th or Warrior Buddha. And he is reportedly alive already. His champion is an aging Englishman by the name of Benjamin Crème, who claims that Maitreya inhabited a body back in 1977 and has made many public appearances including one in Kenya in 1988. He is the chief of the Ascended Masters, a predicted product of the deeply occultic Theosophical Society founded by Madame Helena Blavatsky in the late 19th century. Blavatsky, Crème and one Alice Bailey, revealed their religious philosophies through "automatic writing", while possessed by various Ascended Masters. These "Masters" are likely none other than the Fallen Angels of the Bible. The doctrine they teach is a complete reversal of the Truth found in the Scriptures. To their twisted way of thinking: God is the evil one, and Satan the "Light Bearer". Madame Blavatsky writes: "Lucifer is divine and terrestrial light". "Satan is the god of our planet, and the only god."¹¹ The Great Jehovah, the God of the Bible, she describes as "spiteful and revengeful".¹²

Referring to the teachings of Crème & Bailey & Blavatsky, we find the outline to the Lord Maitreya's anticipated career. He will come during a time of economic and social chaos, - a time of crisis.¹³ He will teach that there is no sin and that we are in fact, - divine. There will be a new worldwide religion. Now when Maitreya reveals himself, someone called the Master Jesus will arise to take over the throne of St. Peter. As head of the Catholic Church, this new figure will seek to unite and transform Christianity in worshipping Maitreya, "**to deceive, if possible, even the elect**". (Mark 13:22)¹⁴ Interestingly, this closely parallels the predicted role of the Madhi, - Islam's coming messiah. Finally, this 5th Buddha will make peace in

the Middle East. In the process, he will isolate “fundamentalist” Christians and Jews, turning the world against those who hold to the truth of the Bible.¹⁵

The fact is its very easy to see a theme here. There are many that are claiming that a messiah is here already or soon to return. And with the exception of Islam, all seem to claim the same thing: There is no sin, we are all saved / divine, - all paths lead to God...if we will but recognize it. Our culture has even adopted that theme with its emphasis on hyper-tolerance. We are no longer to judge the value of ideas. It is even reinforced through the popular culture through such vehicles as George Lucas’s Star Wars which advanced an Eastern / Buddhist religious philosophy.¹⁶

Even mankind’s great experiment at universal peace making and unity, the United Nations, has adopted that philosophy hosting occultic organizations aimed at uniting all the religions of the planet. It went so far as to establish an International Day of Peace beginning back in 1982; - utilizing something called The Great Invocation, which was first channeled to Alice Bailey, the English Theosophist back in 1945 by her ‘familiar spirit’, a fallen angel going by the name of Djwhal Khul, the Tibetan Master.¹⁷ (Bailey was the founder of the Lucifer Trust, which later became the Lucis Trust, which now has an office in the UN.) That prayer, - (put forth as the official prayer of mankind), - is but a thinly disguised call to Satan and his fallen angels, referred to as Masters, - to call on the world’s false messiah to reveal himself. The website of the Lucis Trust itself explains how the prayer is for “all humanity”. It is designed to unite the entire world as it looks for one man, known variously as “the Christ, the Lord Maitreya, the Imam Madhi, Bohidsattva, and the Messiah”.¹⁸ It is the call to the One World Religion prophesied in the Book of Revelation. **“And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’”** (Revelation 13:3-4) It seems the preparation may be well underway!

OMINOUS SIGNS

We’ve been treated over the last month or so to rumors and signs of a general Middle East war breaking out, possibly as early as this summer. Now Britain’s Guardian reports that Iran is cooperating with al-Qaeda and Sunni militia’s in Iraq to step up their attacks over the summer in order to pressure Congress into forcing Bush to order a withdrawal of US forces in that country. The tactic is reminiscent of Viet Cong strategy during the Viet Nam conflict and even Confederate plans during the 1864 reelection campaign of President Lincoln, to win the war, by winning the political battle in Washington. In each case the greatest danger to American victory in those wars came from war weariness rather than the battlefield.

Tehran’s presence in Iraq has been confirmed by the recent discovery of large caches of Iranian weapons as well as its involvement in “high profile” rocket attacks against British Basra and the Green Zone in Baghdad. Iran now is also supplying the Taliban in Afghanistan. Their close junior ally Syria is moving about 90% of the insurgents through their own territory into the Iraqi theater.¹⁹ Now the European Strategic Intelligence and Security Center has revealed that Iranian are casing cities and nuclear power plants on the Continent. Their conclusion is that Tehran is putting assets in place for a strike against Europe. According to the Israeli paper Haaretz, Iran may even be targeting “British citizens on the streets of London”.²⁰ Iran of course has a history of cooperating with al-Qaeda. Now intelligence just released shows that Osama bin-Laden himself ordered al-Zarqawi, - the former head of al-Qaeda in Iraq, - to coordinate attacks against Western targets including some in the US itself. Al-Zarqawi was taken out by a US airstrike in 2006.²¹

Seemingly in response the US is putting forces in a position to react. Nine US ships including the aircraft carriers Nimitz and Stennis with 140 combat aircraft entered the Persian Gulf for maneuvers, - the largest show of force since the 2003 invasion of Iraq.²² According to Israel’s prestigious DEBKAfile, on his last trip to the region, Vice President Cheney issued

an ominous assurance to American allies in the region. Here are the words of the DEBKA report: “President George W. Bush has determined that if Iran refuses to waive a nuclear weapon capability, the US will attack its nuclear, military and economic infrastructure before he leaves the White House in Jan. 2009”.²³ According to DEBKA: Thus saith George! Newly minted French President Sarkozy and UK Conservative Party & opposition Leader David Cameron signaled their support of President Bush’s strident opposition to the notion of a nuclear Iran.^{24 25}

ALARMING!

The next major terror attack on the US could bring martial law! We’ve been warned. On May 9th, President Bush signed an executive order designating the Homeland Security chief to take control of all “National Essential Functions” in the case of “Catastrophic emergency”. That’s defined as any event “that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions”. In such a national emergency, (ie major terrorist attack), the President could activate the order, seemingly without involving Congress. In the case of such an event, the Department of Homeland Security could legally assume total control of the country, issuing orders to all levels of government; - federal, state and local, - as well as “private sector organizations”.²⁶ National Security researcher Jerome Corsi, characterized the order as one in which the President can determine such a national emergency has occurred, and then “declare to the office of the presidency powers usually assumed by dictators”.²⁷

LEBANON’S CHAOS

Over the years those terms have almost become synonymous. Now Lebanese government troops are engaged in full scale warfare with the forces of Fatah al-Islam housed in the Nahr al-Bared refugee camp outside of Tripoli. Other Palestinian have been reinforcing the camp, including elements of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and a breakaway group of the Fatah party. Both groups have their headquarters in Damascus. Both Syria and Iran are supporting the radical Islamists in the struggle.²⁸

SCIENTISTS DISPUTE GLOBAL WARMING

Students at Rhode Island’s Roger Williams University were forced view Al Gore’s movie, An Inconvenient Truth, portraying man-made global warming as undisputed scientific fact under penalty of foregoing graduation. Assistant Dean of Sciences, Jeffrey Hughes defended the forced showing, saying that “scientists no longer question whether the atmosphere is being warmed due to human activities”.²⁹ Well I guess the good Dean didn’t do his research. Increasingly, members of the science community that are actually involved in the research are throwing off former positions and coming to the exact opposite conclusion with regard to global warming. A recent article published by the US Senate Committee investigating Global Warming details the reasons over a dozen scientists give for their change of mind. Here’s a sampling.

- Dr Claude Allegre was in the vanguard of scientists promoting global warming 20 years ago. After further work in the field, he maintains that the cause of the warming is “unknown”. He characterizes promoters of the theory as “prophets of doom” driven by the search for research dollars.
- Geologist Bruno Wiskel of the University of Alberta changed his mind and recently authored a book titled: The Emperor’s New Climate: Debunking the Myth of Global Warming. He points out that the earth has been undergoing climate change for 18,000 years, - long before man could have played a part.
- Israel’s Dr Nir Shaviv points out that “Solar activity can explain a large part of the 20th-century global warming”.
- Dr David Evans of Australia explains simply that “When the facts change, I change my mind”.
- Climate researcher Tad Murphy had a “firm belief...until I started working on it myself”.
- Dr Jan Vizeer credits the “solar / cosmic ray connection” for changing his mind.³⁰

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