

GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XIV

Since the beginning of this series we have traced the false religions of mankind from their origin on the plains of Shinar through forms ancient and modern. It's now time to start winding this story to a close. In PART XIV we're going to consider how all of these disparate elements may come together.

COMING TOGETHER

Perhaps a good way to think about the coming End Times Religion of the False Prophet is to remember that it will be a synthesis of all the religions of the world. We have already seen how the Cult of Mary is beginning to serve that unifying role for Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, and even pagan believers in goddess / earth worship such as Wiccans, etc. The biggest obstacle to this unity is the Biblically based Faiths of Christianity and Judaism. But Satan's armies of the New Age are confronting the problem head on.

One example is the unrelenting assault on the divinity of Jesus being waged through such vehicles such as The Da Vinci Code, (movie, book & movement), and the hoax of finding Christ's bones, - perpetrated on the public in 2007 with the purpose of destroying the viability of Christianity by denying the Resurrection of Jesus. This latter attempt was quickly dismissed by a consensus of independent archaeologists, - but their attempts to undermine the Faith will not stop there.

That reported finding of Christ's remains buried with a woman they presented as his wife, was just an attempt to confirm the hypothesis of the Da Vinci Code and the philosophy behind it: That Jesus survived the Cross, went on to marry Mary Magdalene, subsequently fathered a child. In that contrived fiction, Christ's line is then traceable to the Merovingian kings of France and further to the royal houses of Britain, Russia and Europe. It might sound crazy to you, but the Da Vinci Code managed to convince millions in England that it was true.¹

Using the vehicle of fiction, author Dan Brown has launched an effective attack against Christianity and offered in its stead a creation myth rooted in feminist tinted paganism. Brown tells us that "...chivalric quests for the Holy Grail were in fact stories of forbidden quests to find the lost sacred feminine". The search for The Grail was just a code. The searchers were just trying to circumvent a Church which "...subjugated women, banished the Goddess, burned non-believers and [forbid] the pagan reverence for the sacred feminine".² What Dan Brown is espousing is nothing less than full blown Gnostic / Paganism of the Earth-Goddess variety. He is promoting a view of Jesus as merely human with a historical past, unsupported by the evidence. The symbol and center of this view is Mary Magdalene of Gospel fame, who, according to Dan and the modern-day neo-Gnostics, was the wife of that solely and very human Jesus. The quest of the Grail was to "kneel before the bones of Mary Magdalene".³

It is no idle coincidence that in some very liberal feminist areas of the church, there exists today a movement to raise Mary Magdalene to a status of equal theological significance with the Church's founding Apostles. This is not unrelated to other developments such as the fact that some outposts of even the Church of England have gone farther, adopting the practices and beliefs of Hindu mysticism. All of this has its origin in something called "higher criticism", a philosophy that developed in the 18th & 19th centuries in which man would sit in judgment of Scripture rather than be subject to it. Anything then becomes possible; - even for example, the acceptance of homosexuality against the clear dictates of Scripture. Outside the church we see Goddess worship flourishing and growing. There is a clear relationship here. Mr. Brown presents what he portrays as the 'real story'. Here's his version: The Church in a shameless play to concentrate and solidify its power suppressed the role of Mary Magdalene, the feminine nature of God expressed through the ages in Goddess Worship, and the fact that Jesus was merely human. In *declaring* Jesus "God", they scheme to inherit His authority as His earthly heirs. To Brown, it is the Gnostic Gospels that tell the real truth about Jesus, and the New Testament that is the lie.⁴ There are millions around the globe that are buying into this fanciful lie.

New Age writings have openly revealed that they have a plan to 'produce' a New Age Christ. They've even revealed many of the details of their plans to deceive the world into accepting a One World Government under this New Christ. On page 231 of his 1981 best seller, *The Armageddon Script*, Peter Lemesurier declares, "If the Messiah is to appear, then he must be produced." He then goes on to detail some of the actions that might be taken: Steps that would mimic the fulfillment of Scripture, thereby adding authenticity to artificial claims of Messiahship. He is to "appear on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives at the time of a great earthquake", - fulfilling Zechariah 14:4. This imposter is to "enter Jerusalem from the east", riding a donkey, - in a replay of Palm Sunday. Lemesurier talks of using smoke and special effects to serve as a "terrifying reminder of the Divine power and wrath". Now here's where it gets interesting. He is to appear wearing the original burial cloth, (shroud of Turin perhaps?), and produce original artifacts and very old bones, - supposedly those of Jesus.⁵

They know the ramifications. Producing the remains of Jesus would of course mean that the Resurrection was a lie. Jesus did not conquer death after all. The Bible is not without error. Christ would have neither paid the debt for sin with His death, nor vanquished death and Satan with His Resurrection. Fundamental Christianity would be discredited. The faith of many would be irrevocably shaken.

Of course the ultimate aim of all of this is to destroy the True Church, The Bride of Christ, - and substitute in its place a man-produced messiah-figure that will present himself as a (false) Jesus & Mohammed & Buddha & Krishna & the Mahdi, - all rolled into one. All ways will lead to God, they will tell you. It will bring in the One World Government and the One World Religion described in Revelation.

Remember The Mahdi

"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 5:43)

And all of this brings us back to Islam. Remember the Mahdi? He is the predicted Islamic Messiah, believed by the Shiites to be returning soon. You will recall that President Ahmadinejad of Iran is working for his return, - which he believes could happen as early as this year. Now one of the great missions of the Mahdi is to set up a One World Religion and Government, - after of course, - slaughtering all the Christians and Jews that will not go along.⁶ The interesting fact about this whole Madhi phenomena, is that when you compare the Islamic Messiah with the Biblical Antichrist: You get one and the same figure! This is the same conclusion that Walid Shoebat, a former Palestinian terrorist, - now converted to Biblical Christianity came to when he compared the Koran with the Bible.⁷

The fact of the matter is, Muslim eschatology, (End Times theology), - is a perfect mirror of Christian eschatology, - with the good guys and bad guys reversed. Both talk of a climactic struggle between good and evil. Both pose a world strongman that "will rule for seven years", directly corresponding with the reign of the Antichrist in Daniel and Revelation.⁸ Just as the returning Jesus is a direct descendant of Abraham, - so too is the Mahdi, only through the line of Ishmael rather than Isaac.⁹ Islamic scripture tells us the Mahdi, (aided by a Jesus [Issa], who denies his own divinity), - will set up Sharia law, beheading those that oppose Allah's regime. The Bible says the same about the Antichrist. Daniel 7:25 says he **"...shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws"**. And in Revelation 20:4, John tells how he **"saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast"**. Now, we've reviewed the evidence before, and concluded it likely that Madi and Antichrist will be the same historical figure. Speaking of his former days as a follower of Allah, Mr Shoebat put it thus: "My Mahdi was your Antichrist. Your Christ was my Antichrist".¹⁰

We must understand that Islam claims it is *'the final revelation of God'*. To the Muslim, Christianity has fallen into error, and the Koran is the correction. One error they set out to correct is the notion that God can have a son. Sura 4:171 says: *"Allah is one Allah: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son"*. Many other verses in the Koran support this notion.¹¹ As a result, Islam also rejects the Atonement of the Cross; - the idea that anyone can die for someone else. But the Koran does teach atonement, but by *your own* martyrdom. That is the only way to be sure of your salvation; - by giving

your life warring for Allah. (You can also take relatives with you. It's part of your reward.) [Such is the culture of death...excuse me, 'Religion of Peace'.] As a result Muslims sacrifice themselves willingly as a sacred duty.¹²

God's Victory

You see this is a great war between good and evil; - between God and Satan. It is interesting to look at the nations mentioned in Psalm 83: They are all Muslim countries! Look at Isaiah & Obadiah. All sons of Islam! Each and every nation that the Bible tells us God goes to war with, - and destroys, - is today a Muslim nation. Further, Allah began as the moon god of Arabia. It was the same as the worship of Baal or Bel in the Old Testament. The sign of this moon god, - and of Bel and Allah is the crescent moon. Judges 8:21 confirms this crescent moon as a sign of the gods of that region. It gets better. Philippians 2:10 tells us **“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth”**. In Isaiah 45:23 & 24 God says, **“To Me every knee shall bow..And all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him”**. Then just a couple of verses later, in Isaiah 46:1, explaining the humbling it says: **“Bel bows down; Nebo stoops”**.¹³ Such is the fate of the 'god's who resist the True God of the Bible!

A Yet Deeper Connection

So lets look at some of the names of Allah, given by Islam itself to this god of theirs. He is called; - The Most Proud, The Great Deceiver, The Afflicter, The One Who Causes Death, - and it is said of him, “Allah is the greatest of all plotters”. Sura 24:35 describes Allah as “the light of the earth and the heavens”. But the Bible itself tells us that **“Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light”**. (2Corinthians 11:14) And in Luke 10:18 Jesus said: **“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”**. The Koran compares Allah to a “floating star”. Revelation 8:10 tells how **“a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water”**.

And deeper still! Mohammed himself wrote: “I seek refuge from the Lord of the Dawn, from the evil he has created”.¹⁴ The Bible tells us it was Satan himself that brought evil into the world. Mohammed again: “I seek refuge from the King of the Multitudes and the demons”.¹⁵ So Islam presents Allah himself as the King of Demons and the Creator of Evil. That is not the role given to God in the Bible, - but the function of Satan himself! So don't be deceived. Allah is not just another name for God. Allah and the Great Jehovah of Scripture are not one and the same. In fact Allah is a god that spreads the great lie that Jesus our Savior is not **“come in the flesh”** and thereby **“is the spirit of antichrist, which you heard was coming”**. (1John 4:3) Remember that one of the names for Allah, is *The Great Deceiver*. There is coming a time when Satan / Allah, - The Great Deceiver will rule the world for a short time through his own man; the Mahdi / Antichrist. He will come to power through deception. 2Thessalonians 2:9-10 reads: **“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth”**.

DECEPTION

Deception comes in many forms. This last week it came most notably in a 3-day CNN Special hosted by Christiana Amanpour entitled God's Warriors. It examines the territory where religion & politics meet, as seen through the lenses of followers of the three great monotheistic religions: Islam, Judaism & Christianity. But it is hardly a balanced piece at all. Ms Amanpour seemed desperate to establish a moral equivalency between the experience and feelings of Israeli settlers, often just reacting to Palestinian attacks and the attacks of those Palestinian suicide bombers as they sowed death and destruction to men, women and children alike. Then using former President Carter as a shill for her position, she presented the case that it was the existence of Israeli settlements and (not surprisingly) the war on terror in Iraq that is responsible for...well...the existence of terrorists. And here is Ms Amanpour's verdict on the whole matter, taken from an exchange with Larry King: *KING: “God's in every war, right?” AMANPOUR: “Yes”*¹⁶

In a recent Larry King Live interview, Amanpour confused cause and effect, putting the cart squarely before the horse: “The war that exists in Israel and the occupied territories is a powerful recruiting tool for those disaffected in the Islamic world.” In the series, she then used the rather dysfunctional World Court to back her position, relying on a ruling that declared the Israeli settlements illegal under international law. Curious, that decision is, in that even as far back as 1917, the Balfour

Declaration envisioned a Jewish National Homeland promising Israel much more land than they even now possess. The fact is that over ¾ of the land allotted to Israel under that document was given over in 1922 to what would become today's Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the state created under British / UN auspices to serve as the home for Palestinian Arabs. Further it was the call of Arab political and religious leaders for Arabs to leave the Holy Land when the surrounding Arab nations attacked Israel in 1948 that led 700,000 "Palestinians" to leave the area, creating the refugees that the surrounding Middle Eastern states with the same ethnic / religious make-up have refused to absorb.^{17 18} As one writer summed it up: Palestinians comprise over 2/3 of the citizens of Jordan. "Jordan is Palestine".¹⁹

But, sick of the never ending struggle, even elements in today's Israel seem ready to promise anything for that elusive peace. And still other events conspire to create the conditions for the precise fulfillment of centuries' old Biblical prophecy. Here are but some of the latest developments.

- Palestinian and Israeli negotiators are discussing joint control of the Temple Mount as part of the plan for a Palestinian State. Negotiations envision the worship by both Arabs & Jews on the site.²⁰ So, by the way does a New Age plan for a combined Temple complex that would include Christianity. The Catholic Church has long had its bid in for Vatican control of Jerusalem as an international city. The Bible clearly indicates that there will be a Temple built for the Tribulation time at which the Antichrist will pose as God himself.
- The momentum continues for a general Middle East peace conference in November, whose most ambitious goal is to announce the formation of a Palestinian State. The entire international community is behind the move to give away more of Israel to the Palestinians. But judgment awaits. In Joel 3:2, God promises to **"gather all nations"** to **"enter into judgment...On account of My people, My heritage Israel,"** because **"They have also divided up My Land"**. God doesn't mess around with things that belong to Him!

YADAS

- The Bush Administration designated Iran's Revolutionary Guards to be a terrorist organization, allowing the US to target the Guards finances worldwide.²¹ Iran in turn warned of dire consequences for such a move and boasted that their medium range missiles, - capable of hitting Israel, - were now remote controlled and that they also possessed a large stockpile of antitank weapons able to pierce the armor of Israel's Merkava and US Abrams tanks.²² Meanwhile, the US continues to push likely sanctions against Iran's nuclear program, - ratcheting up the war fever.
- Strange how this story disappeared! In the days following the dirty nuke scare in New York, there was a seemingly innocuous fender bender across the river in New Jersey. When police investigated they found that the driver had fled and that the trunk contained a box emitting what a reporter from FOX News Channel 5 described as extremely high levels of radioactivity. Then a voice came over his studio earpiece (later enhanced for recognition), saying "Tell them NO Radioactivity". The reporter stumbled a bit and changed his story. And the story disappeared.²³
- The Syrian General in charge of Military Intelligence, recently told President Assad that there is "no chance" of a political settlement with Israel and that war is the only choice to bring back the Golan.²⁴ Meanwhile, Syria has been using the cover of night to bring up reinforcements.²⁵ Israel Army radio is now saying that Damascus has deployed a massive number of missiles capable of carrying chemical and bio-warheads and striking Tel Aviv.²⁶
- Catholic Bishop Tiny Muskens of Breda, Netherlands, is calling for churches to start calling God, - Allah.²⁷
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, - the 5-million member group that we reported just last week approved of Gay clergy, - has now signaled its approval of the establishment of a Palestinian State and called for financial investment in the Palestinian Authority. It then passed a resolution reconsidering its investments in Israel.²⁸
- Two Major Earthquakes: A massive 7.9 temblor in Peru killed hundreds on August 16th.²⁹ That same day, a 6.7 magnitude event struck the Solomon Islands, reported the US Geological Survey.³⁰

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