

**GIMME DAT END TIMES RELIGION – PART XXI**

*We've covered a lot of territory in this series so far, but there's still a bit left to go. In these final installments we'll begin to pull together all that we've examined; - in the process drawing a picture of just what the religion of Antichrist might look like and how it will impact the playing out of the prophetic events of the last days.*

**PULLING THINGS TOGETHER**

**“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” (Col. 1:19-20)**

If the East is the seat of Islam & Hinduism and the vestiges of open, overt paganism, Western culture grew up to a large degree inculcated by the culture of Christianity. Though struggling to get it right, the Christian nations of Europe and their former colonies continued on a path of failure and revival, stumbling to perfect society and apply the lessons of Christ and the Bible. Let's begin by taking a look at that beast that now confronts the admittedly imperfect though Christian-based culture that grew up over the centuries. That culture has been infiltrated, eroded and reordered over time. Eastern and even Satanic values have crept into the social mainstream. Greed, pride, lust, envy and even anger have been spoon-fed into the culture by a media that seeks only the advancement of commerce at the expense of just about anything. These are the acknowledged values of Anton LeVay's Satanic Bible and the Church of Satan; - and yet today they are becoming mainstreamed.<sup>1</sup> This is true in education, sexual orientation, - and our view of the sacredness of life itself. Man and his reason have been lifted up. Because of this re-ordering the Church has been compromised. Beliefs have changed. Because there are no longer any absolutes many of the very fundamentals of the Faith are being denied. That is the West's attack against itself.

In addition our culture faces a frontal assault from the terror forces of Islam. Israel, America and the rest of the West has been put on notice by a religion that is based on hate, power and conquest. And Islam's assault is joined on the flanks by a New Age / Neo-Pagan revival that is destroying the will of the West to even fight for its own cultural survival. The Church is increasingly abandoning Biblical standards and abdicating its authority. The culture follows suit. (*The politician intones, 'I'm personally opposed to abortion, but the government should not have the right...yada, yada, etc.'*) New Age values are occupying the territory that the Church abandons. This is a system that glorifies man. By its very nature it is preparing our society to accept the coming Antichrist.

Understand just how the New Age has gained its popularity. Over the course of the last several centuries, fueled by Man's growing confidence in his own powers, a form of pure rationalism took hold, ushering in the Modern Era. Science ran supreme and Reason replaced God in the Pantheon of Deity. But pure rationalism was exposed with the failure of Marxism and the Fascism and the fall of the Berlin Wall. In the eyes of self-worshipping intellectuals; - first God was dead, - and then reluctantly their Temples of Reason too took a fall. But as Malcom Muggeridge said, “If God is dead, somebody is going to take His place.” Like Ravi Zacharias points out, the New Age, - an ancient religion dating all the way back to the Babylon of Nimrod, - took over when rationalism was found wanting. When “cerebral religion failed” the mystical filled the void.<sup>2</sup> And it is the very mystical and non-dogmatic nature of New Age belief's that allow adherents to have their spirituality while abdicating personal responsibility. It is a personal morality code requiring no accountability. It fills the requirements of 2Timothy 3:5, **“having a form of godliness, but denying its power”**.

Now this only loosely-related New Age worldview is under girded by mysticism and monism; - the belief that all is one. God is in everything. And therefore; God is everyone and everything. It is related thereby to pantheism, the idea that God, being manifest in everything, - is without personhood and therefore expressed most noticeably in nature; - the worship of **“the creature rather than the Creator”**. (Rom 1:25) The New Age finds its expression in 3 underlying values; - (1) The Consciousness Movement – (Expanding the human mind), - (2) The Holistic Movement – (Ex: Animal rights, radical environmentalism), - (3) The Human Potential Movement – (God as energy, giving birth to healing ‘technologies’ such as Reiki etc.) Each of these ideas finds its origin in paganism & witchcraft & the ancient mystery religions & the mysticism

found in the secret societies such as the Masons et al.<sup>3</sup> This is the religious / philosophy that has so enfeebled the ability of the formerly Christian countries to react to the Satanic attacks designed to open the door to the Antichrist. It is the force that works for the restoration of the Ancient Mysteries, - the pagan worship of Babylon, - the future religion of Antichrist.

### The Lay Of The Land

So let us review the picture we have so far drawn of this emerging End Times Religion. Remember what Jesus told us in Matthew 17:25. **“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man”**. By studying the days of Noah we saw that it was a time of unsurpassed evil on the earth. Yet a time of **“great tribulation”** is coming **“such as has not been since the beginning of the world”**. (Matthew 24:21) That’s what the Bible says of the days to come. The New Age / Occult types tell us that we are to expect a restoration of the mysteries; - the revival of Babylonian cultism. Scripture confirms it naming that religious system **“Mystery Babylon The Great”**. (Revelation 17:5) Genesis tells us of those **“days of Noah”**. You’ll recall that there was in those days an infiltration of the human race by the **“sons of God”** Genesis 6:1, as well as their hybrid demon-human offspring. We’ve seen how they seemed to have passed themselves off in all cultures of the world as gods and demi-gods to be worshipped by the local populations. Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and other cultures were replete with these same legends of gods and interbreeding. These same cultures were filled with stories of visitors from the stars displaying the same reported characteristics as today’s ‘space aliens’. We have seen that the purported alien’s and the pagan gods and the hybrid-offspring of Genesis 6, - called Nephilim, - were all likely the same!

It may sound crazy, but the UN itself is taking the idea of space aliens very seriously indeed. Proposals have been put forth to have the General Assembly debate “establishing diplomatic relations with advanced Extraterrestrial Civilizations that may now be visiting Earth”. This is not new for the United Nations, which first took official recognition of the UFO / ET situation back in 1978, at that time calling on countries to coordinate “research” and “investigation” into the matter. Now things seem to be going a step farther.<sup>4</sup> Recently France, Brazil and Great Britain have released previously classified UFO files. In 2005, former Canadian Defense Minister Paul Hellyer asked for Parliamentary hearings on the subject, warning that “The United States military are preparing weapons which could be used against the aliens”. Speaking of the impending UN debate, one NGO spokesman is predicting the “certain” imminent “official disclosure of an advanced Extraterrestrial presence”.<sup>5</sup> It should be noted here that in The Armageddon Script, the Illuminati classic on the preparations in place to create and install the New World Order under the New Age Christ, Peter Lemesurier reveals the detailed steps to achieving that goal. Along with some very specific wars, a stock market crash and earthquakes, comes a reference to an ET invasion that will shake the faith of the world, leading people to accept the New Age Christ.<sup>6</sup>

Then we saw that many New Ager’s believe in the coming of an Alien Messiah from outer space. We noted how these aliens teach a form of religion that is almost identical to the tenets of New Age thought. So a clear line can be drawn from the religion of Nimrod’s Babylon, to Egypt & Rome & the New Age & what we could call Modern Alienism..

Then Christ came and established His Church, offering an alternative until not a few centuries after its founding, the Church began adapting the customs and rituals of ancient paganism in an effort to make the Church more user-friendly. Purgatory and Holy Water and prayers to saints and for the dead and the ‘Cult of Mary’ were all sops to the pagan practices of the past.

Over time we observed that, - as the Catholic Encyclopedia dubbed it, - the “cultus of Mary” was the attraction that could draw not only Catholics but some Protestants and Muslims and Hindus by the hundreds of thousands to the Ecumenical cause of the Vatican; - their drive to unite all religions under the See of Rome. Pope John Paul revealed that Mary had given him a ‘personal vision’ that she would soon reveal herself in a worldwide vision that would make the Pontiff the supreme religious ruler of the world. That vision may be part of what the New Age believes is a coming great shift in consciousness that will be a spiritual leap forward for mankind. They too foresee a coming One World Religion. Muslims also believe that there will be one religion under the Madhi. Scriptures too tell us that such a religion is forming: But it will be under the auspices of the Antichrist.

We learned also that the Vatican is working toward building a Temple in a Jerusalem under international control but under the protection of the Vatican itself. We know from Scripture that such a Temple will be a product of the Antichrist. And do you remember the Sanhedrin? That was the ancient Jewish ruling religious court that governed Israel during the time of the Roman occupation. In that ancient form, it was the body that managed a sentence of death against Jesus Himself. You may

recall that it was reconstituted in some form back in October of 2004. Its purpose was to oversee the rebuilding of the Temple, and the reestablishment of the sacrificial system.

Now, this new Sanhedrin has engaged in an effort to reach out to the world, - especially the Islamic world, - to warn all of impending catastrophe. In May of 2007, they drafted a "Letter of Peace and Love", to be sent to every government in the world, including President Ahmadinejad of Iran and even the leaders of all the Arab states; - the "sons of Esau and Ishmael" who do not recognize Israel. The missive argued that the only way to peace is to rebuild the Temple and install the Jewish system of sacrifice according to the Mosaic Law. The letter stressed however, that they seek a Jewish Temple, not a "church for all nations". It ends with a call for an international conference to discuss the building of that Temple.<sup>7</sup>

It's interesting to note that the Illuminati have planned just such a conference too; - to discuss however the unification of all religions. The folks that would bring us the New World Order also have plans to establish a Temple in Jerusalem, - but with wings to accommodate the three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. According to that plan, the Pope will sit as head of an eventual united world religion.<sup>8</sup> Islam also has religious and political plans for Jerusalem. They look for the Mahdi and the Muslim version of Jesus (Issa) who denies that he is the Son of God, - to head the world government and religion from there, - for coincidentally a 7-year period, - the length of the Antichrists career, according to Scripture.

Finally we looked at the Islamic connection to the paganism that underlies the mystery religions of ancient Babylon. We were able to tie Islam to Moon worship and Allah to devil worship through the ancient moon god Alilah. We were able to connect the ancient god Baal with which Israel contended for so many centuries, as recorded in the Old Testament. And so that's our jumping off point. Next, we'll begin to put the finish on our story of the End Time's Religion.

### **IN CASE YOU'RE BEING FOOLED...**

It didn't take long after his American trip for Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to reveal to the observant the real Iranian agenda. Following on the heels of a rather successful public relations visit to the UN and New York City's Columbia University, Ahmadinejad spoke before a mass rally, declaring that Israel's continued existence was an "insult to human dignity" and calling upon the West to provide part of Europe or Alaska as for a Jewish homeland. The crowds approved, chanting "Death to America" & "Death to Israel".<sup>9</sup> And it's interesting seeing just who is being fooled and who isn't. Over a hundred Iranian students scuffled with police in Tehran after yelling "death to the dictator".<sup>10</sup> Yet seemingly blinded by his rhetoric, and ignoring his calls for the destruction of Israel and his support of terrorists, - those ambassadors for one world religion, - America's National Council of Churches, "heaped glowing praise" on Ahmadinejad. Calling him "pious" and "witty" they encouraged President Bush to meet with the Iranian President.<sup>11</sup>

His American performance to the contrary, Ahmadinejad's remarks have been right in line with the long-standing policy of the Iranian government with regard to terrorism and the West. It is Iran that is supplying the armor producing weapons that have taken a toll on American lives in recent months.<sup>12</sup> Those explosives called EFPs, along with missiles and other more conventional weapons have been interdicted coming across the Iranian border into Iraq. In addition the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's cooperating with Hezbollah have provided training for Iraqi insurgents in the use of small arms, missiles and explosives. Iranian involvement has been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Americans. It was the Iranians behind the bombings of the Khobar Towers and Beirut Marine barracks that killed hundreds. They were directly connected terror attacks in Buenos Aires in '92 & '94 that targeted Israeli's there and a Jewish community center that left 85 dead. And now they are unabashedly pursuing nuclear weapons as they use their surrogates such as Hezbollah and the Shiite militia's in the West to conduct proxy wars with Israel and the US.<sup>13</sup> America's commander in Iraq, General Petraeus recently revealed that the US has evidence that Tehran's ambassador to Iraq is a member of the Revolutionary Guards elite Quds Force. The US arrested 6 Revolutionary Guards posing as diplomats earlier this year.<sup>14</sup> That's the real Iran!

### **MORE ON THE ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE**

Details continue to filter out about the September 6<sup>th</sup> Israeli sortie into Syria that has left both the Syrians and Iranians concerned that their very new & expensive & highly-touted Russian air defense systems may not be able to stop Israeli and American planes from striking deep into their territory. That fact, of course puts in jeopardy the Iranian nuclear sites should

Washington or Jerusalem decide to take them out.<sup>15</sup> What's really interesting however is the nature of the likely target. In early summer, Israeli intelligence had put North Korean personnel and nuclear materials at the site of a Syrian military base. The Israeli's wanted to take out the danger immediately, but President Bush sought more evidence before supporting such an undertaking. The IDF sent commandos in, who obtained soil samples that confirmed that the material was both nuclear and North Korean in origin. It was then that the Israeli F15s were sent in. Chinese and Korean sources report that several North Koreans lost their lives in the attack. All of this of course presents complications on any nuclear disarmament agreement in the works with North Korea. Former UN Ambassador Bolton, believes that North Korean plutonium was on its way to Iran for their nuclear program. Back in July, Iranian engineers and Syrian troops were killed while trying to mount a chemical warhead on a Syrian missile.<sup>16 17</sup>

## **THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM**

Just as the Bible said, Jerusalem and the land God gave to Israel will be the center of the world controversy in the period leading up to Christ's return. Zechariah 12:3 reads: **“And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”** It is already becoming the focal point of the world-wide struggle between good & evil; - between God & man. Under pressure from the US and the Quartet, Israel is preparing to share Jerusalem with the Palestinians. Palestinian President Abbas says that Jerusalem as the capital of a newly created state is the key to any future peace deal.<sup>18</sup> The Israeli government seems increasingly ready to cooperate, with Deputy PM Ramon recently calling for dividing Jerusalem and ceding control of the holy sites.<sup>19</sup> Meanwhile, the threats to Israel continue. Syria's official Al-Baath newspaper called for the liberation of the Golan heights without regard to “the means or the methods”, saying Syria “won't hesitate to start a war” to achieve their goal.<sup>20 21</sup> Hezbollah chief Nazrallah called for Arabs to invade Israel to end the ‘occupation of Palestine’.<sup>22</sup>

## **SHADES OF ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT**

A Canadian global banking firm is advising clients about the changing future of currency trading. Bank Introductions envisions a world dominated not by the dollar, but by competing regional currencies like the Euro. They predict that the Canadian & American dollars, along with the Mexican peso could give way to a North American currency called the Amero within 10 years. This would mark a completion of the NAFTA cycle, signaling total economic integration.<sup>23</sup>

## **THANKS FOR 3**

This issue marks the start of the fourth year of this newsletter. It's been an interesting ride for me. Made lots of new friends & lost a few. The idea for the newsletter came from Pastors Fred Naedele and Randy Smith, on the heels of a series of End Times lectures I gave at My Father's House at their behest. I thank them for that assignment. It has awakened and strengthened in me a passion for learning and sharing God's Prophetic Word. I cannot thank them enough. They trusted me in my ignorance, - and I learned much. Special thanks to Debbie Minotti of Ebenezer Emergency Fund for insisting that I use footnotes in my online editions. [Yeah, it was a whole lot more work – but worth it.] Then there are my anonymous correspondents, - providing me with news and sources from their own searches. Thanks to: Eliane, Ann, Joe, Peter, Shawn, Gregg & others. Then there are those pastors that reach out from time to time to encourage or question what I write. A special thanks to Pastor Lynn Zankl in this regard. I am honored too to count Pastors Frank Lowinger, Mark Hill, Paul Phillips & Bishop William Dockery among my sometime correspondents. Now everyone does not always agree with everything I write. So I acknowledge those from the cyber-world that have written to take issue with certain positions that I've taken. Love the feedback. Finally, - I must celebrate you my readers, from my home church or around the country. Thanks for paying attention; - thanks for the encouragement; - thanks for the questions; - and thanks for taking God's Word seriously. You've held my feet to the fire and like the Bereans you've **“received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures to see if what...[was] said was true”**. (Acts 17:11) Thanks again! And may God bless!

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