

Our Greatest Enemy

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“We have met the enemy, and he is us!” -Pogo

Bereshith 12:1 Now YHWH said unto Avram: 'Get thee out¹ of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee.”

This article will be perhaps the most controversial and challenging teachings I have written. I can no longer stay silent to the chaos and divisions within the “Two-House” Movement. Having been a part of this “Movement” for approximately 10 years, I have come to realize that it is doomed to failure unless we are willing to change, both as individuals and as a community as a whole.

The greatest enemy we have is our own minds. This may be a hard pill for many within the “Movement” to swallow, but unless we change our mind-set that has produced modern Christianity and all its divisions over “doctrine”, congregations will continue to be “Christians” wearing *kippot* and *tallitot*. They may look like “Yisrael” but inside they are still in bondage to Babylon. If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it must be a duck. However, rather than just point out the problems, I am suggesting solutions to steer this *Titanic* back on course and avoid sinking into the ocean of failed “Movements” and not fulfilling our purpose for being called Yisrael.

Yisrael is a state of mind and a state of spirituality. Yisrael is a “code word” that symbolizes a higher plane of spiritual existence and consciousness. Avram (later to be called Avraham) was told to migrate to this place of spirituality. In order for YHWH to reveal Himself in a greater manner, Avram had to leave his country, his place of birth, and his father’s house, which are all metaphors for his lower state of spirituality. Each of us, as Yisrael, has that same mission as Avram. This account of Avram tells us to let go of our Ego and way of thinking if we are to have eternal fulfillment of our purpose. One cannot understand the universal spiritual/"mystical" message of Avraham without understanding him within his context, times and culture.

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הלך hâlak **BDB Definition:** 1) to go, walk, come 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to go, walk, come, depart, proceed, move, go away 1a2) to die, live, manner of life (figuratively) 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to walk 1b2) to walk (figuratively) 1c) (Hithpael) 1c1) to traverse 1c2) to walk about 1d) (Niphal) to lead, bring, lead away, carry, cause to walk **Part of Speech:** verb

First and foremost we must recover the truth that we are not part of a Western religion called “Christianity”. A Western mentality has replaced the Middle Eastern revelation of the Creator. The Scriptures are a Hebrew book and written by a people who thought Hebraically, embraced the world-view of the Hebrews, and understood the true reality as Hebrews. One of the most predominate errors teacher make is the misunderstanding of the symbols from the *TaNak* that are repeated in the *Brit Chadasha*. Hebrew symbols cannot be used in such a way to contradict and undermine their original Jewish significance. When Biblical archetypal symbols are detached from their Hebraic roots, the fruit that comes this type of teaching poisons the minds and cripples the student’s ability to think as an Yisraelite. This fact alone can broaden the scope of the present “Movement’s” understanding of YHWH and the Scriptures and their understanding of such difficult books as Revelation and the teachings of Shaul of Tarsus.

The Western mentality focuses upon the external and is anchored in literal time, space, and objectivity. They want to know whether the events in the Scriptures really happened and tend to interpret all Scripture literally. The Western mind has always had trouble embracing the truths found in Hebraic legend, tradition, myth, intuition, and poetry. They have left this for the “irrelevant Jewish mystics”, visionaries, and dreamers to study. This viewpoint limits the perception of reality that determines the boundaries of truth. The Western mentality demands a “yes or no” answer and everything is either black or white. They demand a “religious answer” that is part of a dying mainline approach gleaned from the teachings of “Christianity” because this speaks to their limited comfort zone of previous Scriptural understanding. The answer to these questions for the Hebrew is that a “yes” answer is nonsense that requires surrendering the intellect and free thinking, while a “no” answer removes the account from the realm of the spirit, and mystery.

There is little hope and future in the Western literal understanding and answers. It is injecting a slow poison into the blood system of the Body of Messiah that will result in its death. Leaders and “rabbis” continue to spoon feed their students knowledge that come from the stained-glass halls of “Christianity” and former teachings based on hidden hostility towards anything that is rooted in “Jewish” tradition, legend, and mysticism. Their teaching has just enough Hebrew and knowledge of Judaism to make it sound authoritative and “Hebraic”. The reality is that they are placing non-kosher preconceived interpretations filtered through the glasses of Rome upon a Jewish book. They reject anything from “Jewish sages” and are under the illusion that they have enough education, wisdom, and knowledge of Hebrew to make up their own calendars, *halakah*, and rightly divide the Word of YHWH. They label anyone who uses “Kabbalah” as evil² because they simply do not

² The word occult for many years has carried with it a stigma of ominous dealings and dark forces, but in reality the word occult simply means “hidden,” or “secret.” It has also come to mean “knowledge of the paranormal,” and “a knowledge of hidden things.”

understand it or study it and are unfamiliar with the “*sod* or hidden” teachings of the Torah text. Many have become idolaters because they have given the teachings of the past higher authority than they deserve or merit. Their allegiance is to Rome rather than Yisrael. The more emancipated from the past we become, the more we realize how many masters we are really serving. This is the foundation of idolatry-exile from our Higher Self and from spiritual freedom. Emancipation from psychological idolatry therefore entails an emancipation of the mind.

In order for the “Two-House Movement” to survive, leaders and whole congregations must be willing to surrender and abandon the established religious security of their “Christian” past, and this will be far more radical than most teachers have ever considered. It will require a whole new perspective for teachers and students. However, what I am proposing offers something so much better than the security and comfort of the past. I am asking you to embark upon the wonderful insecurity of a journey as our father Avraham did, without boundaries and goals. We have to be willing to break out from our self-interest and Ego and migrate to the Land of Emancipation from our illusionary land of comfort. Truth can only be found outside the box in which we live emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

I am asking congregations to seek the truth with honesty and humanity apart from the dogmatic chains of the past and interpretations of yesterday. If you are willing to do participate in this challenge, then I know that you will rediscover the true Reality of YHWH and find him as the powerful life-giving Elohim found in Yahshua min Nazareth. We must approach the Messiah from within the rich and beautiful traditions of the Hebrew world from which the He came.

I understand that many will be in disagreement with this teaching; that is a given. Perhaps you find yourself being offended by what has been written. However, until we are willing to admit that the past teachings, interpretations, observances, and Western mentality are void of any use to us in our new journey, we as a “Movement” are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the “church”. We will continue to go down the road that has been traveled by many other so-called “Messianic” organizations and “Movements”. We have to ask ourselves from where did such a distorted view of reality arise and where did we go wrong? Hopefully, this short teaching will serve as a blueprint for change for the individual and UONYC as a whole. This is our destiny and calling as Yisrael.

Because many dark magic practices were often carried out in secret, the term later came to define this type of activity, however, these practices were and are practiced in secret due to the [misconceptions](#) many had about what the occult was and is.