

Good Morning!-? Well, Maybe.

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In order to understand a thing, one must know its history. This concept is vital to understanding the present forms of religion and especially mysticism. There are so many ideas and practices that have crept in the “backdoor” of religion and have found their way into the hearts and lives of many religious individuals.

Little do the religious know that many of their cherished beliefs and practices originated from less than sacred foreign sources. Little do they know that, in many cases, they have taken gibberish and nonsense and elevated them to the level of the holy and sacred. Needless to say, for one to tell the truth about these things, makes one a target for accusations of sacrilege!

Nevertheless, the truth must be told! Much of what has become embraced as legitimate holy mysticism is nothing more than foreign superstitions cloaked in false wrappers!

So few really care about the truth. So few seek it and even fewer are willing to embrace it. After all, embracing what everybody else embraces makes one part of the crowd. One can be accepted, maybe even popular, all one has to do is to embrace the age-old deceptions and mistakes that have been passed down unchallenged for far too long a time.

But who wants to stand out from the crowd? Who wants to be different? What's worse, who wants to be the voice that tells the public that they are wrong! Such moves are unpopular and uncomfortable. In our modern day where comfort is king, truth thus takes a back seat.

Build upon weak foundations and eventually what you build will crumble and fall around you. We see this already happening in religious communities around the world. One cannot reinforce hypocrisy with more and more walls of division and separation. Eventually those walls will be breached. This is already happening.

The response is typically stupid. Those afraid build more walls, reinforcing the problem and the crises instead of contributing to its solution. Yet, as is known, “stupid is, as stupid be.” Stupidity is not an accusation one can make against another. Rather, it is an observation that can be seen by all. Many will deny it, just as they deny all other truths. But a funny thing about the truth is that no matter how hard one tries to deny it or hide it, it always comes back and shines its blinding light.

I cannot be a public voice for reason and truth to those who close their ears to hearing. I can show nothing to those who close their eyes. Frankly, those who wish to isolate themselves from truth and change are not worth the outreach effort. I believe in Heaven and I believe that God will take care of His own business. Although I endeavor to be His servant to do what I can to shine His Light, nevertheless, I am not in charge here.

The task of reaching the unreachable is not mine. God will pursue His agenda and He will accomplish it using the many tools at His Divine disposal. I am not strong enough to open blind eyes and to make the deaf hear, but God can! And He will!

Knowing that everything is in such Good Hands, I can sit back and relax. I can focus on what I need to focus on, and let the rest of the world be taken care of by Hands much higher than mine. My job is simple, every morning I awaken and ask Heaven, how may I be of service today, what can I do to shine Light today? I do not know how the day will unfold. I only focus on doing what's right and to avoid doing what's wrong. My daily prayer is that I can recognize between the two. When in doubt, at least I endeavor to do no harm.

Telling the truth can be a lonely experience. Knowing the truth can even be lonelier. Imagine climbing the highest mountain and seeing the most breathtaking view and then realizing that there is no one there with you with whom you can share your amazement. Knowing truth is just like this! Its breathtaking, yet at the same time, it is isolating. It takes a certain kind of person willing to break from the crowd and to climb.

Much of what we embrace today as true and sacred simply is not. The facts and the history speak for themselves and are there for all to see, to all willing to see. The reason why I am not here speaking about any one thing in particular is because there are just too many things to chose from. Besides, I do not want to be the messenger. That is your job! Go find these things out for yourselves!

When you hear something in the name of religion or mysticism which sounds strange, weird and bizarre, do yourselves a favor, do not be so quick to jump on the popular bandwagon of acceptance. Rather, be a little bit skeptical. Ask questions, make inquiries, seek out truth. Learn to recognize reality and to separate it from superstitious nonsense.

All my life I have been a practitioner of mysticism. I can tell you that it is real. Yet, what passes as mysticism today and what it really is are as different as night is from day. So many believe things that are just not true. So many do care and don't want to make the unpopular efforts to explore so as to discover what might be unpopular truths. So, lies continues, darkness prevails and evil wins, even in the very heart of the religious communities.

Well, as Solomon said, "there is nothing new under the sun." Not to worry! God has an excellent track-record of taking care of the blind and deaf. Sometimes even He cannot make them see and hear, but He never fails at removing them, when their continued presence serves as a serious impediment to the implementation of the Divine plan.

Only time will tell how God chooses to act. I cannot predict this or control it. I cannot be so arrogant to proclaim that "God is on my side." I only pray that I am on His. So, today I again ask, how may I shine the Divine Light? How can I obey the Divine Will? You are now reading the answers to these, my questions, that I asked not too long ago.

I have now shared with you my answers. Now, what are yours? Mind you! Your answers depend a whole lot on the questions you ask! Ask properly in order to be answered accordingly.

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