

Living Torah, Finding YHWH, the Original Way

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Let the truth be told. Some people are into spiritual exploration and improvement, and many others simply are not. Usually these two groups of diametrically opposed interests will seldom meet or cross paths. However, when religion gets involved, then these two groups not only meet, they most often clash.

There are those who seek religion for spiritual gains, and then there are those who embrace religion for all kinds of cultural, ethnic and identification purposes. The spiritual group uses religion to seek God. The ethnic group uses God to structure religion.

Ethic religion is driven not by God, but rather by some perverted proclamation of orthodoxy, with all the coercions, repressions and divisions that such Godless orientations always involve. This truth is simple: some people seek God and use religion to find IT, and others seek religion and use it to create control and, for the most part, leave God out of it. Two very mutually exclusive groups, often overlapping in confrontation within the self proclaimed sacred halls of religion.

Most students of the Bible, even those completely versed in Hebrew, do not know that there is no Biblical word for “religion.” Indeed, while Torah was paramount and bonding with YHWH and performing Its service was the foundation of all, none of these things were ever defined as being religious or used to form any kind of religion.

When Torah transformed into Judaism, we had the birth of religion. Yet, Torah has been with us from the very beginning. There was Torah before Abraham, before Moses and before Mt Sinai. Granted, in those early days, Torah was in its most rudimentary, natural form. Nevertheless, Torah was still known and embraced in ancient days, as the Biblical narrative suggests. Then Torah was simply called “walking with YHWH.” It is this fundamental, rudimentary aspect of Torah that the spiritually minded seek, and the ethnically minded ignore.

Judaism developed as a religion the more the Israelite identity grew about being a member of the nation, instead of primarily being a servant and agent of YHWH. These two, by no means, are in any way mutually exclusive. The spiritually minded know this well. Whereas the ethnically minded place their national identities first and foremost over their allegiances to YHWH and Its Torah. Now the ethically minded will, of course, deny all this. Yet their denials ring hollow in light of their divisive orientations to any others who fail to embrace their religious views and who fail to submit to their religious authority.

Torah is natural, alive and living, and it transcends all religions, even Judaism. Torah is found everywhere and in everything. Seeing and learning Torah in all was the first way that

Torah was “studied.” Then, along came the ethnically oriented, who replaced the ancient way with their own version of study, that is academic and intellectual, as opposed to being natural and intuitive. Two ways of religion; two ways of viewing Torah; one embraced its essence, whereas the others only embrace its form. Where YHWH fits into all of this should be obvious, at least it is so to the spiritually minded.

As for the ethnically minded, everything for them is clouded and confusing. They do not have clarity in anything. This is especially true of their understandings of Torah, and even more true about their understandings of YHWH. While the ethnically minded might talk a lot about YHWH and tell their followers all about YHWH, none of them actually know YHWH or have any personal experience to back up or verify anything that they say. The ethnically minded do a lot of talking, but they have no action to back it up.

Spiritually minded people, like their Biblical counterparts of long ago, seek out YHWH and seek out how to best walk the path of Its Torah. This is their lives and the length of their days. This may or may not bring those who seek Living Torah into the camps of the religious. The problem is that many inside those religious camps have a very difficult time finding either YHWH or its Living Torah within the midst of their religions. Clouds and confusion cover over almost everything, making even the most simple and clear to be difficult and hard. Needless to say, this is not the way of Living Torah and certainly not the way of YHWH.

Therefore, spiritually minded people, if they are bold enough to stand up against the threats of the religious and to ignore their constant attacks, venture out on their own and seek YHWH in the ancient ways. Sometimes they are misguided by the ethnically religious themselves, who condemning the independence of the spiritually minded, seek to sabotage their search and to corrupt their way. In this way, the spiritually minded are often misled. Then the religious can point to their failures and condemn both them and their path, using their examples to put fear into all those who would dare venture outside the orthodox camps of the religious. This is religious coercion in practice and deed. Those who do these things know neither Torah or YHWH. Although they dress up and play religious orthodox, they are no more than “wolves in sheep's clothing,” who seek out any prey, and then pounce without mercy or regard.

Those who seek YHWH and Its Torah should be made aware of these things and not seek YHWH within the confines of those who know It not, even if they proclaim Its Name. Biblical style bonding with YHWH was not called religion then, and therefore, following in this ancient way, walking in Living Torah should not be called being religious today. Essentially, walking in Living Torah, bonding with and serving YHWH is often mutually exclusive to the wants and demands of the academically led ethnically religious. Thus, the spiritually minded follow their path and the ethnically minded follow theirs. The two are mutually exclusive and that is just the way things are, and have been for a very, very long time.

I have nothing to say to the ethnically minded religious (in their own eyes). They have their beliefs and such beliefs have separated them from Torah and YHWH. They will condemn me (us) and threaten me (us) for saying this, but their words are just that, mere talk, without power, without authority, and certainly without legitimacy. So be it.

As for my spiritually minded brothers and sisters, I bring you all this message. We are all one! We are beings created in the Divine Image and thus we share a heritage and an inheritance. Ours is the Living Torah and it is to be found in everything that YHWH has made, in every place and at every time. We can read Torah from books AND we can see and thus learn Torah from life, living and especially from nature itself.

YHWH is concealed within all that It has made. Seek YHWH out where YHWH is to be found. Do this, my spiritually minded brothers and sisters, and YHWH will be found. YHWH is waiting and Living Torah is all around us, ready to be embraced, everywhere, in everything, at any time. Look for it, look at it. Open your spiritual eyes and you will see it. Once you see the first step, keep looking. Each new step will become apparent once the previous step has been made.

Keep your eyes focused on YHWH and turn aside from the fear that the religious try to instill in all who will listen. Knowingly or not, they try (and succeed) in keeping many away from finding YHWH. Do not be taken in by their lack of vision, however intellectually convincing it may sound.

Focus of YWH, walk the way of Living Torah. Read the simple and clear examples of those who walked before us. Do not intellectualize and confuse that which is simple. Stay simple, stay clear, and above all, stay strong. YHWH is here, now! It is just that you do not yet see this. Live Torah and you will see. No more words, now, go do!