

The Message of Mysticism – Revealed!

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Mysticism is about learning to see the Hand of God in living action. Mystics devote their lives to disciplines and practices that are focused on expanding consciousness, enabling the mystic to see the invisible and to know the future. Yet, once armed with this knowledge, the mystic inherits an awesome responsibility. Yet, just what this responsibility is today, for the most part, is lost, forgotten, and unknown. Authentic mysticism itself has been replaced with religious doctrine, dogma and philosophy. It is no wonder then that the message of mysticism remains a mystery even to those who seek it. How can one find a thing if one does not know where to look for it, and would not even recognize it, if and when they spot it?

Why don't people ever learn? Why is it that most people seem incapable of seeing the Hand of God in action? I believe the answer is all too clear. Most religious people no longer want to listen to God. Instead they are busy telling God His business. Religious people are far too busy telling God what His Truth is and what the Divine agenda should be.

Rather than listen to God and learn from His active involvement with us in history, all types of religious folks are far too chained to this or that humanly ordained religious dogma. This dogma, they accept and embrace as the all inclusive absolute truth of everything and no one, not even God Himself can contradict this or change it.

Essentially the dogma of religion has taken the place of the truth of religion. God has been delegated to the proverbial back-seat. God is over and over again being told that the religious are sick and tired of waiting around for God to act. Therefore, believing themselves to know God's Will so well, these religious zealots act for God and do their version of God's Will, whether or not God wills it or wants it.

No one anymore ever stops to pray to ask God just what His Will is, and then wait for an honest answer. Convinced as they are by their dogma, the religious know in advance the Will of God, better than God Himself. And who better than the self-proclaimed "pure of faith" to implement the "true faith" and bring about its ultimate fulfillment.

When all the competing dogmatists collide, then we have the war of the absolutes. Its "dog eat dog" and "every man for himself." For every group, so convinced as they are that God is with them and acting for them (and only for them), they therefore act with reckless regard to impose their dogma on all others. Those who resist or refuse are, in their eyes, resisting God Himself. And such a slight can never be overlooked or forgiven.

Those who reject the self-embraced truth of the dogmatist can never be embraced. Instead, they become the object of hatred and the focus of eventual violence. All this is inevitable and

comes about because religious folks have forgotten God and in His place have substituted their religious dogma. Essentially, the doctrines of their religious faith have become a substitute for obedience to Heaven and following the Living God. Thus, these same doctrines and absolute principles of faith have become the very idolatry that true religion was ordained to combat.

The Word of God was intended to be a light to the nations. The Word of God is meant to be alive and lived. The Word of God is not limited to black and white on paper. The Word of God is on Earth as it is in Heaven. The Word of God is in everything and can be found everywhere. Yet, religious dogmas deny this.

The dogmatist demands that the Word of God be found exclusively with them. The dogmatist holds that any claims of the Word of God being found elsewhere, with anyone else, or with any other religion, is wrong and evil. Thus they say that God, who is His Word is not to be found everywhere. Thus, they deny the omnipresence of God, not in word per say, but in actual deed.

More and more those who embrace divisive religious dogmas are dividing God's Presence, and this is something Heaven will not long tolerate. One can spit in the face of reality for so long, before reality throws back into our faces all the abuse that we have thrown upon it. The religious dogmatist cannot see through the idols of their own making. For this does the Bible refer to them as having eyes that do not see.

Let me be blunt! Any time there exists any group, regardless of what religion they adhere to, that believes that they alone have the absolute, sole truth and that they alone serve God, and all others are deceived and condemned, such a group is a dangerous cult and one should avoid it like the plague! This is true of groups in all religions!

Christians have fought and killed each other for centuries arguing whose church is right and whose is false. Shite and Sunni Muslims have equally been at each others throats. Even in Judaism, such factional conflict is not unheard of, especially today when the Ultra-Orthodox Haredi movement is becoming less and less Jewish and more and more a cult.

It is not my place to try to make peace between Sunni and Shite. I cannot possibly convince mainstream Christian groups to embrace sects such as the Mormons or the Jehovah Witnesses. Mainstream Evangelical Christians view these groups as cults, possibly even as demonic. I do not need to mention what many of the Muslim and Christian groups think about Jews. Nor do I need to mention the reciprocity certain Jewish groups return to them.

All this divisiveness is what to me is "demonic." Quote to me from whatever holy text you chose, I do not care! I do not believe it gives glory to God (kiddush HaShem) to be a separatist, racist and evil. Granted, we all have our differences. True, some of those differences are irreconcilable. But, nevertheless, no one is going to know the absolute truth of things until Heaven decides to send our long awaited Messiah.

Now, once the Messiah does arrive. Will this be his first or second coming? Will his name be Mashiah, Al-Mahdi or Yeshu? Each of us, in our own respective religions, has the answer and each is absolutely convinced of the right of their way and equally convinced that the other beliefs are dead wrong!

Well, someone has to be right and someone has to be wrong. And needless to say, it is “I” who will be proven right and it is “you” who will be proven wrong! Now, just who is the “I” and “you” I speak of, let each of us fill in our own names!

I have my own personal beliefs, that's true. I believe them to be correct. That is why I believe them. Yet, I am not willing to go fundamentalist and fanatical upon those who share different beliefs. For me, it is not what one believes that counts, rather it is what one does!

If you behave with righteousness, dignity, morals and character, then in my opinion, you are acting as a child of God, regardless of whatever religion or faith you adhere to. I look to you and your deeds to judge you. I judge you based upon what is in your heart and in your hands, and not by what is in your head.

According to my understanding all humanity is equally under the influence of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, Good and Evil. This means that somehow our knowledge and information is confused. Nowhere is this more so than in the realm of religion. Therefore, in order to address this original sin, I chose instead to turn back to life, the Tree of Life, and to embrace life, rather than embrace division and death.

God commands us to love Him with our hearts and to place His word upon our hearts. This is the will of God. There is no doctrine or dogma test given in order to pass into Heaven in the afterlife. Every religious tradition speaks about Judgment as being a review of our deeds, not our theology! How we live is what matters to God. What we believe is blemished by the Tree of Knowledge Good and Evil. No one knows the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. All we have is faith.

And faith is not something provable to the mind, rather faith is what is embraced in the heart. Faith is what inspires us and motivates us to be better human beings. This is why I don't care what a person's faith is, as long as it inspires him or her to become the best human being possible. In such a case, such a faith is the right one, regardless of its doctrines and dogma.

When the Messiah comes we can all gather around him and ask him to settle our arguments and to tell us his name. But, until that blessed hour comes, maybe we should gather together as a community of righteous souls and support one another. For regardless of our differences, what unites us is even greater.

And if you cannot get past your theology and doctrines to embrace other human beings who have God in their hearts (but not your particular view of religion in their heads), then indeed, you are part of the problem and not part of the cure.

There is a reference in the Christian Bible that best addresses such divisive individuals. On Judgment Day, God will turn to the divisive and say to them, depart from Me, I have never known you! Either one knows God in one's heart in this world or one will not be known by God in the World to Come. The choice is ours and God is watching!

This is the essential message of all mystical schools!

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