

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EROSION OF FAITH

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This July will be my 34th birthday in my faith in Yeshua. I was born again on July 21, 1979 and aside from a short time of rebellion I have walked with Yeshua and aside from that one time haven't wavered in my relationship with Yahweh through Yeshua.

In my time I've seen many things; sometimes I think I've seen too many things; I'm tired. Back in the 1980's if you mentioned that you had read the works of Nostradamus people would really grill you about it. You don't really believe those things do you, they would ask? Of course, not was my answer, but I still read them out of curiosity. I never liked Edgar Cayce but was familiar with some of his writings, but I didn't believe one word of his supposed prophecy. If you talked about the bizarre character of the Pyramids or anything else akin to them people became concerned. And you know what, it was right for them to become concerned because those things had nothing to do with our faith in Yeshua. They were all falsities used by the enemy of our faith to get people to fall away; sadly, it worked in some instances with friends and such.

If you mentioned back then, that you read about all of the false apparitions of the Virgin Mary people would question you. It was quite clear that they were demonic and/or fallen angelic in nature and reading the messages that these entities conveyed always bore out that assertion. Then we started to hear about the visions and messages that were supposedly given to some little girls by what was later labeled as The Virgin of Fatima. Supposedly these were prophetic in nature and they were being kept in secret. People who walked in the Ruach Ha Kodesh knew that these again were just more demonic visitations that were promoted by some of the Vatican faithful. We would watch on television as someone would find a knot in a tree that looked like Mary or someone would drop some paint on a floor and the splatter would look like Mary and most Christians would mock the lines of Catholics who would stand there waiting their turn to see what they thought to be a "sign and miracle."

But then the end of the 80's came and the weirdness started to come into the Protestant Church. In 1997 an author who was very heavily into the Rapture wrote a book stating that there were 88 reasons why Yeshua would rapture the Church in 1988. On January 01, 1989 we were still here. Many bought into this false prophecy and were disappointed. Many sold their

belongings, their property and their dignity for a lie. We watched as Jonestown happened in South America where so many died because they believe a false prophet. We watched as David Koresh had his followers so enmeshed in his false prophecies that they would rather die in a government made inferno rather than give into common sense. Many ascribed stupidities to the followers of these men; people ignorant of Yahweh's Word; how could they believe such lies; was heard many times in churches all over America and probably around the world.

In the late 1990's a group of techno-geeks bought into the lies of Marshall Applewhite. They believed that there was a UFO hiding in the tail of the Comet Hale Bopp and that when it was closest to earth it would translate them into the spaceship and they would go to live with their godlike space-brothers. So many in the Christian community questioned how people could believe such rubbish. They forgot that it happened to supposed "believers" a few years back but they couldn't be believers if they believed such lies; or so they reasoned.

The problem with asking such questions will most of the time bring about answers. Those answers might not come in that "still small voice" that Yahweh uses to often talk to His Own. Sometimes it comes in real life illustrations; things brought out to show us in our own lives. Back in the 80's I was reading a lot in the Books of The Prophets and I verbally expressed a question. I looked toward heaven and asked how a people; one who had such a history of miraculous events with Yahweh; crossing the Red Sea, God on Mount Sinai; the Manna in the desert and so many other things could turn away from Yahweh, not once, but time and time again. The answer came in the way of a time of backsliding for a period of about four years. The strange thing was that I thought I had a good relationship with Yahweh, but I was living in the world, doing worldly things and compromising the ideals that I held so dear in my heart; the Laws that He had written on my heart and mind.

Thankfully I was brought back to my senses and came back determined that I would never mock a people every again, especially The Apple of His Eye. About this time I was involved in the Vineyard Church. At first this church was wonderful and many great things came through it; but it started to change. People were demanding to see signs and miracles. The problem with that is that we were and are living in an adulterous and sinful generation and Yahweh doesn't give signs to such people. So, I started to hear about people going into uncontrollable fits of laughing and that made me uneasy. Yahweh is a God of order, not of confusion and services should never be uncontrolled. Those of us with the unction know that Yahweh's ways are different from the worlds ways and this laughter was not of Yahweh. Then I started to hear that people were barking like dogs, snorting like pigs and mooing like cows

during these events; definitely not of Yahweh. This wasn't enough for people; they wanted to see things too and after a while people started to hear angel's feathers and see them fall from the ceiling of churches. They never bothered to research angels and realize that angels really don't have feathers; that is a human contrivance. Then people started claiming that they were receiving gold fillings in their teeth and they were finding gold dust in the church along with diamonds laying on the floor. From my own experience, Yahweh will always communicate in supernatural way; in a spiritual way, and not in the "signs and wonders" that people were demanding.

So this has all gone on for quite a few years now; people demanding a sign from Yahweh. The Holy Spirit has left many churches for a variety of reasons so the next best thing is a physical manifestation, even if it is not from Yahweh. Why, I even saw one church that was talking about the pretty orbs of light that were coming into the church every service that they had. They were attributing these lights to angels; but lest we forget that these same manifestations accompany many UFO sightings and other psychic happenings. Yes, they are angels, but not the good guys. The good angels always appear as men and they are always messengers.

Where has this all taken us? Well, it's produced people who want the world to come to an end so desperately that they are looking at worldly things and words said by many who are far from the truth being held up almost in the same reverence as the Gospel of Yeshua. In 1999 the threat of Y2K loomed and many so called "believers" in Yeshua were proclaiming that when the electronics world ended so would society and the Revelation Period would begin to bring about order through a Satanic savior. When nothing happened these "prophets of doom" were never held accountable. In Biblical times, they would have been stoned to death, but in an age of Grace anyone can say anything and we have to forgive them and bring them to correction; but no correction is brought about and if it is, the person who caused the offence is often given a get out of jail free card by the sheeple who believe their pseudo-prophetic nonsense.

Yet still there was a time, just a couple of years ago when we heard that there was a mysterious object approaching the earth; that it was maybe a planetoid or the infamous Nibiru. We were told that when it passed close to the earth there would be a polar shift; that there would be earthquakes, tidal waves and other calamities that would change drastically the life that we know and cherish here on Earth. It was surmised that the flurry of earthquakes that happened in Chile, New Zealand and Japan was proof that when this thing aligned with Earth and the sun it did cause problems here; but as the time for its passing came and went there was nothing. I'll be the first to admit that I bought into the "possibility" that there could be some merit to this and

even interviewed one or two people about the possibility and they sounded credible; but again it was a false prophecy.

And who of any of our contemporaries could forget that for a number of years we had to hear how the world would come to an end on December 12, 2012 because a Mayan Calendar ended on that day; those proclaiming it either ignorant of the fact or purposefully lying that they didn't know that there are many Mayan calendars that go many years still into the future. Christians picked up on this and this was going to be the "day of the rapture," when we would all be whisked away from this evil and wicked world. Christians are starting to show an renewed interest in the prophecies of Nostradamus again also; too ignorant of the fact that the guy was as far from a prophet as Andromeda is from Earth.

But the one that really cracks me up; that makes me howl with laughter but also weep with sorrow because I see the sheeple falling for lies all over again, is how many are proclaiming that the prophecies of a "Black Pope," given centuries ago by a supposed Catholic Prophet are intrinsic to end time prophecy of the False Prophet of the Book of Revelation. Let me return you to the start of this article. For many years, if you said that you believed anything "Catholic" you were spurned, belittled and called a heretic. But in our present time, when this so called "prophet's" falsities can fit into the imaginations of those who can use it to write books and produce videos; all of a sudden, the Catholic Prophecies are sanctioned and okay.

According to their theory regarding the Black Pope, they contend that the last Pope will be of Roman or Italian extract. They call this Pope, Petrus Romanus, or Peter the Roman. The recent election of a new Pope from Latin America, who happens to have a last name that sounds Italian has caused many to backpedal and change their story. Their claim, that the new Pope, who has taken on the moniker of Frances of Assisi, "*Francesco di Pietro di Bernardone*" only proves that he is the Black Pope. First off, claiming that he is Italian (which he is not) and therefore he has to be the Black Pope is akin to saying that because I have an Italian last name, I am in some way connected with the Mafia; it is ludicrous. Secondly, his name translated into English is Frances, son of Peter, Son of Bernard. The "one" at the end of the name makes it a family surname; it is like a title. Does this mean that anyone in Italy, whose father's name who just happens to be Pietro (Peter) is a candidate for the false prophet of Revelation? After their error was revealed, the authors of this theory, or some of those promoting it, the man is a Roman. Well, there is nothing in his name that says he is a Roman, and even if he were of Italian extract, he is still from Latin America. This theory just doesn't add up; and in the stead of the authors, who have probably made a grand mistake, God forbid that they say that they were in error.

They've set themselves so high up on the pompous scale that to admit error would cause their pride to come crashing down on the rocks. It's too bad that they esteem their Christian brethren with such disdain to think so many to be so unforgiving.

The very same people who have said that most of the ancient societies were either fashioned or influenced by fallen angels are now taking the things that were given by the fallen angels and they're saying that "perhaps there is some truth in these things." My goodness, have they gone mad??? The dark side always lies, and they use their lies to enforce their ways, and not the ways of our Yahweh. They're fantastic bluffers and liars. When Yeshua asked the demoniac at the Gadarenes what his name was, the lead demon replied that they were Legion, because they were many. A Roman Legion, with all of their helpers numbered as high as five thousand men. In the account in Mark, chapter five it turned out that there were only two thousand demons because there were about two thousand pigs. The demon was lying. Instead of saying they were half a legion, they said they were a full legion to make themselves look larger in number and make Yeshua's work much harder (if that were possible, I think not). So taking stock in anything that has been written under demonic influence or in a society that is heavily influenced by demonic influence should never happen; yet why do these (Christian?) researchers do this very thing?

Well, only Yahweh knows the heart. However, when you establish your living on selling books and appearing at seminars; sensationalism sells. When you establish yourself as having all of the latest news and revelation's and when or if the true source of revelation, the Ruach Ha Kodesh stops providing that information then other things have to be turned to to keep up on the sensationalism. I'm not pointing fingers at any one person or even a group of people. I just know what fear of paying the house mortgage, keeping the business going and saving face in a community it is amazing what good and honest people are capable of. We're all living in difficult times now and having lived through them before I have seen people twist this or tweak that to make things fit. What a shame it is on anyone who used lies, deceit and other things that believers are supposed to loath, and use them for capital gain and/or fame or fortune. Hope that they like their reward, because they're getting it now. I'll opt for later, thanks.

It is time for the Elect to wake up. It is time for us to realize that the only truth we will ever find is in Hebrew Scripture; all 66 books of it. Yahweh warned us to stay away from "vain imaginations" and to spurn "rumors" and to stick to the original. It is so very important that we study scripture for ourselves; each and every one of us. There are those out there who proclaim that they know and have studied the Bible. Many of these people twist and contort Yahweh's

Word to conform to their lifestyles or their doctrines. If you don't study the Word of Yahweh then you can easily be duped; and many have. Wake up brothers and sisters or you'll find yourself sucked into a sinkhole of spiritual deceit and you'll be funding the prophets of this deceit. Wake up before it's too late. The day is coming when every valley will be exalted and every mountain be brought low and all will be exposed; but until that day we need to pray for discernment, and lots of it. Pray for wisdom but most of all pray that the deceivers will be shown for who they are. Pray for this in your daily life, at your churches and especially whenever you hear of another book or seminar where "truths" will be revealed. You already have the truth. You hold it in your hands when you read Scripture and you have Him in your heart when you have the Ruach Ha Kodesh residing within you. So, will you trust Yahweh or will you trust men? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord God of Israel!