

## WOULD YESHUA SUPPORT HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE – REFUTING ELTON JOHN’S TWISTED THEOLOGY

I am never so amazed as when people who have probably never dusted off their Bibles, if they even have one, come out with opinions as to what Yeshua would do in certain situations. The latest scripturally ignorant moron to say such a thing is “Sir” Elton John, who is ticked at the policies of “Christian Pastors” who will not conduct Homosexual marriage ceremonies in England. John, recently said:

Jesus would have been a supporter of gay marriage; Sir Elton John has claimed. The musician, who plans to marry his civil partner David Furnish next year in a “very quiet” ceremony, said that rules preventing gay clergy from marrying and requiring Catholic priests to be celibate were “old and stupid things”. He told Sky News’s Murnaghan programme: “The church hierarchy, the traditionalists, might be up in arms about it but times have changed. “If Jesus Christ was alive today, I cannot see him, as the Christian person that he was and the great person that he was, saying this could not happen. “He was all about love and compassion and forgiveness and trying to bring people together and that is what the church should be about.” [Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/music/2014/jun/29/elton-john-jesus-supported-gay-marriage>]

So, Mr., or Miss, or Ms. or whatever prefix you put before your name, you claim that Yeshua would approve of gay marriage? It’s obvious that you have absolutely no idea who Yeshua is. First, let’s start out with one key scripture that will clarify things much when you place it with Yeshua, His existence before his incarnation and while he lived with men on Earth.

*Jesus Christ same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8*

With that in mind, let’s look at the actions of Yeshua in both the Tanakh and the Brit Hadasha. Some of you are probably saying, “when did Yeshua appear in the Tanakh?” We know that Yeshua made a few appearances before His corporeal incarnation. Remember that scripture in Hebrews as we proceed, okay? Know also, that in the Tanakh, we never see the Fathers bowing before angels; they knew that angels were created beings and they also knew that fallen angels demand worship by humans, and that they’re in defiance toward Yahweh and corrupt the natural order of things. So, the Fathers would never bow to angels; yet they bow to beings in the

Tanakh. What set Abraham apart from his relatives was that he renounced idol worship and had faith in the One True God, Yahweh.

Moshe climbed Mount Sinai because he saw a bush burning, a bush that was not consumed by the fire that was inside of it. When he approached the unusual sight, he was addressed by Yahweh:

*And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. Exodus 3:2-6*

Notice that the Tanakh says that “the angel of the Yahweh” appeared to Moshe in the flame of fire in the midst of the bush. Notice later down in the script, it says that the “God called out to him from the midst of the bush.” Then the script says, “put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.” Then, the voice says, “I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.” Evidently, Moshe knew that it was a death sentence to look at Yahweh, so he hid his face. Second, the script equates the Angel of the Lord as being Yahweh Himself. Third, the only thing that made the ground “holy” was the fact that Yahweh was standing there. Okay, so we have Moshe, bowing before an angel that claims to be Yahweh, the Angel of Yahweh. We know that Yahweh is Spirit and possesses no body, right? So why would Yahweh possess a body unless perhaps the “Angel” was a theophany, a preincarnate presentation of Yeshua.

Later in this discussion, Moshe realizes that he is just one man and that he is not the best speaker. He tries to get out of the commission that Yahweh is giving to him. He asks Yahweh to reveal a name so that he can justify his claim when he goes to Mizraim to talk to the sons of Israel. Here is what he is told:

*And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto*

*God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Exodus 3:11-15*

First of all, the voice tells Moshe I Am That I Am. The transliteration of that name from Hebrew to English is Hayah Asher Hayah (some translate it Eyah Asher Eyah). This is a very interesting wording because in the Hebrew it is what is called an imperfected perspective. No, it doesn't mean that Yahweh is imperfect, it means that the phrase can be change and interchanged and still retain its meaning. So, the voice was telling Moshe the following all at the same time: "I Am what I was, I was what I Am, I was what I will be, and I will be what I've always been." In other words, I've always existed, past, present and future.

Furthermore, the voice speaking from the bush, aside from giving Himself the attribute of being eternal, from everlasting to everlasting, proclaims that He is the God of the Fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The voice was saying, I Am Yahweh Elohim. He further proclaims that His name is what He wants to be referred to "forever" and that this name, Yahweh Elohim, is to be a memorial to all generations. In other words, it is the name that He wants to be referred to forever. He is Yahweh Elohim, the one who is who He was, who was who He is and who was who He will be forever and ever. Sounds an awful like Yeshua (Salvation), yesterday, today and forever.

Yeshua was having a discussion with some of the Jewish Religious leaders one day. It must be emphasized that this passage is regarding the Pharisees, not the common Jew of the time. Here is an account of that discussion:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before*

*Abraham was, I Am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. John 8:51-59*

In the passage above, Yeshua was saying that He existed before Abraham. He was saying that He was the voice of the burning bush that said, I Am that I Am. The Jewish leaders of Yeshua's time knew what Yeshua was saying and that is why they tried to stone Him. He was saying, "I Am the voice that was speaking from the burning bush and I Am that gave you the Torah that you are dishonoring." They were incensed that He was claiming to be Yahweh. Yeshua ha Mashiach, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Ya'akov had an encounter with Yeshua well before Yeshua's incarnation. Here is the account:

*And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. Genesis 32:24-30*

Ya'akov clearly states that he was wrestling with God, not one of Yahweh's angels, but Yahweh Himself. This story doesn't relate to what I'm trying to convey in this article, I just use it to show that there were clearly pre-incarnate visitations by Yahweh, in the form of Yeshua before his human incarnation on earth.

*And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; Now we come to the time when Abraham was visited by Yahweh. Remember, the ancients never bowed down prostrate before angels, that was forbidden: And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: Genesis 18:1-4*

The passage clearly says that it was Yahweh that visited Abraham. The story goes on to talk about how Abraham fed the men, how they pronounced that Sarah would have a child a year

later, and then one of the men, Yahweh starts to say that He wants to tell Abraham what He was really there for:

*And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place. Genesis 18:16-33*

Abraham was one awesome individual. He knew that he was talking to Yahweh. He referred to the man whom he was talking with as, “the Judge of all the earth.” And, knowing that he was talking with Yahweh himself, Abraham challenges Yahweh and makes a bargain with him. Of course, we know that Yahweh knew that this all would happen before it did, he allowed Abraham to think that he was actually bargaining for the lives of those in Sodom. Abraham knew that his nephew Lot lived there and he knew that Lot had family that lived in Sodom, and there probably more than just Lot and his wife and daughters. The thing here is that Yahweh (Yeshua) was going down to Sodom to scope things out. Of course, He knew what was going on there, however he had to go there to save Lot, Lot's wife and his daughters.

There were other accounts of pre-incarnate visitations of Yeshua before his life here on earth, but let's look at the one above. Yahweh Yeshua was actually going down to Sodom to save Lot, but also to observe what was going on there. Being righteous, he wanted to see the homosexuality and other debauchery first hand. He wanted the personal observation for evidence so that it could never be said that Yahweh didn't have a personal stake in the matter. In the account, the Sodomites actually demanded that Lot bring Yahweh out to them so that they could have sexual relations with him and the accompanying angels. Yeshua saw that the sin of homosexuality had driven the inhabitants of Sodom into such depths of depravity that they were not redeemable. So, Yahweh destroyed the Cities of the Plain because of homosexuality.

Let's go back even farther, to a time before the Flood of Noah, that was sent to destroy a whole world of wickedness. There were many sins back in that era, and one of them was homosexuality, and dare I say, rampant homosexuality. Look at the following scripture:

*And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Luke 17:26-29*

You might look at that scripture and what it has to do with Yahweh's hatred of the sin of homosexuality? Notice that it says "they married wives," and there is nothing out of the ordinary. The "they" in that sentence is men we surmise, simply because they were marrying wives. However, there is another "they" and it is the same "they" as the first sentence. The problem is that in Hebrew culture, men were never given in marriage, only women were given in marriage. The scripture is alluding to the fact that men were marrying other men. To back this up, the scripture then talks about Lot being taken out of Sodom and Yahweh destroying Sodom with fire and brimstone. The scripture equates the homosexuality of Lot's time with what went on before the flood.

So, what have we gotten out of all of this? We have affirmed that Yeshua was the one talking to Moshe from the burning bush. Yeshua gave Moshe the Torah, a code of Law in which were gays and lesbians were to be stoned to death. Yahweh appeared to Abraham and told him that He was going down to Sodom to destroy it because of the sin that was prevalent there. Sodom is where we get the word "sodomy" and that is what is practiced by homosexuals. There is no dispute that homosexuality was the sin that vexed Yeshua, so much so that he felt that

Sodom and her sister cities needed to be destroyed. There comes a point in sin where people become reprobate and cannot be redeemed. We also know that the sin had become so bad that the deviates wanted to sodomize Yeshua himself, the creator of all that is:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1:1-5*

Since we can affirm that Yahweh Yeshua is grieved by homosexuality, it is impossible for any sane person who knows anything about scripture to state that Jesus would approve of gay marriage. Yes, Jesus loves the homosexual just like he loves all sinners and hopes that they will repent and come to Him for salvation. When Yeshua healed sinners, he would tell them that they were healed, that they were forgiven and that they should, "GO AND SIN NO MORE." With that in mind, if Yeshua were walking the earth today and he did encounter homosexuals, he would tell to go and sin no more. This would therefore in effect nullify Gay Marriage because homosexuality is a sin and a righteous Yahweh would never sanction sin.

As to Elton John's speech, and his thoughts that times have changed and that Jesus would sanction gay marriage, I stand on two things in my rebuffing of such a statement and belief. First, I know Yahweh's character as brought to us from Exodus, I am what I was and was what I am and will be what I was; and Paul's statement about Yeshua; "Yeshua Ha Mashiach, the same yesterday, today and forever. Times change, people change, laws and customs change, but Yahweh never changes, nor does he change his opinion about anything.

Oh, and Elton, please study history before you make asinine statements. Jesus was Messiah, or Christ, he was not a "Christian" like you claim. Jesus is Jewish, he is a Rabbi and He is King of The Jews. Christians "follow" Christ. The name first was used in Antioch around the year 45 AD which was twelve to fifteen years after Yeshua died and rose from the dead. Giving Jesus the title of "Christian," is about as ludicrous as giving you the title "Sir," before your name.

If you're a homosexual, or any other sort of sexual deviate, might I suggest that you come to faith in Yeshua (Jesus). He will forgive you and change your character and make you what you were originally born to be. I hope that you make the right decision.