An Old Prophet's Years Of Laments



Prophetic Insight 4-22-2024: Pagan Cosmic Dualism Is Resolutely Anti-Christ

Mike: Along with our Prophetic Insights entitled *Father Is Restoring What Theology Bamboozled*, I'll also be writing Laments to cite what's hindering the vast majority of Christians—perhaps even <u>you</u>—from experiencing <u>the fulness of spiritual life that our Lord Jesus promises His own</u>. I earnestly believe you need to know about bamboozlers I've researched and confronted in my years of ministry. Have you ever have read "The Emperor's New Clothes"? My Laments are like the little boy in the crowd

when the emperor walked into their midst naked. The little boy had no vested interests in supporting the deceit as the emperor's attendants did, so he yelled out, "**He doesn't have any clothes on!**" My years of laments have involved exposing and opposing bamboozling. Our Lord addressed this 2000 years ago, a lament which aptly applies to self-serving Christianity today: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

Remember: Bamboozles are used: Xto prevent you from fulfilling our heavenly Father's purposes for you to His glory; Xto prevent you from living under the loving rule of our Lord Jesus and experiencing all that He promises in His Word; Xto deter you from relying on the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. In this Lament I'll focus on the core deceit that's embraced throughout Christianity, something that may be unfamiliar to you: Plato's Cosmic Dualism. This far-reaching deception provides support for other bamboozles which oppose the Hebraic foundations: anti-Semitism, Nicolaitanism, Hellenism, Romanism, Syncretism, Revisionism. Collectively they promote spiritual impotence in Christianity.

Cosmic Dualism Opposes Everything Our Heavenly Father Is Restoring

The most pervasive demonic incursion into Christianity is *Plato's Cosmic Dualism* which utterly eliminated the Hebraic foundations from Christian life and practice. The predominant lie of Cosmic Dualism is that life is divided into the "good" spiritual higher realm and the "evil" physical lower world.

- The "good" is the mystical spiritual arena, a higher echelon or state of existence that's "holy".
- The "evil" lower realm of the physical world is concerned with crude and profane earthly matters such as food, shelter and occupation.

I want to emphasize that the biblical Hebraic perspective recognizes God as the Sovereign Creator Who declared the world which He formed to be "good". The Hebraic view of our Lord's first followers regarded the spiritual and physical worlds as interrelated. This means that one is no higher than the other because God has a part and a purpose in both. Even though sin resides in man's nature, God doesn't consider the universe which He spoke into being to be evil. Hebraic understanding has no two-tiered, opposing dualist view; instead you're able to experience the interaction of the spiritual world with the physical world (e.g. Acts 8:26, 10:3, 12:7, 27:23). And from a Hebraic perspective, holiness isn't the description of an exalted occupation such as clergy; rather, holiness is you doing the will of the Father which He has set you apart to do in the world.

You may be wondering how this dualist view has affected your own life, both physical and spiritual. Dualism has a long and dark history! For multiple centuries Roman Catholicism embraced the lie of Cosmic Dualism as the basis for Nicolaitan domination by <u>clergy who were deemed "good"</u> compared to the <u>laity who were considered "evil"</u>. Sad to say, the Reformers

who came along also refused to eliminate Cosmic Dualism. Our Lord Jesus was confronted by this same sense of class superiority as He was dining: "And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, 'Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'" (Matthew 9:10,11).

Many clergy are able to use their unique exalted position to manipulate listeners in the pew through the "flimflam" of skillful persuasion. Whenever I've heard a churchgoer say, "My pastor preaches from the Word," what immediately comes to mind is the flimflam of what he <u>refuses to teach</u> from Scripture. In my experience, three topics which these clergy avoid preaching are: •God as Father and our responsibilities to fulfill His purposes; •to confront begrudging bitterness and unforgiveness towards others; •God's mandate to repent and forsake sin.

How Cosmic Dualism Entered Christianity and Promoted Anti-Semitism

Persuasive Hellenist men whom Roman Catholicism regarded as "Church Fathers" introduced Cosmic Dualism into Christianity in the early centuries. These Hellenists include such revered notables as Justin Martyr, Irenaeus of Lyons, Clement and Athanasius of Alexandria, John Chrysostom, and many others.

Numbers of these learned men were anti-Semitic, using their esteemed status to inflict venomous attacks against the Jewish people. And not only did the writings of "Church Fathers" launch Hellenist practices and Cosmic Dualism into the very framework of Christianity. Their anti-Semitic vitriol also grievously eradicated the precious Hebraic relational fabric on which Jesus had woven together His collective called-out ones. Spurred on by the influential writings of particular Church Fathers, Gentiles were induced to demonize the Jewish people as "Christ killers." For instance, Justin Martyr's second century Dialogue With Trypho, A Jew, confirmed in Gentile hearts that God was through with the Jew, and that His promises to Israel were in fact transferred to the Christians. In the third century, Origen's writings convinced Christians that the Jews were being collectively punished for the sins that were committed against Lord Jesus.

You may have been taught these anti-Semitic deceits yourself without realizing their subtle impact on your faith. The "Church Fathers" advanced the lie that Jews were <u>eternally cursed by God.</u> Until 1963 Roman Catholicism even prayed a curse against the Jewish people every Good Friday. Yet by condemning the Jewish people by maligning them as "Christ killers", the Church Fathers refused to acknowledge that the <u>sins of mankind</u> caused our Lord Jesus to be the Atonement for our sins. The Jews and Romans were just human instruments to fulfill the Older Testament's prophesies of Jesus as "Savior" and "Redeemer."

Is Cosmic Dualism God's Curse On Christianity Because The "Church Fathers" Despised The Jewish People?

The pervasive influence of Cosmic Dualism within Christianity is a well-documented historical fact—a fact which really does affect how <u>you</u> live out obedient trust in Jesus as Lord of your life and love His own as your family in Him. Think about it. Did our Lord Jesus intend that His beloved body of called-out ones "evolve" into an institutional system of passive spectators who focus on their own satisfaction? Has the impact of Cosmic Dualism in your faith practice intruded for centuries as our Father's curse for the Church Fathers despising the descendants of Abraham? Thirty years ago when the Hebraic foundations were first revealed to us, we initially had a hard time accepting that our Father would allow Christianity to be deceived for hundreds of years by Cosmic Dualism. But the more we understood <u>our Father's regard for Abraham and</u> His commitment to His unalterable promise to the Patriarch, we began to truly realize that insti-

tutional Christianity has lived under a curse. And only in the past several decades has our Father been restoring the biblical Hebraic foundations to the collective called-out ones of Jesus.

Consider God's promise to Abraham, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3). God later reminds the Israelites of His unwavering commitment to His promise, "It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Deuteronomy 9:5).

As we've shared the Hebraic foundations these past 30 years, many who follow Jesus have had a hard time believing that our heavenly Father would allow Christianity to live so deceived for so long. But when you consider centuries from <u>His perspective</u> of eternity past and future, several hundred years is miniscule: "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2Peter 3:8).

The Far Reaching Effects Of Cosmic Dualism Even In Your Own Faith Practice

In separating the *spirit as holy* from the perceived *unholiness of the physical world*, Cosmic Dualism altered the biblical practice of "breaking bread" in commemorating our Risen Lord's death on our behalf. In the Dualist framework, simple wine and bread could never represent the body and blood of Jesus just because He said so: "For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28), and, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). Creedal stances were concocted in response to Cosmic Dualism that the "evil" elements of wine and bread must be made holy through the prayers and incantations of an ordained "holy man." This eradication of our Lord's clearcut words has brought about deep division within Christendom through arguments over transubstantiation (bread and wine changed into the body and blood), consubstantiation (bread and wine coexist with the body and blood), or spiritual remembrance (bread and wine not changed at all).

The destructive effect of Cosmic Dualism may have in fact impacted <u>you</u> by eliminating the simplicity of partaking of communion in the body and blood of Jesus in your own home as part of spiritual family life as the earliest followers of Jesus did: "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and <u>breaking bread from house to house</u>**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the called-out ones daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46,47). **Referring to fellowship in homes which was taking place among the Hebraic Stream of Judaism and mentioned in Romans 16:5; 1Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2.

Plato's Dualism instigated a custom that you've probably followed since your earliest memories: blessing your food at mealtime (and probably "the hands that prepared it!"). This practice came about because the physical substance of food was considered evil; it had to be spiritualized through prayer to make it good. From the Hebraic standpoint, however, it's fully appropriate to thank God for your food; in fact, it was commanded of the Israelites (see Deuteronomy 8:10) to demonstrate their awareness and appreciation that all good things come from His hand. This is the Hebraic pattern: to bless God with a grateful heart.

Closely related to exalted clergy dominance (Nicolaitanism; see Revelation 2:6,15,16) that's produced and perpetuated by Cosmic Dualism is the assimilation of idolized pagan deities from Greece and Rome into Christianity. How did this occur? God's Word severely warns against venerating or esteeming any spiritual entity besides Himself. But Roman Catholicism syn-

cretized pagan practices into Christianity, even specifying particular humans as "saints." Jesus' mother Mary along with other deceased Christians began to be exalted and prayed to as the Greeks and Romans did to their gods. But be aware that this demonic practice is a direct affront to our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. Our Lord tells us to Whom we must pray when He says, "Our Father in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9-15). And Jesus pointedly tells us that He Himself is the means to answered prayer: "Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:13,14). To pray to any other is blasphemy against the preeminence of our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus.

In essence, the Bible deems "saints" to be every genuinely born again person. Saints are not an exalted class within Christianity. Keep this in mind as you read God's Word: "Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you" (Philippians 4:21). Paul succinctly reveals the identity of saints: "To the called-out ones [church] of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours" (1Corinthians 1:2).

You as a saint are a temple of the Divine: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own" (1Corinthians 6:19). The ministry of the Holy Spirit within you, His guidance and empowerment, not only enables the genuinely born again to do our Father's will. The Holy Spirit is also a sign of our Father guaranteeing your future: "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you trusted, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory" (Ephesians 1:14). To repeat: Everyone who has the indwelling Holy Spirit is a saint!

Finally: Make sure you've received the Gospel that's spelled out in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms—all in the Older Testament our Lord's first converts embraced (Luke 24:44). The authentic biblical Good News includes the Holy Spirit Who regenerates you and instills in you a burden for the eternal destiny of others. Never lose sight that your sins and mine hung our Lord Jesus on the cross. Don't ever let it be said of you either here on earth or in heaven, "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit!" (Acts 7:51). And don't ever let yourself be ensnared by Cosmic Dualism's pit of oppression.



If you're afflicted by believing that other Christians whether dead or alive are more spiritual than you are, then you are captive to Cosmic Dualism. For many years I've been disheartened as I've observed the perverse practice of Christians evaluating themselves in comparison to others. That assessment is anti-Christ Cosmic Dualism in action. If you consider even one other Christian to be more spiritual than you are and are convinced that you can never be like them, Cosmic Dualism is your master. Do keep in mind that spiritual maturity can be role modeled: If someone is more mature in Christ

than you, then seek the Holy Spirit to help you become more Christ-like in their pattern of obedient trust (see 1Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17).

Please, for a more complete understanding of Cosmic Dualism and how its inroads may have imprisoned you with a sense of spiritual inadequacy, read: "Do You Live As A "Cloistered Christian?" You must eliminate its humanist influence in your life and replace its deceits with Jesus's character and rule!