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THE DRUNKARDS OF EPHRAIM (ISA. 28:1) (PENTECOSTALISM)

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God *"looked for judgment (government), but behold oppression (Heb.-In their 'gathering together,' they received a scab as judgment): for righteousness, but behold a cry."* Isa. 5:7

Hell, initially, was only built to house the devil and the fallen angels. It was never intended for you and me. Music has played a large part in why hell had to be enlarged. Like the Pied Piper of Hamlet, who drove all the rats into the sea with music, our youth are following "the beat" of the drummer. The King, Elvis Presley, created a new beat! The beat birthed rock 'n roll.

The king of rock 'n roll was raised in an Assemblies of God, "Holy Roller," church. Today, they tell us our youth will not attend church without that "beat." It is the "beat" that is driving our youth to hell, exactly like the rats were driven into the seas via a flute. Coupled with the Beatles of England, our planet earth has never been the same since.

Attending the latest movie, "Star Wars – The Phantom Menace," our youth are being challenged to "go for it." Go for what? The force, of course! What is this force? Certainly not related to God in any way. There are only two "forces" in the earth, spiritually speaking. In a satanic cult, the initiate is introduced to "the force." Movies of this type whet the appetite for more of the power. They become believers in a god of power. Too bad they can't be taught where the real power is. *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Matt. 10:28.

I came to God standing on the truth of that one scripture in defiance of the JW's (Jehovah's Witnesses), whose Judge Joseph F. Rutherford claimed, "No man has a soul". I was totally confused by the JW's "Watchtower" to where I did not know if I had a soul or not, until I met "The Force." Once God saves a sinner and washes him clean in the blood of the Lamb, that man has met "The Force." But these modern lyrics and movies are to exalt the devil's force. Are you a seeker after "The Force"? There are only two "forces"—one for evil, and one for good.

In scripture, this still isn't the reason why hell had to be enlarged. God knew the lineage of Cain would hate "The Force" for good! But what chapter five of Isaiah is talking about is God's own people. One should read chapters three and four in conjunction with chapter five to have the whole in context.

God *“looked for judgment (government), but he found none. Then he looked for righteousness. Isa. 5:7. “If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Hades).” Matt. 15:14. Take me to your leader! In the world of Pentecostalism, where I’ve spent 55 years of my life, the tongue talkers all look for some man. God won’t disappoint them! You’ll get your heart’s desire--the force. Only difference, you’ll have rejected the all-powerful Force, for “a force,” the Antichrist spirit in a man.*

“Behold, I have told you before.” Matt. 24:25. This is not the first time you’ve heard it from me either. Your church has no judgment because the preachers are a “lords over God’s heritage.” 1 Pet. 5:3. “Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; GO NOT FORTH: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.” Matt. 24:26. One cannot have righteousness without first having government, or judgment.

God looked for judgment and found none! He looked *“for righteousness, but behold a cry.” Isa. 5:7. The cry was due to the oppressive rulership! Preachers who own their own churches via a state recognized, three-name non-profit religious incorporation, are despots.*

The people were obeying the letter of the law in assembling themselves together. They were obeying the letter of the law, but not the spirit. Can obedience to the “dead letter” save you? Have you not read that *“the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life”?* 2 Cor. 3:6.

The dead letter of the law, the great Apostle Paul declared, is a “vail upon the heart” of the believer. 2 Cor. 3:15. *“Nevertheless when it (your heart) shall turn to the Lord, THE VAIL SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY.”* 2 Cor. 3:16. The next verse, in context to the above, is an old time Pentecostal favorite scripture; *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”* 2 Cor. 3:17. It is liberty to have the veil removed. The veil is like a cataract covering the eyes, causing one to only see the Law; hence, seek to be justified before a holy God by meeting the demands of legalism.

Liberty is freedom from the old Mosaic Law, or the veil of religion each church propagates. You’re either free from everything, or else bound to something or someone. Our schools disperse condoms in the name of “Sex Education,” the pulpits distribute veils.

The Apostle Paul differed from the apostles of James in Jerusalem in that Paul was constantly pulling “veils off of the eyes” of true believers. *“For ye are not under the law, but under grace!”* Rom. 6:14. *“But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.”* Gal. 2:11. Apostle Paul judged Peter over the “veil” of legalism. Peter, as a minister of the circumcision, knew both what Apostle Paul and Apostle James (the Lord’s half-brother) believed; Peter tried to please both these giants in the faith.

A couple of Kenyon, “Positive Confession” preachers were responsible for bringing Patty R. to the Lord. I was responsible for her destroying the Buddha statue in her residence. These “little gods” of Kenyonism do not condemn foreign gods: this is judgment, and we are only called to love. The only reason for having Buddha in her home was due to her yoga background. Patty was an ex-Yoga instructor. Yoga is the bait used to lead you into Hinduism theology.

There is not enough fire in the modern “tongues movement” to burn up idolatry. *“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE.”* Matt. 3:11. You can receive this tongues without any fire to burn up the dross in our lives. What do we do? We carry this unburnt “garbage” into the church. As a consequence, even though they claim to “speak in tongues,” the confessional booths, the statues, the beads, the candles are carried over into their so-called “new birth” experience. *“Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”* Matt. 3:12. God says He will burn up the chaff (garbage) so they don’t pollute the church with their cultic ideas developed in the world and cultism out of which they came. This is the reason you can’t distinguish a Christian from the world: the fire was never permitted to burn up the chaff (the world).

“Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink (the Toronto blessing); that continue until night, till wine inflame them!” Isa. 5:11. They drink this new wine until they get drunk and bark like dogs and cluck like chickens.

“And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they REGARD NOT THE WORK of the LORD, neither consider the operation of HIS HANDS.” Isa. 5:12. The church has the same musical instruments of the world to draw a crowd; both indulge in the beat *“till wine inflame them”* (Holy Rollers). The music and the “beat” is the same as in a rock ‘n roll concert, except for the lyrics. The church is as dependent on this “beat” to bring the youth in as was the Pied Piper of Hamelin upon his flute to guide the rats to their doom. They grow up in the church as undisciplined as at a rock concert.

“Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished (a conservative patriotic talk show host has more zeal and fire than the ‘honourable men’ behind the pulpit to feed the Word), and their multitude (the congregation) dried up with thirst.” Isa. 5:13. *“And the mean man (C. Thomas Patten, Ronn Haus) shall be brought down, and the mighty man (Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker) shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty (Oral Roberts, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Jerry Savelle, etc.) shall be humbled: but the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.”* Isa. 5:15-16.

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.” 1 Pet. 4:17. “For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.” 1 Cor. 11:31. God promises to send a revival that will uncover the drunkards of Ephraim (a type of present day Pentecostalism). Read the entire chapter of Isaiah 28. “Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys (prosperity gospel) of them that are overcome with wine!”

“Behold, the LORD hath a mighty and strong one (true wine and strong), which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet.” Isa. 28:1-3.

God has an unsettled score! God has controversy with these drunkards of Ephraim. Whom do you think Jesus was referring to when He said, *“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works (including “tongues”). And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* Matt. 7:21-23.

Who are these people that Jesus Christ never knew? *“Depart from me ye workers of iniquity!”* I believe God is directing His most scathing remarks to those whom much has been given. God judges us according to the light we receive. I firmly believe that! This is a principle of the kingdom. You must use your talent to receive more. *“But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”* Lk. 12:48. However, these drunkards of Ephraim desire to instruct the Captain. You ask why? The desire to have the Captain circumcised, or obey one of their rules, so that they may “glory in his flesh.” Gal. 5:13.

These drunkards of Ephraim, to whom much has been given, have the most light on the scriptures given to mankind. Did you think the Holy Ghost was an “it,” or a “spirit”? The United Pentecostals do. *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you ANOTHER Comforter.”* Jn. 14:16. *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”* Jn. 16:7. This other Comforter sent down to earth by the Father is the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the stone the builders have totally rejected! *“And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient.”* 1 Pet. 2:8. Jesus was that rock of offense to Judaism. The rock of offense to the Gentile builders is this Comforter, the third person of the Godhead. The builders devise a religion to circumvent the Holy Ghost.

Just who are these people who cast out devils, prophecy, and do many wonderful works “*in thy name.*” I feel confident that among their many “spiritual exercises,” they also “speak in unknown tongues,” but God says, “*I never knew you!*”

“*I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.*” Jn. 13:18. This was a tight brotherhood! The longer the twelve walked together, the more difficult it became for Judas! Judas was a member of the Zealots! The Zealots were Jews that desired a military leader like King David that could deal with the Romans in war. Someway, Zealots never hear! Zealots never see the big picture. Apostle James was a half-brother of Jesus. Spiritually, Judas was a half-brother due to his allegiance to Zealotism.

“*My kingdom is not of this world!*” Jn. 18:36. Judas’ eyes were opened as he saw the Master overturning the moneychangers tables in the temple, screaming like a fanatic, “*My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*” Matt. 21:13. As a Zealot all along, he felt Christ had deceived him. Now he was ready to stand by his religion. He was a disciple after years as a follower, but suddenly the spirit of a Zealot to promote his own agenda overpowers him. He then will attempt to instruct the Captain of his own way.

In The Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan, Christian meets many on the road to the Celestial City. All are invited to come along. Someway, they all knew that Pilgrim’s only objective was to reach the Eternal City. Pilgrim also knew he must stay on that highway and not to veer to the right or the left. We have many that have been receiving the *RBN* for four and five years. Suddenly, apparently based on one issue, they want off that road. They phone me, “Please delete my name from ever receiving the *RIVERBANK NEWS* again!” For free! It is not the price; it is the message! Judas could not stand the message that Christ was yelling at him, “*My kingdom is not of this world!*”

These drunkards of Ephraim invariably preach a gospel of “this world.” They cannot hear any better than Judas. Tulsa, Oklahoma and Atlanta, Georgia have been deceived into believing in the “Kingdom Now” gospel. Many of the preachers on TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) teach that “Christians are to take over the banks, businesses, stores, buildings, and corporate America!” Jesus cannot return until they accomplish this task. Of course, they have one scripture to enforce this doctrine. “*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*” Rev. 11:15. The seventh angel is the “last trump” of scripture. You are still on earth attempting to steal property from the Antichrist during his reign. Good luck! But unscrupulous men have deceived Christians into believing in an “earthly kingdom,” and have grown rich through a lie that they propagate that there is no escape by rapture from the wrath of God.

Jesus said, *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”* Matt. 6:24. The reason Christ said to these drunkards of Ephraim, “I never knew you,” is because of the worship of the mammon god. It is idolatry. *“Covetousness, which is idolatry.”* Col. 3:5. If you desire great riches, you better pray you are a great giver.

What if the devil would grant you your greatest desire? Would you forget God? *“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh (create cancer) as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.”* Jas. 5:1-3.

Arnold Murray, A TV Cultist!

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” 2 Tim.

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Doctrines of Arnold Murray *

1. Denies the Trinity; one of the major tenets of the faith.
2. Teaches the heresy of modalism; Jesus is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. “A wise man never discusses the Trinity.” *Murray*
3. Anglo-Saxon men; another Adam created on eighth day of creation, who were once gods prior to living on earth.
4. On the sixth day of creation God created blacks, Jews and other races.
5. Through his creationist doctrine he is a White Supremacist and promotes racism.
6. Serpent-seed doctrine! Eve had sex with the Serpent and Cain was birthed. Murray states that the offspring of Cain are called the “Kenites.”
7. Anti-Semitic. “We believe in an existing Satan who has a people who will not hear God. Many of the ‘Kenites’ are Jews, “the children of the devil.” “If you want to get a Kenite upset, bother his money tables.” *Murray*
8. Teaches that Kenites survived the flood, that is why they are hybrids; came aboard the Ark as animals.
9. Teaches annihilation doctrine: no living Hell.
10. Brands Christians as cultist due to believing in the rapture.
11. British-Israel doctrine; teaching that the Anglo-Saxons are the “ten lost tribes.”

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