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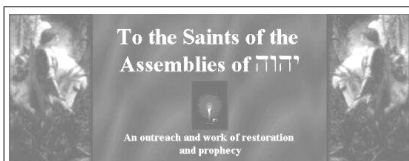
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## Confusion of Mind: A Global Epidemic



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### Scriptural Allusions I

And such trust have we through Moshiach to 'Elohim-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of 'Elohim; (2Cor 3:4-5, HKJV+S)

### Why So Much Confusion of Mind?

Jill is a likeable, gregarious, and caring person. When she is with her friends, they talk about popular issues of the day. She watches news on TV, browses Internet news sights and blogs, and sometimes listens to talk-radio to keep up on current events. At times she feels overwhelmed by what she hears; the vitriol and sometimes biased dialog seems to portray ever ongoing crisis in many arenas of sound local law enforcement to the federal government. As time passes, Jill's friends begin to notice that her comments have become more pointed, even cynical. "Sometimes Jill sounds judgmental", her friends whisper, "Jill's personality has changed from her gregarious self to being anxious and judgmental." Why?

Too much information can cause confusion. One cause of confusion of mind has been labeled information anxiety overload.

Today, technology can be seen as leading society. Many share an obsession with technology. With easy access to information, computers, smart-phones, and i-pads have become the new norm. It seems only natural to utilize this rich resource. It can also be at the root of a developing clinical anxiety, confusion, and even behavioral change.

Associate Director of Psychology World Margarita Tartakovsky, M.S. writes in her article 'Overcoming Information Overload' (2013)<sup>1</sup>,

I've always loved the scavenger hunt research requires. Every clue leads to another. Every clue uncovered is a prize in itself: learning something new and interesting and getting one step closer to the carrot (such as the answer to your original question). But there's always **one more thing** to look up, learn and digest.

Tartakovsky's comment exhibits how a predisposition in one's behavior can lead to obsession. Feelings from unanswered pursuit, however, can also frustrate and confuse. Tartakovsky continues,

Information or cognitive overload can lead to indecisiveness, bad decisions and stress, Palladino said. Indecisiveness or analysis paralysis occurs when you're "overwhelmed by too many choices, your brain mildly freezes and by default, [and] you passively wait and see."

<sup>1</sup> Tartakovsky, M. (2013, January 21). World of Psychology: Overcoming Information Overload. Retrieved May 15, 2013, from <http://psychcentral.com/blog/archives/2013/01/21/overcoming-information-overload/feed/>

Or you make a hasty decision because vital facts get wedged between trivial ones, and you consider credible and non-credible sources equally, she said.

When you can't tolerate the overwhelm any longer, you just go for it (and likely go with the wrong choice), she said. "When overload is chronic, you live in a state of unresolved stress and anxiety that you can't meet ongoing demands to process more information," she said.

Many, although, would assert, "And this effects me how?"

Social psychologist D. Myers (2005)<sup>2</sup> suggests even though one may understand psychology, none are immune to its power. Tartakovsky's example demonstrates that well. She states she must practice research by profession; subsequently, she acknowledges a potential for development of obsessive tendencies in her own personality as a result. In Tartakovsky's example, the degree of development is within normal range however. More vulnerable others can lapse into a deeper and clinical developmental disorder.

Such vulnerabilities can often begin very early in life.

Experience is a harsh task master, first comes the example then the lesson.

How many times have we all heard Mom say something akin to, "Now, don't get too close to the stove, you might get burned." That statement has



Monkeys? Yeah, pay no mind. They go away after a few casks of tasty spirits.

<sup>2</sup> Myers, D. (2005). *Social Psychology* (8<sup>th</sup> Ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

proven valuable to many throughout their lives. The lesson [presumed to be] learned as a child is that it is generally safe to assume that Mom *does* know best ... that it is wise to listen to authority figures.

Thanks to intuitive intelligence, inherent in most women, perhaps she even knows more than she realizes. Behavior Psychologists practice one of two basic fundamental approaches used by many mothers in matters of child, and adult, behavior:

1. Behavior leading attitude, and
2. Attitude leading behavior. Behavior psychologists largely agree and share the following.

Treatment often employs well known techniques such as classic and operant conditioning.

Learning Theory of Attitude Change:

Classical conditioning, operant conditioning and observational learning can be used to bring about attitude change. Classical conditioning can be used to create positive emotional reactions to an object, person or event by associating positive feelings with the target object. Operant conditioning can be used to strengthen desirable attitudes and weaken undesirable ones. People can also change their attitudes after observing the behavior of others (Kerry, 2013)<sup>3</sup>.

When Mom says "stop!" ... or, "you need a time out!" ... she usually has a good reason for it. As a child, we do well to listen to our mothers. Mom's are smart. If all else fails, they have a plan-B: If a child remains rebellious, mom redirects them to papa for correction. In times past<sup>4</sup>, just suggesting that course of action would always somehow instill a sense of reverence for even the most rebellious child.

Another major influence can be the tendency to accept information without first considering its source; or, taking things for granted.

In today's busy world of personally managed business and finance, home management, occasional

<sup>3</sup> Kerry, C. (2013). Attitudes: How Attitudes Form, Change and Shape Our Behavior. *About.com: Psychology*. Retrieved May 18, 2013, from <http://psychology.about.com/od/socialpsychology/a/attitudes.htm>

<sup>4</sup> For more information about gender-role and social change, read *Sex in History* Taylor, G. R. (1954) - historic research about shifts between Patrist and Matrist societal trends and the effects upon the masses.

outsourcing, service oriented families, and fast-food dining habits it requires a savvy individual to have a 'research before purchase' approach. Even for simple tasks like hiring lawn and auto services we must seek referrals in fear of suffering loss and that sinking feeling that "I've been ripped-off!" In more personal matters when rights and wrongs count, we often look to our traditional, philosophical, and religious sources for answers. Yet, even the 'deepest thinkers', the most sincere of philosophers' [an oxymoron if ever there was one] themselves proclaim that they themselves are the "worst source of consult" for those seeking absolute answers.

**"Come in," she said, "I'll give you shelter from the storm"** (Dylan, (1975)

*Philosophical discussions have already established morals and ethical rights and wrongs, right?* The very definition of an *ethicist* gives us the answer: An ethicist is a philosopher who specializes in ethics. But this begs the question, "which philosophy?"

Like Plato, Socrates, Darwin, and many other ancient and more contemporary philosophers, at best offer philosophy in the form of eloquently stated *theories*.

In scientific terms, oftentimes theories do not play out. Instead, they apply to some, but not others, a majority, but only those others who fit within certain parameters. Typical research and experiments require a premise [hypothesis] for observation within the philosopher's own narrowly defined criteria. Many experiments are largely presumed to produce a predetermined result; ergo, the premise of the hypothesis. Once a theory is formulated, it is then further validated by researchers of like-mindedness with repetition utilizing the same procedure and reaffirming its original discovery. In philosophical terms, such as Freud's theory on psychosexual development and its influence -which was derived only from psychoanalyzing bored women of the higher German Victorian Bourgeoisie- theory offers at best varying views for our consideration.

Note: Among many of Freud's valuable contribution towards understanding the human mind [spirit of man], his theory on sex was/is most criticized by his peers.

That brings to mind Einstein's theory of insanity "Repeating the same thing over and over and [presuming to produce] different results." If the approach was both objective and sincere we might have better and more useful discoveries. However,

academia tends to want to agree first with academia. In other words, many experiments are confounded [cloaked in err] from their beginnings.

"Consider this", says the philosopher; "Trust me", says the scientist. Errant knowledge can lead to faulty behavior. We ought to carefully consider our environments before allowing them to effect our behavior.

Today, *science* has discovered new bacterial infections that cross the blood-brain barrier resulting in similar effects resulting from syphilis – brain lesions causing cognitive maladies such as loss of reasoning (Kennard, 2007<sup>5</sup>). Such diseases damage internal organs, including the brain, nerves, eyes, heart, blood vessels, liver, bones, and joints. This damage can result in death<sup>6</sup>.

The Center for Disease Control [CDC] has recently declared that 1 in 5 people in the USA suffer some form of mental disorder. As we just discovered, this could be the result of either the rampant spread of sexually transmitted diseases [STDs] and/or new bacterial infections.

Historical record notes that even Darwin himself inadvertently admitted some greater intelligent designer when he stated doubts about his own theory.

"To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree." ~ Darwin

... Weikert, 2011)<sup>7</sup>.

Urban legends suggests , and a very popular one among the Evangelic sects, that Darwin finally accepted the existence of aCreator on his death

5 Kennard, J. (2007). Facts about syphilis: *About.com: Syphilis and Men*. Retrieved May 20, 2013, from <http://menshealth.about.com/od/diseases/a/syphilis.htm>

6 SEE (2001). Syphilis Elimination Effort: Facts on Syphilis. Center for Disease Control [CDC]. Retrived May 23, 2013, from <http://www.cdc.gov/std/media/FactsSyph11-28-01.htm>

7 Weikert, R. (2011). *Did Darwin Believe in God?* Retrieved May 25, from, [http://www.americanthinker.com/2011/09/did\\_darwin\\_believe\\_in\\_god.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2011/09/did_darwin_believe_in_god.html)

[FYI]

*What are some of the causes of confusion?*

There are many possible causes of confusion, including:

- being in an unfamiliar situation. For example, roughly 30% of people who get admitted to a hospital intensive care unit become confused during their stay. Being sick and in an unusual situation causes enough stress to make many people become confused.
- a sudden illness, especially when the illness is severe. This is most likely to occur in young children and elderly persons. Even the flu can cause confusion in some people. Other infections, such as the brain infections meningitis and encephalitis, and a serious blood infection called sepsis, commonly cause confusion.
- illegal drugs, alcohol, and some medicines
- withdrawal from drugs or alcohol
- low blood sugar, known as hypoglycemia
- head injury
- brain damage, such as that from Alzheimer disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson disease, a brain tumor, or a stroke
- fluid and salt imbalances, such as low sodium
- vitamin or mineral deficiency, such as thiamine or vitamin B12 deficiency
- chronic or serious infections or illnesses, such as HIV, syphilis, appendicitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cirrhosis, chronic renal failure, anemia, cancer or heart attacks
- hormone imbalances, such as low thyroid levels or hypothyroidism

There are many other causes of confusion. Sometimes, a cause cannot be found.

bed. He did not. Like many scholars, intellectual pride was his *maluit identitatis* [L.] unto death (also see Psalms 73).

*How about psychology?* The science of psychology boasts a 10-15% success rate. This small success rate as largely explained by professionals is due to non-compliance of participants and/or lack of established research. I find it interesting that the prophet Isaiah was also informed of a similar number of those who would be spared afflictions and persecution (see Isa 6:12-13). The difference between scientific claims of understanding the human mind and prophesy is that the Creator reveals His mysteries ... spiritual insight into the spirit of man regarding the 'why' of our behavior. Furthermore, He offers a sure ways of prevention of such unnecessary suffering. In comparison, science, philosophers, doctors, psychiatrists, ethicists, and today's clergy offer only considerations – a let's try this and see, approach.

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## CONFUSED?

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We all know how from creation week up to the sin of taking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 1:26...; 3:6) that man was perfect, being made in the image of the perfect Creator (separate from the beasts... unlike Darwin's theory making mankind descendants of apes.) God's creation was perfect!

Since then (approximately 6,000 years) mankind, being thrust out of God's perfection (Eden) and into the wilderness, has been attempting (rather pathetically most of the time), with that "knowledge of good and evil," to come up with his own form of perfection. What he has achieved is confusion! Throughout the ages man has made his feeble attempts to incorporate his idea of religiosity into the mix of setting up worship and governments by his own reasoning. All his plans end up in failure because they do not follow God's principles as laid out in His Word. Some of these attempts, like the Catholic church and mainstream Christianity and Islam, Hindu, Buddhism, etc., have remained through millennia due to the fact that mankind needs some type of worship (because we were made to worship) and he has to

“feel good” with how he’s worshipping (never mind that God lays out the pattern for us to follow throughout the Bible.) So man sets up what he thinks is the right way to do things because he wants to have God in his image instead. This has led to confusion, hate, warfare and killing and all the misery that comes with it.

The many attempts by man to come up with that perfect government have all failed. The best attempts by mankind to come up with that “perfect” government have been the ones that all started out based on the principles taken directly out of the Bible (God’s Word), the most pertinent part of the “armour of God”, our individual (S)Word of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). **The most beneficial forms of government have been based on the Word of God . . . Holy Scripture . . . given to us by our Creator Himself, through 40 different authors who over time compiled the books which make it up.** It was the basis for the most solid principles ever forged into the laws of a land. Yet we still see confusion -- due to man’s prideful nature, rejection of his Creator, and arrogant self-wanting to thrust his ideas and beliefs onto whoever is the nearest bystander. So the vicious circle of hatred and strife, contention and sorrow build up on society -- which makes the adversary the happiest being on earth. He utterly basks in the failures of men and he and his demons continue to flock to the point of most mayhem and confusion, wherever it may be, with rejoicing and gaiety.

Let’s delve into the most important point of all! To avoid confusion it must be the foremost subject, deserving of our full attention to the matter. This is, of course, the age old question which has proven to be the greatest mystery we, as mankind (God’s children), face. That subject is “Who is God and what is His nature?” **God is the Supreme Being and creator of all things!** He desires to have man join His family and share in His kingdom based on love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, all of which are part of His character and very nature.

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, out of the bondage of Pharaoh (SIN) and was to lead them to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. Because the people had doubt about defeating the people in that land God made them wander in the wilderness 40 years. It was their sins, lack of faith, and failure to trust in and obey God that led them into the wilderness. We still are in the wilderness and will remain in it until the end of this age, when God sets up

His kingdom which will last forever.

Faith – belief - is also vital to God’s plan. God so loved His creation of mankind, and the family He’s ultimately desiring from it, that He made an “everlasting covenant” with the most faithful man, Abram (Abram = exalted father) whose name was changed to Abraham (father of a multitude.) He will have ‘I AM’ as his God forever and his descendants shall be God’s people (Genesis 17:4-8) because He believed God and acted on that belief. This does seem rather plain and simple and yet mankind still has to gain the faith, as a whole, to believe what God told Abraham.

How do we, as God’s people, work toward accomplishing such a task as this, you may ask? We do it by bending to His will and being able to let Him form us to be ambassadors as we walk on this earth by conforming to His laws and commands and having the living faith to stand on the solid foundation that He gives us, removing any confusion from our minds.

Direct quotes from the written, inspired Word are pushed aside by men (of the world), verses like Psalms 90:2 “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God,” which are beyond man’s finite brain to be comprehended. Mankind must realize that our great creator God is, always has been, and always will be in control! He also desires to be honored, respected and worshipped as written in the book of Isaiah 43:15 “I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.” He desires to have a huge family (as we read earlier in the same chapter verses 5-9) “Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth; Even everyone that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, it is truth.” So our job, as witnesses for God, is to live by every word of God and be lights to this world, thereby eliminating the darkness of confusion and misunderstandings.

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## Confusion of Mind (Cont'd from page 4)

Note: there IS a difference between good and bad science. In matters of healing, the disciple/apostle Luke, a physician himself (4:14), likely utilized good science along with the healing powers of the Ruach Chodesh when healing many throughout his commission<sup>8</sup>. We're human after all; people had toothaches, broken fingers, contusions, rashes, were overcome by heat exhaustion, and stomach problems back then too.

So far, we've discussed confusion from biological, intellectual, and sociological perspectives. We've offered valid reasons, and suggested helps for those who are confused. We've also discussed the short and long-term ramifications of confusion if left unattended. We defined the spirit of man as being the amalgam of the three main domains of human development, and we have alluded to an alternative beyond the physical sciences when all else has seemed to fail.

Confusion – When data intake exceeds processing speed. ~ Urban Dictionary

That's the way of the world's religions. Now, let's talk about the world of the saints. Let's explore 'the way' as it will be in the Kingdom, ZION (a nation of priests).

### Insights from the Prophet Isaiah

What then, does the intelligent designer Himself say about *confusion of the mind*?

#### A New Direction from an Old Source

Post WW2 a religious renaissance occurred. Many turned to religion. Sixty years later, *religiosity* has proven to fail its members and their youth. Through abandonment of scriptural based moral doctrines, Jewish and Chr\_stian faiths have opted for little more than intellectual exercises of Torah study and the more conciliatory mega-church. There, members are taken in by the persuasive mystic teachings from the Kabbalah,

the lure of ethnic traditions (Mar 7:8), and Judeo-Chr\_stian ingroup psychobabble dialog and emotionally stimulating activities - feel-good dialogues and praise and worship activities designed to appease the sentient being. Appeasing needed spiritual guidance with long established mystic rituals resembling grandiloquent idolatry, these things offer only a temporary high – a sense of intellectual and/or emotional elation.

Such shallow attempts to 'please the crowd' of modern day sects and denominations abound. Clergy seems to fulfill the prophet voice of Jude describing them as 'clouds without water' (Jude 1:12; 2 Pet 2:17-22), empty storms leaving the truly spiritually hungry masses needing frequent return for rejuvenation (Mat 5:6).

Earlier I mentioned that recent psychologists boast a success rate of 10-15% with an allusion to the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied to the kings and people of Judea regarding their options wherein Yahweh asserts that a tenth (10%) shall be spared.

*And YHVH have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.*  
(Isa 6:12-13)

<sup>8</sup> Paul (Colossians 4:14) expressly calls him "the beloved physician." He was Paul's medical adviser, and doubtless prolonged his life and rescued him from many a serious illness. He was a medical missionary, and probably kept up his general practice of medicine in connection with his work in Rome (compare Zahn, Intro, III, 1). He probably practiced medicine in Malta (Acts 28:9). He naturally shows his fondness for medical terms in his books (compare Hobart, The Medical Language of Luke; Harnack, New Testament Studies: Luke the Physician, 175-98).

During rulership of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, [and] Hezekiah, Isaiah prophesied of a confusion of mind of its leaders and in Israel (Isa 1:5-7). Isaiah could just as well have been addressing today's Israelites. He might have said to them, ... the only recourse is to seek advise from family, doctors, psychologists, etc. ... and to live out your delusion of feelings of intellectual superiority and suffer the ensuing emotional pain

derived from your reckonings [rationalize, to judge to be probable]. He could add, as Yahshua himself advised regarding placing one's security in the material idolatry, "... eat, drink, and be merry, ... this night they require thy soul from thee." (Luk 12:19-20, KJV; SLT).

Like Darwin, allowing pride of intellect and accomplishment to fashion his behavior, the ancient Israelites tempted Yahweh by ignoring the distinction between the spirit of man

and the Ruach Chodesh and the Comforter - by relying upon their own reasoning, then expecting Him to extend the blessings promised to Abraham upon them. Note that

Abram's calling was by reason of his faith *and* obedience [or 'faith and works', see James 2:20] to Yahweh's will, not to his own. They gave the stranger among them equality (Isa 1:7), they trusted whom they should not (Isa 2:6), they allowed women and children to rule over them (Isa 3:12) [something to be watchful of in our current time] ... and they became "languished" by their own humanistic approach (Isa 24:4). Due to the abuses of the strangers among them, soon, curses overtook the lands, waters, and persecution swallowed up the people of Israel and they once again were taken into captivity by the beast [governing powers and their enforcing agent(s)] of the Assyrians. Sound familiar?

But what about the ten percent? ... the remnant for today? Were they, and are the saints today dissuaded from the truth?

Yahweh is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33). We accomplish enough of that on our own, and sometimes with a little shove by the prince and power of the air - Satan and his army of corrupt angels. For example, the [faithful] saints must discern the source of the sometimes hidden influences from certain contemporary music forms (hip-hop and new-age for example) and then decide what remedial action to take to protect themselves and family members. The saints are not taken in by eloquent yet deceitful political stump speeches. As in many other things, they are empowered by the paraklete to discern

*Be careful when you fight the monsters, lest you become one.*  
~ Friedrich Nietzsche

the powerful but evil persuasions used by cult type leaders. All this considered, some still ask, but can't the spirit of man alone battle these issues?

Science can generally discover a cause of biological, psychological, and environmentally influenced maladaptive behaviors. These are very useful in health and technology. However, outside scientific professions man has no powers.

It has been said, "there are greater powers in heaven than on earth." Saul, Israel's first king, corrupted himself when he rebelled against YHWH's mitzvah by consulting a witch (see Lev 20:6, and 1 Sam 15:33). Subsequently, Saul brought a evil upon himself.

*"And Sauls servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from Elohim troubleth thee" (1Sam 16:15) RNKJV).*

Confusion of mind vexed Saul until his death. Concerning battling the principalities of the air (Eph 6:12), we would do well to learn from Saul's example. Besides being a "... candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly ..." (Pro 20:27), the spirit of man can also be a doorway of evil spirits to cultivate confusion. Prevention requires putting on the full armor of Elohim to combat such powers (see Eph 6:11). There is no other way, except self-delusion – only another form of confusion of the mind.

Should the time come, we ought to ask ourselves, "Are we prepared to fight against the author of confusion?" To answer to the question, "can't the spirit of man alone battle these issues? ... Emphatically, no!

What does science have to do with spirituality. It is completely outside their domain, and remains a mystery to them. In principle, the scriptures say it plainly as, "what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? ... and what communion hath light with darkness?" (revelation compared to spiritual blindness) (2 Cor 6:14).

## For Your Consideration

### Scenario:

*The story of Jane Doe.* Jane is a 36 year old female patient diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She is nearing the end of her life. The cancer has progressed to Stage IV breast cancer with metastases to the brain, bone, and liver. She has a husband and three young children at home. She is refusing home hospice care because she does not want to subject her children to watching her die, but she also wants to leave the hospital. She is refusing pain medication because she wants to stay alert as much as possible to be able to spend as much quality time with her family as she can.

Jane knew of her genetic disease before having children. Knowing full well that her genetics would be passed on to her progeny, Jane chose to have children as a means of generativity ... a psychological term used to represent the human desire to pass on one's legacy. Under great stress, Jane reasoned the only legacy she could offer at such a young age was life itself.

### Consideration:

Prior to making her decision, Jane approaches you for counseling to discuss the ethics of having children. What advice would you offer Jane as Chaplain and counselor?

*We would like to extend an invitation for comments and responses to those whom have received this newsletter. To have your response published in our next Chodesh Report, please submit your responses by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please use the scenario title [The story of Jane Doe, or other title] as a reference.*

*For comments, essays, articles, and/or suggestions, please respond to: TTSAOY, c/o: D Lacey, 6801 W Kings Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382*

### Scriptural Allusions II

In thee, O YHVH, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. (Ps 71:1-2, RNKJV)

### *Spiritual Discernment*

If we hold, however, that God has no moral obligations toward humans, then we will be open to holding that God need not respect either human agency or robust, freedom-based love among and toward humans. We then risk obscuring the vast difference between a morally perfect God worthy of worship and a depersonalizing tyrant ... That would be a horror indeed.

~ Paul K. Moser (1957-)  
*The Evidence for God*

Q: Can you discern any *rhetorical fallacies*\* in this popular quote by P. K. Moser?

(Replies to be published in next months issue)

\* **Rhetorical fallacies** are errors of reasoning that introduce flaws in the logic of arguments. Used either intentionally or by accident, they often lead us to mistaken conclusions.



## A Calling to a New Direction

Yes, the saints have a helper, a guide for their conscience. With it comes understanding of the mysteries of Yahweh, peace of mind, and protection. The [faithful] saints have no questions why they contend for their faith. Yahweh's promises are sure! As are those pertaining to confusion.

We have already covered the needs of the spirit of man. But what about spiritual-confusion? Yahweh gave mankind historic examples and specific instructions about confusion: Confusion of the spirit of man and of spiritual-confusion that as mortals we all have and for the called out ones with the greater battles of the spiritual domain – the latter of which today is yet unknown or forgotten by most. Why then are the saints seemingly so confident and secure?

*For the Master YHVH will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: ... (Isa 50:7, RNKJV)*

*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of 'Elohim, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (Jas 1:5, HKJV+S)*

*... the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)*

The Comforter continues to advise,

*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye (Ps 32:8).*

*For 'Elohim hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2Tim 1:7)*

Comforting words indeed! Yet, some remain apprehensive.

Perhaps one of the most taken for granted statements in the renewed covenant is an invitation rather than the *obiter dictum* that some

claim it to be. Perhaps the reason that so many have a gnarling feeling when they read this is that it requires personal sacrifice.

*“... be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of 'Elohim. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of 'Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto 'Elohim, which is your reasonable service” (Rom 12:1-2).*

Yes, the spirit of man does not like any notion of sacrifice. In fact, this invitation begins a process, a beginning. To the true saint, it is ultimately the desired end as well. Yahweh is earnest in His calling, and awaits those who will respond. Not only are the saints the apple of His eye, they are what makes the behavior of we mortals sufferable. He inspired Matthew to write the the following,

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, ... (Matt 5:13, HKJV+S)*

From an Old Testament perspective, you could also say that if the Salt has lost its favour, you might lose a Lot (ref. Gen 19:26). So it is with those who cannot recognize, ignore, become confused [deceived], or deny their calling; but not so for the saints.

*But put ye on Yeshua the Messiah, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. (Rom 13:10-14) RNKJV*

*Glory Be to Yahweh, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and host of the saints!*

## *The Data*

### ***Rosh Chodesh 4, June 2013***

The new moon should be visible within the realm of Israel on June 10, 2013 after sunset.

Data for June:

Sunset	6:44 PM (JST)
Moonset	8:03 PM
Illumination	2-3%
Alt.	3 deg.
Azim.	289 deg.

### ***The Feast Days of Yahweh (2013)***

- Abib 1	-	Mar 14
- Yahshua's Kiddush & Renewing Covenant (at Abib 13 even)	-	Mar 26
- Passover Memorial (at Abib 14 even)		Mar 27
I, II Passover Feast	Abib 15-21	Mar 28- Apr 3
- Wave Sheaf	Abib 16	Apr 4
III Feast of First Fruits	Abib 16 + 49	May 17
IV Feast of Trumpets	Day 1 of 7 <sup>th</sup> new moon	Sep 8
V Atonement	Day 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> new moon	Sep 17
VI Feast of Booths	Day 15-21 of 7 <sup>th</sup> new moon	Sep 22- 28
VII Last Great Day (8 <sup>th</sup> Day)	Day 22 of 7 <sup>th</sup> new moon	Sep 29

*Time brings an end to everything. We should not mistake for a tragedy what is no more than the passage of time. ~ [Robert Brault](#)*

## *Lighter Side*



### ***Concerning the feast times of YHWH (Lev 23:2),***

Torah observant Hebrew [Modern Heb.]: “*But look, it's right there!*”

Pharisee [Ancient Heb.]: “אֵשֶׁךְ מִצֵּה הַלֵּיד בְּעֵמֶמְאֵבִי זַו, פִּלְמִדֵּז יִקְאִי זַפְזִרְגַּז זַ'לְפִנְמִב זַז, פִּלְמִדֵּז יִקְאִי.” (“*According to my calculations, it doesn't exist!*”)

*The problem with evidence is that it doesn't always support your opinion.*

*~The Colbert Report, July 13, 2006*

The Sunday school teacher had just finished the lesson. She had taught the portion of the Bible that told of how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. She then asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Little Jeremy raised his hand. "My mommy looked back once when she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole!"

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