

Hybrid Faith's (Purifying our Beliefs)

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew words Yahoshua (yeh-ho-shoo'-ah) for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and ruah for pneuma (spirit).

Each of us must ask ourselves, 'Are my beliefs founded upon the pure Words of Yahweh or is my faith a hybrid, a mixture of Yahweh's Word with pagan religions and philosophies?' A majority of us were reared with the belief that Christ arose from the dead on Easter. If this was you, you had or still have a hybrid faith; a faith that commingles Yahweh with the goddess Eostre, a goddess of fertility, which is why we have Easter bunnies and eggs. Hybrid faiths have come about "...while men were sleeping, their enemy came, and sowed over darnels, in among the wheat,—and away they went" (Mt. 13:25). Actually, throughout history, hybrid faiths are the norm rather than the exception. Our parents and pastors, who were our teachers, were our dupers because they were duped because their parents or teachers were deceived and this pattern continues going back as far as Eve and Adam. If you believe that you are not deceived in the things concerning Yahweh, then you are most probably deceived! The pure Word of Yahweh, meaning the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek manuscripts, is the only guide that will cleanse us from the impurities that fester in our corrupted Bible translations and religious dogmas. The purification of our beliefs by the uncorrupted Word of Yahweh is our goal, which is attainable when we adhere only to our Father's Words, which are Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek. The wrath of religious men will come against any people who regard the Word of Yahweh above the traditions, doctrines and commandments of men. Many brothers and sisters in Christ knowingly adhere to a hybrid faith because it pleases men. Paul said, "...If I had been still pleasing, men, Christ's servant, had I not been" (Gal. 1:10)! Are we serving Christ by going up stream, against the current or do we rather choose to serve men by going down stream, with the current? As someone said, "Any dead fish can float down stream but it takes a live fish to swim up stream." Christ swam up stream while Nicodemus, a religious ruler, decided to float down stream with the others. Christ was addressing Israel's false teachings, disassembling the hybrid faith of the day, while Nicodemus, the Pharisees and the Sadducees accepted the pseudo doctrines of men incorporating them into the Word of Yahweh.

Hybrid means, "Derived from heterogeneous or incongruous (disagreeing in character or qualities) sources; having a mixed character; composed of two diverse elements; mongrel."¹ Hybrid faiths are recorded throughout the Word of Yahweh. These impurities, abiding in our faith, contaminate, deactivate and slowly strangle the life which comes from the Pure Word. An example of a hybrid faith is illustrated by a casket of the 8th century.

¹ OED

The Franks Casket is made of whale's bone, richly carved on the sides and lid in high relief with a range of scenes with accompanying text in both the runic and Roman alphabets and in both Old English and Latin. The front is divided into two scenes: the left is derived from the Germanic legend of Weland the Smith, while the right depicts the Adoration of the Magi, when the three wise men visited the newborn Christ, labelled 'mægi' in runes. The left-hand end shows the founders of Rome identified in the accompanying text as Romulus and Remus, from the legend of twin brothers brought up by a wolf. The back shows the capture of Jerusalem in AD 70 by the Roman Emperor Titus.² This casket reveals the mixture of its owner's beliefs, which were based upon Christian, Roman and Germanic cultures.

Do You have a Hybrid Faith?

To determine if you have a hybrid faith, I will ask you some elementary questions:

- 1.) Did Eve eat an apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
- 2.) Were there two of each animal on Noah's Ark?
- 3.) Did Moses go up Mount Sinai two times?
- 4.) Did three wise men from the east visit Christ at his birth?
- 5.) Did Elohim name his first book, Genesis?
- 6.) Does the weekly Sabbath begin on Saturday?
- 7.) Was Noah's Ark built into a shape of a boat?
- 9.) Were there two men crucified with Christ?
- 10.) Was Christ murdered on Good Friday?
- 11.) Are there three recorded temptations of Christ in the wilderness?
- 12.) Did John write the gospel of John?
- 13.) Did Luke write the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts?
- 14.) Was Christ born on December 25th?
- 15.) Was Christ 30 years old when he began his ministry?
- 16.) Does Satan rule Hell?

If you answered, 'Yes,' to any of the above questions, you have been duped on very elementary issues that, really, do not affect our lives. The next question we should ask ourselves is, "Have I also been duped on issues that play a major role in my life and the lives of other"? I would venture to say unequivocally, 'Yes;' we have all been deceived because there is a master deceiver; "...the ancient serpent, he that is called slanderer and the adversary, that deceives (to cause to stray, to lead astray, lead aside from the right way)³ the whole habitable world..." (Rev. 12:9).

² http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_mla/t/the_franks_casket.aspx

³ 4105 *πλαναω* *planao* *plan-ah'-o* ; usages: Matt 18:12f; 22:29; 24:4f, 11, 24; Mark 12:24, 27; 13:5f; Luke 21:8; John 7:12, 47; 1 Cor 6:9; 15:33; Gal 6:7; 2 Tim 3:13; Titus 3:3; Heb 3:10; 5:2; 11:38; Jas 1:16; 5:19; 1 Pet 2:25; 2 Pet 2:15; 1 John 1:8; 2:26; 3:7; Rev 2:20; 12:9; 13:14; 18:23; 19:20; 20:3, 8, 10

Edward Irving sums up our opponent by saying, "...there can be no doubt that the arch-enemy of Yahweh and man has powers appertaining to him by right of the fall, which he uses within his limited province against the sons of men. He goes about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He is the father of lies. He is the father of murders. Pride is the livery of his servants, and vanity is the snare with which he catches them. He is the prince of this world. He is the prince of the power of the air, the spirit which now works in the children of disobedience. He is the most knowing, the most proud, the most artful, the most powerful, of earthly potentates. He has got the customs and course of the world on his side. He has buried under heaps of adversity the lives of men."⁴ How can we fight such a worthy opponent? We fight him with the sword of the ruah, which is the Word of Yahweh. We fight him by saying, "It is Written!"

"The words of Yahweh, are words, that are pure [tahor],⁵ silver refined in a crucible of earth, purified [zaqaq]⁶ seven times" (Ps. 12:6) but the words and beliefs of our enemy are contaminates, ever present, ready to attach themselves to the common faith, thereby making Yahweh's words impotent. An excellent example of this practice is illustrated by the so-called, 'gifts,' of the spirit as presented in 1 Corinthians 12 through 14:

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. (NIV 12:1)

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries... (NIV 13:2)

...eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.(NIV 14:1)

In these verses, the word, 'gift,' or 'charisma' is not in the Greek manuscripts but rather they are the additions of men. These additions to Yahweh's Word stop the manifestation of the spirit as commanded by our Father for the buildings up of the Body of the Christ because people believe that prophecy etc. are gifts, which they do not have. These additions to the Word of Yahweh void the commandments of Yahweh, as given in 1 Corinthians 14, which is to prophecy thereby building up the Assembly. According to the Greek text, the verses actually read:

...seek earnestly the spiritual things, and rather that ye may prophecy, (vs. 1)

and I wish you all to speak with tongues, and more that ye may prophecy, (vs. 5)

...earnestly desire to prophesy, and to speak with tongues do not forbid; (vs. 39)

⁴ The Collected Writings of Edward Irving, Vol. 2; The Temptation; pg. 199

⁵ 02889 טָהוֹר tahowr *taw-hore'* or טָהוֹר tahor *taw-hore'* The root *thr* is cognate with Ugaritic *thr* (variant, *hr*), used of gems of lapis lazuli (UT 19: no. 1032); cf. S. Arabic *thr* 'pure' and Arabic *tahara* 'to be pure, clean.' The verb occurs ninety-four times in the Qal, Piel, Pual, and Hithpael stems. It is used almost exclusively of ritual or moral purity. Once, however, in the Piel it refers to the cleansing of the skies by the winds in #Job 37:21, 'sweeps the clouds away' (NAB), and once as a Piel participle it refers to the purifying of silver. {#Mal 3:3} All told *taher* and its derivatives occur 204 times. In the great majority of cases they appear in the priestly literature: about forty-four percent in Lev and Num, about sixteen percent in Exo (especially of the pure gold for the cult), and about fourteen percent in Chr and Ezk. (TWOT)

⁶ 02212 זָקַק zaqaq *zaw-kak'1*) to purify, distil, strain, refine; usages 1 Chr 28:18; 29:4; Job 28:1; 36:27; Ps 12:6; Isa 25:6; Mal 3:3

My point is, ‘How many people are obeying the commandments listed in 1 Corinthians 14?’ The Church, as a whole, has torn out 1 Corinthians 14 from their Bibles, making them a hybrid Church, a Church that annuls Yahweh’s command. Others will create a hybrid faith by saying prophesying means “interpreting scripture,”⁷ when Yahweh explains prophesying in this chapter by saying, “and if all may prophecy, and any one may come in, an unbeliever or unlearned, he is convicted by all, he is discerned by all, and so the secrets of his heart become manifest, and so having fallen upon *his* face, he will bow before Yahweh, declaring that Yahweh really is among you” (1 Cor. 14:24-25). Others will create a different hybrid faith by saying, “We believe that some gifts of the Holy Spirit such as speaking in tongues and miraculous healings were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism nor of the filling of the Spirit, and that the deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection.”⁸ These individuals are no different than Calvin, Joseph Smith or the Pope because they also are adding or removing information from the Word of Yahweh. These leaders do not have evidence from the scriptures that support their doctrine but on the contrary their doctrine opposes the scriptures.

The people under Moses created a hybrid faith through the prophet Aaron, when he made them a molten calf. After making the calf, Aaron then said, “...A festival to Yahweh, tomorrow” (Ex. 32:5)! The people through the prophet Aaron created a mongrel faith. They worshipped Yahweh along with the molten calf. If this creation can happen under the Prophet Aaron’s watch, we must also believe that it is happening today in our midst. The nation of Israel worshipped Yahweh and Baal along with many other gods. Elijah told them, “...How long are ye limping on the two divided opinions? If, Yahweh, be El, follow, him, but, if, Baal, follow, him. But the people answered him, not a word” (1 Kg. 18:21).

Hezekiah, the King of Judah, said, “For our fathers have acted unfaithfully and done the thing that was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh our Elohim, and have forsaken him,—and have turned round their faces from the habitation of Yahweh, and have offered their backs... So the priests entered into the inner part of the house of Yahweh, to make purification, and they brought out every unclean thing which they found in the temple of Yahweh....Then rose they up, and removed the altars, which were in Jerusalem,—and, all the censers, removed they, and cast them into the Kidron ravine...Thus was there great rejoicing, in Jerusalem,—for, since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel, there had not been the like of this, in Jerusalem...Now, when all this was finished, all Israel who

⁷ While they were in close pursuit of charity, and made this Christian disposition their chief scope, they might be zealous of spiritual gifts, be ambitious of them in some measure, but especially of prophesying, that is, of interpreting scripture. This preference would most plainly discover that they were indeed upon such pursuit, that they had a due value for Christian charity, and were intent upon it. Note: Gifts are fit objects of our desire and pursuit, in subordination to grace and charity. That should be sought first and with the greatest earnestness which is most worth. (Revised Matthew Henry Commentary)

⁸ Dallas Theological Seminary Doctrinal Statement; Article 12; <http://www.dts.edu/about/doctrinalstatement/>

were present went forth unto the cities of Judah, and brake in pieces the pillars—and cut down the Sacred Stems—and threw down the high places and the altars” (2 Ch. 29:6, 16; 30:14, 26; 31:1)

2 Kings 17:24-34 illustrates another hybrid faith. The king of Assyria overthrew Israel and planted in Samaria, men from other nations. These people brought with them their own gods to worship. “Therefore spake they unto the king of Assyria, saying, The nations whom thou hast removed and settled in the cities of Samaria, know not the custom of the god of the land,—and he hath sent among them lions, and lo! they are slaying them, because they know not the custom of the god of the land” (2 Kg. 17:26). The King sent them a priest from Israel and he began teaching them how they should do reverence unto Yahweh. The men began worshipping Yahweh, the ‘god of the land,’ but never-the-less they stilled worshiped their other gods.⁹

Hybrid Faith’s Today

One thing held in common for any hybrid faith is that their sole authority is not the Word of Yahweh, according to the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek text. Their hybrid faith is created by adding to, deleting from and or taking a verse out of its context. Many will say their faith is from the Word of Yahweh but some of their beliefs can not be validated by the scriptures. Never-the-less they clasp firmly onto these hybrid beliefs. All of us have some impurities mixed into our beliefs. Our goal is to identify these impurities and remove them from our lives, regardless of the cost. Many people love their hybrid faith, so therefore removing the impurities from their lives is not an option. We must remember that if people have confessed and believed Romans 10:9-10, then they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. If they chose to remain shackled to impurities, so be it. We encourage, comfort and build them up as commanded by Yahweh. Many of their works are noble, righteous and just; well-pleasing in the eyes of Yahweh and Christ. Their relationship with Yahweh is between them and Yahweh and is not our affair. We must focus on our own cleansing and calling. Peter was reprovved when he looked at one of Christ’s followers and said “...unto Yahoshua, “But Lord, what *about* this man?” but Yahoshua said, “...what *is that* to you? You follow Me.” (NKJV Jn. 21:21-22). Yahweh, many times in our lives, overlooks our impurities as is illustrated with King Solomon, who Yahweh appeared to twice.¹⁰

The examples of hybrid faiths that I will list are only for one’s learning. Many of these groups produce an abundance of fruit for Yahweh but never-the-less, their beliefs are hybrid. We are all familiar with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who have additional books of so-called revelations. Their hybrid faith is presented in their article of

⁹ Yahweh, were they revering,—and yet, their own gods, were they serving, according to the custom of the nations from whence they had brought them away captive. (2 Kg. 17:33)

¹⁰ “Solomon loved Yahweh, by walking in the statutes of David his father,—save only, that, in the high places, he himself, was sacrificing and offering incense” (1 Kg. 3:3).

faith, “We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.”¹¹ The Roman Catholic Church commingles the Word of Yahweh with the adoration of Mary; “In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.”¹² They also do not rely solely upon the Word of Yahweh but upon many additional sources and literatures, as illustrated above making them similar to the Mormons.

Most Protestants say, ‘Sola scriptura,’ which is Latin for ‘scripture alone,’ but their faith usually, contradicts this statement. They actually incorporate the writings of the Philosophers, the Church Fathers and the seven Ecumenical Councils into their beliefs, thus forming a hybrid faith. Terms, which are not in the scriptures but rather in the writings of the Church Fathers and others are part of their faith; terms such as Triune God, Trinity, incarnation, God-man, 100% God and 100% man, God the Son, God the Spirit, Mother of God, immortality of the soul, resurrection of the body, demons of Hell and Satan is the ruler of Hell to name only a few. The Church Fathers and other men have produced doctrines such as the separation of the body and the soul upon death; that people who have died are presently in Heaven, Hell or Purgatory; the nine manifestation of the spirit are gifts; the gifts of the spirit went out with the Apostles; today there are no Apostles and Prophets; that Yahoshua died on Friday and arose on Sunday and that there were two crucified with Christ. These are a small list of teachings and terms that are not in the scriptures but they have been incorporated into the Churches faith, making it a hybrid faith.

The originator of the first hybrid faith was the serpent in the Garden, as recorded in Genesis chapter three. Adam and Even were given the pure Words of Yahweh but the serpent injected impurities into these Words by saying:

- 1.) Can it really be, that Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- 2.) Ye shall not, die.
- 3.) For Elohim doth know, that, in the day ye eat thereof, then shall your eyes be opened,—and ye shall become like Elohim, knowing good and evil.

This same enemy attempted to give a hybrid faith to the Son of Yahweh, as recorded in Matthew chapter four by saying:

- 1.) If thou art Elohim’s, Son, speak! that, these stones, may become, loaves.

¹¹ Articles of Faith #8; <http://www.mormon.org/articles-of-faith/>

¹² Immaculate Conception; <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07674d.htm>

- 2.) If thou art Elohim's, Son, cast thyself down,—for it is written, To his messengers, will he give charge concerning thee; and, on hands, will they bear thee up, lest once thou strike, against a stone, thy foot.
- 3.) All these things, will I give thee,—if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

But Yahoshua always responded by saying, “Kathab (*kaw-thab*),”¹³ which in English is, “It is Written!” Yahoshua said, “...It is written,—Not on bread alone, shall man live, but on every declaration coming forth through the mouth of Yahweh. These words are Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words that are used in their context. The so-called Modern Bible translations, such as the NIV, NLT and the Message are not translations but paraphrases of the text according to what the translators believe they say in accordance with the traditions of the Church. The inaccuracies of these books promote hybrid faiths.

Concerning hybrid faiths, Paul said, “But, even if, we, or, a messenger out of heaven, announce a glad-message aside from that which we announced unto you, accursed, let him be! As we have said before, even now, again, I say: If anyone is announcing unto you a glad-message aside from that which ye accepted, accursed, let him be” (Gal. 1:8-9)! Can this warning be anymore clearer?

Hybrid faiths come about because of ignorance of the scriptures, inaccurate Bible translations and because people “...according to their own covetings, will, unto themselves, heap up teachers, because they have an itching ear, and, from the truth, indeed, their ear, will they turn away, while, unto stories, they will turn themselves aside” (2 Ti. 4:3-4). The truth empowers and unshackles those who have been taken captive, while impurities existing in someone's faith will enslave and weaken the believer. False doctrines act as gangrene,¹⁴ a disease by which any part of the body suffering from inflammation becomes so corrupted that, unless a remedy be seasonably applied, the evil continually spreads, attacks other parts, and at last eats away the bones. In contrast to gangrene, we have been offered life, if we but cut away the infected tissue; “For, living, is the word of Yahweh, and, energetic, and more cutting than any knife with two edges, and penetrating as far as a dividing asunder of soul [life] and spirit [breath], of joints also, and marrow, and able to judge the impulses and designs of the heart” (Heb. 4:12); “The words of Yahweh, are words, that are pure, silver refined in a crucible of earth, purified seven times” (Ps. 12:6). Our quest is not to have a mongrel faith, which will please men but rather a 100% pure faith, which delights our Father; a faith where we can walk in 100% confidence and power; the faith of our Lord, Savior and Head, Christ Yahoshua.

¹³ Jos 8:31 as Moses, the servant of Yahweh, commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written [03789 כָּתָב *kathab kaw-thab*] in the scroll of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, whereon had not been wielded any tool of iron,—and they caused to go up thereon, ascending-sacrifices unto Yahweh, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

¹⁴ 2Ti 2:17 And, their discourse, as a gangrene, will eat its way; —of whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,