

THESIS + ANTITHESIS = SYNTHESIS

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note: To fully comprehend the following iconoclastic exorcism, dare consult Webster's Dictionary and the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.



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Doers beware Supplanters

Yes, the Phinehas Priesthood doesn't use a literal Spear, I've learned.
Here's more for you to consider now:

You of course know the Pentateuch was not written by some literal Moses character adopted by an Egyptian Princess, right? No doubt some Merchant-rabbi discovered Akkadian tablets from yet a more ancient Sumerian civilization matrix, which Egypt re-presents with their pyramid-scheme of zeit-geist.

Those tablets conveyed the first lesson of Logos Manifesting Cosmos (Divine Expression of an Orderly Universe). In The Beginning: Genesis 1²³ per Factors 1-2-3, you see? And the Serpent Nachash, at the proverbial Tree of Knowledge, deciphered simply means: to diligently observe and learn from experience. Alas, trapping the immortal into mortal forms, made more solid (mass) by impingements.

Let's move on to consider other arcane paradigms. For instance, the allegorical Cain and Abel, and Cain's archetype civilization named Enoch. Deciphered; Abel means: worthless/transitory, vis-a-vis; Cain means: Spear/Strike fast - a cultivator by profession. Enoch of course, the first born - civilization, means: Initiated/Disciplined. Ergo, another Divine Expression of Orderly Arrangements.

Now come along to consider Father Abraham, and that ones progeny: The firstborn Ishmael (God will hear-discern desires), who was robbed by Isaac (laughter-mockery), very much like Jacob stole the birthright of Esau, his twin - and also the name of Isaac's firstborn, by the way, deciphered: To Do or Make, vis-a-vis Jacob is a heelcatcher who supplants - and hence becomes Israel: To Rule as (with) God. You see, Jacob's treachery is much like Cain's Spear! Civilizations are formed and reformed by this matrix. Alas, Creators who "manifest desires" (Ishmael) must dare be a warrior to maintain (Esau) that creation, against the Supplanters (Jacob) treachery, to Rule.



Zeit-geist matrix of Government: Legislative/Judicial/Executive
branches of Creation/Formation/Actualization, from primal
mind/Force/matter.

If you desire to find and to gain admission to the sanctuary, Read/Study/Reflect.



I'll be frank. This is not a blog that will be easy for some people to read. But it's a blog I believe every follower of Jesus *should* read – even if you have to force yourself to press on. It's about something we all wish was not true. It's about the way the Bible has throughout history been used to justify and motivate violence – *in Jesus name*. I've also included some of my research in the footnotes, because I'll be discussing material that is typically edited out of public education curriculum, and even more so by Christian curriculums. Hence it's material that most know little about, so I encourage readers to dig deeper.

If you're a follower of Jesus, *please* read on.

In Numbers 25 the Lord tells Moses to gather together and execute in broad daylight all the ringleaders of a group of guys who had defiled themselves by having sex with Moabite women and worshipping their idols (vs. 1-4). While the whole congregation of Israel was assembled before Moses, a man and his recently wed Moabite wife came before them weeping, apparently out of fear, hoping for mercy (v 6). Suddenly a guy named Phinehas went out, grabbed a spear, and bludgeoned both of them, apparently with one thrust (vs 8). The Lord praised the "zeal" of Phineas and thus lifted a plague that had already killed 24,000 (vs.8- 11. cf. Ps 106:29-31).

A follower of Jesus can't help but notice the radical contrast between the portrait of God commending Phinehas for his use of the sword, on the one hand, and Jesus' rebuke of Peter for using the sword, on the other (Mt 26:51-52). Unfortunately, it's an undeniable truth that throughout history the example of Phinehas has exercised more influence on Christian attitudes toward violence than Jesus'. As J.J. Collin's has demonstrated, the "zeal of Phinehas" has served as a paradigmatic slogan for religiously motivated violence in the Judeo-Christian tradition throughout history.^[1]

My research for *The Crucifixion of the Warrior God* uncovered a wealth of scholarly research demonstrating the manner in which violent stories in the Bible and in other literature that is considered sacred has justified and motivated religious violence in all the world's religions. The brutally violent history of the Christian Church from the fifth century on, massacring heretics, Muslims, witches, and even other Christians, all carried out with presumed biblical authority and in the name of God, bears witness to this sad truth.^[2] Referring to the story of Yahweh telling the Israelites to "show no mercy" as they slaughter "everything that breathes" in Canaan (Deut. 7:2; 20:16), Kenton Sparks notes that throughout history, "Jewish and Christian readers of the Bible have used these texts to justify wholesale, violent, exterminations of their enemies."^[3] Speaking specifically of the crusades in the medieval period, Joseph Lynch reminds us that these religious massacres are simply "not comprehensible without factoring in the Old Testament, which permeated not just the language but also the self-view and behavior of the warriors."^[4]

The imagery of Israel violently invading Canaan became a motivating paradigmatic symbol in an especially strong way when Europeans conquered America. To illustrate, Sparks sites the testimony of one American colonist who, after his group had completely annihilated an entire tribe of Native Americans, testified:

Sometimes Scripture declareth women and children must perish with their parents...We had sufficient light from the Word of God for our proceedings....It was a fearful sight to see them frying in the fire, with steams of blood quenching it; the smell was horrible, but the victory seemed a sweet sacrifice.[5]

These European invaders of America had "the zeal of Phinehas" as many explicitly identified themselves with the Israelites and the indigenous population with the Canaanites. [6] The Puritan preacher Ezra Stiles went on to depict George Washington as America's "Joshua" theorizing that the natives were *literal* descendants of the Canaanites.[7] Since it's typically edited out of all but the most academic American history books, most people are unaware of the full depth of the depravity manifested in many Europeans' treatment of the indigenous population — all carried out under the auspices of the authority of the Bible and the Church.[8] Given what Karlheinz Deschner has called the "criminal history" of our Church, sanctioned by what some have called the Bible's "texts of terror," you can understand why an increasing number of westerners find themselves resonating with the opinion of Mieke Bal when she writes: "The Bible, of all books, is the most dangerous one, the one that has been endowed with the power to kill." [9]

As followers of Jesus, we must honestly face the challenge that the ugly, violent aspects of our Bible and our history pose for us. As followers of Jesus, we are called to not only refrain from violence, but to be *peacemakers* (Mt 5:9) and "ministers of reconciliation" and "ambassadors" of the kingdom (2 Cor. 5:19). Yet our Bible, which we confess to be "God-breathed" (2 Tim.3:16), contains material that is violence-making rather than peace-making. To this day it continues to incite violent attitudes, if not outright violent behavior.

Just two years ago a billboard in Texas said "Pray for Your President" just under a picture of Obama, citing Psl.109:8.[10] This verse calls for the Psalmist's enemy to die soon — "let his days be few" and goes on to pray that "his children" would be "fatherless," "his wife a widow," and "his children...wandering beggars" who are "driven from their ruined homes" (vs.9-10). This is a Phinehas prayer, not a Jesus prayer. Jesus rather taught us to pray *for* our enemies, to bless our enemies, and to follow his example of praying for the forgiveness of our persecutors (Mt 5:44; Lk. 23:34)

In light of all this, we must ask ourselves: What does it mean to be makers of peace and bringers of reconciliation when the Bible we confess to be "God-breathed" has material that continues to inspire violent attitudes, if not outright violence? Since Jesus and the earliest disciples confessed the whole Old Testament to be the inspired Word of God, I do not for a moment think that denying the Bible's violent material is an option. Confessing Christ to be Lord entails that we cannot usurp his own teaching by cutting out material we don't like. I don't see how one can confess Christ to be Lord and yet correct his theology, especially about a matter as foundational as this.

At the same time, confessing Christ as Lord, and honoring his call to be peacemakers, means that we can no longer remain silent about the truth that this material contradicts the enemy-loving, non-violent attitude he commands us to have. As a number of concerned scholars have been saying, to remain silent about violence-inciting material is to condone it and to thus bear some responsibility for the violence it incites. Indeed, even Jesus renounced the Old Testament's "eye

for an eye" commands (Lev. 24:19-20; Ex. 21:24) and replaced them with his command to "turn the other cheek" and to love our enemies (Mt 5:38-45).

The question I therefore leave you with is this: Is there a way to affirm that all Scripture, including its violent stories, violent prayers, and violent depictions of God, are "God-breathed," while at the same time renouncing its violence? For in confessing Christ as Lord, it seems we are bound to do both. It may seem like an impossible conundrum, but I have found that impossible conundrums are sometimes an opportunity for the most profound insights.

Think about it.

Thank you for pressing through.

And until a resolution is forthcoming, I implore you to *please* follow the example of Jesus, not Phinehas.

Thank you for your frankness in reply to my iconoclastic exorcism. The Frankpledge mistake in keeping a zone of influence at peace though, isn't by discounting the truth behind the confusion. Freedom frankly is achieved with Understanding. You've obviously disregarded my note: "To fully comprehend..." so please permit me to labor like a Berean on your behalf and judge line upon line and precept by precept, in accord with Acts 17:11 & Isa. 28:9/10. It is very interesting, in your frankness, that you focus fully upon the Phinehas Priesthood distortion of Numb. 25 - which as you see I'd stated "doesn't use a literal spear". Bestial cretins are of course drawn to brute violence in order to make their point of view known... but that is mostly due to an underdeveloped (i.e. retarded) force of intelligence and its corresponding confusion. Yes, I speak from experience. What I've learned though is discovered in Ex. 6:25/30. You see, Phinehas is defined as: Mouth of a Serpent (*6372 fr. *6310 and a var. of *5175 fr. *5172; a prim. root: prop. to hiss, i.e. whisper, gen. to prognosticate: - learn by experience; diligently observe. *6310: the mouth).

Hence, when Moses said "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, how shall the Pharaoh hearken unto me" (to set my people free!)? Do you actually think that Moses is referring to the prepulse? If you consider Merriam Webster's definition of circumcision: 1. "a Jewish rite performed as a sign of inclusion in the Jewish religious community", then perhaps you may see Moses was indicating that he wasn't included in Pharaoh's community and thus had no influence. How could he speak with a mouth of a serpent - with uncircumcised lips?

What do you think Paul meant by his confrontational (Acts 17:51): "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost (Θ) as your fathers did, so do ye". You see, the covenant of peace is granted to the true Phinehas Priesthood, in accord with Ez. 33!

Malachi 2^{4/7} is the covenant of Peace, frankly: "And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace: and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name (YHVH #3068 Eternal). The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts".

Joshua 13:33 notes the only inheritance of Levi's progeny. And in Ex 6^{16/27} you'll see Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron - the mouthpiece bro of Moses, are all Levites. Your frank diatribe condemning Phinehas is no doubt indicative of a standard education, so I don't intend to be insulting when I represent scriptures for your consideration. The investigation into the meaning of words is the beginning of education though, you must admit. In citing #Tim 3:16, you must also consider what is lost in the translation and learn to call things by the names they have in the minds of their divine authors.

For instance, have you ever considered the anthropological significance of Moses?
 #4872: drawing out (of the water), i.e. rescued, fr. #4871: a prim-root: to pull out (lit. or fig.).

So... as Water is a source of LIFE, so is Understanding. Let's dive in!

From the fire of humility and vexations (Exodus 1) Moses was born (Ex. 2) of the house of Levi (#3878: attached, fr. #3867: a prim-root: to twine, i.e. unite), viz: Ex 4:14 "... is there not Aaron, thy brother, the Levite?" "He shall become thy mouth, and thou to him as Elohim" - Ex 4:16. Aaron, the first High Priest, #175 means nothing in particular. As though, assures first place in lexicons and acts as prologue to everything following. It is worth noting that Aaron the Levite #3881, sits next to #3882 Leviathan, i.e. a Serpent. Hence: "Be ye wise as serpents" - which shed their skin of course - representing 'growth', i.e. Initiation in the Mysteries.

Moses the Levite, demonstrates Initiation when entering the land of Midian (Ex. 2:15). Midian #4080/4079: Contention (-ous), fr. #4066 a contest or quarrel. Note the Well (Ex 2:16/17) of Wisdom, and Moses' valiant conduct to ward the seven daughters (Pleiades) of the Midian hierophant. You see, in Conflict lies potential growth, as by friction Fire is caused. The hierophant initiates candidates with sufficient integrity and courage to draw out from the well-spring of Lux. Notice that the re-ward granted to Moses for such noble conduct, was to wed Zipporah (#6855; Bird), Metaphorically of course, Zipporah is The Shining, The Radiant, i.e. Spiritual Light - from the "well" of occult knowledge. To Kabbalists, the Holy Spirit is the Bird of Wisdom, vis-a-vis the Phoenix, aka the house of Enoch #2585 "Initiated". Doesn't anyone notice the thorn-bush mentioned thrice in Ex. 3:2; "burneth with fire and yet the thorn-bush was not consumed"? A flame that does not consume is simply LIGHT! Light is everywhere the symbol of intelligence, information, knowledge and truth. Intellectual illumination dispels the darkness of mental and moral ignorance and brings to view the sublime truths of religion, philosophy and science. Exodus 3:5 is the holy ground of Gnosis.

And God said, Let there be light (Gen 1:3), And the light shineth in darkness (Jn. 1:9).

"In light of all this", the diatribe posits; "What does it mean...? I have found that impossible conundrums are sometimes an opportunity for the most profound insights".

To be frank, we live within an atomistic society where people are trained not to think - but rather obey. Few there are who dare enter the land of Midian to contend for the birth right of homo sapiens, which defined means: "wise, intelligent". So what we need do is wise-up to the fact that mere appearances are often misleading. Know that within exoteric knowledge of the masses, lies the esoteric gems for them by right struggle discover for theirself. Our atonement is achieved when the atomistic chaos of Gen. 1:2 is handled with Gen. 1:3. Freedom isn't free. For example, every year: Maccabees are worshipped heroes of Hanukkah; and Passover celebrates the slaughter of all the firstborn Egyptians. And Purim's celebration of another supplanting massacre, is no conundrum at all. According to Gen. 1^{26/28}, all Adamites are instructed to have dominion and subdue the earth. Subdue [ME to subject, fr. MF to seduce] 1: to conquer and bring into subjection: VANQUISH 2: to bring under control esp. by an exertion of the will 3: to bring under cultivation.

Is there a conundrum when you pull the weeds from your garden? What is the consequence if cultivators don't rid the garden of worthless weeds? Gen. 1^{2/3} is the rubric which establishes every word of the arcane scriptures. TO BE true, just, and upright, is the basis of all virtue and excellence, in the war against falsehoods! Let there be Light!

For the Love of Truth.

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