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IN PHASE WITH GOD

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5

Try this little experiment. Take a common household flashlight and shine it against the wall. You'll note the circle of light produced, but what else do you see? Have you ever puzzled over the dark shadowed areas within the flashlight beam? How does the flashlight produce both light and darkness?

The answer is a fundamental truth in physics. Light behaves as a wave. (and a particle too, but that's for a later discussion!) An electromagnetic wave, such as light, travels similar to an ocean wave; that is, it cycles with a crest followed by a trough. The number of times it does this in a given length is called the wave's "frequency" while the measurement of the crest or trough is referred to as its "wavelength."

When light waves are concentrated, tuned, and aligned so that each crest and trough "matches" in their oscillations the light is said to be "in phase." This is the basis for technologies such as lasers, which is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Light becomes very powerful indeed when "in phase" and serves a variety of useful functions in precision.

But what happens when light is "out of phase?"

Without proper alignment, the crest of one wave of light will fall over the trough of another. When this occurs, the height of the crest, added to the depth of the trough, will mathematically cancel one another out, resulting in zero...no light is evidenced and instead, there is only darkness.

2 Corinthians 11:14 tells us that Satan himself appears as an angel of light. There are many religions and movements in the world today which claim to be the enlightened truth, but are they "in phase" with the Word of God?

Satan's angelic name is Lucifer, literally "light bearer." While many religions and movements may cloak themselves with certain attributes that seem morally conscionable and reasonable, remember that the Devil's specialty is to make the "fruit" appear desirable; so that its poison can be ingested.

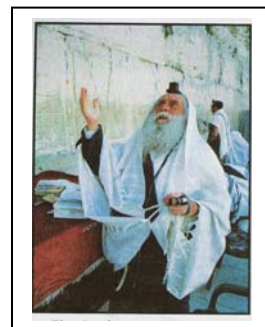
The Word of God MUST be the lens through which we examine these various sources of "light." If they are "in phase" with God the resulting amplification will be brilliant and powerful.

If not, only darkness remains...



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Yē-rū-sha-lā'im ←--- Shalom' ←--- Sha·alū



THE STUDY OF PROPHECY: FACT OR FICTION?

When was the last time the pastor of your church taught on prophecy or led you through an in-depth study of the book of Revelation? Ezekiel? Zechariah? I thought so.

It is disturbing that so many churches today neglect this absolutely vital area of study and deem it confusing, irrelevant, or just for the “whackos!” I am reminded that the prophets of Israel were always treated with the same regard within the text of the Tanakh, otherwise known as the Old Testament.

Two verses should get your attention:

*“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**” Revelation 19:10 (bold emphasis mine)*

*“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things **in the churches.** I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.” Revelation 22:16 (bold emphasis mine)*

Prophecy should be proclaimed, as a testimony of Jesus Christ, to witness to the world around us. No less than the Lord Himself has said that these things are to be presented IN the Church as well.

The eschatological study of biblical prophecy is not to be taken lightly. I believe that pastors have a solemn God given responsibility to diligently search out the scriptures and present these truths to the flocks that they have been given stewardship of. I also believe that we, as individual Christians, bear the same obligation of study and discernment.

It is appalling how many Christians and churches have no understanding of prophecy at all. Many have been taught that these things are merely fanciful tales meant to allegorically illustrate the principles of good vs. evil. Some rationalize prophetic writings, such as the Revelation, as simply historical accounts written cryptically to avoid persecution.

These arguments cannot withstand a comprehensive treatment of God’s Word conducted with spiritual insight and intense scrutiny. If we were to take this area of study seriously, it would have a profound effect on the manner in which we live our lives, the decisions that we make, and our understanding of the events occurring within the world today. Who would oppose such insights? Only the Adversary.



Romans 10:9

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

THE RETURNING CHRIST

Jesus is coming.

He is coming *very* soon.

Are you ready?

Perhaps you find yourself doubting that His return is imminent. You may have heard such statements made all your life and consider them foolish or mistaken. Congratulations. You yourself have just fulfilled a bible prophecy.

2 Peter 3:3-4 tells us: “*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*”

No one believed the flood was imminent in Noah’s day either.

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:7

The bible states that God is not willing that any should perish; but yet, many will refuse to acknowledge Christ as LORD and Savior. Perilous times and great tribulation lie ahead. Those that continue to reject the shed blood of Jesus Christ, given in atonement for the sin of all mankind, will one day find themselves forever separated from God; in whose holy presence man’s sinfulness simply cannot abide.

A hopeless eternity in hell is an awful prospect. Please, won’t you ask Jesus into your heart today?

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