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A PERSONAL LETTER FROM DAVID TO YOU.

SUBJECTS: DIFFERENT CHURCHES, ORGANIZATION, BAPTISM, RAPTURE, REINCARNATION, BRITISH ISRAEL, ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION, ETERNAL SALVATION, JOKES, MANIFESTED SONS, IMMORTALITY, LAW OR GRACE, SITUATION ETHICS, DISAGREEMENT, SIN, ABORTION, LOCAL CHURCH.

Dear Bible Student,

Within the last several years an increasing number of local churches have asked me to come to them to teach Bible lessons. Most every pastor has told me, in effect, "Now that I've heard you, I DON'T really believe that you are a member of _____ movement. You were incorrectly identified as being involved with their teachings. Dave, your ministry has now reached the stage where you should also tell us what you do NOT believe. Your ministry has suffered a lot by being identified with certain teachings that do not follow the mainline of Christian thought."

WHAT I DO NOT BELIEVE?

That is a new idea to me - to tell what I do NOT believe. I have spent all my energy telling what I AM learning.

After I saw that our Savior JESUS CHRIST DID answer the same type questions, I began to think that I should follow the pattern that He set.

So I'll try to answer several questions about what I do NOT believe for the benefit of those who want to learn.

These answers will help my friends to identify which PORTION of the teachings I DO agree with - and which PORTION I DON'T.

But answers don't turn enemies into friends because the eyes and ears of enemies just don't work. So please agree with me in prayer that at least these answers won't make MORE enemies.

I'll answer the questions for those who have "eyes to see" that it is quite possible to accept part of a theology or doctrine, without agreeing with the whole thing.

By the way, my theology is not set in cement. I'm learning something NEW most every day.

DIFFERENT CHURCHES

Q. Dave, why is it that you go to so many different churches and denominations to teach the Bible - when you disagree with so many of the preachers?

A. I have learned to NOT disagree with PREACHERS, but I do disagree with some IDEAS. Let's not split hairs on that right now. I'm sure that you will see what I mean a little later. I go there because they ask me to - and I'm humbled and complimented by their invitations.

ORGANIZATION

Q. Are you or are you NOT a member of _____?

A. I am NOT a member of any organized teaching or movement. I was ordained by a certain large denomination (to meet government regulations) but since no one knows which denomination it is (except them and me) - that is proof that I'm NOT projecting THEIR own theology. I have NO denominational message to push. I am a man who absolutely LOVES to study the BIBLE. And our GOD created just enough "ham" in me so that I LOVE to share what I'm learning, through teaching.

BAPTISM

Q. Do you believe that Christians should be baptized in JESUS' NAME or in the name of the FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST?

A. Both. When I baptize I use both Acts 2:38 and Matt. 28:19. But I do not baptize anyone without first going through a teaching session wherein I show the 14 different types of baptisms that I have found in the scriptures. Then I teach an outline of what to expect as the result of each type. I even take the candidate to I Cor. 10:2, "And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" - but they NEVER got WET. I do all this to show the candidate that baptism is a whole lot more than just saying a few MAGIC WORDS over a person. It is a symbol of MANY major changes that must take place in the life of the candidate.

Q. Do you, or DON'T you think that it is very important to say exactly the right words over the candidate for baptism?

A. As you may know, some denominations believe that an exact incantation of MAGIC WORDS must be perfectly pronounced over the candidate in order for the baptism to be valid. I don't. I believe that baptism is a symbol for increased understanding and experience. It symbolizes the changes that various stages of death do bring.

RAPTURE?

Q. Do you believe that the RAPTURE will occur before or AFTER the tribulation?

A. AFTER! I believe that the Bible universally teaches that all Christians need tribulation for their own development and that the RESURRECTION (technically a better Bible word than RAPTURE) will take place AFTER the TRIBULATION. I do believe in a RESURRECTION but many Christians don't seem to see why I do not like the word RAPTURE. RAPTURE implies a removal from the earth for 7 years (or $3\frac{1}{2}$) before the end of the TRIBULATION and there is not a scripture in the Bible to support the idea. I prefer the word RESURRECTION in Bible study. It shows a pattern that the resurrection occurs at the end of that awful period. The word RAPTURE is not in the Bible, anywhere. I believe it should be eliminated from the Christian vocabulary. It is not Biblical and it only causes confusion.

Q. Most people believe in the RAPTURE. Don't you think that should prove that the theory is right?

A. NO. Most people are not Bible students. Most people believe what they are told. Last Sunday I counted 18 Christian songs on the TV and 17 of them mistakenly were about the RAPTURE that would remove the Christians from the world before the TRIBULATION. That is a shame for Christians to learn theology from error-filled songs rather than from good Bible study. JESUS told us CHRISTIANS, "In the world you shall have TRIBULATION." After the Bible student sees that there is a difference between the TRIBULATION and the WRATH OF GOD; and sees that TRIBULATION works good changes in the lives of Christians and non-Christians; and the WRATH OF GOD is punishment only for the non-Christian (not the Christian): then the argument seems to stop.

REINCARNATION

Q. You wrote a Monarch on REINCARNATION. Does that mean you believe in it?

A. NO. I don't believe in REINCARNATION. I believe that the Bible teaches us about the return of the SPIRIT to the SOUL. That is NOT REINCARNATION. Some Eastern religions have corrupted that beautiful Bible doctrine by teaching that the SOUL returns to the CARNe (body). That is reinCARNation. You must understand the difference between SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY in order to understand my answer.

Q. If you are saying that something DOES come back from heaven to earth - isn't that REINCARNATION?

A. NO. It isn't. You must separate WHAT comes back. REINCARNATION teaches that the SOUL comes back. I teach that the Bible says it is the SPIRIT - NOT SOUL. And that makes a lot of difference. I do teach that the Bible shows that SPIRITS are sent from heaven to SOULS - which some uninformed people mistakenly think is REINCARNATION. (Ref. the story of ELIJAH and JOHN THE BAPTIST).

I teach that we were sent from heaven to earth in SPIRIT form in order to accomplish the purposes of GOD - not for our purposes. If we were here on the earth for our own PURPOSES, then the idea of REINCARNATION would make more sense. But I don't believe that I'm here on earth for my own purposes, so I don't need to seek

the development of my own SOUL (not SPIRIT) through Karma.

Q. What's KARMA?

A. KARMA is an extra Biblical religious term coined by teachers of Eastern Religions. The idea of Karma is that a person learns, develops and dies; then comes back bringing what he has learned to learn some more, develop and die, etc. Or, conversely, to get worse and worse with each trip. Sometimes it is called the law of sin and death. If there ever was anything to the idea of Karma (which I don't believe) it has to be over for all Christians anyway because, "The law of the Spirit of life in CHRIST JESUS hath made me FREE from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

Q. What's so bad about Karma?

A. It teaches that our purpose on earth is to develop our own SOUL. That's a half-truth. Our real basic purpose is to do our GOD'S will in SPIRIT. Karma takes the eye off the real goal - the SPIRIT.

Q. What's so bad about developing the SOUL?

A. Nothing. That is the purpose of the HOLY SPIRIT - to TEACH us all things and to bring all things to our REMEMBRANCE. That affects our SOUL (mind).

But you see - the God of the Eastern religions is the MIND, FIRST THOUGHT, ETERNAL KNOWLEDGE, etc.

JESUS said that we should NOT think of GOD as a big MIND-SOUL. He said our GOD is SPIRIT - not SOUL.

Karma got the cart before the horse by developing the MIND-SOUL first.

JESUS said to first take care of your SPIRIT. After that, you should work on your SOUL.

Karma makes a god out of the wrong thing.

BRITISH ISRAEL

Q. Dave, what is the difference between what you teach and the message of the British Israelites?

A. The Identity Message also goes by the name of British Israel. Offshoots are Anglo-Saxon and Arian nation superiority messages.

The tracing of the suspected migrations of the 10 lost tribes in the Diaspora is intriguing to me in light of the study of the 2 missing tribes in Rev. 7. To me, the fact that Dan and Ephraim are missing from the blessing indicates prophetically that Denmark and England will eventually line up with Russia and that they both will turn against us (U.S.) and that will bring their destruction. I have studied British Israel (Identity Movement) literature because they have done the most investigation into the probability of the travels of the 10 lost tribes across Europe and to America. To them it is very important. Others say, "Who cares?" To me it is an interesting theory.

That is where our similarity stops.

Q. If the 10 tribes went to Europe what's so wrong with the theory?

A. I believe that some of the 10 lost tribes went EAST to India and eventually Asia - not just WEST as is usually taught. Some flew east (Asia) and some flew west (Europe, eventually America) and some flew over the cookoo's (Russia) nest. I believe that the whole world has been populated and affected by the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

The theory implies that Europeans are better than other peoples of the world - and they are not.

Q. Does British Israel teach that Englishmen are superior to other people?

A. Yes. British Israel authors take another step and teach that Anglo-Saxon peoples are superior to others and have a greater destiny in GOD than other races do.

I completely disagree. My own position is summed up by Rev. 5:9 which says, "Thou hast redeemed us to GOD by Thy blood out of EVERY KINDRED, and TONGUE, and PEOPLE, and NATION, And hast made us unto our GOD kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth."

As far as I can find, red and yellow, black and white shall rule and reign. This is a major difference between the two messages. Because of this, I feel that it is an error to identify my studies with British Israel or Identity Movements.

Q. Are there any other major differences?

A. Yes. One is- the LAW. Most British Israel authors conclude that since we are

literal descendants of Israel then we should all return to the LAWS (Old Testament - Moses' laws) of Israel. We are poles apart on this issue. I teach GRACE - NOT LAW. But that understanding also separates me from the ideas of quite a few other groups of Christians. (More on GRACE-LAW later).

Q. Do you believe that negroes and Asians will rule and reign with CHRIST?

A. YES! I believe that when we all come to the end of this great drama, then our GOD will get the most glory when everyone finds that everyone in the whole world has had an equal chance to overcome every enemy and to receive every promise in the book.

I plan to try to continue this Q & A article on the subject of what I DO believe and teach and what I DO NOT believe and teach, for the next several months in your MONARCH. LORD willing!

Love, David