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# "And proclaim liberty throughout the land..." - Leviticus 25:10

Beloved Friends,

Praise the name of Yah'shua (Jesus)! We appreciate so much your staying with us through thick and thin. Even though we missed the December newsletter, many of you still remembered us. Thank you all again for your prayers!

The main reason for the delay was we were in the middle of moving. We had been crammed into a small, two-bedroom apartment and it was getting impossible to both run a ministry there and also live there. Boxes of books were everywhere and the dining room had been swallowed up entirely by my main office.

Thankfully, YHWH provided a somewhat bigger place, but of course moving is a hassle at best. Additionally, we had to do some of it in the middle of a wonderful Iowa blizzard!

I am nearly done with the new book as well, so keep that in prayer. It has been a challenge because things are so busy here. The other day, I just felt prompted to keep track of the phone calls which came through from precious people. There were 35! That might be my personal best. Please pray for help and strength for me to be able to respond to these people as the Holy Spirit would wish.

As the weather gets nicer, my speaking schedule generally gears up as well. I already have one speaking engagement for May in Des Moines, Iowa. Watch the website for details as they become available. If you would like me to come and minister at your church, please call or have your pastor call. It is fairly easy to arrange a ministry.

As always, we deeply appreciate your prayers and your support. We are making new inroads every day into the devil's kingdom and souls are being saved and set free! But we need your support. Please pray about becoming a monthly supporter.

Pray for revival! William Schnoebelen

# Politically Correct Idolatry

By William Schnoebelen

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; - 2 Cor. 6:16

They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. - Ps. 106:28

It seems as though the assault on the set-apart foundations of this nation never seem to end. I will not belabor the increasing level of iniquity in this land. Aside from a faithful remnant of Believers in Yah'shua, most in this nation have forsaken Biblical commands and standards in favor of MTV or the latest sit-com, all of which promote sodomy and fornication as if such things were normal. They are not.

I hate to be the bringer of bad tidings, but just when you thought things could not get much worse, they do!

The ever-increasing "Islamicization" of American culture is strongly evident. We see more and more women wearing the veils, etc. There are cities where Muslims are no longer a minority.

A courageous American pastor from Bonney Lake, WA, Mark Blitz, has identified something a lot more dangerous and sinister from a spiritual perspective. Blitz, the head of **El Shaddai Ministries** is sounding the alarm about "halal" food. "Halal" is a term used in Islam to describe lawful or permitted food for the Muslim diet.

Please note: We have changed our shipping people. For phone or mail orders please contact US at 563–513–2148. Do <u>not</u> contact the people at CARE. We are no longer using them as of November. Thanks.

Like most Jews and some Christians, Muslims have some restrictions in their diet. In some respects, this relates to foods that are considered *KASHRUT* in the Bible (commonly known as "kosher"). The Torah forbids the eating of pork, shell-fish and scavenger birds and animals.

All that is obviously in accord with Scripture, though it is ironic that Jews and Muslims share some of the same dietary laws. But there is a deeper issue. In Islam, halal food has to be blessed *in the name of Allah*. Blitz explained,<sup>1</sup>

"In order for it to be halal, they have to slaughter the animal facing Mecca... and they have to say this prayer about Allah is great and greater than all other gods. Muslims can only eat food that is halal, that has been sacrificed to their idol, Allah... with Allah's name prayed over it."

## Mysterious God of the Crescent Moon

It should be pointed out that, in spite of common beliefs voiced today, Allah is NOT the true and living Creator in the Bible. As we document in our DVD, "Israel, Islam and Bio-chemical Nuclear Terrorism," there are many differences between Allah and YHWH.

Some religionists will state that the term "Allah" is just the generic term for "god" in Arabic, rather like "El" or "Elohim" in Hebrew, which can either mean the true Deity or a false god like Baal.

But the problem is, Allah is *more* than that. The Islamic deity is the god of Muhammed's native tribe. He is a **moon god**. We show pictures of statues of Allah in the DVD with a crude crescent moon carved on them. This is why, to this day, many Islamic flags prominently display crescent moons. It is doubtful that many Muslims even know why this is done.

So, while YHWH is the true and living Creator of the entire universe; *Allah is essentially a rock with an attitude*.

Beyond that foundational fact, the most vital difference is that Muslims are taught **Allah had no son**. Obviously, we know the Bible teaches that Yah'shua is the Son of YHWH. This is probably the largest GULF between Islam and Biblical faith. If

your god had no son named Yah'shua, then your god is false. That should be non-negotiable for a Christian! (Of course, many so-called Christians, pastors and Bible scholars no longer believe "Jesus" is the "Son of God," so no wonder they have no problems with Muslims!)

In any event, another key difference between Allah and YHWH is that most scholars of Islam teach that Allah really is more of an "it" than a "him." He does not really have any sort of personality. He is not a person at all. They would say that such traits as may be ascribed to Allah such as being "compassionate" or "merciful" are more anthropomorphisms<sup>2</sup> than accurate doctrine.

On the other hand, we are told in the Bible that "God is love." (**1 John 4:8**) Such a concept is totally foreign to Islam. In fact, the word "love" does not appear in the Quran. So how can these two be the same entity, in spite of all the politically-correct tripe to the contrary?

## **Eating Food Sacrificed to Idols?**

Many Believers are familiar with the passage in **Acts 15**, often called the "Jerusalem Council," since it was evidently the first gathering of leaders of the Congregation to discuss something of impact to everyone. Under discussion was what to do with the growing number of gentiles which were getting saved.

Did they have to keep the laws and traditions of Moses in order to be saved? That was the question before the council. Contrary to Catholic belief, the head of the congregation was not Peter, but James, the half-brother of Yah'shua. It is clear that HE makes the final decision, not Peter. James says this of the gentile converts,

 $^{20}\mathrm{But}$  that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.  $^{21}\mathrm{For}$  Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day. - Acts 15:20-21

They key point is is that they are to abstain from "pollutions of idols." Later on, this is clarified by James himself in verse 29:

That **ye abstain from meats offered to idols**, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Now remember, these are instructions for *gentile* believers! Here is the problem. Most of us had not even heard of this halal regulation. Nor did we know that it was being done to foods in the US. Finally, we did not know that such food was being offered on a wide scale in our stores with very little fanfare.

The "sacred texts" of Islam make it clear that it is required to pronounce the name of Allah over the meat as it is being slaughtered:

"Allah most high says: 'Eat not of (meats) over which Allah's name has not been pronounced. That would be impiety." 3

Because Allah is a false god, that means that Believers who eat halal food are possibly opening themselves up to curses or demonic attacks.

This is just not about food bought in quaint little mom and pop ethnic grocery stores. This is about "big box" stores like Costco, Sam's and Whole Foods. See the graphic on the next column!

Restaurants may also begin to serve this food, without warning people about it. In the UK, fast food chain *Subway* is serving halal food. *McDonald's* also tried it over there and got burned by customer protest.

### What to Do?

You need to read labels carefully (you should be doing that anyway, considering how much junk is in our food!). Additionally contacting your local stores and restaurants about this is *vital*. They need to know that we do not want this stuff shoved on us just to please a tiny minority.

Above all, we need to *pray*! As Paul says, we need to pray over our food with thanksgiving (**1 Tim. 4:4-5**)! But additionally we need to pray for our national, state and local leaders that are not pushed into more special treatment for Muslims. This is getting out of hand!

#### **Endnotes:**

- 1. For full article, see <a href="http://www.wnd.com/?pageid=255825">http://www.wnd.com/?pageid=255825</a>
- Anthropomorphisms are when we ascribe human qualities to non-human entities. An example would be when we have cartoon animals that speak or wear clothing. To a degree, the Bible has some of this sort of language, since it would be very hard for us to understand anything about YHWH without it. For example, we are told YHWH repents of something. Obviously, this is an anthropomorphic figure of speech, since He cannot repent because He cannot do anything wrong.
  al-An'am, V. 121



### The "Gospel" of Glenn Beck

Without wishing to seem to belabor a point, our favorite Mormon, Glenn Beck is increasingly becoming more of a preacher than a commentator. Since the New Year his show is becoming more and more New Age-Mormon oriented. (The two "faiths" are actually pretty similar!)

He also has a new book out called **THE** 7 **WONDERS**, which he co-wrote with psychiatrist Keith Ablow. (*Just what we need, more psychology!*). We need less psychology and more BIBLE! This book is a crazy (pardon the expression) quilt of "Recovery" theology (AA, etc.), pop psychology, Mormon teaching, *A Course in Miracles* and self-help bromides. The new "thing" he is promoting is the "Four E's." These would be:

- 1) Enlightenment
- 2) Education
- 3) Empowerment
- 4) Entrepreneurship

Of course, as with everything else Beck does, the devil is - *literally* - in the details. Like all Mormons, Beck uses familiar terms but redefines them. This "buzzword theology" sounds good until you ask what he means by these terms.

Enlightenment, for example, might mean something entirely different to someone like me, who

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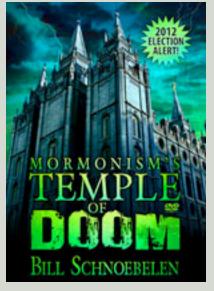
January-February 2011 Vol. XX, No. 1 understands what the terms means to the bad guys. I was "enlightened" by Lucifer in the Masonic lodge. I was *further* "enlightened" by the god of Mormonism in the LDS temple. This is the same temple Beck has probably gone through with his wife! The term is also the English cognate of "Illuminati!" **An Illuminatus is one who has been "enlightened."** Does Beck have a hidden agenda here? I am beginning to think the answer is *YES*.

There is no denying Beck provides a lot of good information. But remember the old adage, the devil will tell you nine truths to get one lie over the plate! For him, **education** means to promote the fraud that all our "Founding Fathers" were staunch Christians. He also promotes post-modern theology and New Age. Education also seems to mean that he promotes his own peculiar "gospel" of Christ-less salvation. On a recent show, he informed his audience that when you "hit bottom" (an AA term) and then have a conversion experience, there is no light.

I would categorically say it depends on to **what** you are converting and **who** is doing the converting. When I had my conversion experience at the foot of my bed in 1984, I was FILLED with the light of the Holy Spirit. It was wonderful. I never knew how empty I was until Heaven filled me. I was set free from a strong history of cocaine abuse! I would submit that without the **TRUE** gospel and the **TRUE** Holy Spirit, your "conversion experience" will be dark and it will get darker.

In the same segment, Beck observes that you have to atone for your own sins. How many Christians would agree with that? It is out of the BIG BOOK of AA and Mormon theology, not the Bible! I am sorry, Mr. Beck. Yah'shua atoned for my sins on Calvary with His shed blood. But of course early LDS apostle Orson Pratt taught that the "blood of Jesus" had no more value than the blood of a dead dog.

Yet, how many of his listeners blithely take this stuff in without realizing it is "another gospel?" This is especially true when Christian leaders like James Robison, David Barton and others sit around and fellowship with him like they are good buddies. As this newsletter was going to press, Beck actually boasted of his meeting with Dr. Billy Graham. Do these men not realize that Beck is an enemy of the Cross? Remember, no matter how winsome he might be, Glenn Beck (as a good Mormon) believes **he can actually become a god!** (Article continues on next page after ad.)



## WHAT'S NEW!

Mormons like Mitt Romney and Glenn Beck have achieved amazing followings and many Americans have come to believe that Mormons are just another Christian denomination with fine, conservative, family-based values. However, beneath the sweet surface of LDS Public Relations, there lurks one of the most dark and twisted religions to emerge in American history. You will discover that, just as Mormonism is not Christian, the Mormon Family is not the same as the Christian Family.

This DVD exposes the un-Biblical nature of Mormon theology and why it remains a cult. Bill also takes you through the highly secret Temple rites which only a few faithful Mormons ever get to experience. He demonstrates how the rituals of the temple - and even the temple architecture - are deeply rooted in Freemasonry, witchcraft and occultism.

Finally, and most importantly, Bill exposes the LDS Church's political ambitions and their strange theology about the US Constitution. You will learn about their beliefs concerning the future of America and how they hope to

rule over all of us in a "benign" religious dictatorship. You will also discover the astonishing secret of the LDS Washington DC temple.

This vital message will help you to see why the mainstreaming of Glenn Beck and Mitt Romney is so disturbing and why the close association between Beck and Christian leaders is of great concern.

**ADDED: 2012 election alert!** Bill speaks of the strong possibility of Mitt Romney running for president in the coming election, and how his victory could well mean the coming dictatorship. He explains how, given the historic hatred Mormons have for genuine Christians, how a Romney presidency could actually produce the beginning stages of persecution and martyrdom. This teaching is over 2 hours long and is available for a suggested donation of \$29.00!

# The Gospel Distorted: Beck's strange doctrine

Since we and a few others began challenging Christian leaders who are standing with Beck, some responses have been made. Some of these teachers claim Beck is a new Christian and needs to be treated gently.

He certainly needs to be treated gently, but he also needs to be rebuked in love. Many big pastors claim Beck is saved. That is - of course - between him and the Almighty. All I can say is that I was saved as a Mormon in 1984 and left the church within 9 months of salvation. I figured out it was a tissue of lies and half-truths.

On pp.148-150 of his abovementioned book, Beck says that he thoroughly investigated the LDS Church, so he cannot claim ignorance about it's bizarre doctrines.

In this book, Beck promotes a kind of "gospel" which has a lot more to do with the gospel of Oprah than the gospel of Yah'shua! It is warm, fuzzy post-modern spirituality which has little in common with the Bible.

### **Know them by their Fruits**

Remember, when Yah'shua said that you would know the false teachers by their fruits, he was not talking about how NICE they were. He called them "wolves in sheep's clothing." By definition, that would be someone who appears to be sweet and Christian, but yet inwardly teaches damnable doctrines.

Remember, as Beck sits there with David Barton and others, he is a member in good standing of a church which teaches that all Christian churches are apostate. That they all, including Barton's church, have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. This is a core message of the LDS Church.

I am sure some of these men are thinking that saving the country is more important than doctrinal quibbles. But these are not petty differences. Mormons **deny**:

# -Salvation by grace through faith

- -the Deity of Yah'shua
- -the inerrancy of the Bible
- -the nature of the Godhead

Additionally, in his book coauthored with Ablow, Beck presents many teachings contrary to the Bible:

He states people are inherently good (p. 165)

He says to pray to whatever higher power you believe in (p. 132)

He promotes TM and other eastern mystical practices. He also says the spirit of God lived in us long before we were born. (p. 79)

He says to find a religion that works for you and stick with it. (p. 157)

He teaches reincarnation (p. 236)

He teaches there is no hell and no lake of fire (p. 149)

Beck promotes pantheism and panentheism - that God is in all.

He says we are all children of God, but Yah'shua said the Pharisees, among others, were children of the devil!

He says no baby is born sinful, that there is no original sin (p. 162)

He talks about your "higher self" and your "highest self." These are terms taken right from the play-book of Master Magician Aleister Crowley and the occult Golden Dawn society. Unless you are a regenerated believer, you have no higher self! If you are Born Again, you have the Holy Spirit. Anything else is twaddle

He keeps talking about "your truth" and "my truth." This is what is called post-modern theology and it is totally un-scriptural.

If Beck's truth is that God is an extraterrestrial being with a body, parts and passions and the Bible's truth is that He is a Spirit, the cannot BOTH be true!

In the realm of YHWH, there is only ONE truth!

### **Wolves in Sheep's Clothing**

We need to be wary about Beck's growing inroads into evangelical Christianity!

As this newsletter was going to press, two key things have happened. First, Mormon Mitt Romney has announced the formation of an exploratory committee for his run for the White House.

Second, Beck has announced that he is quitting his daily TV show with the FOX News channel and moving on to other venues, not clearly defined at this time.

Just remember, in spite of all the good information he may share about politics, economics and conspiracy materials; he is still a false teacher.

The devil will tell you ten true things to get one lie across your plate! Beware!