

Interview with the Ex-Vampire

There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.—Prov. 30:14-16

(This interview was conducted in December, 1994; just after the release of the film INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE)

Freedom Fighters: For the benefit of some of us who may have not read *Lucifer Dethroned*, explain the provocative title of this flier.

William Schnoebelen: To be brief, that book chronicles my descent into witchcraft, Satanism, and ultimately into the logical result of such a trajectory—vampirism. It then shows how Jesus Christ saved me.

FF: So, you are saying you were a vampire?

WS: Perhaps I should say a vampire-in-training.

FF: I'm sorry, could you explain?

WS: I don't want to give the impression that I was an undead ghoul who turned into a bat, walked through walls, or murdered people. However, I was brought into contact with a cult that claimed great antiquity and which initiated me into the "Mysteries" of vampirism. They taught me that through consuming human blood, I could live forever.

FF: So you weren't like a vampire in the movies.

WS: Like everything else in Hollywood, it was a mixture of truth and lies. Once initiated into the cult, I felt an overwhelming craving for blood. I could not bear to be out in sunlight, nor could I stand to be within a dozen feet of garlic. I could not stand food, and had to exist solely on blood and/or grape juice.

FF: Wait a minute. Where did you get the blood then?

WS: Fortunately for my sanity, I was the high priest of a fairly good-sized coven of witches. Several of the priestesses were more than willing for me to tap into their veins in exchange for the promise of eternal life. There were enough women so that my appetite did not endanger any one of them—at first.

FF: These women willingly let you drink their blood?

WS: They believed, as I did, that by participating in such rituals, they would be eternally young and beautiful—an appealing thought for some women.

FF: You said this group of women was sufficient for you, at first. What do you mean?

WS: Towards the end, my appetite *grew*. I worked nights out on the streets and I had to really fight to not attack the occasional woman I would see. I was filled with a lust, not only for blood, but for the violent taking of that blood. Compliant victims were no longer enough.

FF: What happened?

WS: A Christian woman began praying for me, and because of her intercession, YHWH smashed my magical power-base and gradually, painfully, delivered me from my blood-lust. It took over five years, before I was finally to a place where I was willing to bow the knee and accept Yah'shua (Hebrew name for Jesus) as my Master and LORD. Then, I was finally and completely delivered from vampirism.

FF: This is going to sound incredible for many Christians.

WS: I want to say: "Good!" We are to be innocent of evil (**1Cor. 14:20**). However, there is a fine line between being innocent and ignorant. The same apostle warned us about being *ignorant* of Satan's devices (**2Cor. 2:11**). That is why I prayed for several years before "coming out of the closet" about vampirism. We felt the Lord telling us that it had to be brought to the light (**Eph. 5:11**). As it turned out, we can see the Holy Spirit is ahead of the devil—as usual!

FF: How do you mean?

WS: Our book, *Lucifer Dethroned*, was written in 1992. It barely preceded a wave of new vampire garbage in the media—culminating in INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE. We knew that for many Christians, the idea of someone drinking blood and sleeping in a coffin by day was more Hollywood than reality. However, years ago, most Christians would have said that there were no such thing as witches either. A head-in-the-sand attitude *can* be counterproductive.

FF: What do you see Satan trying to do here?

WS: Satan is a copycat. He wants more than anything to be like God (**Isa. 14:14**). He knows that Yah'shua's followers have the gift of eternal life. It is available through His **blood**. If you study the vampire cult carefully, you will see it is a mirror image of God's salvation. The movie, "*Bram Stoker's Dracula*" portrays Dracula as a dark Christ-figure who gives his disciples eternal life as well, through HIS shed blood.

FF: Now you've lost me.

WS: To be initiated into vampirism, a vampire must drink your blood. Then you also need to drink blood from *his* veins, usually from a gash in his chest. This is very close to the symbolism of the blood and water gushing out of Yah'shua's side. They believe that three days after you die, you will rise again as a full-blown vampire, not just a "vampire-wannabe." This is a copy of the three days Yah'shua spent in the tomb. I didn't die, so I never made that supposed final transition. Once they have risen, it is believed that they will live forever. This is, again, a counterfeit of the eternal life and glorified resurrected body we will receive from our Savior.

FF: Do these people actually rise from the dead?

WS: I don't know. My initiator claimed to have done so. *But how do you prove it?* Some Bible scholars will tell you that Satan cannot produce life from non-life. I think the Bible says otherwise. Pharaoh's magicians were able to turn inanimate rods into snakes (**Ex. 7:11**). Since I have no proof that these people were actually undead, I must plead ignorance. It doesn't really matter in Satan's plan whether they really can rise or not. The vital thing is that he is dangling a coveted prize before people. But like all of his "prizes," it has a torturous hook in it.

FF: What do you mean?

WS: Some think it would be "awesome" to live forever as a vampire. That is because they've never tried it. Think of what YHWH did after the Fall in the Garden of Eden:

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.—Gen. 3:22, 24

WS: YHWH worked a miracle to keep our first parents from living forever! Adam was fallen—spiritually dead. He knew that to let him live forever would be incredible torture. But for a couple of differences, it might be a good, working definition of hell itself!

FF: I'm not sure I follow.

WS: A person who is not Born Again lives in a constant state of nagging desires. They are unfulfilled because they are not doing what YHWH intended for them and are frequently miserable. This is why so many seek relief from their emptiness by escapes like drugs or promiscuity—what psycho-babble calls addictive behavior, but what the Bible calls "sin!" Imagine if such a person were to live for centuries. Just think of the unsaved, older folks you know who are bitter, and then multiply their condition a hundredfold. To live forever without God and His Spirit, is—in fact—part of hell's torment. But that's just the beginning. I've experienced the craving for blood. Talk about an addictive disorder! *This one tops them all.*

FF: Come again?

WS: Imagine having a constant "itch" of incredible power that you can't really scratch. Imagine having an appetite that was stronger than our desire for food and our sex drive. **But** you could never satisfy that thirst completely. Remember that you could only fulfill that need by an invasion of another human body that most people would find utterly repulsive. Even if you found someone and tried to slake your thirst, it would be like a thirsty man drinking salt water. It only made you thirstier! It nearly drove me mad in a couple of years. Imagine, if it were possible, someone living like that for dozens of years! Like all of Satan's gifts, this supposed "eternal life" actually brings the torment of the damned.

FF: What makes vampirism so especially evil?

WS: Drinking blood is one of the few acts forbidden by the Bible in every age. Before Moses, then at the giving of the Law, and even now in the Church Age, it is a cursed act (see **Gen. 9:3-4, Lev. 17:14, Acts 15:20**). I can't say for certain *why* YHWH commanded this, other than His statement that the blood is the life. The Hebrew word there for life is *Nephesch*, (Strong's #5315) which is also the word translated as soul. You are stealing the life principle of a person, and you are defiling yourself in ways that I cannot really begin to put into words.

FF: Then what do you think the devil's point is in this?

WS: Folks today are obsessed with health and youth. There is a billion dollar industry dedicated to it. The media accentuates this by making older people boring or ineffectual. Now, *there is nothing wrong with being healthy*. But there are some people who would literally KILL to get eternal youth. Like everything else today, they want it *now*. They don't want to wait. Nor do they wish to bow the knee to Yah'shua and give up their sinful life-styles. The vampire being "marketed" today offers a beguiling blend of eternal life and sexual wantonness.

FF: You're saying people find it sexy?

WS: Especially because of Hollywood. Remember, this is *the same Hollywood that glamorized drugs in the 1960's*. They've been careful to cast actors as vampires that are "sex-symbols." They try to make it romantic by setting it in an era of Victorian elegance and beautiful clothing. For the younger crowd, there are more grunge or punk oriented vampires such as those in the film, "*The Lost Boys*." The vampire is shown to be incredibly powerful and charismatic. Usually those who oppose him are portrayed as wimps or dolts. Today's youth are hungry for eternal answers, and they feel powerless. The vampire provides them with supposed access to power and eternity, without the "hang-ups" and "thou-shalt-nots" that they associate with Yah'shua. Naturally, the media will never portray a powerful image of Yah'shua with "state-of-the-art" special effects and world-class production, so Satan gets all the good PR. Instead, it pleases YHWH to save people through the foolishness of preaching (**1Cor. 1:21**). It is a humbling thought.

FF: Why is this happening now?

WS: We are in the last days. Incredible as it sounds, the Bible warns that as we near the Tribulation, practices like this may become common. Once the Anti-Christ is revealed, his worship may include vampirism and cannibalism—especially of the Jewish remnant—on the part of his followers (**Ps. 14:4, 16:4, 27:2, Is. 6:12-13**). Satan is trying to destroy the ancient taboos that the Lord has set up. He has already tried to make fornication and sodomy acceptable. Sex with children is next, if gay rights groups have their way. We may have an "*Equal-Rights for Vampires*" movement, if Yah'shua tarries.

FF: So it is part of the end-times seduction!

WS: I think so. Satan is hitting our young people incredibly hard. The dark, spiritual power behind the craving for blood is going to make drugs look like a cake walk, and he is doing his best to deceive as many people as possible. We get mail and phone calls already from parents who are frantic because their kids are drinking blood! Any ground Satan gains now will make what he needs to accomplish during Anti-Christ's reign that much simpler. Additionally, there is something so grotesque about drinking blood that people—especially kids—think that if they have done it they have taken some sort of irrevocable step. They think they've committed the unpardonable sin. That is a lie Satan feeds them. They begin to think they are going to end up like Jack the Ripper or Jeffrey Dahmer.

FF: But that isn't necessarily the case!

WS: Absolutely not. I stand before you as proof that the blood of Messiah can wipe away any stain, even vampirism! I am completely liberated and I give YHWH all the glory! Speaking of Dahmer, after his murder in prison, I saw an earlier taped interview with him—our most notorious cannibal/killer. He gave a personal testimony of the Lordship of Yah'shua on that show! My spirit bore witness that he had indeed received Messiah. As far as I could

tell in my human understanding, that man is in heaven today! If Yahs'hua can save him, *He can save anyone!*

FF: Praise God!

WS: Amen! I ask anyone who has gotten into this thinking they will live forever, what sort of life is it? Spending your days cringing and hiding from the sun, your body wracked with a mad craving that will get increasingly impossible to satisfy? Why settle for the pallid counterfeit, when you can have the genuine article—a glorified, resurrected body which can travel through walls, cross light years in seconds, and which will be the perfect expression of the beauty which the Creator made in you! All you need to do is admit you're a sinner and ask Yah'shua to give you the ultimate gift—true *ETERNAL LIFE*.

If you have dabbled in the occult or in vampirism, or even if you simply do not know for certain if you have eternal life or know where you are going when you die, you too can receive the free gift of eternal life. Just follow these simple, Biblical steps:

- 1) **Admit you are a sinner, and that only Yah'shua can save you (Rom. 3:23)**
- 2) **Repent and be willing to turn away from your sin and serve YHWH (Luke 13:5)**
- 3) **Believe that Yah'shua of Nazareth died on the cross for your sins and that He arose from the dead to give you eternal life (Rom. 10:9-10)**
- 4) **Ask Yah'shua to save you (Rom. 10:13) and to be your Lord (Rom. 12:1-2)**

Renounce vampirism and/or the occult and ask God to remove it from your life.

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