

Why I Am a Nazorean / Nazarene

A Letter to Mother

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Dear Mother:

Let me speak personally first about why I am a Nazorean. First I use the Greek spelling to differentiate between what I believe and what the organization called "The Church of the Nazarene" believes. Though I have a number of things in common with the Church of the Nazarene (Wesleyanism, holiness, etc.) but there are more things not in common.

From the Scriptures regarding Yahshua aka Jesus:

"He shall be called a Nazarene." Nazarene denotes a place.

"You also were with the Nazarene." Nazarene becomes a movement.

"A ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. Now Nazareth has been forgotten and it is a movement.

The "Sect of the Nazoreans" has been identified in our day through the diligent work of cutting edge scholars. We know what the Nazoreans believed, practiced, and we have quite a few of their texts.

The Hebrew Scriptures are replete with passages regarding showing the love of the Father Yahweh by keeping his commandments. Yahshua said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." If, as you claim, Yahshua and Yahweh are part of a Trinity, then the commandments are one and the same. This is borne out by the letter of 1 John, especially 3:4.

Christians try to keep the last five commandments, and there's a lot of preaching on them. The last five have to do with horizontal relationships: don't murder, don't covet, don't betray. But Christians seem completely ignore the first five, vertical commandments.

1. No other elohim before me. Christians ignore this entirely because they don't obey Yahweh, believing and teaching that his word is passed away or been superseded by the "dispensation of grace."
2. Using the name in vain. The sacred name of the Heavenly Father is known by every Christian teacher and preacher on the face of the earth, yet they continue a tradition of using the name of the Assyrian "God" in its place (Is 65:11 NJB), a name which means "Good Luck" in the language of the Savior. According to the commandment, those who know and continue to perpetrate this sin will "not be held guiltless."
3. Keeping the Sabbath – the seventh day of the week. How do we know which is the seventh day? We know because we believe the Bible. The Bible makes it crystal clear that the same Sabbath that was kept in the Garden of Eden and in the wilderness is known and to be kept today. How do you keep it? It's so easy that we wonder why there's so much rebellion on the part of Christians for doing it. Two ways – don't work for pay, do have a prayer meeting. That's all. You can do absolutely all the good you want. Whatever else you need to do you will learn in time.

As for the food laws – these are just as valid as the ten commandments. Unfortunately, Christians have again nullified these by mistranslating, interpolating and intentionally promoting false teaching based on a half dozen passages in the New Testament. Do you think Yahshua ate swine? lion? a dead carcass? Eating such was

a death sentence. Anyway, most of the stuff against the eating laws we would never eat anyway, like a skunk, a skink, a slug, road kill.

Some people say that since everything is so sanitary these days, these rules no longer apply. But what does Yahweh say about why he doesn't want you eating forbidden stuff like blood? When asked the question, Yahweh replied, "BECAUSE THESE THINGS ARE AN ABOMINATION TO ME." We don't need a health reason. His opinion is enough reason for me.

As for love – there are many words in the original languages for love. Christians understand love to be what the Greeks called phileo (Phillip means 'lover of horses' – phil – hippo - for instance). Phileo is fellowship – being nice to people – encouraging people, etc. But the word for love that Yahshua demands isn't phileo – it's agape: agape doesn't even mean love, it means something more akin to charity. This kind of love may even entail hatred – "Jacob I loved, Esau I hated," says Yahweh in love of both.

Agape can only come out of RIGHT JUDGMENT, not out of emotionalism, pity or fondness. To AGAPE the Messiah means for us to keep the commandments. Such has very little to do with emotional attachments, as phileo.

A person can only be justified and saved by faith. However, James makes it clear in Acts 15 and in his epistle that GROWING in AGAPE means learning what is expected and doing as you learn. This is why most Christians, especially famous TV teachers, will not make it in the first resurrection. The second resurrection of Rev 20:5 is reserved for them, and this was prophesied by one of their own.

According to the Scripture prophets, only those who know the Ordinances of Yahweh and practice them will be among the elect, because these elect will be responsible for ruling and taming a millennial earth (Zechariah 14 and many other places). People who know nothing of the name of the high potentate or his ordinances can't be trusted with the grave responsibilities of guiding nations in the Millennium. When the world is tamed, at the end of the 1000 years, those who neglected to properly love (by learning and keeping the commandments) will be resurrected to enjoy some of the fruits of a perfect world. But because they called "Lord, Lord . . .", they can't be expected to take part in making a perfect world - only a deceived world.

That's my viewpoint landed from years of study and a harmonizing of all scripture. That's why I'm a Nazorean and have been for more than 10 years while serving in a Christian church. I know true Christians, especially those who aren't teachers, will be OK in the end. They are a stick in Yahweh's hand. However, I want to be among those who help shape the Millennial world. And I love the Father enough to want to learn his ways and follow them no matter if people think I'm unloving, in a cult, or anything else. We'll get that all straightened out later on.

Nazoreans / Nazarenes are NOT Jews. Nazarenes are strictly scriptural while Jews add all kinds of rituals and extra stuff they find in their mishnah, commentaries and extraneous books. It is the intent of Nazarenes to keep the scripture and all of it, including the spiritual gifts. Yahshua was a Nazorean - a sectarian; and so are we. In all my studies of the historical 'Jesus' – and I've done far more than most everyone in the world – the Nazorean Way practices are closest to what he really did, how he lived, how he worked – and hopefully, we may scrape off the 2000 years of accretions that have collected upon him and find he Nazorean once again.

Regarding Hagee's book about Jerusalem: I read a thorough book review of it and there's nothing there I don't already know from my own reading (or watching the Fox news every day). I just don't believe the world's going to blow up as he does. That's a possibility of course, but time is up.

We're already 6 years into the 7th millennium and one year away from the generation that lives to see it all (1967 – 2007). Joshua 1 tells us what Millennial Israel will look like geographically – from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River - from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

Iran is outside of 'eretz Israel and still 10 – 20 years away from any practical nuke even if they're allowed to continue full blast. Lebanon has capitulated and expelled Syria. Syria is on the verge of collapse because they're holding the WMDs from Iraq. Pretty soon Israel will have to start letting not only Jews but Israelites (or those who suppose they are) just for the sake of survival. (This possibility has been in the news for quite a while.) Netanyahu will probably be president again and finish the walls. Zeph 2 tells of the fate of Gaza, a done deal. Bible prophecy already said Americans (Ephraimites) would be going to Babylon to live.

Yahshua comes back secretly to arrange these nations – he's doing that now, obviously. He's using Greater Israel (the US) to do the shaping. US and Britain are his hosts that have descended. Yahshua may then make his presence public knowledge – for all shall know Yahweh from the greatest to the least. Order is kept by Yahweh's law – not as a burden but as protection from the violent. If a land like IRAN (which was once Parthia and figures into a lot of prophecy) wants to nuke someplace, they won't be able to because, even if they refuse to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, Yahweh will not allow any rain to fall on that land (Zech 14).

Later on, people will start returning to the land – people who've been dead for perhaps centuries. Your mother will be back – resurrected onto a peaceful planet. There'll be plenty of room. Ancestors you've never heard of will be resurrected back to learn about then know Yahweh.

Teachers and prophets will be in hiding (Ezek 34). Their mothers will say, "No, he's not a Bible teacher, he's a farmer," because they've led so many church goers astray so as to miss the first resurrection. The Millennium is the time of great "Christian" gains, not now. The prophecy is "Everyone will know Yahweh, from the greatest to the least." The opposite is true in our day, but within the next generation, it will come true.

At the end of 7000 years from Adam (the year 3000 or so), Yahshua the Messiah turns a perfected world back to his Father.

What's happening now isn't the Beginning of Sorrows, it's the End of Sorrows. There have never been such sorrows since 1870 through today. But seeing greater Israel carved out of the middle east NOW in 2006, 6006 in the Hebraic year, tells us plainly, as Yahshua told us in Luke 21, that Sorrows are nearly over, and Equitable Justice is about to begin.

In time, the entire 7 thousand years of salvation will bring the earth to state of perfection. Yahshua will hand the perfected planet over to the cosmic father.

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