

RELIGION

Alternatives

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Bible study is as necessary for the growing Christian as food is for the sustaining of bodily functions. Understanding the Bible leads to the understanding of human nature, which in turn, leads to the development of hopeful, compassionate, humble, unselfish, loving citizens.

People portrayed in the Bible were not without flaws. They were disobedient, unfaithful, hard-hearted, unbelieving, rebellious, carnal, prideful, manipulative and covetous. Adam and Eve, living in an ideal setting, carefree and loved of God, jeopardized all by disobedience to a direct command from their Creator. Consequences of their actions were far-reaching and deadly, (Genesis Ch. 3). Abram and Sarai lost faith in God's promise and attempted to "hurry" God's plan to raise nations through Abram's seed. We see the effects of their actions to this day as brothers war against brothers in the middle east countries (Genesis Ch. 16). We, through study of the Bible, find that God's promises are true. The infinite strength of God, the undying love of God is available to mankind despite

man's limitations and frailties, (Genesis Ch. 21).

A stronger faith, a faith close to reality, comes from a deep knowledge and dependency on God and His promises. Each encounter with God through study of His Word (the Bible) deepens the measure of faith given each of us as a gift, undeserved and unearned.

We have established our rules and found that they have no effect on society; they do not deter unacceptable behavior nor enhance the character of man. We have established punishments, which governmental systems have failed to apply equally to all citizens. Man has set himself up as his own God; ruler of life and death, free spirit without boundaries, amoral with unlimited civil rights. From this attitudinal position (I am God) comes outward chaos; destruction of human beings from womb to old age. All our efforts, originating from our feeble mental powers, have failed as is evidenced by the self-destructiveness of our present society. Have we decayed so in body and spirit that we cannot now choose another

alternative course? Since God's Word teaches that God has the ability to bring good out of evil...why not try God and His promises for a better people, a better world?

The Bible tell us God is greater than the fear which now riddles our neighborhoods. If this be true or not true, we cannot know, unless we study His Word and apply His remedies and see the results for ourselves. What man will not reach out for a life jacket when he is drowning? Are we such fools, in our worldly wisdom, to choose violent death, when a way is open through mere study which will allow us to find out for certain if God's Will (for mankind) is good, acceptable and perfect? Anyone alive today with a mind capable of thinking, be he Christian or non-believer, cannot deny that we live in a violent, destructive uncaring society and changes must be made if we intend to survive. Therefore, let us, believer and non-believer, research the Word of God, The Bible; learn and apply His cures for the evil in our lives, then wait upon the results. It couldn't hurt and it might help restore safety, peace and harmony to our neighborhoods. Try God!

"The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: this was the lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?" Mark 12:10, 11

In this day and time, mostly because of the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, scripture readers should be able to see God's hand concerning black peoples 436 year Sojourn in North America. And this enlightenment in perception of the times through scripture produces a more logical view of the figure named Jesus. The scholars who interpreted the Bible saw Jesus of two thousand years ago as the Christ. How they saw Jesus influenced how they worded the scripture events concerning the establishment of God's kingdom. To illustrate my point further consider this - The Bible talks about the death of Jesus and his return. We are not taught that he is to come back twice. He is to return only once. But we are taught that when he returns he will establish the kingdom of God. Well, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and Hebrews he did return. But the kingdom has not yet come. Is the kingdom 2,000 years late? Since God does everything right and exact I would say


that the scholars in their lack of understanding of scripture made a mistake. This is a bold assertion. But in my opinion the scholars failed to take into consideration why divine writings are called scripture. Scripture is just what the name implies-script. A script is written before the actual happening.

For example, The Bible and Holy Quran, written before this time, talks about, clearly, the calamities and plagues that the planet and its people are experiencing now in this day and time. So is it better to believe that Christ is a title for a man that will be appointed to crush the wicked in the last days, or is it better to believe that a 2,000 year old man is still alive in the sky somewhere? This is a worthy question. "You have believed false ideas and concepts." McRen 'Shock Of The Hour' new album release.

In the beginning of this article I quoted the book of Mark where it mentions a rejected stone that God made the head of the corner. The rejected stone is the rejected black people in America who gave birth to a divine leader, teacher and guide, The Hon. Elijah Muhammad. Why is it so hard to get the masses of blacks in America to see the Hon. Elijah


Muhammad and the Hon. Louis Farrakhan in the right perspective? Two verses of the Bible come to mind - "He came to his own and his own received him not." and "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." There is much talk-good and bad - going on these days about the ending of the world that we now live in. Study Elijah Muhammad and Louis Farrakhan, God willing, you will be blessed to understand that as God raised up Moses and Aaron (two slaves) to free their people and raised up Jesus for the lost sheep then Paul helped Jesus in the mission then God must be interested in us. But the only difference is that this is the end of Satan's rule. So the one God will raise now will wipe evil out completely by God's wisdom and power. We call this one Christ. If you believe that we are in God's divine plan of salvation. Then you also believe that we will one day come together and do for ourselves. Then why not act in accordance with what you believe and support your own now? When ever you see a black newspaper, stone or restaurant support(0)*0*0*! More next time, God willing. I am your brother Elijah X=Ghetto Rise.

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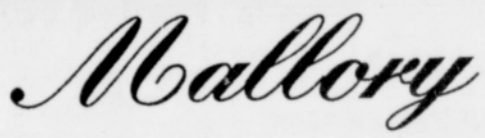
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