Biblical Prophecy Reciprocates Historical (In) Tolerance

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Abstract:

One could conclude that a form of Kabbalahism existed long before it was named and identified as an accepted way of practicing religion or conducting worship. Keiren Barry suggests that this type of mystical enlightenment was not born in the Medieval times but evidence suggests that it was not only a norm of rebellion against the writings in the Torah but also in the Antediluvian world as depicted in the Genesis account of Cain and his family and directly after the Genesis flood in the person of Nimrod, the architect of ancient Babylon, and his offspring, Tamuz.

There is further indication every culture in ancient history had a cultic family that had a death and resurrection and pagan deities that later were duplicated by writings that we now refer to as Holy Scripture (Bible) as was God breathed and scribed by Jewish prophets and scribes and after the resurrection of Jesus by His apostles. Here in this article I am also contending that this type of metaphysical activity was the mindset of the church age religious factions, Christian and pagan, of man in all world chronological settings that claimed the right to exterminate anyone who had any other thought or conviction outside of the realm of their practices, rites, sacrifices, sacraments and absolute subservience to all in a ruler, church and/or state office capacity.

Further, the prime target throughout the ages of every age, was any group or individual that maintained an insistence that those actions of worship should be in harmony with God’s traditions and the written Word. Thus, from the 3rd AD century and onward, the enemy of Kabbalah (Cabala) was the believers of the Genesis 24 hour 6 day creation, the worship of the Lord’s day, the 7th day Sabbath, and the observance of the Biblical commandments, especially the totality of the ten of Exodus 20.

Introduction:

Our information on the first 18 centuries of world history is at best sketchy and since there is very little in anthropology and archeology evidence other than the first six chapters of Genesis it is difficult to present an accurate blueprint of that history. We do know that the first SON that Adam and Eve begat did not turn out to be the savior of those lost in sin, but rather a murderer of his own brother. As the first sixteen hundred years expire God sees His creation as totally corrupt; “every intent of the thoughts of (man’s) heart was as only evil continually.” Only one family was willing to accept the righteous lifestyle prescribed by the Creator and survive a global flood higher than the highest mountain. After Noah’s family dispersion, Japheth – north, Shem – east and Ham to the south, within a generation the battle of the mind by the spiritual world again claimed most in allegiance to Satan and rebellion against God. In the continuous Cabalistic cycle once again one family emerges, and covenants between the Creator and Abraham, he of acts of righteousness by faith, (Gen. 15:6) are rendered from that time to the end of the age (Nation Israel) and further, to the end of the church age which was to be a continuum of Abraham’s seed. Although there is reference to Babylon, not only as a city and country, our rendering will concentrate on the interpretation of the word itself, confusion, as used in prophetic books in both Old and New Testaments. Here we delve into the church age comparing the spiritual oxidation of the steel of GOD’S WORD ONLY rejected in the Antediluvian age and then THE TORA ONLY apostatized by Israeli Biblical characters harmonizing with the current New Age Spiritual Formation driven by ancient pagan tradition which since the 17th century has become a scholarly ‘Renaissance of Theology.’
**Sola Scriptura**

Scripture is imminently clear that its only definitive meaning is prescribed by the written Bible itself. There are innumerable times where under inspiration the writers have declared that there is only one God, only one who is Holy and the source of His will for His creation: 2 Timothy 3:16; “All Scripture is inspired by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.”

We should note here that at the end of the Council of Trent in 1563 the church declared that since they were the ones who determined which ‘books’ were inserted into the accepted Scripture by the urging of the Holy Spirit that the same Spirit urged them to insert traditions and cultic practices.

Near the beginning and the end of the Written Word in a chiastic structure Scripture warns of addition and/or subtraction to its content: Deuteronomy 4:2; Moses wrote – “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” John wrote in Revelation 22:18, 19; “I testify to everyone who hears (reads) the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of this book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.”

Jesus called changed Scripture teaching ‘leaven;’ Matthew 16:6, 11; “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Paul adds 1 Corinthians 5:6, 7; “Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven, that you may have a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.”

Jesus quoted Isaiah 29:13 in Mark 7:6-8; “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites as it is written; ‘The people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandments of God, you hold to the tradition of men.’”

**Childers** attempts to truncate tensions between church traditions and Scripture: “In general, this is about attitudes and postures, about the big picture.... We want to suggest ways we can focus our conversations on the core issues that drive our faith and practice which can transform both what we discuss and how we discuss it. Moreover, we want to equip leaders with ways of dealing with conflict looking at Scripture that reflect the crux of the Christian faith.”

**Lane** writes about John Wycliffe’s eventual conclusion on tradition in lieu of Scripture: “Wyclif broke with Catholic tradition in making Scripture the final authority. In 1378 he wrote ‘The Truth of Holy Scripture,’ in which he portrayed the Bible as the ultimate norm, by which the church, tradition, councils and even the pope must be tested. Scripture contains all that is necessary for salvation, without any need for additional traditions. Furthermore, all Christians ought to read it for themselves, not just the clergy. For this reason Wyclif encouraged the translation of the Bible into everyday language of the time.”

**The Reformation**

The most sincere endeavors by scholars to follow God’s will and to live in His character resulted in several honest endeavors to reform a church who bought and sold its rulers, its bishops and its popes by the most heinous methods that literally annihilated any opposition with the most devious, cruel inventions that humans could implement. It was imperative for one who was to be labeled a protestant, a heretic, to know what he was protesting.
Gonzalez has a series of lists throughout the church age in both volumes including noted reformers: Part of the 84 listed: Dante Alighier, 1310; John Wycliffe, 1379; Huss, 1412; Luther, 1522; Tyndale, 1550; Cranmer, 1582; Newton, 1754; Wesley, 18th century; and many more all of which had one thing in common. After much soul searching and attempts to reform their beloved church they declared that the antichrist, the little horn of Daniel 7 & 8, the man of sin, the abomination of desolation, the Revelation 13 beast and the Revelation 17 beast and harlot were all one of the same in the papacy!

McCabe writes about the desperate conditions set in a feudal system where kings, popes, bishops and landowners were many times very intolerant with each other and especially with their share croppers. Recalling the treatment of God’s remnant as Paul wrote in Hebrews chapter 11 McCabe writes in his preface:

“The spectacle of human beings suffering for the truth is the sublimest sight that can be witnessed on earth. In the providence of God this has been the means of strengthening and spreading the very principal which has at times seemed to expire with the martyr. It was thus with Christianity in the days of the primitive Church, the history which is an almost unbroken record of martyrdom. The proudest and most fruitful triumphs of that Church were won at the stake, in the arena and on the scaffold, ‘In this conflict,’ said the great Napoleon, summing up the religion of Christ, ‘all the kings and all the forces of the earth were arrayed on one side. Upon the other I see no army, but a mysterious energy, individuals scattered here and there, in all parts of the globe, having no other rallying sign than a common faith in the mysteries of the Cross …. On the one side we see rage and all the furies of hatred and violence; on the other there is gentleness, moral courage, infinite resignation. They died kissing the hand which slew them. The soul alone protested, while the body surrendered itself to all tortures. Everywhere Christians fell, and everywhere they triumphed. In defence of a free Bible they went to the stake gladly, counting themselves happy to suffer persecution and death so that those who survived or came after them (John 17:20) might enjoy the rights purchased with their blood. In all the countries of Europe the fires blazed, and the groans of the martyrs went up to God, but everywhere the principals for which they died triumphed.”

Wherever a reformer, regardless of his nationality, ethnicity, patronage or church affiliation, attempted to introduce Scripture over tradition in a public venue, he was persecuted and in many cases, imprisoned or put to death. Cyril Lukaris, a Greek Orthodox patriot of Alexandria and later Constantinople (1620) produced an Eastern Confession of the Christian Faith in 18 chapters in which he blended Orthodoxy with a form of Calvinism. Some of his points: Church taught by Holy Spirit but it may err, concluding false doctrines and practices; Justification is only by faith and not by works; man can only sin without sanctification; and the Eucharist is only in remembrance, not a physical presence of our Lord. In 1638 he was killed for his efforts, especially at the urgings of the Jesuits, by the rulers of the Ottoman Empire. Five decades later, Dositheus, the patriarch of Jerusalem, countered with 18 decrees which included: Bible is inspired by God but He also inspires the Catholic Church to have the authority to make tradition equal with Scripture; Predestination is foreknowledge of God and dictates man’s choice; The Catholic Church is taught by the Holy Spirit through the medium of the Fathers, doctors and councils of the church, therefore it is impossible for the church to err in any way or to be deceived in any rite, sacrament or doctrine; Justification is by faith and works; salvation is in partaking in the sacraments of the Holy Roman Catholic Church; and the Eucharist, when administered by a church official that transubs the actual physical flesh and blood of Christ.

The Counter Reformation
Ignatius Loyola went through the same personal agony of searching for truth in his life as did Martin Luther, and both within the same period of time during the 16th century. The results were quite different. Where Luther chose to follow Scripture on many issues, Loyola choose to follow and enforce tradition, choosing to join the bandwagon of the Inquisition and route out and eradicate all heretics. Hill contributes thusly: “The Jesuits were founded by a Spanish soldier named Ignatius Loyola…At Paris in the 1530’s, he gathered a group of like-minded friends and they vowed (my emphasis) to dedicate their lives to Christ
as revealed by the Catholic Church through obedience to the pope. In 1540 Pope Paul approved the new Society of Jesus. – They had the ‘Spiritual Exercises’ that Ignatius wrote as a guide for disciplined tradition. – It was only after completing arduous training that a new member would make the vow of total, uncomprising obedience to the pope. – (a friend, disciple) Bellarmine was not simply a reactionary who denied that the Protestants had anything worthwhile, on the contrary, he aimed to defend an understanding of Christianity which was rooted in the church fathers, especially Augustine.

Historicism was the only accepted method of interpretation with sound hermeneutics for prophetic Scripture, using applied exegesis and eisegesis, but not without some unknown and unsolved qualities. The Jesuit ‘friends’ set out to dispel this accepted method, especially in Revelation as the reformers targeted Rome as the antichrist of Scripture. Jesuit Cardinal Robert Bellarmine taught that the Antichrist would be an individual Jew reigning in the last 3 ½ years on Jerusalem. Jesuit Priest Alcazar founded the Praeterist school of interpretation in 1614 and taught that the Antichrist was fulfilled in the first century. Jesuit Priest Francisco Ribera in collaboration with Bellarmine in 1590 published a 500 page book on Revelation interpreting that the first four chapters applied to the early church age and that chapters five through the end had their application in the last 3 ½ years; that this Antichrist would rebuild the Jerusalem temple and gain control of the whole earth. It took about four centuries, but now most protestant denominations have totally engaged in these teachings. We can best see this in the Schofield Bible notes and teachings in institutions such as the Dallas Theological Seminary.

MacCulloch explains how Bibles and literature were prohibited:

“Pope Paul V was perfectly serious when in 1606 he furiously confronted the Venetian ambassador with the rhetorical question, “Do you not know that so much reading of Scripture ruins the Catholic religion?”... “Bibles were publicly and ceremonially burned, like heretics.”

A Robert A. Heinlein quote: “It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creeds into law if it acquires the political power to do so, and will follow it by suppressing opposition, subverting all education to seize early the minds of the young, and by killing, locking up, or driving underground all heretics.”

J. C, Ryle quote: “To say that reunion with Rome would be an insult to our martyred Reformers is a very light thing; it is far more than this: it would be sin and an offense against God!”

John Chrysostom quote: “After the prophets, the false prophets; after the apostles, the false apostles; after Christ, Antichrist.”

Eusebius; 4th century church historian in ‘Church History’ utters:

“I myself have read the writings and teachings of the heretics, polluting my soul for a while with their abominable notions, though deriving this benefit: I was able to refute them for myself and loathe them even more.”

As this counter reformation became more pronounced and its influence brought a majority of the professed Protestants back into the fold catechisms emerged globally; many for each individual diocese. In 1566 Pope Pius 5 canonized the Roman Catechism which was an exposition of the Council of Trent. In the same manner, Pope John Paul 2 in 1997 ratified Vatican 2 which presented an organic synthesis of the fundamental and essential contents of Catholic Doctrine in light of the Second Vatican Council and the whole of the Catholic Church’s Tradition. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy and the Church’s Magisterum!

Philosophy -- Thesis, Anti-thesis and Synthesis
“Truth is rarely simple and seldom obvious, which is why mature institutions recognise the importance of conflict and disagreement. Christianity was born in conflict, and it has been characterised by conflict ever since. The Church’s obsession with heresy is witness to this fact.”

Richard Holloway — Doubts and Loves; What is Left of Christianity; August 11, 2005. Review:
“Following in the footsteps of John A.T. Robinson and John Shelby Spong, Holloway, formerly Bishop of Edinburgh, shows why Christianity often seems irrelevant to the contemporary world and what it must do to retain its vitality. Traditional Christian doctrines such as original sin, hell, the resurrection of Christ and the inerrancy of the Bible have no power in the modern world, says Holloway, because they fail to emphasize the central meaning of the Christian faith.”

When we deal with a form of Cabalism one encounters the Contextual Method: The most consistent use of the method of Bible study known as the Historical-Grammatical-Lexical Method, called the Contextual/Textual method, began in Antioch, Syria, in the third century A.D. in reaction to the Allegorical Method, which had developed several hundred years earlier in Alexandria, Egypt. The Alexandrian Method was an adaptation of the method of Philo, a Jewish interpreter who lived from 20 BC to AD 55. Philo also lived in Alexandria. He, being a Jew of the Diaspora, was not very influential among the rabbis, but had a great impact among the Hellenistic intellectuals of Alexandria, which was the seat of learning in that day. Philo agreed with the rabbis that the Old Testament was given by God. He believed God uniquely spoke through the Hebrew Scripture and the Greek philosophers, especially Plato. Therefore, every aspect of the text had meaning; every sentence, clause, word, letter, and even the smallest embellishment or idiosyncrasy of the text.

The rabbis’ interpretation is characterized by a focus on “how to,” especially in relation to the Law of Moses. Philo, although using some of the same idiosyncrasies of grammar and spelling, found hidden meanings in the text as it related to Platonism. The rabbis were interested in applying the Mosaic Law to daily life, while Philo wanted to reinterpret the history of Israel in light of his Platonic world view. To do this he had to totally remove the Old Testament from its historical context.

The last three centuries have been impregnated with many types of liberal philosophy that in many cases evaporated traditional theology, both Catholic and Protestant. Several historians have done a tremendous work in sculpturing this in a capsule blueprint.

Gonzalez (2) discusses Auguste Comte: “In the second half of the (19th) century, liberalism espoused philosophy of Auguste Comte and therefore became more anti-Catholic. Comte was a French philosopher, and one of the founders of modern sociology who was convinced that society could and should be reorganized following the dictates of reason. According to him, humanity has gone through three stages of development: the theological, the metaphysical and the scientific or positive — for which reason his views are called positivism. — spiritual authority should be controlled by capitalists and merchants — a religion of humanity placed under a New Catholic Church devoted to the religion of humanity.”

Immanuel Kant, 18th century, ‘discovered’ that all ideas were not innate and void of substance and must react to whatever our senses provide; that simplistic rationalism of previous generations is no longer possible and no more than an illusion. (He wrote Critique of Practical Reason) There were many who agreed and disagreed and a long list of Scholars urged their own cupboard of intellect and philosophy. Marx, Schleiermacher, Hegel greatly contributed and their works still influence modern philosophy. Soren Aabye Kierkegaard stands out as did Wycliffe four centuries earlier in that he stood firm on the foundation of Scripture and Scripture alone. “Reason cannot penetrate ultimate truth but faith alone reveals God’s purpose through His Word.” Christianity, authorship, faith in Jesus, living in Jesus, responding to law and love all had their tests in thesis and antithesis searching resolve in synthesis usually creating at least a mysticism in knowledge and understanding. The simple Word was vaporizing.

Nietzsche attempted to remove all foundations of truth expanding on Socrates’ ‘thoughts are a flux.’ One would ask if there is no absolute truth where does one start and stop wandering in searching through infinity. John Henry Newman in the 19th century Oxford Movement discharged all Reformation
proponent conclusion and heralded a return to traditionalism, embracing the results of the Council of Trent – 1545-1563 – as the true Catholic way of life and path to salvation. Newman emphasized the authority of tradition, apostolic succession, and the Eucharist communion as the center of Christian worship. It never ceases to amaze that the origins of those traditions and the moral character of those administering communion was never a point of interest nor consideration. Irregardless, there have been throughout our church history great scholars that have contributed greatly to our understanding of Scripture and our part in adherence and lifestyle. Nayef R.F. Al-Rodhan, author of Emotional Amoral Egoism: A Neurophilosophical Theory of Human Nature and its Universal Security Implications; offers both a synthesis of philosophical and scientific approaches to human nature and a strong plea for a set of universal human values. The enduring assumption that human behavior is governed by innate morality and reason is at odds with the persistence of human deprivation, injustice, brutality, inequality and conflict. Forsyth, Barth, Aulen, Barmen, Bonhoeffer, Niebur, Moltman and Pannenberg, among many others, spent much of their lives blazing thoughtful paths.

**Conclusion**

The First Vatican Council was convoked by Pope Pius 9 on 29 June 1868, after a period of planning and preparation that began on 6 December 1864. This was the 20th ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held three centuries after the Council of Trent, opened on 8 December 1869 and adjourned on 20 October 1870. Unlike the five earlier General Councils held in Rome, which met in the Lateran Basilica and are known as Lateran Councils, it met in the Vatican Basilica, hence its name. Its best-known decision is its definition of papal infallibility. The Council was convoked to deal with the contemporary problems of the rising influence of rationalism, liberalism, and materialism. Its purpose was, besides this, to define the Catholic doctrine concerning The Church of Christ. There was discussion and approval of only two constitutions: the Dogmatic Constitution on the Catholic Faith and the First Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ, the latter dealing with the primacy and infallibility of the Bishop of Rome. The first matter brought up for debate was the dogmatic draft of Catholic doctrine against the manifold errors due to Rationalism.

Vatican 2, 1962-1965, was purposed to ‘bring the wandering flock back home.’ It started many ecumenical programs in which the ‘chicks’ gleefully participated and filled stadiums across the world and brought a social gospel with contemporary gatherings in all churches, Catholic and Protestant. For a time parishioners flocked to services without taking time to properly ‘church dress’ and studying Scripture was limited to the ‘remnant’ old fashion folk.

In March, 2014, Episcopalian Bishop Tony Palmer delivered a thirty minute DVD from Pope Francis to Kenneth Copeland Ministry’s charismatic Eagle Mountain International Church. In essence it was part of the continuous message to find common ground, set aside doctrinal differences, join hands, dance around the proverbial Maypole and sing Cum Bye Yah. For the most causal observer it is a fulfillment of the Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, 17 & 18 prophecies from the fifteen centuries of apocalyptic historicism interpretation. Most certainly a collapse of a global economy and failure of currency value will bring about a feudal system in concert with the medieval age under a rigid church/state system. That system cannot exist nor flourish with a strong middle class because that class is too independent and not reliant on an infallible ruler who has full reign as a god on earth. We have seen twelve centuries of history of that climate. It had to survive by suppressing truth and the ability to supersede even the Word of the Creator of the universe and the sacrifice for salvation of our Lord, Savior and Sustainer, Jesus the Christ.

Who today has such religious tenacity to put church first before life and limb? In a last will and testament *de la Mina* describes his flight across Spain as a targeted heretic desperately sought by blood thirsty inquisitors. One inquisitor priest’s accusations: ‘It is useless for you to call on my ‘natural affections.’ The obligations of family relationship ceased for me the moment I became a son of the Holy Catholic Church. My vows, my earthly interests, and my hopes of Heaven safeguard me from such weakness and false pity. The secrets of the Holy Office, which I keep inviolate, and the authority of the Church, which I unswervingly obey, forbid any other action. Every traitor who communicates the poisonous heresy of that
Anti-Christ Luther will be exterminated in the fires of the Inquisition. The Holy Church and the secular powers are irresistibly allied to that end by the decree of His Most Catholic Majesty.”

Stennet wrote a letter to the remnant in Rhode Island: “Beloved, -- pleased to make known to you His Holy Sabbath Day, when truth has fallen into the streets, and equity cannot enter, …here in London eight or nine churches remain that keep the Sabbath, when many imminent churches have been shattered to pieces.” Careful historical scanning reveals that those who endeavored to adhere to an honest observation and life style commanded by Scripture were the enemies of church and state and were to be, as seen above, exterminated. Such were the last three ‘kings’ or ‘horns’ (tribes or nations) that were supplanted by the ‘little horn’ of Daniel 7:24 & 25. They were the Vandals, Herculi and the Ostrogoths, in the order of their fall. (When Emperor Justin defeated Odoacer and then ratified agreement with Rome the Holy Roman Empire replaced the Roman Empire in 476 AD) Many of these Germanic tribes were Sabbath keepers. When the Inquisition in all its fury attempted to annihilate all opposition, although publicly targeting the offspring of Abraham, the Jews and the Arabs, the main target again was those who held Scripture as the truth from God, believing in a 24hour 6 day creation with a 7th day Sabbath; the Germanic Waldenses, Albigenses, Huguenots and other tribes in northern Italy and papal states.

A realistic conclusion on religious and tolerant proponents cannot be ascertained until one examines all of the elements involved. In 1823 Nathan Rothschild became the official Vatican banker. From that time onword an examination reveals that all but a few monetary exchanges on a global scale have not been affected by this union. With eighty four known so-called secret societies colluding with eighty eight families controlling more than have the world’s wealth coupled with munitions, banking, commercial and industrial control the Biblical prophecies have been all but fulfilled with the exception of a church/state feudal system dictating global commerce and worship rites, sacraments and practices. (Daniel 8:8-12; Revelation 13:11-17 – not an individual but a religious system long established) It would appear from some very current Vatican activities that Pope Francis might be more the Jesuit Xavier than the compassionate humanitarian Franciscan Assisi. This would indicate that the Reformation and its counter are still ongoing, that it did not reach a conclusion. It is not exempting a couple of doctrines and an acceptance or makeover of others. It is rather in concert with Biblical sanctification, the work of a life time, a shedding of worldliness, self indulgence and traditions, embracing only Scripture as ones only guide, motivated by prayer and Spirit led understanding of Jesus’ incredible one time sacrifice.

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