

PATRIOTISM

*the most
abused
sentiment*

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Introduction

Before the world was, patriotism—in the real sense of the word—was with the Creator Himself. Patriotism can be defined as love, devotion or passion for one’s country.

Prior to the advent of patriotism, blood relations played major roles. As families expanded into clans, tribes, peoples and then nationalities a need for governmental structure also emerged. Governments like those of Egypt and Babylon, not only created elaborate rituals, but with them beliefs in their sovereigns. This belief was necessary in order to centralize people’s devotions.

Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, not only helped Moses in the organization of the tribes, through the appointment of elders and tribal leaders, but also in so doing Jethro lightened the overall burden of governing. Moses’s job was to centralize the people’s devotion to the Lord through the appointment of the Levitical priesthood and elaborate rituals, especially the Ark of the Covenant as the central object of people’s attention.

As we carefully study Israel in the wilderness and the Tabernacle of Moses, we can’t help noticing one predominant feature: the ex-slaves displayed signs of bondage and freedom at the same time. Bondage to things they had missed in Egypt, like food and shelter, and of course not taking any personal responsibility for their actions. (To put it crudely, all that a slave must do is to shut up and do what he’s told. After manumission, this former slave is asked to take up responsibility for one’s actions in the name of God who had delivered him and her from the Egyptian oppression.) When it came to obedience and devotion to their Great Deliverer they displayed signs of unruly freedom, which can be seen as rebellion. Perhaps, the Israelites did not have enough of that newfound freedom and were not yet willing to trade one type of bondage for another.

On one hand the Israelites were free, yet on the other they were bound showing signs of patriotism toward Egypt. After all, they’d been there for more than 400 years. One might say that it is easier to get out of Egypt than to get Egypt out of one’s system.

Patriotism in itself is indeed a strange thing, a weapon that can be manipulated. Out of patriotic sentiment one is ready to be tortured and die a horrible death never realizing that indeed it’s just a sentiment. This feeling, which most of us possess, we shall explore in this booklet.

Please forgive me if I step on your toes from time to time. The purpose of this work is to perhaps open up another venue that one might consider traversing, and maybe gain new in-

sight. The discovery and realization might greatly benefit you my dear friend. For either one stays in a pocket of another flesh-and-blood human being or one is free by having and nurturing the spiritual heavenly origin.

The sentiment

It's important to understand that many of our actions do not stem from reason, but rather from feelings produced by the soul. When we begin to sort out our complex psyche with reason and logical analysis we will conclude that indeed our thought processes are deeply intertwined with emotions. These emotions, one might say, energize our thoughts, either detrimentally or beneficially.

Before we address the core issue of patriotism, let me show you in what sort of a world we live.

Kenites rule this world. Who are the Kenites? Biblically speaking, anything purely physical, and anyone acting as a god (of this world) originates in Cain. Jethro, the Midianite was a Kenite. Egyptians were Kenites. Anything well organized in this world comes from the touch of the Kenite. The number of man, 666 is the number of Cain as well as the number of anything physical and also the number of gold. Cain was sealed for this earth only and for nothing else, that's the reason why he's become so good at it. Money, earthly power and dominion cloud his reason to the point of being completely blind and alienated from the Creator.

Being Kenite is not bad. Kenites have a specific role to fulfill in this world and we shall look into this momentarily.

Cain was emotionally unstable and the sentiment he harbored against his brother is in the Bible for a reason. Is it possible that the Creator wanted us to discover something, just as we have discovered the incredible Bible codes? My answer is yes. Cain's actions did not come from logic or self-examination for if he went there he would not gratify his empty and vain emotion by slaying his own brother.

[Genesis 4:4-8] The LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must mas-

ter it.” Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Clearly, God knew that Cain could rise above that mediocre sentiment. God sort of experimented with Cain, knowing very well that what He had deposited in all of us, making us like Him in terms of will and choice, had to be used. But in order to use mental and creative faculties there must be a choice and that choice must be infused with something of value. That value could be morality, righteousness or the preciousness of another life.

Cain had the choice to rise above his petty feelings and develop an interest in his brother’s ways, which God obviously was accepting. Cain could have learnt something from Abel. He could have genuinely analyzed the differences between his and his brother’s offerings. But instead Cain embraced that evil feeling rather than understanding. To embrace understanding one must also have at least a little love for the Creator of understanding itself, His knowledge and His wisdom. But in this case Cain was too self-absorbed to even faintly entertain such a notion.

Right before Cain gratified that evil sentiment, God warned him about the tricky and unstable ways of his soul, and our soul in general. The soul can go in many directions and do crazy things when permitted. RATZON (Hebrew for rational mind) gives such permission, without which, actions do not follow. Therefore an evil sentiment pollutes our reason and if repeated often enough it will corrupt the entire human agency. ‘Decadence’ is the word and it leads to self-obliteration.

[Numbers 24:21-22] And he looked at the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said, “Your dwelling place is enduring, and your nest is set in the cliff. Nevertheless Cain (the Kenite) will be consumed.”

God knew that Cain would continue in his wrath until, at the end of his mission on the earth, that wrath eventually would consume him.

Cain’s countenance fell. That’s a typical sign of a low mood, which in Cain’s case also took over his actions. Anger is a feeling and when given into, it can produce an intense hate. That baseless hate, when nurtured, eventually produces an evil deed. And that’s exactly what Cain did.

We all get angry, but we do not brood about it for too long. However, if we do, we then ignite an evil fire that eats us up. When this consuming process begins, medicine or surgeries won't save you, but rather will accelerate your demise.

Dear friend, let go of anything that might harm you in the end. Do it now, for this book did not fall into your hands by an accident. Your Maker wanted you to read it and draw life's lessons. Time is short. Our life should be filled with happiness, peace and joy.

Again, we cannot say that all Kenites are evil. No! Kenites have a tremendous role to fulfill upon this earth and that is to equip God's Seed with everything it might need; like banks, roads, buildings, transportation, and communications with a wide range of conveniences, which are necessary for us to fulfill the work of the Great Commission. Kenites do aid the seed and make it richer and fuller. The difference, however, between these two kinds is that while one produces to show off and sell, the other uses it all for something of eternal value. In the end, the gratifying of just the vain and short-lived ambitions leaves one feeling empty, for even the amassed billions won't fill that void. While one is satisfied with days and with higher accomplishments than just gold and silver, sailing on to another and more permanent realm; the former would like to continue on, but is forced to say goodbye to this temporary realm. Heavenly belongings were not explored nor nurtured therefore one ends up emptied out and spent. Yet, by now switching one's dependence and devotion to the realm that brought us all into being, one would live a fuller and much more satisfying life.

[Genesis 4:15] And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

This sign is the new rewiring that Cain had undergone. From being a spiritual person he had become purely physical. In time, Cain infected a large number of people with the same. Many people are not able to see anything eternal beyond the prism of just the physical. They keep on bouncing from gnawing unbelief into a temporary and fleeting belief. They taste a little religion and seek to prove to themselves that God exists and that the Bible is true until the next time around when they lick a little science and then the bouncing starts again. They find themselves trapped in the world of no experience and no love. Adrenaline, wealth, alcohol or drugs and mental excitements make up the fabric of such enjoyments.

I go beyond. I have all a human being might need, and dig deeper into the realm of God's love for me. I experience Him on His terms.

It is not a question of are you a Kenite, but rather if you are busy reviving just the physical spark of life or the spiritual. By this preoccupation you know who you are and where you are going. If you revive the spiritual spark and long for more of your Creator, your Maker and His eternal realm, you can be assured that you drift away from the final burning. That burning at the end of time is real. Anyone who does not nourish the eternal sense of being, but rather just the earthly patriotic sentiment, will eventually join that which one handles and cares for.

*[Matthew 13:38-40] “The field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the evil sons; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. So **just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.**”*

This is not some punishment, for God is love and He will not torment anyone for choosing wrong. From His point of view all of us fulfill a certain mission on this earth and Cain, especially, for he was preserved so that he might fulfill his particular mission upon this planet. As far as I am concerned I am fulfilling my mission by telling you about it in order to enlarge your understanding. And, just in case you have been asking why some are so obsessively attached to physical things—which seem to define them only in terms of possessions and social status and why they would take another human life for material stuff—Cain is the answer.

Cain’s descendants, or better said, those walking in his shoes, to a certain extent, have been blinded with the temporary and short-lived. This inability to look beyond only the tip of one’s own nose can be seen as a cap that seals and conserves. Anything spiritual seems stupid to them and as some have said, it is the opium of the masses or just a popular sentiment. They see religion as a crutch for the feeble. In this case, they may be right, for actually it was the Kenites who created religion with their elaborate rituals in order to manipulate and control the faithful. Those elaborate rituals are like silky webs into which insects fly and get trapped; only to be sucked dry by the spider that wove that silk in the first place.

It is not a matter of theology or doctrine, for these have nothing to do with the truth. Any sentiment against this subject is baseless and just that, a sentiment, but if you can discipline your soul and engage only your rational mind you will find logic and wisdom. The

spiritual enjoyment every human soul searches for comes primarily from understanding and knowing, and not first from feeling and then understanding. This order is important.

When Jesus told us to love our enemy and pray for those that persecute us He did not address our soul (NEPHESH in Hebrew), but rather our mind (RATZON in Hebrew).

[Matthew 5:44] Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Simply put, anyone filled with God’s love cannot entertain feelings of animosity, therefore the one that hates does not think, but rather feels. The feeling of animosity toward someone who did not deserve it, having been totally baseless, stems not from one’s mind but from one’s ill soul. I said ‘ill’ because one acts on an emotion rather than reason.

Reason tells us what is healthy. We would not have medicine today without reason and scientific research. We have learned to distinguish between an illness causing diseases, bacteria and viruses and what promotes good health. We might hate those living organisms, those bugs that we so intensely dislike for they make us sick, but that emotion would only cloud our reason. Therefore we isolate feelings from reason and study the impact life has on us. We learn how to live in harmony with them bugs and critters. We have learnt that if we kill them they mutate and find other ways to make their mark on our lives. Balance, peace and harmony is the better weapon if you will. Death, antibiotics, and bacterial annihilation do not solve any problems, but rather bring us to yet another warfront. We then discover other mutated foreign armies equipped with better and more ‘modern’ weapons.

The Creator made all the diseases as well as cures. He gave us laws to balance it all. Illnesses that can be completely cured are not being cured on purpose. From the ‘sound business’ point of view corporate profits are more important. Yes, ‘the love of money is the root of all evil’ runs the world’s health system. As a result medical science opposes and suppresses any nature-provided cures in order to sell the synthetically man-made drugs. Relieving just the symptoms and making one dependent on that relief is more profitable than a permanent cure.

We live in the Kenite’s world already. The tares rule this world until their time comes to an end. But why are people so slow to learn this fact? The reasons are obvious. They are in the Kenite pocket and are not motivated enough to leave it. The Kenite makes us so very

comfortable. We are drowsy and utterly dependant on his inventions. We seem to have swallowed his drugs and ask for more of the same.

Because of this comfort and dependence spiritual learning is ineffectual and it finds little room in our minds. This patriotism that the Kenite created soothes one’s flesh, and when spiritual challenges arrive, rising above this ease is exceedingly difficult. Yet, our God calls us to a triumphant and overcoming lifestyle. What are we overcoming?

*[John 16:33] “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; **I have overcome the world.**”*

The Kenite plays with insecurity in order to give you his kind of security and of course profit from it. Kindness and love is out of the question, for the love of money is much stronger. Creating dependence is a big business. Yet no one can take their money with them to the other side. Death terminates and even must terminate this madness. At that time the Kenite invented a soothing philosophy for us that everyone must die anyway one day, so let’s eat, drink and be merry... let’s consume, for tomorrow we shall die.

[John 8:51] “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”

Utopia? Nonsense? Let those who have ears hear what God’s Eternal Holy Spirit is saying. These ears the Kenite wants to permanently plug up and he seems to be very successful in doing so. Next, I will be criticized and even hated for even bringing up this verse.

Remember that God’s truth is gentle. God’s voice never comes with loud and penetrating shouts, but rather in a gentle breeze. So delicate that only a spiritually refined person can hear it and follow it with absolute determination.

[Matthew 11:29] ...learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart...

Elijah responded to that gentle voice and put his actions behind it. God loved His prophet, and took him like He did Enoch. So let the Kenite preaches his sermons and lets me preach mine and in between lets those who are supposed to hear and respond—let them respond and seek the Lord. Let the heavenly patriotism be awakened now.

Psychological problems emerge when one’s soul, with all its freely roaming feelings, begins to dictate the mind how to behave. In time that behavior becomes abnormal for it sometimes even fulfills something unnatural and foolish. When soul dominates the mind, a person will behave abnormally; therefore he or she will be in need of medical attention.

Check your sentiments first if they have any basis. Don’t seek their sources for there is only one source, even God, for all life comes from Him. We are responsible for the misdirection and misuse of His pure life force. He will never judge us for being tempted or even seduced by an alien force, which we erroneously invented, as if God’s universe is split between two gods—one good and the other evil. We shall be judged for mishandling the most precious property of life, His light and love with which He created the universe.

Don’t blame the devil or some demon as the source of such feelings, for God wants you to take responsibility for your thoughts, feelings and actions. Animosity, ill feelings, jealousies and dislikes come from the physical shell just as the pride of life comes not from heaven, but from this physical realm, which must be conquered by choosing good. Choose what is good and overpower any evil sentiment.

Note: The booklet “The Origin of Pride” by the same author explains it in greater detail.

Attachments

Patriotism worked wonders in religion. Watch the Crusaders and Moslem wars. Just as most of the previous wars—which were inspired by greed—these wars were inspired by religious fervor. Let’s go further and examine this amazingly powerful mechanism that can be manipulated and taken advantage of in almost any situation.

The cultivation of patriotism begins in the earliest days of our life. God did not make us patriotic, for He gave us free will; nonetheless He created a mechanism that can be stolen and used for one’s own means. The emotion of love and devotion, plus free choice, makes up the human being. Animals do not possess these qualities; only we do. We choose and direct our affections wherever we wish, but there is a strong human tendency to be mindful of our origins.

We have the ability to totally break off with the past in one huge leap forward; animals do not have such ability. If you say that you are doing it gradually then know this: no one

can jump over a ravine with small steps. There is a time when we will face such reality and will have to decide.

Fortunately, I have come to that point in my life. I determined to break off with not only my past, but even with the roots of my ancestors. When I was going through the process of the complete Biblical repentance I was shocked to see things upon my ancestors that no one had told me about. I saw only that which God, in His love, had showed me. Then He asked me “what He should do with these things?” When I saw those awful things that some of my ancestors did, provoking God to anger, I cringed and cried for mercy.

I received tremendous mercy. After the operation was complete I was elated. I thought I was flying and thought that perhaps this feeling of light, ease, tremendous peace and joy would cease like all my other experiences, but it did not. Now, since that experience, almost 30 years later, I am still flying high with tremendous ease and I must admit that I have difficulties understanding people. Why be stuck in an emotion that slowly erodes the fabric of your mental health? Why be ruled by vain ambitions and competitions when each of us, individually, holds tremendous potential and wealth beyond our imagination. Why see to be someone at the expense of another?

All can have such an experience, but I think that in order to reach it one must give God the permission. (I refer to my book, “The Amazing Power of Shuv.”)

Often the problem is buried within our attachments to meaningless and temporary things. We are attached to things that pass away and don't return; yet those attachments are so powerful that to part with them seems impossible. Priorities and values are then distorted and our Creator the Heavenly Father is found at the end of our list. We only call on God when we are in trouble. That's really sad.

An adulterer was running from his pursuer, knowing very well that he broke one of the commandments and having no other choice jumped from a balcony. While he was falling he was promising God all sorts of things if only he might be saved. The adulterer safely landed on a pile of garbage and said, “Man under stress will tell God all sorts of nonsense.” Then he went his way unchanged.

That man's patriotism was not to something right, or the woman's husband or to God, but to himself. Selfishness is one of the patriotic branches, just as loyalty to oneself and one's own. One can say that a landowner is also patriotic for one stays loyal to what one possesses. Others can manipulate this sort of loyalty only when one is convinced of it

through a skillful and good sounding flowery speech. My flowery speech in this case is to turn you into a heavenly patriot. However, one must know the Kingdom of Heaven before one can become its patriot.

Again, I must say here that indeed I was in heaven and I saw what God wanted me to see. And just that experience alone turned me into a patriot, which no other patriotism can ever influence. No one can sway me away from the knowledge of God, His presence, His voice, His love and His ways.

If that void of belonging is not filled with devotion, someone else will steal that space. One must nurture this heavenly belonging with deeper knowledge, which always leads to experience.

I write because I have experienced. I grow. I mature. But above all, those reading what I write also mature with me and experience His presence. Their love for our heavenly Father deepens and their patriotism grows with time. The true heavenly Promised Land is not after you die or after you escape hell. It begins now.

Loyalty & Jingoism

Patriotism manifests itself in many forms and one of them is xenophobia. But that comes from selfishness and territoriality. A limited territory makes one feel xenophobic and intolerant. The opposite of this sentiment is hospitality and people do practice it, but to different extents. Some do it for appearances' sake. Others only for a very short time and then they retreat back to their own ways of being attached to their 'own' territory, for which they pay rent or own. Whatever the case, they maintain the illusion of ownership treating something as their own; never realizing that they came into this world naked and penniless, and as such they will exit it. Even words as these are placed in a category of philosophy. And whatever the case, any reality that is articulated here might make one feel uneasy, thinking... 'What is this guy after?'

Territoriality and ownership carry the seed of fear. If that seed is planted, it will grow a tree, and then that tree will weave its stems around your neck and slowly choke you to death. So, what's the solution?

I'm glad that you've asked. (If you found a smile on your face right now then that's already a good sign.) We can talk openly, getting to know ourselves individually. I am only here to help, not to pile on you foreign sounding ideas.

What are you loyal to? Check the list of priorities. I’m sure that a mother will immediately say ‘my children!’ A good man will say ‘My family’. A pastor will say ‘my church’. A well-trained soldier will say ‘my country’. All these loyalties are excellent, and are really wonderful qualities, but what about God? Do you know Him? Do you feel Him? Do you enjoy Him? Do you love Him?

*[John 26:15-17] Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, **do you love Me** more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that **I love You.**” He said to him, “**Tend My lambs.**” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that **I love You.**” He said to him, “**Shepherd My sheep.**” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, **do you love Me?**” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “**Do you love Me?**” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; **You know that I love You.**” Jesus said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**”*

Notice the words, ‘MY’ sheep and ‘MY’ lambs, which Jesus said three times. Peter’s loyalty was first to Jesus and if so he would then tend, shepherd and feed not Peter’s sheep but the sheep that do belong to Jesus. Here we have the classic example of patriotic shift—away from one’s own interests to God’s interests. The motivating force is love.

We have heard much about the love for one’s country. The Russians call Russia their mother. Other nationalists call their countries their fatherland. As if a land itself is one’s mother and father. So strong are these ideas that to sort it all out in a logical manner might become mind numbing.

In the name of that love for their mother and fatherlands they would not blink an eye splitting a foreigner’s skull or slitting another’s throat. Murderers do it out of loyalty to their Mafia bosses, organization, solidarity, or out of the love of money, prestige and power. However one puts it, these actions originate in some kind of patriotism. If one were only devoted to the true origins of life, one would never commit any such crimes.

When the Apostle Paul met with Jesus on the road to Damascus he was asked a very rational question. “*Paul! Why are you persecuting ME?*” Imagine Paul shrugging his shoulders and slowly getting rewired; he probably shook his head as if coming out from his drunken stupor. Someone wired his passions to the point of blinding his reason. Paul did it all out of patriotism and was responsible for the death of Stephen. In his religious zeal Paul was spew-

ing fire like a mad dragon. Jesus stopped him; and like at the old telephone exchange station pulled a cable out of one slot and placed it in another. “Now you are connected correctly. Talk sense and quit this nonsense, boy,” Jesus might have said.

Patriotism can turn one into a ruthless killer, who can feel totally justified when killing his or her country’s opponents. Today, humanism has created revulsion to all sorts of killing and even the butchering of animals. There are some who hate even eggs because of the chick’s life secreted in the egg’s shell. But the show really begins when the Bible or God is mentioned, who is then held responsible for all evils upon this earth.

Jesus asked Peter if he really loved Him more than the others; and based on that love Peter’s love for His sheep would be more intense. The perfect love of God, which casts out all fear, is being lavished upon every born-again child of God, but unfortunately our loyalties shifted away from love and into sensationalism. The End-Times, Armageddon, wars, death and blood are more exciting than God’s love.

[Revelations 14:20] And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

A long time ago, in my private time with the Lord, He told me that the Book of Revelations survived the compilation of the biblical canon because He Himself planted it there for a test. Just as He tested Abraham, and even His own Firstborn Son Jesus, so He tests us with the Book of Revelations. He said in Matthew 6:21 *where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Since at the end of time there will be goats on the left and sheep on the right, some sort of a test will have to determine it.

Have you seen blood flowing as high as horses’ bridles? Will horses be even used in the great battle of Armageddon?

All books of the Bible apply to different classes and grades of progress. Your spiritual growth is determined by what scriptures you have adopted and fulfilled; and which, presently, you are busy with. All books of the Bible are God-inspired and through His Holy Spirit He will further inspire you in your spiritual growth.

Babies play with toys. Teenagers keep on showing off trying to grab public attention. Adults are too busy working, making money improving their livelihoods. God is framed in a

picture of religion. Each church seeks your loyalty and commitment, for each institution depends on tithes and offerings, yet, there is still the higher way.

Political parties, Democrats, Republicans and Independents play with patriotism, pulling strings trying to sway popular sentiments their way. Books are being published playing with patriotic and xenophobic sentiments, not to mention the KKK and other extremist groups using and exploiting the same apparatus.

We are in a whirl of the patriotic tornado. Look at it closer and you will see what that twister is twirling... garbage. Unfortunately, what this whirlwind spins was not garbage, but someone's property, which someone was attached to. Cars, trees and even homes fall prey to the power of a well-manipulated patriotism.

Where are you at with your patriotism? Are you lost? Disoriented? Don't know what or whom to cling to? Cling to your heavenly Father right now. Don't try to define yourself or find your SELF, for the self will always long for it and will never find itself. Your origin is heavenly and you are on a journey there. Fulfill your mission and taste this sort of happiness. There is plenty of material to help you reach your full potential.

Religious Patriotism

When the Eastern Roman Empire became Byzantine the former Rome-aligned patriotism had to be changed into a church-aligned patriotism. Any direct relations with God were outlawed. Anyone claiming to have an experience with God was found in error or labeled a heretic. What was important was a citizen's loyalty to the church institution and the pressure was enormous. Executions, in many forms, beheadings, burnings and tortures were carried out, and these had nothing to do with God in whose name those evil acts were perpetrated. How blessed we are to live in this day and age. Now, you can have your own experience with God and you do not need to run to me the pastor checking with me if it's correct. For I do not hold a measuring stick nor pass the final judgment. In time you will learn the difference between experiences. Grace is space and in that freedom one develops. One may fall, but one also gets up being motivated not by religious obligations, but rather by God's love. The kind of love God loves you with is different from any other love found in this world.

*[John 17:26] I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that **the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.***

My task is to show you my dear reader the present reality and to open your eyes, which the Kenites skillfully manipulated and to some extent blindfolded us. This veil is even found in the Bible, which unlike the Koran a single man did not write, but many. Nonetheless, it includes beliefs that the ancients struggled with and passed on to us.

In the next segment I will show you what I mean.

We must see both the intelligence and its absence, for knowledge and spiritual intelligence have indeed increased.

In the name of that patriotism many words were cast in order to switch people’s allegiances from the worldly one into the newly formulated one, the church.

All apostles, including John, used strong words in order to protect the seed they labored sowing, and the field into which they had sown it and the future harvest. That fear stemmed from the lack of knowledge, which we enjoy today. I speak of the Last Reformation, which is rooted in God’s absolute Sovereignty and control and the absolute freedom of the Holy Spirit. Once that freedom is known one sows the seed trusting, operating under His gift of faith. Then it is no longer my service or even business or—with the use of psychology—my labor, but rather His. I do my part and He does His. He sends me and I do it. He causes growth and then comes the harvest. We see that the Apostles had not reached that level of consciousness yet because they were called only to open the Great Book while we are called to close it. Watch this:

[2 Peter 2:17-22] These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved. For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to its own vomit,” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.”

“Springs without water.” The proverbial fire and brimstone is being hurled... Comparing some to dogs that lick their own vomit... These are powerful words spoken on purpose.

John the beloved also did not spare his opponents, calling some as operating under the spirit of antichrist or actually being antichrists.

[1]John 2:18-19] Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

The battle was fierce and therefore we come across many such verses not only in the New Testament, but also in the Old.

The prophet Elijah fought hard to save Israel from apostasy. In the end Israel also fell and the Assyrians, portion by portion, dispersed the ten tribes throughout the nations making them unidentified and indecipherable, even as the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel.

Today, the ‘patriotism factories’ operate at full capacity. The fight is severe. At any given opportunity anyone, including myself, can be labeled as a messenger of Satan who, as they quickly quote, transforms himself into an angel of light.

[2 Corinthians 11:13-15] For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

Your personal freedom carries responsibilities, which once taken will liberate and bless your life. **Hardly anyone thinks for him or herself in freedom, for the established tradition is to limit that freedom rather than nurture it.**

Prophet Jonah & apostle Peter

The ancient port of Joppa, today’s Jaffa/Tel Aviv, holds many secrets. From that port Jonah ran away from God to Tarshish, which Romans called Tarsus. Tarsus was a vacation spot a getaway place. Apostle Paul came from there and most likely arrived in the Rome controlled

Palestine by boat either in Joppa or Caesarea. The Book of Acts chapter 10 mentions Peter who was staying in the house of Simon the tanner and whose house was by the sea.

The entire saga begins when Jonah tried to avoid going to Nineveh; instead he boarded a ship with the intent to reach the coast of the getaway place, Tarshish. As the story goes, a big storm erupted and Jonah ended up in the sea. Being a Hebrew, under the eternal contract with the Almighty and also God’s prophet, Jonah had no chance. The boatmen, being quite superstitious, somehow figured out that someone was the culprit and responsible for the raging sea. When Jonah admitted that it was he; he then asked to be thrown overboard; knowing very well that once he is out the sea will calm down.

The big fish spewed the prophet out on the shores of Nineveh. The prophet did not care about the people and actually did not preach repentance. “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” – Were the exact words of the prophet who did not mention, “Unless you repent.” Jonah didn’t really care and as the narrative points out he was angry that the people of Nineveh actually and wholeheartedly repented and God spared them.

Why Jonah was so frustrated? The answer is simple, patriotism. This self-love, which was cultivated over centuries, it was not something one easily parts with. Not understanding God’s choice of Israel, which was for the world and not for the vain satisfaction of just being chosen irritated Jonah for he wished that his people repented rather than those foreigners. It is like those Americans who were called to missions and to spread the Gospel all over the world rather prefer to stay in America and overfeed the Americans. When conveniences, comforts and material pleasures become our priority, these in turn show us what we really prize. If our treasure is that which the moth eats and rust destroys then the attachments themselves drive us down to the same. “Dust to dust and ashes to ashes” we say for we have embraced them too firmly. Like the prophet, who was attached to his own people and country and had to be forced, in a similar way those that cling to just the transitional physical things will be forced to part with them.

Repeatedly we read in the Bible about ‘those who have ears to hear’. Not all have ears to hear. God seeks those that do have softer hearts and hearing ears, regardless of ethnic background or national belonging.

Jonah was nationalistic. Tarshish was a great place to be where Jewish culture flourished. It is so much easier to be with one’s own, discussing the scriptures and preaching God’s word to those that have already heard it a thousand times. Jonah’s patriotism was to his own;

but was there anything wrong with it? Hardly. But can anyone fight with God? Isn't our first loyalty to Him rather than to the flesh-and-blood kinfolk? God keeps on teaching is that He is not only ONE, but above all, the number one in our lives. Those who understand it and cleave to Him daily draw from His substance and find peace, joy and true prosperity.

Jonah did not care to mention God's abounding mercy and His loving kindness, for he was selfish; he thought that those attributes of God should be reserved only for his own people and not for the gentiles.

God's love begins to flow toward us and possesses us only when we permit it to flow through us unto others, and especially those He sends us to.

Simon Peter now resides in Joppa by the sea, most likely very close to the harbor. He goes up to the roof, watching the Mediterranean Sea in the glory of the afternoon light. A Jew, who eats only kosher foods, wears kosher clothes and visits kosher houses. It was impossible for him to think otherwise. But God is about to force that Jewish patriot to think otherwise and obey the Master.

Around 3 PM Peter sees a vision. A sheet filled with all sorts of crawling and ritually unclean animals was lowered into the apostle's purview. God said, "Slaughter and eat." Peter was quick to answer saying that nothing unclean has ever entered his mouth. Yes, like Jonah, Peter was about to disobey God, and like with Jonah God also reasons with Peter. Referring to the group of people sent by Cornelius from Caesarea, Romans, and God tells Peter to not consider unclean that which He has cleansed.

When Peter heard the Holy Spirit urging him to go downstairs and interrupt his daily prayer ritual. There was a knock on the door. Peter looked through the crack and distrustfully kept the door ajar. When he heard of Cornelius's vision, the angel and his own vision on the roof, he then connected the pieces and sat down puzzled.

On the next day the group reached Caesarea and the house of the Roman Centurion Cornelius. Peter was asked to preach the Gospel, but instead he refers to his vision and his legalistic constrains of how unlawful it is for him to associate with the gentiles, etc. While he is still speaking the Holy Spirit falls on the hearers, just as He fell on the 120 on the day of Pentecost. To Peter's utter astonishment—not far from Jonah's surprise when he had observed God's mercy fall on the Ninevites—Peter hastens to Jerusalem to report the phenomenon.

After many deliberations the apostles concluded that God granted repentance also to the gentiles. As time marches on many problems arise due to the deeply seeded patriotism. To let go of this sentiment and then wholeheartedly and full steam go ahead the apostles lingered at the Jerusalem church having internal squabbles until God instigated persecution in order to force His boys out. Still, even then they were not too willing to obey the Master who clearly stated that they should ‘preach the Gospel, beginning in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria and then all over the world’. Their soul’s ties were very powerful and they could not bring themselves to break them once and for all. The root of self-love comes from the patriotism and it can be detrimental when it faces the heavenly patriotism. It does interfere with the Father’s will. It comes to the point of test. Either we are loyal and obedient to God or we cater and even nurture just our flesh.

The Heavenly Patriotism

The time has arrived to reveal the heavenly patriotism in which there’s no pressure, and no attempt made to sway you either way. Take it or leave. Love it, accept it, bathe in it or remain as you are. God’s love remains unchanged. He will not punish you with hell because “you have not listened to this ‘saintly man’ writing it for you.”

I will not tell you that if you do not accept my teaching or the word of this prophecy that God is going to give you plagues or pour on you fire and brimstone. If you are still in that frame of mind then you do not know our loving heavenly Father. Perhaps your god is still theology. Perhaps your jingoism still stands in the way. Your devotion may be to someone or something else, but not to God. You may be devoted to a ministry, even like mine, and I do need your support, but you are a citizen of another realm my dear friend. I am only pointing you in the right direction.

I will never bind you with responsibilities and obligations. For your loyalty to the heavenly realm became real the moment you realized who you are. Once you find yourself in this glorious realm and discover your true citizenship then your level of peace and joy will be drastically elevated. Your happiness will be immeasurable.

[Ephesians 2:19] You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household.

Your citizenship right now is heavenly. Let no other patriotism undermine it for it will hinder you from knowing and even seeing God.

[Matthew 5:8] “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

As much as your country’s leadership would like to make you believe that your country gave birth to you, don’t buy into this illusion. You are the Seed of God, His son or daughter. Keep your heart pure and let nothing else obscure that sight of God. Remove all obstacles from your way. I am only here to help because the Heavenly Father truly loves you. He loves you by making me write what I wrote here. I have not sucked it all out of my finger.

[Isaiah 62:10] Go through, go through the gates, clear the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.

Don’t bind the people, but free them. Don’t grab them in the gates, but let them pass through, from one realm into another, even from the earthly patriotism into the heavenly one. Raise the standard and remove the stumbling blocks. The man-made hindrances, the outdated doctrines, human folly and self-worship, which from time immemorial all rulers worked hard to achieve. Your first and utmost loyalty is to the One who made us.

Know this my dear friend that this world is filled with sick baby-killers like Pharaohs, Herods, Stalins and Hitlers. Some of them live next door. If they could lay their hands on power that evil patriotism would also surface again. Hitler—in the name of his absolute devotion to the German people and his sick love for Germany—killed millions.

Herod, trying to kill Jesus killed all Bethlehem’s babies. Pharaoh killed the Hebrew babies trying to get Moses. Emotions dictated their actions.

Kenites work hard to undermine those stories as fiction, for thus they hide their perfidious desires. In the name of an emotion they are ready to level entire cities and slay millions, just so that they might gratify their sick emotions, which have taken over their minds and manifested in evil deeds.

Evil emotions are not evil if they remain under arrest in your soul. As long as Cain only harbored a sentiment against his brother he did not sin—which in Hebrew is defined as the way of pain—but the moment he let them out, he sinned. Cain caused great hurt to himself

and to us today for we struggle with groundless animosities. Since Abel, God sought a replacement, which Seth became. In the same way Jesus said in John 14:18-19, *I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.*”

Jesus spoke about the substitute, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who would always be with us; right now and for eternity. The Holy Spirit is the Seth type.

There is a complete healing for the heart and soul. One does not need to be like a boiling and yet unexploded volcano. One can learn to let go and then love.

Cain had an emotion and God taught him how to arrest, control and rule over it. Cain poured out that emotion in an act. Anyone else imitating him must realize that it is sick. This sickness drives many into madness. Such people work extra hard to wrap you around their fingers and steal away from you the heavenly patriotism, which is loyalty and devotion, but without xenophobia. Heaven has no borders. There is room for everyone, for every race, language and point of view. God is love. Period. The moment you meet Him you will understand Him, His ways and His word.

[Exodus 33:13] “Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight.”

Watch what Moses said, *“if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways...”*

After Moses knew God’s ways and walked in them he found more favor, which is grace. Grace is as unlimited space. The spiritual realm contains no limited territory, which is boundless grace. Fleshly person walks in the limited and the spiritual person in the unlimited; that’s why one enjoys no real peace while the other lives in complete peace. One is restless, because of time and limited territory, while the other dwells in the boundless spiritual realm.

Especially the European nations seem to have a problem with the Greek word PSYCHE, which mixes mind and soul, the rational with the emotional. The conflict between the intellectual thought and an emotion is severe and continual. When the soul’s emotion dictates to the mind how to behave and it prods it to express its sentiment, then the actions that follow may be abnormal. The RATZON, the rational mind, must rule over the soul.

[Genesis 4:7] Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

Obviously, Cain harbored ill feelings toward his brother and his countenance showed that feeling. In order to master those feelings Cain had to listen to reason, which God was teaching him to use. Nevertheless, Cain did not choose the intellectual thought and God’s teaching, but rather his sick emotion, which drove him to madness.

PSYCHE (Greek word) in its essence is imprecise, misleading and limiting. The Hebrew counterparts are RATZON and NEPHESH (Soul) and these two are never mixed together.

A typical example of this is found in this Psalm.

[Psalms 42:11] Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

David used his mind and ordered his soul how to and what to feel. He reasons with his soul as if trying to change its disposition.

Obviously, David commands his soul to feel something else and to release the correct emotions. From a despairing mess he changed his soul into an instrument of blessings. That’s a healthy RATZON.

[Psalms 103:1-2] Bless the LORD O my soul! And all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits.

The soul is quick to forget all the benefits and all the blessings, because the earthly circumstances do influence it, together with all that surrounds us, which may be other people’s words, thoughts and any released emotions. One must become a bastion, a fortress of strength. RATZON acts as the wise king able to defend its castle against any foreign invaders.

[Genesis 9:27] “May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem.”

The tent of Shem is where the Abrahamic covenant resides through Isaac. God already chose a people, who gave you the Bible—Israel. Don’t try to undermine this fact. Lose any ill feeling that interferes with sober and straight thinking. Both Ishmael and Esau harbored ill feelings. That story is there on purpose. Ishmael was restless. And God said:

[Genesis 16:12] “He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

Watch the world today and the religious fanaticism; there’s no logic in it.

Later on, Jacob’s brother, Esau, was attached to that which he felt rather than that which was really important. But to an emotional person, the future and his spiritual heritage hold little meaning. Gratification of the present mood stands in the way. When the test arrived, that which Esau felt tilted the scale in Jacob’s favor. Unlike his brother, Jacob used his RATZON. Esau’s hunger and the appetizing smells emanating from Jacob’s kitchen were more important than his birthright. And he sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. You can laugh at it now, but check your own soul. What are you attached to? Are you also being outsmarted and beat at your own game?

We see two patriotisms in both characters. Ishmael was attached to the physical blessings that God promised him, and like a wild donkey he roamed the earth. (From these wanderings the Arabic tribes, around 1900s, became individual nations.)

The son of the promise was Isaac, who became the actual carrier of the eternal Abrahamic covenant. As Ishmael was blessed with just the physical; Isaac was blessed with the spiritual and the physical was added to him as the necessary physical gear.

[Matthew 6:33] But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The addition is always to something more important. God’s Kingdom and its righteousness make the heavenly patriotism prime; and all that is needed is later added to it. This was made evident already in the Biblical text, namely the Book of Judges.

[Judges 1:16] The descendants of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the city of palms with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and lived with the people.

The Kenites—just as Jethro was Moses's first organizer—joined no other tribe but Judah, equipping it with everything it might need in the future. All other tribes disappeared but Judah (the Jews) survived, from which the lion of the Tribe of Judah also comes.

Esau, a hunter, loved wild game and open spaces and anything that entertains just the physical senses. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but the patriotism scale tilts either heavenward or earthward and in Esau's case the second was heavier. Jacob studied his brother and exploited his 'weaknesses' and then when the time was there he took advantage of it. That's typical of RATZON taking advantage of NEPHESH.

You can't take the History Book of the Jewish people and twist it to suit your own sentiments. You can't read their history book, the Bible, which shows God's dealings with His chosen and then choose those words they wrote about themselves and throw them into their faces saying, "you are evil and God cut you off." Even worse, "God had replaced you with me."

You have received grace and have just read about it in the book, which they have not only written, but also preserved at the peril of their own lives. I think that we Christians should appreciate it rather than try to steal their blessings for ourselves. Join rather than try to take their place just because you want something. But do you know what your really want? Do you want their God and His Kingdom, His thoughts and His mind, or just the gold that comes with it?

[Matthew 6:21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Apostle Paul said, (Romans 11:18) *"do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you."*

The Israelites wrote the absolute truth about themselves. But compare the Bible with the Koran, which was written by only one man. Will you find there any self-criticism? By this simple fact you will know that the Bible is true for its authors wrote the absolute and unbi-

ased truth. Truth is heavenly. It cuts to the bone marrow, it is indeed the sword and no one can have monopoly on it; none can twist it to suit; we all must submit to it.

The truth is detected when someone speaks the heavenly truth bypassing national patriotism.

The Hebrew prophets spoke the truth to their own people amongst whom they lived. The heavenly loyalty overruled any national and local patriotism.

We all love ourselves and remain loyal, but the patriotism God speaks of is different.

[Hosea 6:6] For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Just humanly motivated words praise only the self, but the God inspired words hardly ever entertain human narcissism.

[Isaiab 6:5] Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

God does not seek people who would serve Him from themselves, offering Him something we deem as self produced. We have nothing of our own. He rather would have you than your offering, loyalty and allegiance to Him rather than your performance. We have brought nothing into this world and will take nothing out of it. We are His extensions. The sooner we realize it the happier we shall be.

I hope, that to some extent, I was successful in enlarging your understanding as to the world we live in, yourself and patriotic sentiments.

May the heavenly Father grant you eternal citizenship and may your permanent allegiance be only to Him and His eternal Kingdom.

If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, and you would like to receive the Eternal Citizenship and the assurance of it then you need to do something right now.

By way of help I would like to lead you in prayer.

Would you please pray this prayer not only with your lips, but above all with your heart, believing that what you say is the absolute truth; for only then will a real change take place.

Please pray now saying: “Dear God, Creator of all things. I ask you to have mercy on me and grant me the heavenly citizenship when my time comes. I acknowledge that I am a sinner and do not deserve anything, but you have sent your Son Jesus to save me. I thank you for it. I ask you to cleanse me from all sin and all unrighteousness. I confess my sins and anything evil I have ever done.” (Speak out loud and confess anything that you may be ashamed of. Say it anyway and ask for forgiveness.)

After you have humbled the pride of this life and confessed your sins close your prayer with these words:

“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior. He died for me on the cross and He rose again. Dear Jesus, please come into my heart, soul, mind and body. Please live in me. Make me your child. Thank you. Amen.”

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