

Christianity is the Antithesis of His Edah

It is not how much we have of the Holy Spirit, but how much He has of us — our attention. It is detestable to draw near with our lips and not with our minds and hearts, to sing without giving our full attention to Him. We give our whole body, our whole personality to Him. Anything less is mere Christianity. He knows our heart, whether we are giving ourselves wholly and entirely to Him — holy, wholesome, completely to Him. So if we are ready to have communion with Him then we are ready to give our bodies as a living sacrifice. If that is the case, He has our whole attention. Just as a father has his son's attention and the son has his father's attention.

We focus our attention on the One we live for. This Body of Messiah must be of one accord like the human body is in total coordination. Anything less is not a complete body. The world will know that the Father sent the Son by the total coordination of His Body. When it boils down to who He is going to come back for, it will be those who loved one another. Only they will have confidence. We are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but those whose souls are being saved. Let's never sing without giving Him our attention. If He does not have our attention, or if we do not have our children's attention, or one another's attention, there is something else working — which is an enemy.

[Yoneq read part of a newspaper article about "Creation 93: Christians Rock for God — Praise the lord and pass the earplugs." He said that in order to get their teenagers to come, since they rule the house, they have rock and roll for God.]

This shows how much Christianity is the antitheses of what went on in the first church; it is unrecognizable today. It says that John looked at the church today and wondered what it was.

Antithesis means direct contrast, the exact opposite. Christianity today is the direct opposite, the antithesis, the exact opposite of the church you see in Acts (Acts 4:32-36; 26:7; Jn 17:21-23; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2-5,14,15; Mt 5:14). So if you look at Acts 26:7, it speaks about twelve tribes in perfect unity, worshipping night and day; Acts 4:32 speaks about their unity, how they loved one another and how grace was upon each and every one and everyone shared — there was distribution of the wealth to all. There were no rich or poor, no needy among them. Jn 17 talks about perfect unity, no separation, of which Christianity is the antithesis (Phil 2:2-5,14,15).

Mt 28:20 — You can see what our Master had in mind when He said to go make disciples among all the nations. He had chosen people in the nations, chosen ones who have already been chosen. And when they hear the good news they will come out of the nations into His Body on earth. But concerning making disciples, I think He had something else in mind than what you will find at *Creation 93*. He wanted disciples so that all men will know that He is the Son of God.

Look at Jn 13:34. There you can see what is required of a disciple of Yahshua. Without this there are no disciples. That we would love one another as He loved us — *"by this all men will know that you are my disciples."* By this the whole world will know that God sent His Son. So you can see in Jn 17:23 that Christianity is the antithesis, the very opposite of what He actually wants. It is working in direct contrast. Nothing else is working so directly against what He wants as Christianity. Even Islam is not in as direct a contrast as Christianity because Christianity holds His name, professing to be somewhat what the first church was.

Just knowing that about Christianity, we are no better than they, unless we *are* better. If we have the Holy Spirit, then as we grow, we must have greater and greater self-control. It starts every day at the morning and evening sacrifice — a continual offering, giving ourselves to Him. We must be doing this and growing in this.

Hakam: Christianity is the antithesis of everything we can understand about the early church, which was the original expression of the life of God on the earth. And now people grow up and accept that Christianity is the standard, the expression of the life of God on earth, and there is no other frame of reference for them whatsoever. The spirit in Christianity, instead of having the power of the Spirit of our God to be the light of the world, has such a strong and powerful hold on everything, especially the

media. In the sixties people were following the movement and then thousands got disillusioned with it and thousands turned to the Jesus Movement. But even then there was something about going back, some semblance of going back to the original. So all those people went in there and it didn't happen and now the fruit of it is that these Jesus Movement leaders are now the people who speak at these festivals — the total compromise of anything they might have been looking to. But now they speak as if God was evolving now and moving on to different things. They say they have to be moving on and not look back, but look forward. They are led by some spirit, some disembodied spirit, apart from the objective word (which means nothing to these teachers).

God really wants us to be a people, and to bring validity to what was written in the word. The spirit that leads them is disembodied; it has nothing to do with a body, something that you can see and identify with. They say, "Get out of my face, I'm walkin' with Jesus."

Levy of Manasseh: Sixty years ago seems like there was something in people's conscience that they wanted to serve God. There wasn't any light in the world at that time. But since the Jesus Movement, you can really see how Christianity and the world has mixed itself together. Rock and roll has really come in to it and now you can't tell the difference between the world and Christianity. The enemy is taking people along this road that they'll be easily led into that one world system into what they call peace.

There will be an ecumenical movement. They are talking about that. The mother and the daughters will come together — an ecumenical movement, unity in diversity. They know their unity can only be in diversity. They think that will be the greatest thing. "We'll overlook our differences, the peripheral things. We're just going to touch on the main things and then be so spiritual that we are going to overlook the differences." And that's it — the people being so spiritual that they can overlook differences instead of the Holy Spirit making us all have one mind. They say the spirit is going to make us overlook our differences; that's the mature way of looking at it. That is the false teaching.

They do not have the standard of the word of God. They have no standard. Brian Zandt, for instance, does not have that standard of behavior in accordance with the word of God. Therefore he has no authority to bring about unity. He knows he has no authority; he cannot do it. It is not by grace alone that people come to the obedience of the faith, but it is through grace and apostleship, Paul said (Rom 1:5). There are two ingredients: grace plus apostleship, to bring about the obedience of the faith. Therefore they will always be without authority to bring about the obedience of the faith. Thus you have the great diversity in his group of opinions and beliefs and of their standard. This is because they do not see the standard in the word. They disregard the word of God in order to maintain the unity in diversity. They ignore those portions on which they might disagree, calling it *peripherals*, and say that as long as they believe in the virgin birth, the trinity, and things of this nature, then they are in unity.

They do not see that the unity of the Body comes through the Spirit. The Spirit teaches one thing, not different things. You cannot differ on points and then think that we all have the same spirit, because the spirit teaches the same to everyone.