

Pavlov's Dog

Have you ever heard of Pavlov? He was a Russian physiologist and psychologist who did experiments on dogs. Pavlov noticed that, rather than just salivating in the presence of food, the dogs began to salivate in the presence of the lab technician who normally fed them. From this, he predicted that if a particular stimulus was present when the dog was fed, then this stimulus would become associated with food and cause salivation on its own. Pavlov used bells to call the dogs to their food, and after a few repetitions the dogs started to salivate in response to the bell. Pavlov referred to this learned relationship as a *conditioned reflex*.

Something of that nature happens at the Billy Graham Crusades. Billy Graham will give a sermon, and he'll use certain words and phrases almost every time. "Don't worry, the bus will wait for you." And then they'll play, "Just as I am without one plea..." and everyone starts singing, and oh, boy, "salvation" comes! People start streaming down to the "altar" and you just want to follow. That is the psychology of the Christian conversion. It is just psychology, really. It is not in the *spiritual* realm. It is like that *conditioned reflex* that Pavlov discovered.

There is a parallel, in my experience, between Christian conversion and Pavlov's conditioned reflexes. The confessions at the Crusades and the church altar calls result from a kind of brain washing. "Brain washing" is a term applied to cults, but actually, Christianity does more brain washing than anyone. Billy Graham is the greatest "brain washer" that has ever been. He can really convince you that you need to come forward. It's a technique.

Communist countries used to use brain-washing techniques all the time, and the anti-cult deprogrammers use the same techniques. They do the very thing they accuse the "cults" of doing. Of course, they know just how to do it, and they get thousands and thousands of dollars for it. (They are much better at it than the "cults" are!) So, we have to understand that they brain-wash people in Christianity. They have developed it over a period of time, going way back in history, with the Inquisitions, Crusades, and all the other killing of heretics. Christians would kill people, actually believing that they would go to heaven if they killed enough people. They were brain-washed into believing that. The people who have the (so-called) right doctrine always kill the people with the wrong doctrine. The Inquisition entailed severe questioning, punishment, and torture of suspected heretics. They did this to people if they had "wrong doctrine" according to their doctrine. They thought they were doing God a favor, as our Master spoke about in Jn 16:2.

2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15 describes the abnormal growth of the church after the first century. 2 Cor 11:2-3 is speaking about being attached or engaged to either the true Messiah or the false one, as Paul said in verse 4, "You've received another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel." They were engaged, attached, betrothed to *another* Jesus, as it warns in 1 Jn 5:18. If Satan *touches* us, if we allow him to touch us, we become *attached* to him, and then we have to somehow sever that attachment through the *true* Yahshua, calling upon His name.

2 Cor 11:13-15 talks about false preachers coming on the scene — servants or ministers of Satan — who "masquerade as preachers of righteousness" to deceive the masses. This was a dire warning that Paul gave to the church in Corinth, and it was also sent to all the churches. Yet even today, Christians deflect it and say that it applies only to the Jehovah's Witnesses, or the Mormons, or even the Seventh-Day Adventists. They don't even dream that it applies to them even more.

So if 2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15 applies to the progressive, abnormal growth of the church from the first century until now, it is reasonable to conclude that Christian conversion can be induced by psychological techniques. Now, what do you go to Bible school for? To learn how to preach. To learn the right way of saying things, so that people can come down to the altar, and you can become famous. I'm sure Billy Graham heard in Bible school, "If you don't excel in preaching, you're going to be in a little church out in the country somewhere."

They want ever-bigger churches, and now today there are mega-churches. There are 30,000 people or more who come to church every Sunday to hear this great preacher who learned how to “preach” in Bible school or seminary. Yowceph wrote an article about it one time — “I was Trained to be a Sorcerer. It’s part of that abnormal growth from the first century until now.

So Christian conversion can be induced by psychological techniques. The conversions are contrived by strategy, by such preachers as Paul wrote about in 2 Cor 11:3. “As the serpent deceived Eve...” He used strategy, didn’t he? By cunning skill, he knew exactly how to deceive Eve into believing him over her Creator. He deceived her by his *cunning*. Millions are led to believe in that other Jesus or Yahshua, as Paul said, “*You’ve received another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel*”(verse 4). That was a *dire* warning.

It is possible that someone can come from outside or inside and preach another Yahshua than the one we heard from the beginning. It happened in the first church and it can happen now. It is a *dire* warning to us, so that it won’t happen to us, or we’ll turn into just another denomination, just as so many other communities have. Now, I’m not saying that we will, but it’s certainly a *dire* warning. We don’t want to think that we’re impervious to Satan’s leading. We don’t want what they suffered in the first church to go to waste. We have to learn from their mistakes and overcome where they failed.

So, by his cunning, believers are led to believe in another Jesus than the one Paul proclaimed, by a different spirit, through a different gospel. Through a different gospel! Anyone who preaches another gospel is cursed — a gospel that does not save, deliver, or cause you to receive the Holy Spirit, that you would live in unity with your brothers and sisters. That means live *together* in unity. “All who believe *are* together, and *have* all things in common” (Acts 2:44). If that doesn’t happen, you received another Yahshua, another gospel — one that doesn’t work — deceiving you into believing that you are saved and going to heaven. You can know a tree by its fruit. You don’t have to judge it; you *know* (Mt 7:20).

This other gospel is being preached masterfully today, as Paul described, through deceitful workers, disguising themselves as those *sent* from God (apostles). Our Master himself gave a *dire* warning about it. I use the word *dire* because you know what that means — death, the second death that never ends. These preachers seek their own glory, and sometimes it is very difficult to tell. They want to be the greatest, do good deeds, raise \$40,000 dollars for some cause, persuading people to give them money for the latest “work for God.” Since Satan disguises himself as an “angel of light,” then it is no surprise that his servants or ministers disguise themselves as preachers who lead everyone astray. These other spirits lead, but the Holy Spirit leads also.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

If we’re led by another spirit, then we’re sons of the one we’re led by.

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (Jn 8:44)

They were led; they were sons of the evil one, not of Abraham. And all those who are led by the evil one are “bamboozled” (2 Cor 2:17) as it reads in one translation. Certain people become bamboozlers and lead people astray from the truth. What is Satan’s main job? To lead the whole world astray (Rev 12:9; 20:3). He wants to lead us astray in every way he possibly can, because he wants everyone to go where he’s going — the Lake of Fire.

So all who are bamboozled are led astray from the *truth*. Satan came in to lead them all astray, and he did a good job. If you go into Corinth today, you can't find the church. There is nothing left. These preachers disguised themselves as ministers of righteousness, and their guilt will last for eternity.

Yahshua said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains." (Jn 9:41)

Their guilt will remain forever and ever and never go away. According to how great was their deception is how great their torment in eternity will be. They CLAIM to know Him, but they don't obey Him; they CAN'T obey Him (1 Jn 2:4). There is no way they can obey our Master in the lifestyle they are living. The only way anyone can obey our Master Yahshua is with the Holy Spirit *in* a community. The Word — *thērecipe* — is only for those who are *IN* the kitchen. Otherwise, you can't obey our Master.

So Paul warned us in 2 Cor 2:17 about *fraudulent hucksters* of the gospel, as those in Jn 7:18. They look marvelous, but they're hucksters, because they are seeking their own glory. The other person in Jn 7:17 seeks the glory of the One who sent him, and he is true, and you know the tree by its fruit. Jn 7:18 gives us understanding of what came to birth in the early centuries, even until now.

These men who seek their own glory have the greatest sin. They bear the stamp of Satan — "fraudulent, sham evangelists" — who are convincing people they're saved when they're not. This is the greatest sin — to convince someone he's saved, and he's really not. These sham evangelists and preachers assume the garb, the vesture, of those sent by God. Jn 13:20 speaks about those who are sent, who can communicate the Holy Spirit to people. If they are not sent, they can't (Rom 10:14-16; Mt 10:40-41; Lk 10:16, etc.).

So Paul gave a *dire* warning — a desperately urgent warning of horror or disaster. That is what *dire* means. Our Master said He would take the Kingdom away from those Jews and give it to a nation who would produce the fruit of it (Mt 21:43). That is a twelve-tribed nation. They were formed into a nation in the first century, as Paul said, "*our twelve tribes*" (Acts 26:7). He didn't give the Kingdom to Christianity. Christianity came forth out of that nation by abnormal growth. It is no longer a nation, since it is divided in 39,000 different ways.

For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. (Rom 11:21-22)

"If you remain in His kindness," Paul said, *"otherwise, you too will be cut off."* Paul was writing to the church in Rome, and Rome became the head of the whole Church. Satan set up his throne to rule over what is now called "The Universal Church." *Catholic* means universal or world-wide. So the Universal Church is ruled by Satan through the "Vicar of Christ," as the Pope is called.

The Pope *IS* actually the Vicar of Christ, but not the one Paul preached. It is a demon. All Martin Luther did was try to *reform* the Catholic Church; he didn't *restore* the true church. He might have cleaned it up a little bit, but it's the same Christ, the same evil spirit. He had no notion that this reformed Christ of his was a demon, which he passed on to the Protestant movement unto this very day, with its 39,000 divisions.

1 Cor 1:10-13 — Can Christ be divided? Not if it's the true Christ. But the false Christ? Yes. There are 39,000 different ones, and they still think they're in unity, somehow. They each have their own way of looking at the Scriptures, instead of by the one Spirit (Eph 4:4-6). How many spirits does "one Spirit" mean? Do they all teach God's people the same thing, and cause them to love one another, and by them "all men know" that they are His disciples, because of their love for one another (Jn 13:34-35), which brings about unity and oneness, just like

the Father and the Son?

And so, these false preachers espoused another Jesus. *Espoused* means *betrothed, engaged, attached*. They espoused and preached this one they were attached to. This other spirit was giving them power to preach and deceive, just as Satan did. They even supported Satan's cause, and maybe they didn't even know it, which is what Paul wrote to Timothy:

Evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. (2 Tim 3:13)

If a person has really been reconciled to God, he has become friends with God, the one true God. *Reconcile* means you've become friends. When you have problems and you're reconciled, you're becoming friends. Your friendship is not broken, but repaired. So if a person really has become reconciled to God through *this* Christian Jesus, and is baptized into Him, then, if his Savior is really true, he will live together with his fellow Christians as the first expression of the oneness and love of the Body of Messiah in Acts 2:44. They would all live as they did. But they *can't* live as they lived because it takes the Holy Spirit to live as we do, in every place, all over the world. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit, because man is selfish. But if we are freed from sin, we're freed from living for self.

..and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again... Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new... For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor 5:15,17,21)

He took all of our sins upon Himself, in death, in our place, so therefore we no longer live for ourselves, or for selfishness, which is doing our own thing. No matter what good lives people in the world live who aren't truly believers, they are still going to go to the first death. They can't get out of it. The only way you can get out of it is to come to know our Master Yahshua. The contract with death is only broken in Messiah.

Acts 2:44 says, "*All who believed lived together,*" in community, in the first century, or they who believed would not be living the truth. If they didn't live that way, they'd be living a lie. If they said, "I believe," but didn't live together, then they were living a lie. There will even be some coming into the Community who will live a lie for awhile, but they can't stand it for long, because you have to give up your rotten, stinking life and deny yourself and live for our Master Yahshua.

He took our place in death, so we don't have to go there. Death is a place of torment. Death is defined by our Master Yahshua, in the story he told about the rich man who went into death (Lk 16:22-31), as a place of torment. Those who claim to believe, and don't actually believe, their guilt *remains* — and that means *forever*, it never ends.

Jn 13:34-35 and 17:21 is exactly what our Master prayed for: that we could be one in every place. That will be a demonstration, a witness of His Kingdom, of His life. Nietzsche said, "I'd believe in your Redeemer if you acted more redeemed." There is nothing worse than being something on the outside which you are not on the inside. Our Master said,

"For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" Yahshua said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains." (Jn 9:39-41)

We have to understand this. It is the crux of everything. Jn 9:39-41 is not understood by those who claim to see. It is only understood by those who are blind. Just ask any Christian whether he “sees.” So why did our Master come into the world? Judge it for yourself. Read the whole story about our Master healing the blind man in John 9, and how the Pharisees got mad at him for healing a blind man on the Sabbath.

What did our Master come into the world for? To make the blind see, and those who see, blind. And those who claim to see, their guilt remains, if they don’t believe in the true son of God. Believing in Him makes us one. Our Master prayed, “Father, let them be one as We are one.” That is what He said, and if we’re not that way, then we aren’t His people — or we believe in another Jesus who doesn’t create this in our hearts. If we don’t love one another as He loved us, then we’re not true either. How do we know that we have passed out of death and into life? Because we love one another (1 Jn 3:14). What is love?

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 Jn 3:16)

If we don’t do that, then we’re not even His; we’re not even believers. All Christians want to do is go to heaven. But what about obeying Him? They say, “I know Him,” but they can’t keep His commandments, so what are they?

Whoever says, “I know Him,” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 Jn 2:4)

ha-êmeq — I thought it was so amazing, that part about how Paul wrote to the Church in Rome. What if a letter was written to us, the Church in Hiddenite? What if I knew there was a book, a part of the Bible that said, “To the Church in Hiddenite”? I would probably think, “That’s my letter,” and I’d really feel special about *that* one, because I live there.

Rome is actually a city on the Earth right now. It could be that my return address was a certain street in Rome. I could actually live there, and then I’d know there was a part of the Bible written just to me, and I would read it a lot.

That name, Rome, is so important to such a huge group of people today because Rome is the symbol of the Catholic power. There is a whole city there called the Vatican City, where the Pope lives. Everyone considers it very important. A lot of people think Rome is the most fantastic Christian city, because it has been the main Christian city for many hundreds of years. And then all those wars that came in the Middle Ages came out of Rome — the Catholics killing, butchering, burning, and purging the world of the “unbelievers.” It all came out of Rome. So everyone knows that Rome is this “special city.”

And those who believed in the Roman Church thought they really needed to purge the world of the unbelievers, and they thought that it was a good thing they did that, because the Pope lives there, and he stands for “the Lord.” So there is that very book to the Romans, and that whole book is full of a dire warning, just as Yônêq said. “Hey, don’t be thinking you’re so great, when all the Jews used to belong to God too, and really want to worship Him.” But, obviously, he warns, “Don’t you be getting arrogant against those Jews...” and laughing that they were cut off, “because you’ll be cut off too, if you don’t obey.” There are all these dire warnings in Romans.

Obviously, they didn’t heed Paul, because they did exactly what he said not to do. And they went on to become this HUGE, religious city. But the warnings are just still sitting here. And it was so dire a warning, telling them exactly what would happen to them, but they didn’t hear it.

I guess they are probably still reading it to this very day. If we took an airplane over there, and landed, and went into one of those places on some street in Rome, they'd be saying, "Turn in your Bibles to Romans 11," and they'd be reading it in Latin to everyone. Of course, they might not have their Bibles, but you could imagine some priest saying, probably in Latin, "And do not be arrogant, but understand that you could be cut off too. All bow your heads, let's turn, and pass the plate..."[*mimicing loud, dissonant organ music*] and everyone gets up and walks out, and it didn't mean anything to them.

They heard it, though. They heard it. "Here you go, this is your book, Romans..." But they just didn't ~~hear~~ the dire warning. It was dire: "LISTEN!" But, they just didn't listen. So they turned into those vicious Crusaders, and all the things they ended up doing, in the name of God, blaspheming His name. They did it in the name of Christ, but that Christ was a demon.

ha-êmeq — It was obvious, back in those days, that it was another Jesus, but they tried not to talk about it too much, because it was so obvious. And they went on from there, and they were cut off, in a horrendous way...

I'm thankful that he wanted to warn them. It wasn't as if he was angry. With a lot of compassion, Paul said, "Please, don't be arrogant." The same thing can happen to us. And that is why it is said to us, too, "Don't be arrogant; the same thing could happen to us." If we're arrogant, and think, "Oh, we're better than they were," the same thing could happen.

The only reason we say all this about Christianity, is so that they could SEE it, and their eyes could be opened. It says, "Come out of her, *My* people." *His* people are in there, and they have to come out, and be saved. We were in there, and we came out, and were saved. I don't know how many times I went up to the altar, and got baptized, but I couldn't be saved. I couldn't be deceived. I didn't know why. The last time, I finally cried out, "*Why am I not saved?*" I knew I wasn't saved. That was my first cry, after I came out of that carnival midway, and acknowledged my Creator. I called out to whoever He is —the True One. I guess He saw my heart, that I wasn't looking for the one that couldn't save me, but the One who *could* save me. Why couldn't I be saved with that other one?

Shoer — There was the dire warning that wasn't received, and out of that came the Roman Catholic Church. Then, at some point in history, Martin Luther came along and just changed the clothes — the Harlot to put on another outfit. And now she was the Protestant Reformation. But really, it was still another Jesus, another Yahshua.

When you were on that carnival midway, and you were crying out, somehow our Father knew that you weren't going to settle for another costume. There needed to be a restoration on the Earth, going back to the original pattern. It was the right time in history.

I was also thinking about what you were saying in the very beginning about the *conditioned reflex*. You'd ring a bell, and give the dogs food. You do that enough times and they got conditioned. Then if you rang the bell and brought them an old boot, they'd still instantly salivate, because they thought the food was coming. That's so unlike the Holy Spirit, to be conditioned like that. Some Christian groups still ring a bell when the plate goes around. That's one thing that is common, passing the plate.

Yônêq — It sure is, and when the plate gets around, you say, "Oh, no."

Shoer — But it's like the bell: "Ding!" And then the response comes. You have to put in the money; you have to stand up, or you have to say the liturgy, or whatever it is. But the Holy Spirit just wants to love. He just wants to motivate whoever has died in baptism, who has been cleansed, and who has received the Holy Spirit. He just

wants to motivate that person to love.

Being led by the Spirit is not anything like psychology's conditioned reflex. His Spirit is always loving, and always building, and encouraging. He is just so much unlike that garb, that other spirit, which can ultimately *only* produce living for yourself. You can't do anything else. There's no way out of it in that system. There's no way of escape. Somehow, there has to be this voice on the Earth that brings people out of that confusion.

WE LOVE CHRISTIANS! But we *hate* the system that has entrapped them. And that's what we try to expose. But when Christians come to us, we always love them. They're all needy, and we love them — just like when Linda walked in.

Ma'aminah — Oh, yes, and I didn't know I was saved, either. And that's what always drove me crazy. And I'm glad when you said that there was something in you that couldn't be convinced. It was very encouraging!

That's wonderful. We picked up her from Bryant Bible College.

Lo-Nekar — A huckster convinces somebody of something that is not true. They know what you believe, but they don't believe it. You said, "The worst thing you can be is someone who is something on the outside that he's not on the inside." I want us to be the same on the outside and on the inside. Being here is helping me. I'm thankful for salvation.

Back when Lo-Nekar met us, he'd be coming back from work. He would always come back, park his car, right in front of the Vine House, walk up, and just sit right by the door. He would listen to what we said, but not come in. He did this so many times. He was on his way up the corporate ladder at Quaker Oats. He could have become someone great, a well-respected man. Satan fools people to seek their own glory.

Neshef — The "conditioned reflex" reminds me of church bells. People think that being good means, "Oh, I better go to church..." or, "I wish I could overcome this, so I'd better go to church," or, "I'm such a sinner... I'd better go to church." The bell rings, and you think "God." So when you hear that bell, you go to church. It's just like the dog hearing the bell, and it starts to salivate. And it takes something shocking to get a different response. Maybe if a cat runs by, the dog will forget about the bell and chase the cat.

But for the Christianized world, it's going to take something really shocking, or people will just make the same response. "Oh, okay, yeah, good; I want to be good... I'll find a church... and then I'll find another church if that one doesn't work out." There is no other way to do it, unless there is something that shocks the world. And that's what needs to happen; we need to shock the world, so they won't think the same way.

It is ludicrous to think that after 2000 years of Christianity being so scattered and independent as it is, that they would think they aren't deceived. They have conferences, and agree to disagree, "Times have changed, so I won't kill you anymore, even though you disagree with me."

Our Master wouldn't have said there had to be a *restoration* of the church if the church wasn't going to fall.

'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.' (**Rev 18:2**)

Babylon is a place of confusion. That's what Christianity is called: *Babylon*. It's a prison of unclean spirits. People are locked up in that prison and they don't know what to do. They're disenchanted and disgruntled. Then they leave and get involved in something worse. For some people, it's just one disappointment after another.

Zerubbabel — That's such a vivid analogy: "Pavlov's Dog" and "Just as I Am," As soon as you hear the song start your emotions start salivating.

2 Cor 2 speaks about those bamboozlers, or in this version, says "peddlers." That is what it's all about, since the preachers is seeking his own glory. If he gets a response from his bell – he's got people trained to respond in a way that shows what a great preacher he is, bringing glory to himself, then they're going to pay him better...[*Yônêq — Or you'll get a better church...*] Right, you get a better church, and work your way up to a mega-church. But Paul said:

For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's Word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God...we speak in Christ. (2 Cor 2:17)

So what is a peddler? Someone who *sells* something to make his living. He convinces you that you need something that you don't need. *Bamboozler* is a better translation than *peddler*, because peddlers did sell some useful things.

"Men of sincerity" — Paul made a point that "with my own hands, I provided for the saints[*Yônêq — Apostolic workers establish cottage industry.*] Paul saw the danger that if a preacher's job security came from how many people responded to his preaching, he'd start preaching to get the emotional response that led to bigger offerings, to more fame. But he didn't want any part of that. He saw what was going on, that somehow, there was an inner working there, that would make some twist the word of God, to get a response, "tickling ears."

We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's Word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Cor 4:2)

And then, by contrast, 2 Cor 11:13 speaks of deceitful workers – like that man, Joel Osteen. He just *bathes* himself in glory, and he's got to dress a certain way, and move a certain way, and talk a certain way. Yowceph Rodriguez wrote about being *trained* to conduct yourself in a certain way, so that you can get the best response. And according to your response, you'd get the best church, and the best salary. This is so far from the heart of Paul, and the heart of our Master Yahshua. He didn't care whether He was popular with the religious people; He just wanted to see people saved and delivered.

If people could just somehow see that! It is your emotions that get going when you hear, "Just as I am, without one plea..." I remember it at Park Street Church, the inspiration, the Bach organ music[*Yônêq — You go to church because you get this euphoric feeling.*] Yes, and you leave the church feeling a certain way. You make a type of "New Year's resolution," except it's a new week's resolution. You say, "I'm going to be different this week! I'm *not* going to do this, and I *am* going to do this," and you walk out the door, and in ten minutes, the feeling is gone. But when the bell rings again, you're back there salivating.

You're right back to "Just as I was," right?