

Laos Light

εξέλθετε εξ αυτης ο λαος μου

To the Greater Glory of God

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Featured Greek Word:

διηγέομαι (dee-ayg-eh'-om-ah-ee) – to relate fully:--declare, shew, tell.
(Mk 5:16, 9:9 Lk 8:39, 9:10, Ac 8:33, 9:27, 12:17, He 11:32)

Featured Verse:

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. -- Ma 18:5

(και ος εαν δεξηται παιδιον τουτου εν επι τω ονοματι μου εμε δεχεται)
The aorist subjunctive middle tense of δεξηται simply means to receive at anytime or perhaps at a moments notice. The middle voice implies the child's participation in the action. Messiah would have you know it is as receiving Him. The use of the word τουτου is indicative of the fact that every child has individual merit to Yahushua.

For Clean Water

by Michael J. Ranck

When I was a boy there was no remedy for a hot summer day like the cool refreshing water that came only from a clean mountain stream. No lakes or swimming pool would do. I have tried running through the urbanite fountains, springing up from the hydrants, in my underwear. I found them to smell and taste like a swimming pool. I have tried the rivers and found them to be muddy like a swamp.

The purity of this water can take as many as a million years (five thousand if you prefer the theological antiquity of earth) to achieve. Here at the source is perfect water. It is perfect in taste. It is better than pure colorless, odorless, and tasteless distilled water. Mountain water has the sweetness of the proper mix of minerals and all chilled to the earth's constant 60°F temperature. It is the healthiest water. Anything that any man could do to try to improve this water would diminish it to a level of useless.

As it springs up from the earth and runs downward it picks up more and more pollutants as it goes. Until somewhere before the rivers, it becomes undrinkable without filtration or even distillation.

To obtain such water in the midst of the heated pestilence of noon-day was the highest prize for my friends and I. In order to obtain it we cut a path through a savage hobo jungle of rhododendron. We climbed dangerous loosely rocked slopes laden with killer rattlesnakes and traversed leech infested swampland. Even the swimming hole itself threatened the occasional fish hook in the foot, though this miraculously never occurred even one time.

Yet all of this was worthwhile in order for one chance at a small taste of chilled clean mountain water and to feel its cool refreshing fountain surrounding your whole body. So it is with the Word of YHWH. I wonder if this was what the psalmist had in mind when he wrote, "Taste and see that YHWH is good." -- Psalm 34:8 or "As the young hart panteth after the water brooks." "Psalm 42:1.

For you see we have received the early rain through the prophets who always dripped it according to the Hebrew word *nataph*. Since then the later rain has been misting the ground through the saints of Yahushua. Soon it will reach its culmination through the two prophets who will likely be EliYah and Enoch.

This water drips to us sweetly from heaven in its purest and perfect form as cool, refreshing, and nourishing. Yet as it flows out from its source high on the mountains on the sides of the North, it takes on greater and greater impurities as it bounces from pulpit parrot to pulpit parrot. In fact the residue of the water is fouled by the feet of the dumb dogs who watch for the saints (Isaiah 56, Ezekiel 34). If you ever want to know the sweetness and the goodness of YHWH's word you must seek it out for yourself. You must hunt for it as for hidden treasure or quest for it as for fine gold. What is it worth to you for a chance to taste and see that YHWH is good?

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Amazing Grace

by Michael J. Ranck

"I beat them", Vasant Pai said, "I used to strip them half naked and beat them until they were profusely bleeding. I can't tell you how many Holy Bibles I burned."

Vasant Pai was the great son of a famous Hindu Priest. His father also was a Hindu Priest. He and his brother were members of the radical Hindu sect known as Hinduvta.

His course seemed certain until a study session of the ancient Hindu Sanskrit texts during his training to become a Hindu Priest. What he read that day at age 16 piqued his curiosity and led him down the forbidden path that could only lead to being disowned. The ancient text read, "om shree kannika sutaya namaha" or simply, "the holy son of the virgin." His studies led him to believe that these passages were most assuredly referring to Yahushua Ha Mashiach (Jesus Christ). His parents and teachers refused to comment on this line of thinking and forbid him from any further studies into this matter.

This only served to confirm his thoughts but not enough to convince him to give up his religious heritage. Despite his doubts he continued to beat Christians and burn their Bibles. Secretly, though, he kept a Bible and some Christian Tracts which were eventually discovered by his family.

Angrily they locked him in a room. For six months he remained there. They slipped him food and water through a small window. Desperately he prayed to every Hindu god that he knew of for deliverance and all to no avail. Finally in desperation he called on Jesus Christ and learned the truth of those famous words in Romans 10, "Those who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

His parents released him from his captivity, disowned him, tried to poison him, symbolically buried him, and cast him out homeless in the streets of downtown Challakere. While in the streets one of the very men that he had persecuted, Banoli Annayya, took him in and cared for him. He gave him a Bible and some money. He also arranged him to stay with a Christian worker in a nearby village.

Now Vasant no longer burns Bibles and tracts. He passes them out. He has passed out more than fifty thousand of them. This is so unsettling to some radical Hindus that he has become a marked man.

In a pamphlet produced by these groups they state, "This man who belonged to a family of Brahmin priests, who are now, being influenced by the 'English,' has begun to convert a lot of people through deception, which includes, according to his detractors, 'speaking kindly to the poor, helping them in all ways, finding jobs for the young men, finding good grooms, for young women and arranging for their marriage,' etc, all with a view to 'converting' them. Oh Hindu brothers, if at all you have any masculinity in you, unite and see that you finish off this man."

The pamphlet led some radicals to abduct him following church and tie him upside down to a pole. His attackers set him on fire and left him for dead. Yahushua, however is not finished with Vasant, and so he sent rescuers who cut him down and got him to the hospital. Despite such hardships and even in the face of death he continues to evangelize.

He simply says, "They should know Jesus died for them and they should be saved."

Taken from Voice of the Martyrs June 2009, "Hindu Persecutor Becomes Witness for Christ"

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Codex Alimentarius

by Michael J. Ranck

The motto of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), at least of one of their governing institutions, is the Latin phrase "Fiat Panis" or in English "Let there be bread." For many in the natural health industry and for many consumers of food the question has been what sort of bread they are talking about. Are they referring to wheat for the starving masses or "green backs" for the international banking and pharmaceutical and chemistry industries? Or is Fiat Bread the same as Fiat Currency?

By this I mean, “Bread because they tell us so.”

Codex Alimentarius is Latin for “food code.” It is simply a set of codes regarding world wide food “safety” as determined by CAC. CAC is a UN sponsored organization that falls under that guidance of World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Founded in 1963, CAC, has been steadily gaining momentum in their influence over world food issues. In the past their recommendations have been voluntary for America. However, in recent years, supposed infiltration by high dollar pharmaceutical and chemistry interests in conjunction with pressure from World Trade Organization (WTO) have caused many to believe that these recommendations may become requirements. This includes Texas Republican Rep. Ron Paul. The congressman states the Central American Free Trade Agreement, “increases the possibility that Codex regulations will be imposed on the American public.”

Rima E. Laibow, MD, is particularly concerned about the recent direction being taken by CAC. She is so concerned that she left her successful practice to combat it. She bases her concerns on her review of 1600 pages of CAC documentation. Specifically, she cites what she calls “junk science”. To her this “junk science” is the policies that Dr. Rolf Grossklau has recommended to the commission. These policies involve the reclassification of nutrients such as vitamins and minerals as “toxins” which need to be evaluated by his own Risk Assessment company for his own profit. Most would consider this at best a conflict of interest.

She is not surprised by the deceptiveness of the commission since she has followed them for years. She knows the veiled history of Fritz ter Meer, who is a founding member of CAC. She knows how he was tried and sentenced by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal and served four years in prison for his part in the I.G. Farben, and their “Killing the useless eater” initiative. After Fritz ter Meer was released he became the Supervisory Board Chairman of Bayer Pharmaceutical and helped to found CAC. All of this history, provided by Dr Laibow, was confirmed on Wikipedia.

Likewise, Dr Gregory Damato, PhD, is also very concerned by some of the practices that CAC has purposed for the future of our world's food supply. One concern is that all food including organic should be irradiated for the removal of toxins (ie vitamins and minerals). This means that all food will be bombarded with radiation to kill microbes but it will also remove nutrients from it. This is particularly of interest because of the progress of awaking the public to the value of living foods. After being irradiated there are no living foods.

Additionally Dr Damato fears that fluoride is to be recommended as a nutrient in our food at the absurd level of 3.8 mg per day. Fluoride has been shown time and again to be a dangerous substance to human health. It is promoted so extensively by big money lobbies because it is an industrial waste product of the Aluminum Industry.

However, Fluoride is the principle ingredient in rat poison. It is the reason for the warning listed on the back of tooth paste that advises, “to call poison control if you accidentally swallow more than required to brush your teeth.” It is the topic of an

Declassified US Army Document, “Request for Animal Experimentation to Determine Central Nervous System Effects”, April 29, 1944, which declares it as the cause of mental confusion.

Dr. Damato goes on to alert the public of many other such changes in long established conventions such as the reduction of daily allowances of vitamins like A, B, C, D, zinc and magnesium to a mere 15% of the currently accepted maximum doses. Furthermore, that seven dangerously carcinogenic pesticides would be reintroduced to the food supply though previously banned by 176 countries to include the USA. The list goes on and on.

Even as First Lady Michelle Obama plants her organic vegetable gardens HR 759 and HR 875 sit on the floor of congress awaiting deliberation. Let us hope and pray that her husband makes good use of his line veto power and sides with sanity and with the interest of the health and welfare of the American people. He might start with striking lines like, “or facility owned or operated by a person located in any State that processes food or a facility that holds, stores, or transports food or food ingredients” as a definition for food establishment in HR 875. This vague definition sounds a lot like my personal refrigerator or pantry to me.

This issue goes far deeper than the scope of this article and the fullest impact of centralized power over the world's food supply can not be known. What is known is the history lesson taught to us through Stalin's carnage and the terrifying words of Henry Kissinger regarding the use of such power for population reduction and domination.

As Followers of Messiah these issues call for both our prayers and our activism. As Americans, Romans 13 calls us to a higher level of diligence. We the People are self ruled and may we not bear the sword in vain for we will be held accountable by YHWH accordingly. No less our physical than our spiritual food should be managed with personal responsibility taken above deference to so called experts. For us there is but one expert. Yahushua is His Name and it is a name above all others.

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Irenaeus

by Michael J. Ranck

It was nearly two hundred years since our Adonai and Saviour Yahushua Ha Mashiach (Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ) departed in the clouds. The temple had been destroyed for more than a hundred years. Christianity was gaining much ground in the world but there was persecution. The Gnosticism warned of by John in the Epistle of First John, was still threatening to lead the Messianics (Christians) away from Truth, with so called secret knowledge.

Such were the times when Irenaeus lived. He was one of the first Patriarchs to be raised up from a small child in a Christian home. He was taught under the instruction of Polycarp who knew John directly. Consequently this spiritual grand-child of John continued the Apostle's work in refuting the gnostic heresies with his work entitled, Adversus Haereses. This five volume manuscript is fully translated into English. Although the writings of Irenaeus could not have any more authority than a biblical commentary they have the authority of a biblical commentary that was written by the spiritual grand-son of John himself. John of course knew Yahushua personally.

Irenaeus should be of great interest to anyone seeking to know Messiah more fully and wanting to get closer to the fresh and unpolluted flow of Living Water. He wrote down the concept of the Episcopate which was an order of Bishops who passed down the public oral traditions that accompanied the Gospel and teachings of our Messiah.

The gnostics that he refuted claimed to possess “secret” knowledge passed to them by Jesus. In his work, Irenaeus made it quite clear that Yahushua Ha Mashiach did not pass down secret knowledge but a public oral tradition that explained the parabolic imagery of scripture. Irenaeus is also the earliest known Patriarch to acknowledge the four gospels as canon. The other gnostic gospels such as the Gospel of Judas, recently popularized in best seller fiction, were discounted by him.

Now as we face the Beginning of Sorrows and the birth pangs of the End Times. Many of us hunger for some fresh clean Living Water. I pray we have the courage to consider the writings of this Patriarch who was the spiritual grand-son of John. His proximity to John is especially relevant as gnosticism seems to reemerge again and again, such as in its modern “name-it-claim-it” form. John seems to warn us through his epistle of First John and through his spiritual grand-son Irenaeus that there would be a connection between gnostic gospels and Antichrist. So it should not be taken too lightly when Irenaeus purports that Antichrist may be of Jewish descent.

By this it seems to me that common interpretations of eschatology, pointing toward the European Union and others may be attempts of political adversaries to demonize or strategic faints of Satan before the real blow. What it certainly is not, is an invitation for anti-semitic rhetoric or the demonization of the Jewish people. These are the people who provided us with the Scriptures. These are people of whom the Apostle Paul said, “He wished he himself could be cursed for their sakes.” They are also the ones who will be most despised and most betrayed by Antichrist. Let them at least find an ally and some Love among the followers of He who said He would keep them as the Apple of His Eye. Instead of hurting Jews blow the Shofar and invite them to return to the Covenant. For it has always been the Covenant of Grace.

More important than Irenaeus' views of eschatology are the oral explanations of scripture and traditions that he received nearly directly from John, who knew Yahushua personally and in the flesh. For example The Demonstration of the Apostolic Preaching was written to teach beginners in the faith the basics of doctrine. Doubtless we all today would be beginners to Irenaeus.

Though culture is but a container, thoroughly cleaned and sanctified by the redeeming Blood, for the storage of Yahushua's Gospel message, the Greco-Roman culture with its philosophical outlook has surely stretched much of the Truth out of the original Apostolic Teachings. Through the guiding of the Comforter, called the Ruach HaQedosh (Holy Spirit), and with the writings of such Patriarchs as Irenaeus and Polycarp we can come a long way towards recovering what has been lost. In order to do so we must become a people who read. Recall the words of Messiah during the Olivet Discourse who said, “Let him who reads understand.”

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