



And He will lift up a standard for the nations,
and will assemble the banished ones of Israel,
and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the
four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

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Beware Christian Imprinting

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There is a tradition in Judaism that goes as follows. While a child is still in the uterus, according to the Midrash, an angel teaches it all of the Torah. When the child is born into the world, the angel touches the child just above the lips, creating the vertical groove between the upper lip and the nose (philtrum), and the child forgets everything he or she had known. What's the point? In this way, it is believed when a person is confronted with *emet*, with truth, emanating from the Torah, he or she will be more likely to recognize it and be drawn to it.

There is however, a very serious impediment to the recognition of truth. Deception is a lie masquerading as truth. Is it possible that eternal truths can be masked from the view of sincere, devoted followers of the living God? Yes, "even the elect". (Matthew 24:24)



Allow me to illustrate. "*Imprinting*" is a phenomenon exhibited by several species when young, mainly birds, such as ducklings. Upon coming out of their eggs, they will follow and become attached to the first moving object they encounter. I recently had the joy of witnessing this first hand in my own front yard. These ducklings have been following the mother duck now for weeks.

An Austrian naturalist named Konrad Lorenz carried out the first scientific studies of this phenomenon. He discovered that if he reared greylag geese from hatching, they would treat him like their mother. Even when they were confronted with the real mother, they preferred to follow Lorenz. He had effectively deceived and re-programmed them.

So what does this phenomenon have to do with Christianity? In the first century, followers of Yahoshua (Jesus) worshiped in the temple, gathered in synagogues, observed the Sabbath and obeyed the commandments of God. In short, they were Torah observant. This was the natural order, as Jesus' self stated primary objective was to simply reconcile His brethren with their Father in heaven. Thus they followed the truth.

However within a few short centuries followers of Jesus were introduced to a “replacement duck” if you will. If I can coin a phrase “Christian Imprinting” had begun. So deceptive was this new order of religion that it has taken centuries to be exposed. Often even when presented with the truth, followers of the “replacement duck” would rather stick with the lie.

Replacement Theology goes beyond the belief that the Christian church has replaced Israel. Many victims of “Christian Imprinting” also tacitly approve of breaking His commandments. It is deception to believe that somehow the precepts of God are trumped by our ability to be lead by the Spirit. The true Spirit of the living God would never contradict His own word. Yet many still seem very content following the wrong duck.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is an unchanging, faithful God. *But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. (Isaiah 49:14-16)* Thus it’s no surprise when we read the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:37 we hear the Fathers heart. *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”*

There are nefarious satanic reasons for the deception that has blinded much of the church. One of the most paralyzing attributes of “Christian Imprinting” is its tendency to spiritualize the practical mandates of scripture. If we continue our reading in Isaiah 49 we would find one such mandate that says this; Thus says the Lord God:” *Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. (Isaiah 49:22)* The final re-gathering of the Jewish people to their homeland and the gentile’s involvement is an ongoing phenomenon and a fulfillment of this promise.

Therefore the leadership and staff of Ezra International have taken God at His word. He has declared in His wisdom that His children from the nations would come to the aid of the sons and daughters of Jacob. He is literally saying that you and I have the privilege to participate in the re-gathering like a hen gathers her chicks.

Have you been a victim of “Christian Imprinting”? Are you now drawn to the truth? Do you want Abba’s best for your life? If you suspect that something has replaced the truth in your Christian doctrine and traditions, then run from it. Remember this, its worthless to have ones ducks in a row if one is following the wrong duck, but following the right duck has tremendous rewards.