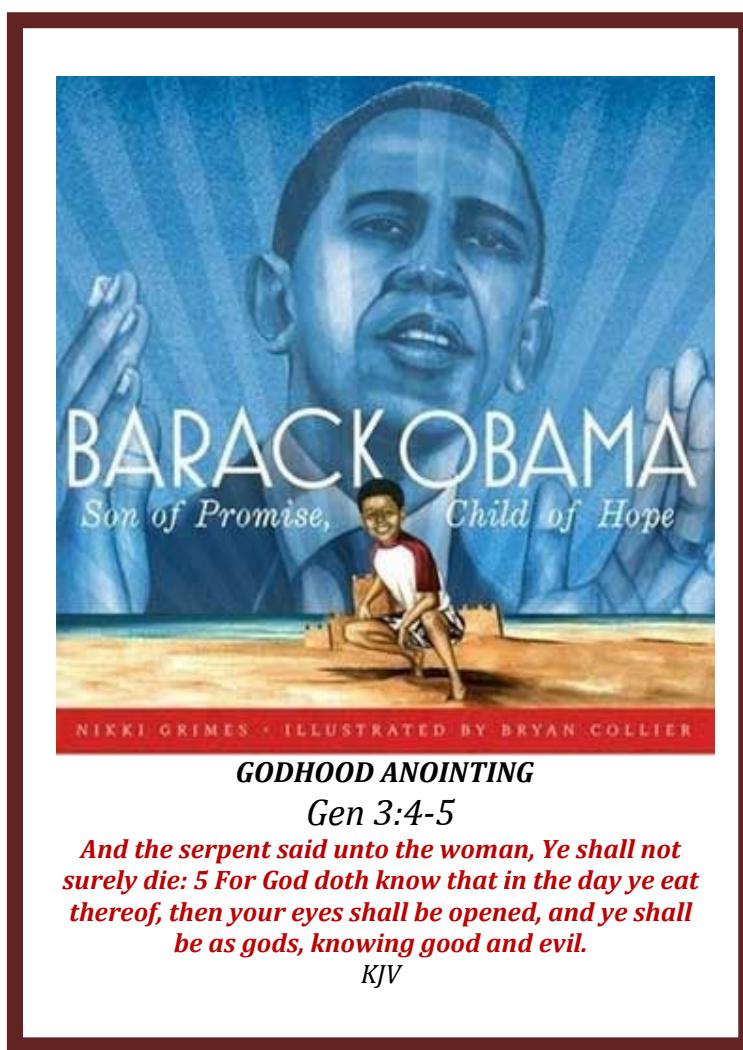


MIRACLE DELIVERANCE

MAITREYA? JESUS

HOLDEST FAST TO MY NAME

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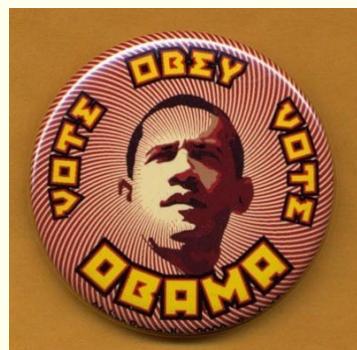


LOOKING FOR THE ANTICHRIST

The Bible predicts that a world government will be established on earth just before Jesus Christ returns to establish his 1000 year reign of peace. We have heard a lot about New World Order over the last few years, but very few people understand what is meant by the term. The fact is New World Order is world government!

IS BARACK OBAMA THE ONE?

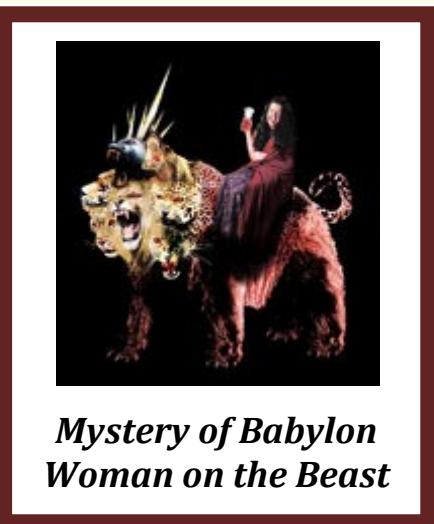
Barak—Hebrew for “wolf lightning.”



No one knows anything about who he is, where he came from, and his entire background is sealed. First thing Obama did as president was to issue

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13489 banning the release of his record without his permission which also revokes section 6 of Executive Order 13233 which bans congress and courts from interceding. But, regarding Barack HUSSEIN ObaMao's action, we do know that he is a trained socialist- globalist and his goal to transform America and the world into tyrannical world system for the elitist and enslavement of the populace During his campaign, Barack HUSSEIN Obama was portrayed by his handlers as a pharaoh style godly character; a divine person that was going to save the world and ordained with godly mystical powers. However, he is destroying America's sovereignty and financial structure and will imprison the world for his greedy Corporate Fascism style NWO sponsors. This is unconscionable.

The book of Revelation was written in approximately 96 AD, approximately 700 years after the book of Daniel. However, this passage in Revelation 13 uses the same symbols as the prophecy found in Daniel 7. Daniel 7 mentions four beasts, while in Revelation 13 there is only one beast. Beasts symbolize nations, and in this prophecy we see multiple nations joined together into one great government.



Revelation 13:1-2

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

DESTRUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY

Obama's agenda also concerns transforming world religion. He claims that he is not a Muslim but it's doubtful. He was a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ a radical church that preaches hate, anti American revolutionary radicalism and Black Liberation theology; the goal is that all whites be destroyed so that they can destroy the foreign gods.

Barack Obama's pastor says blacks should not sing "God Bless America" but "G-d d-- -m America." Pastor Wright did voodoo rituals in the church every Halloween.

The church is based on paganism and tribalism and although this church bears the name of Christian but it is not biblically based or Jesus centered. He claims as President of the United States that "America is not a Christian Nation." And he seems to hate the name of Jesus; remember he insisted that Jesus' name be covered at Georgetown University. **Georgetown says it Covered over Name of Jesus to Comply With White House Request1** He is an extremist that wants to revolutionize America both politically and essentially its fundamental religious belief system. If he is not "the One", he is definitely a chosen vessel to put some pieces into the puzzle to establish Satan's kingdom on Earth.

VOODOOISM IN THE WHITE HOUSE MARIAN ROBINSON OBAMA'S MOTHER IN LAW



OBAMA~MICHELLE 1996



female (**mambo**).



VOODOO DOLL

The ObamaWhite House is abuzz with talk of witchcraft by first grandmother, 72-year-old Marian Robinson, who lives in the White House residence. A close friend of Michelle Obama says the president is furious at his mother-in-law after learning that she was practicing Santeria, which is **Voodoo**, African spirit cult, in the **White House**.¹

Obama and Michelle are featured in New Yorker magazine in 1988 sitting on couch. On the table is a statuette of a Santeria Devil god, totem idol. On the wall is a picture of the Indonesian dancers honoring their pagan gods. Pagan and **occult practices** are spiritual and spiritually dangerous. **Satan and his evil demons are also manipulators of the occult, witchcraft and magic** are being sold to the American people as harmless. Actually, it is sheer black magic.

King Saul was rejected by God and died because he sought after prophecies from a witch. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king," (1 Sam 15:23). Many in the Church will perish because of a lack of knowledge. Many do not understand what the occult is and the results of participation in it.

Vodun (a.k.a. **Vodoun**, **Voudou**, **Voodoo**, **Sevi Lwa**) is commonly called Voodoo by the public. The name is traceable to an African word for "spirit". Vodun's can be directly traced to the West African Yoruba people who lived in 18th and 19th century Dahomey. Its roots may go back 6,000 years in Africa. That country occupied parts of today's Togo, Benin and Nigeria. Slaves brought their religion with them when they were forcibly shipped to Haiti and other islands in the West Indies.² was actively suppressed during colonial times. "Many Priests were either killed or

imprisoned, and their shrines destroyed, because of the threat they posed to Euro-Christian/Muslim dominion. This forced some of the Dahomeans to form Vodou Orders and to create underground societies, in order to continue the veneration of their ancestors, and the worship of their powerful gods." ¹ Vodun has been freely practiced in Benin since a democratic government was installed there in 1989. Vodun was formally recognized as Benin's official

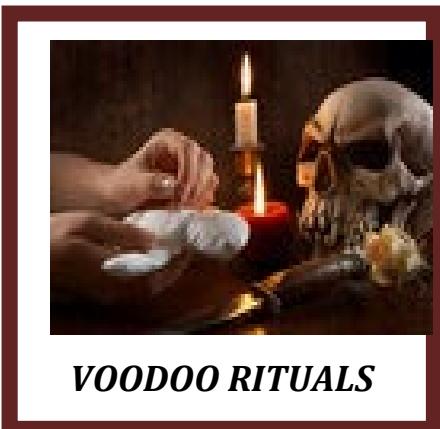
¹ by Kristen Atkinson Saturday, August 15, <http://transfigurations.blogspot.com/>

² <http://www.religioustolerance.org/voodoo.htm>

religion in 1996-FEB. It is also followed by most of the adults in Haiti. It can be found in many of the large cities in North America, particularly in the American South.³

Today over 60 million people practice Vodun worldwide. was again suppressed during the Marxist regime. However, it

Vodun beliefs:



Vodun, like Christianity, is a religion of many traditions. Each group follows a different spiritual path and worships a slightly different pantheon of spirits, called **Loa**. The word means "mystery" in the Yoruba language.⁴

Yoruba traditional belief included a chief God **Olorun**, who is remote and unknowable. He authorized a lesser God **Obatala** to create the earth and all life forms. A battle between the two Gods led to Obatala's temporary banishment.

There are hundreds of minor spirits. Those which originated from Dahomey are called **Rada**; those who were added later are often deceased leaders in the new world and are called **Petro**. Some of these are⁵

- Agwe: spirit of the sea
- Aida Wedo: rainbow spirit
- Ayza: protector
- Baka: an evil spirit who takes the form of an animal
- Baron Samedi: guardian of the grave
- Dambala (or Damballah-wedo): serpent spirit
- Erinle: spirit of the forests
- Ezili (or Erzulie): female spirit of love
- Mawu Lisa: spirit of creation

³ ibid

⁴ ibid

⁵ ibid

- Ogou Balanjo: spirit of healing
- Ogun (or Ogu Bodagris): spirit of war
- Osun: spirit of healing streams
- Sango (or Shango): spirit of storms
- Yemanja: female spirit of waters
- Zaka (or Oko): spirit of agriculture

There are a number of points of similarity between Roman Catholicism and Vodun:

- Both believe in a supreme being.
- The Loa resemble Christian Saints, in that they were once people who led exceptional lives, and are usually given a single responsibility or special attribute.
- Both believe in an afterlife.
- Both have, as the centerpiece of some of their ceremonies, a ritual sacrifice and consumption of flesh and blood.
- Both believe in the existence of invisible evil spirits or demons.
- Followers of Vodun believe that each person has a **met tet** (master of the head) which corresponds to a Christian's patron saint.⁶

Followers of Vodun believe that each person has a soul which is composed of two parts: a **gros bon ange** or "big guardian angel", and a **ti bon ange** or "little guardian angel". The latter leaves the body during sleep and when the person is possessed by a Loa during a ritual. There is a concern that the **ti bon ange** can be damaged or captured by evil sorcery while it is free of the body.⁷

Vodun rituals:

The purpose of rituals is to make contact with a spirit, to gain their favor by offering them animal sacrifices and gifts, to obtain help in the form of more abundant food, higher standard of living, and improved health. Human and Loa depend upon each other; humans provide food and other materials; the Loa provide health, protection from evil spirits and good fortune.

⁶ ibid

⁷ ibid

Rituals are held to celebrate lucky events, to attempt to escape a run of bad fortune, to celebrate a seasonal day of celebration associated with a Loa, for healing, at birth, marriage and death.⁸



Vodun priests can be male (**houngan** or hungan), or female (**mambo**). A Vodun temple is called a **hounfour** (or humfort). At its center is a **poteau-mitan** a pole where the God and spirits communicate with the people. An altar will be elaborately decorated with candles, pictures of Christian saints, symbolic items related to the Loa, etc. Rituals consist of some of the following components:⁹

AMERICAN WITCHCRAFT AND GODS OF CHAOS

The powers behind the Obama Administration serve the gods of chaos bring global devastation—The Illuminati Plan to Destabilize and Deconstruct America and the World to Establish the New World Order: Everywhere, America is experiencing unprecedeted debauchery, blasphemy, crime, disease, hunger, warfare, and a host of other ills. Texe Marrs shockingly connects numerous recent events: fires, a missing young teenager in South Carolina; the sexual torture and murder of eight-year old Sandra Cantu in Florida; Air Force One (747) aircraft and 2 F-16s panicking thousands in New York; the murder of Freddie Mac's CFO executive; financial happenings on Wall Street; bombings and conflict in Iraq and Pakistan; and the Swine Flu scare. He shows how the Illuminati use the Satanic calendar, heralding such magical hell days as the Spring Equinox, the Grand Climax, and Walpurgisnacht, to wreak havoc on humanity and initiate disciples by blood sacrifice and chaos. The whole world is being fast-forwarded into hellish oblivion.¹⁰

A reporter for *The Nation* magazine reported today that the President Barack Hussein Obama support group Code Pink held a witchcraft ceremony to 'cleanse' the White House on President Bush's last full day in office.¹¹

One of Code Pink's leaders, Jodie Evans, was an early financial supporter of Obama's, serving as a bundler for his campaign and donating the maximum to his primary and general election campaigns, as well as thousands of dollars to the Obama Victory Fund. Code Pink also organized get out the vote efforts for Obama.

Code Pink's affiliation with witchcraft was present at its creation--a Wiccan who calls herself Starhawk is a co-founder of the group.¹²

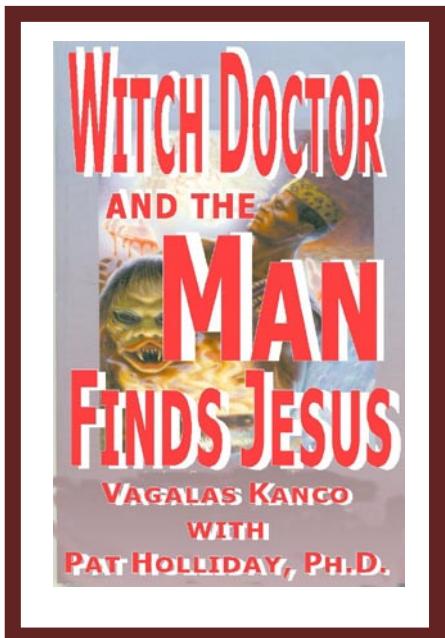
⁸ ibid

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¹⁰ <http://www.remnantradio.org/Archives.htm> Texe Marrs Archive

¹¹ <http://209.157.64.200/focus/f-news/2168251/posts>

¹² ibid



Last year, Code Pink held a witchcraft ceremony at the Berkeley Marine Corps officer recruitment center.

Victor Navasky, in his report in *The Nation* titled [The Work has Begun](#) wrote of his train ride to Washington yesterday for the inaugural that his seatmate, Joanna Lawrence, was planning to attend a "shoe-in", or shoe-out, to protest President Bush on his last day in office.

He wrote:

It also included a rally organized by Medea Benjamin, who was joined by witches from CodePink and Kate Clinton, the comedienne, whose object would be to "cleanse the White House." Don't Ask.

Besides invoking witchcraft against the United States, Code Pink also works with state sponsors of terrorism and the terrorists in Iraq to undermine America in the war on terror. And Code Pink works with President Obama.¹³

Rev. 2:13, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: **and thou holdest fast my name**, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth." KJV

Jesus told His disciples in Mark 16:14-20, "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 .They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." KJV

WAR AGAINST POWERS OF DARKNESS

Christians can bind and loose supernatural powers according to the Bible. "Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in

¹³ <http://209.157.64.200/focus/f-news/2168251/posts>

heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven,” (Matt. 18:18). Christians can be capable of freeing all areas from all influences of the Devil’s power according to the Bible; nations, states, cities, communities, geographical areas, churches, families, individual members of family, relatives, professions, vocations, businesses, finances; education, physical and mental health. However, they must act upon the Word and join forces with Jesus and pray. Real Christians must form prayer circles around the country and pray for our nation. Otherwise, we will go into captivity. C

Haiti was dedicated to Satan when this island was founded. The natives sacrificed a pig under a “holy tree.” We must stand against the powers of spiritual ignorance and pray, least we fall too. Let's just stay focused on what's important, is binding the powers of darkness in the White House and hopefully, with God's forgiveness, we can turn this country around.

2 Chron. 7:14, “**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**” KJV

Jesus warned that the great deception of the end time would be false prophets.

We must be discerning Christians because He is coming soon. Meantime, Satan is preparing the world to receive his manufactured Antichrist. Matthew 24:5, “**For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**” KJV

MIRACLES IN MAITREYA’S NAME

Have you "bumped" into him lately and not known it? Have you heard him on the radio or seen him on the television and failed to realize it? Who is this mysterious person?¹⁴

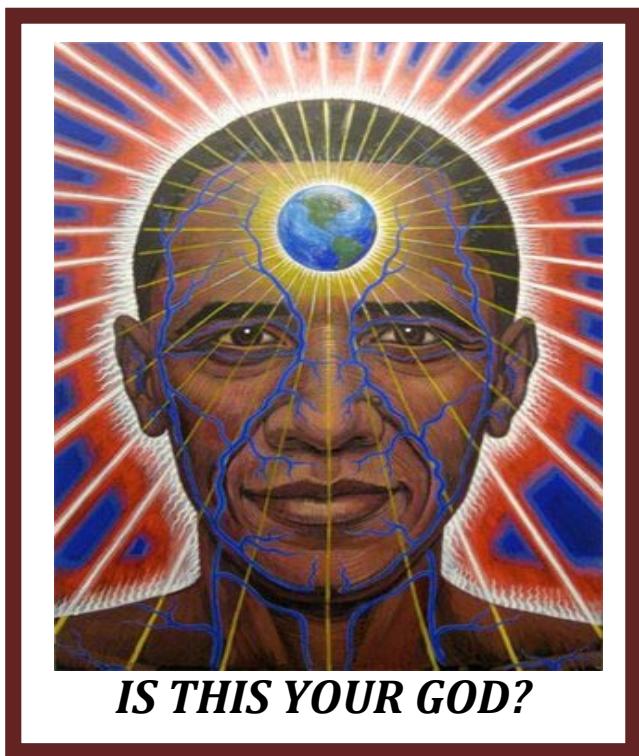
New Age Christ, Maitreya appears miraculously 'out of the blue' on June 11, 1988, at an open-air prayer/healing meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. He is photographed addressing thousands of people in their own language, who instantly recognize him as the Christ.

OBAMA WAS IN NAIROBI KENYA AT THE SAME TIME!¹⁵

¹⁴ <http://www.watchman.org/relop/maitrey2.htm>

¹⁵ by Lee Duigon, San Francisco Chronicle columnist Mark Morford (June 6, 2008).
<http://www.godlikeproductions.com/forum1/message652899/pg1>

According to the New Age doctrine: "The Christians know Him as the Christ. The Jews await



Him as the Messiah. The Hindus look for the coming of Krishna. The Buddhists expect Him as Maitreya-Buddha. And the Muslims hope for the appearance of the Imam Mahdi. The names may be different but, in fact, all these religions await the same one; the World Teacher, whose personal name is Maitreya,"¹⁶ They demote Jesus to just one of the guys.

According to New Age false prophet, Benjamin Crème (pronounced "krehm"), the Lord Maitreya (pronounced *my-TRAY-uh*) is actually a man, who since 1977, has been living "...in London with a Pakistani passport listing His occupation as a teacher. He appears as an ordinary man in the community, **known by a common Moslem name**," According to Crème, the long awaited promised return of the Christ has already occurred.¹⁷

Ezek. 13:2-4, “ Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; 3 Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.”KJV

In total disregard for Matthew 24:36-42, a news brief announced that "On June 11 (1988), Maitreya appears in Nairobi, Kenya, and is photographed addressing thousands of people who instantly recognize Him as the Christ,"¹⁸

This initial announcement was followed by a lengthy article entitled, "Did Jesus Christ come to Nairobi?" in one of the Tara Center's primary publications.

This article explained, "**About 6,000 worshippers at Muslim Village, Kawangware, Nairobi, believe they saw Jesus Christ, in broad daylight last week. ... The tall figure of a**

¹⁶ Ibid, the Watchman, (*The Christ Is Now Here*, press release, p. 1).

¹⁷ (Network News, March 1987, p. 1).

¹⁸ (*Emergence of the World Teacher*, p. 2).

barefooted white robed and bearded man appeared from nowhere and stood in the middle of the crowd.



New Age Christ, Maitreya

His Appearance

"It appeared to them the 'Son of Man' had at last fulfilled His promise of coming back to earth. ... It took the crowd nearly 20 minutes to recover after the man left the meeting in a car.... On getting out (of the car), he did not ascend. He walked a few paces beside the road and simply vanished into thin air,"¹⁹

(This sudden "appearing" and "disappearing" has been used as proof of the Maitreya's claim to be the returned Christ. If this is indeed to be used as a test for the Maitreya's claim, perhaps several famous stage illusionists should also be questioned. For they too, "appear" and "disappear" at will!

This is not true. Wizards can soul travel, also known as astral projection. It is not a sign of divine power but witchcraft power.

The scriptures bear witness to the witchcraft fact in Ezek. 13:17-23.

"Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, 18 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? 19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? 20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: 23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the Lord." KJV

¹⁹ Share International, September 1988, pp. 15-16).

Note.... The scriptures teach that the Lord says, “**Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly,**”

Bishop Vagalas Kanco, former witchdoctor, relates that wizards really can fly in his book “*Witchdoctor and the Man*,” <http://www.patholliday.com>

What is the Blue Beam Project?



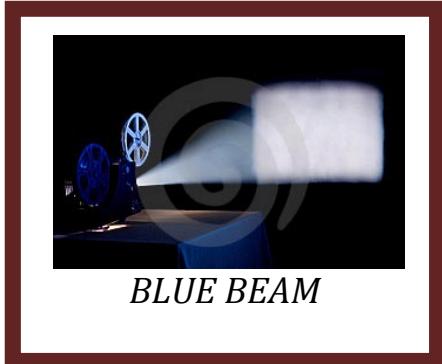
David Openheimer brilliantly describes the **imitation of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ** through the **Blue Beam Project** agenda “It involves two things. A technologically simulated "second coming" and the reemergence of new "MONTAUK" type projects that have the ability to take up a whole bunch of people as in a "rapture" type of situation and whisk the whole bunch into never-never land. Ironically, portions of the holographic projections have the potential for changing the planet into oneness with God. Unfortunately, this operates on the premise that Man shall somehow become God in human form and control other Men and dictate all actions and thoughts. The calculated resistance to the new religion, the New World Order and

the new "Messiah" will entail human loss on a massive scale in the ensuing "holy wars". The "BLUE BEAM PROJECT" will pretend to be the universal fulfillment of the prophecies of old; as major an event as that which took place 2000 years ago. In principle, it will make use of the sky as a holographic projection screen for space-based laser-generating satellites (star wars). These projectors will project simultaneous images to the four corners of the planet, in every language by region. It deals with the religious aspect of the NEW WORLD ORDER.²⁰

The "system" has already been tested. Holographic projections of the "**CHRIST IMAGE**" have already been seen in some remote desert areas. These have only been reported in tabloid papers, so they are instantly rendered moot. They can also project images of alien craft, aliens, monsters, angels - you name it. Computers will coordinate the satellites and software will run the show-and-tell.²¹

²⁰ by David Openheimer zianet@interserv.com

²¹ N ibid



Holography is based on very nearly identical signals combining to produce an image, or hologram, with depth perception. This is equally applicable to acoustic (ELF,VLF,LF) waves as it is to optical phenomena.

Specifically, the "show" will consist of laser projections of multiple holographic images to different parts of the planet, each receiving different images according to the predominating regional religious faith. Not a single area will be excluded. With computer animation and sound effects appearing to come from the depths of space,

astonished followers of the various creeds will witness their own returned Messiah in spectacularly convincing lifelike realness.²²

The various images of Christ, Mohammed, Buddha, Krishna, etc., will merge into ONE after "correct explanation" of the mysteries, prophecies and revelations are disclosed. This "ONE GOD" will in fact function as the "Anti-Christ", who will "explain" that the various scriptures "have been misunderstood"- that the religious of old are responsible for turning brother against brother, nation against nation - that the religions of the world must be abolished to make way for the GOLDEN AGE (NEW AGE) of the One World Religion, representing the One God they see before them.²³

Naturally, this superbly staged, full-scale production will result in social and religious disorder on a massive scale. Wonder what the television transmitters of religious networks will be doing on that day?

Openheimer goes on to conclude with four steps: But before all this, they have to go through four different steps in order to get to Project Blue Beam.²⁴

1: The first step concerns the breakdown of all archeological knowledge. It deals with staging earthquakes at certain precise locations around the planet where supposed new "discoveries" will finally explain (for them) that the meanings of the basic doctrines of all the world's major religions are "wrong." This falsification will be used to make the population believe that all religious doctrine has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. The falsification started with the film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, the TV-series *STAR TREK*, the *STAR WARS* films, *E.T.*, all of which deal with space "invasion" and "protection". *JURASSIC PARK* was to push the theory of evolution.²⁵

2: The second step deals with the gigantic space show: 3D optical holograms and sounds, laser projections of multiple holographic images in different parts of the world, each receiving a

²² ibid

²³ ibid

²⁴ Ibid, Openheimer

²⁵ ibid

different image, according to its predetermined original national religious faith. This new "god" image will talk in all languages. As an example, the Soviets have manufactured the advanced computers and have programmed them with the minute psychological particles based upon their studies of the anatomy and biology of the human body, as well as their studies on the anatomy, chemistry and electricity of the human brain. These computers have also been fed with the different languages of the world.²⁶

3: The third step deals with telepathic electronic two-way communication, where ELF(Extra Low Frequency), VLF (Very Low Frequency), and LF (Low Frequency) waves will reach the people of the earth through the insides of their brains, making each person believe that his own God is speaking to him from within his own soul. Such rays, from satellite, are fed from the memory of computers that store much data about the human being and his languages. These rays will then interlace and interweave with the natural thinking processes to form what we call the ARTIFICIAL TALK.²⁷

4: The fourth step involves universal supernatural manifestations using electronic means. This step contains three different orientations: The first one is to make mankind believe that an alien invasion is about to occur upon every major city on the earth. This is to push each major nation into using its nuclear capability to strike back. In this manner, it would put each of these nations in a state of full disarmament before the United Nations after the false attack. The second is to make the "Christian" believe that a major rapture is occurring, with a simple "played" divine intervention of an alleged "good" alien force coming to save the good people from a brutal satanic attack. Its goal is to get rid of all significant opposition to the NEW WORLD ORDER. The third orientation is a mixture of electronic and supernatural forces. The waves (frequencies) used at that time will allow supernatural forces to travel through fiber optics cable, coaxial cable, electric and telephone lines in order to penetrate all electronic equipment and appliances that will by then all have a special microchip installed. The goal of this step deals with the materialization of satanic ghosts, specters, and poltergeists all across the globe in order to push all populations to the edge of a wave of suicide, killing and permanent psychological disorder. After that night of the THOUSAND STARS, HUMANITY IS BELIEVED TO BE READY FOR THEM TO ENTER IN A "NEW MESSIAH" TO REESTABLISH PEACE EVERYWHERE AT ANY COST, EVEN AT THE COST OF FREEDOM.²⁸

Beloved, when Jesus returns, he will not suddenly appear on the earth. He will not appear as the leader of nation, He will not appear as a miracle worker, He will not appear as a man and He will not teach a new religious science.

1 Thess. 4:16-17, “**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” KJV**

²⁶ ibid

²⁷ ibid

²⁸ ibid

A NEW WORLD JESUS



MAITRAYA & MARY

NAIROBI (Kenya Times) It may be hard to believe, but nothing will move them, because "Jesus" addressed them and assured them of a come-back, very soon.

The scene was at the Church of Bethlehem, where Mary Sinaida Akatsa conducts miracle prayers, praying for the sick, the blind, cripples, mad people, the barren and others facing all sorts of personal problems. On Saturday 4 June 1988 a big, bright star was sighted above the skies by worshippers. It was unusually brighter than ordinary stars. The time was 1 p.m.

But on Saturday 11 June it was different. Worshippers were busy singing Mungu ni Mwema, a popular Swahili hymn, when Mary Akatsa interjected. She announced that God had spoken to her and told her to "await a miracle because a very important guest would be coming to give her a very vital message." People 'braced themselves for the unknown' while others stared blankly at her, their mouths agape with awe and bewilderment.

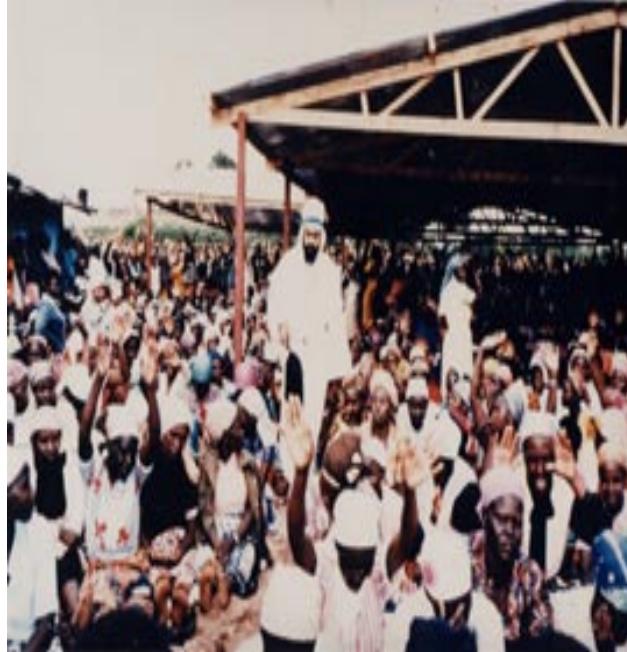
Five minutes later, she asked those who were singing and dancing to stop as the long-awaited message had arrived. "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus of Nazareth!" went the loud whispers from the crowd as they raised up their hands in submission and divine welcome.

The tall figure of a barefooted, white-robed and bearded man appeared from nowhere and stood in the middle of the crowd. He was walking slowly towards the new church building away from the tent. Mary walked with him, side by side.

She tried to explain that 20 cripples had managed to walk again a few minutes ago because of the day's blessings. But nobody, except perhaps a few, heard this. They were busy talking to "The Lord". I looked at my watch. It was 4.15 pm. Her voice was drowned by cries and loud moans of "Jesus! Jesu. Yeeesu! You have come. Welcome Jeesus! Wash our sins. Help us Jeesus!" For many, it was the last prayer. It appeared to them the "Son of Man" had at last fulfilled His promise of coming back to earth. They knelt down in emotional prayers in a frantic effort to save their souls at the 11th hour. A man lying near to me urinated in his trousers. But I stared back at the stranger in the meeting without blinking. Strange, sporadic light wafted on top of his turbaned head, his feet and his entire body.

The scene and mood of the worshipers reminded one of the Old Testament times of the Tower of Babel when languages became "confused" (Genesis Chapter 11). Everyone was murmuring

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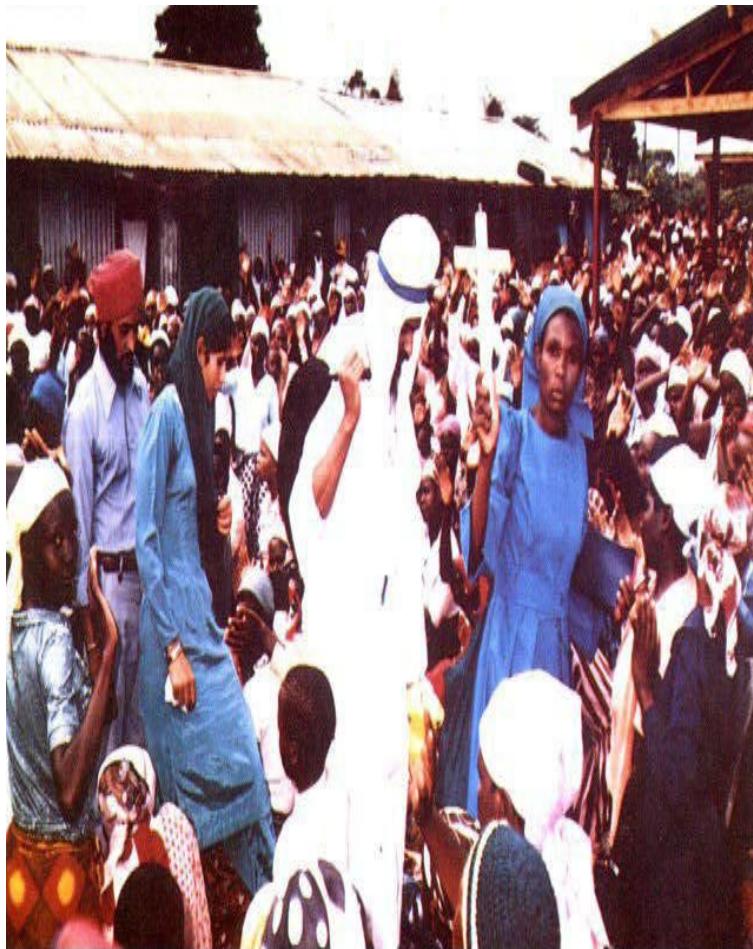
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MAITRAYA KENYA 1988
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Psalm 31:4

Our spiritual foes are of the serpent's brood, and seek to ensnare us by subtlety. The prayer before us supposes the possibility of the believer being caught like a bird. So deftly does the fowler do his work, that simple ones are soon surrounded by the net. The text asks that even out of Satan's meshes the captive one may be delivered; this is a proper petition, and one which can be granted: from between the jaws of the lion, and out of the belly of hell, can eternal love rescue the saint. It may need a sharp pull to save a soul from the net of temptations, and a mighty pull to extricate a man from the snares of malicious cunning, but the Lord is equal to every emergency, and the most skilfully placed nets of the

²⁹ Kenya Times. First published in the Kenya Times, 22 June 1988.
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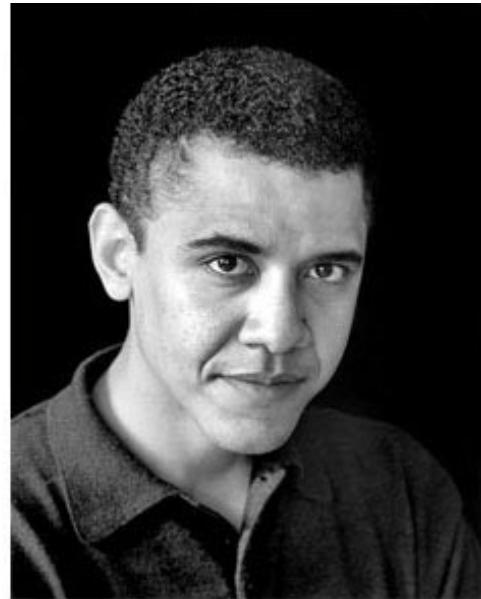
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**I REPORT
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For the record

We are dealing with extreme deceptions whenever we talk about the New Age Movement and Benjamin Crème and the witchcraft belief systems are delusional. Both photos have been “touched up” and really do not appear to be the same person. Both photos have been manipulated.

"Miracles are proof of the presence of the power of God". This may or may not be true. They can just as easily be proof of a manipulation, a scam or demonic activity.

Rinehard Bonnke's representative sent the following, which I (Editor of *Balaam's Ass Speaks*) don't believe, but here it is:

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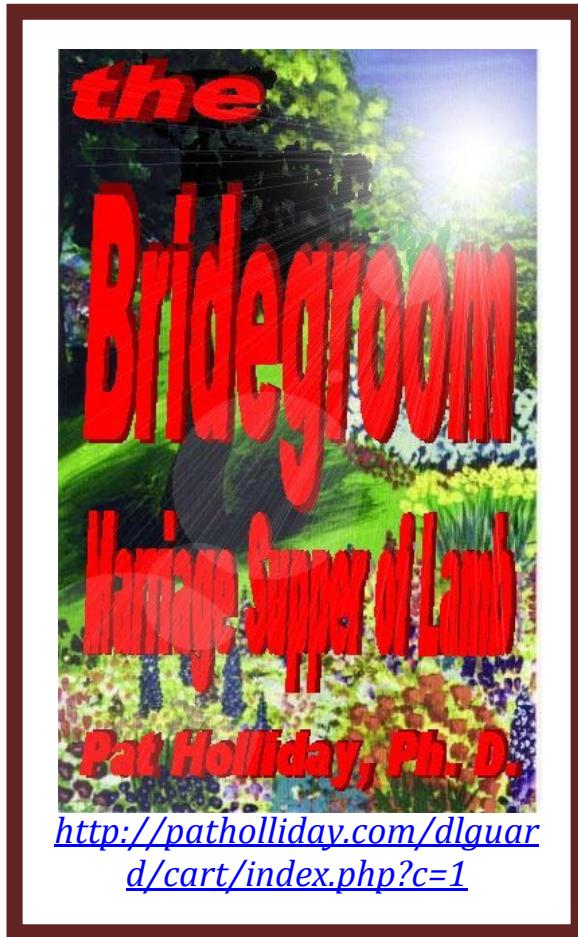
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The newspapers, as usual, were happy to have some exciting news to write about but local churches and a joint Ministers association in Nairobi (I can't remember the name) issued a statement that this woman was known for extreme and heretical statements and that they distanced themselves from this so called 'appearance' of Jesus and the associated prophecy.

Pat Holliday

Excerpts from the book..... the Bridegroom Marriage Super of the Lamb

Chapter One THE BRIDE OF CHRIST



The Bridegroom is a reference that is made to the **Lord Jesus Christ** several times in the New Testament. Whether you are a new Christian or a longtime believer, you must know that the Christian faith is about a **Divine Person** and not about "religion." That Person is our **Heavenly Bridegroom**, the **Lord Jesus Christ**. The true Church, which is made up of **Born Again** believers in Him is His **Heavenly Bride**. We are His chosen companions for all eternity, and His great love for us is without measure, and without comparison. The **Lord Jesus Christ** clearly stated that He would return **in a moment** (Rev 22:7, 12, 20). We are to expect His return at any time (1 Thess. 4:15-18). In fact, we are to await it with joy and put off all the confidence of this world in order to be prepared for His soon return for us.

This parable, or something like it is found in the Jewish records: so in a treatise entitled RESHITH CHOKMAH, the beginning of wisdom, we read thus: "Our wise men of blessed memory say, Repent whilst thou hast strength to do it, whilst thy lamp burns, and thy oil is not extinguished; for if thy lamp be gone out, thy oil will profit thee nothing."1 (Matt 25:1). [Then shall the kingdom of heaven] (See the notes at Matt 3:2). The phrase here refers to **his coming in the Day of Judgment**.

[Shall be likened] Or shall resemble. The meaning is, "**When the Son of man returns to judgment, it will be as it was in the case of ten virgins in a marriage ceremony.**" The coming of Christ to receive his people to himself is often represented under the similitude of a marriage, the church being represented as his spouse or bride. The marriage relation is the most tender, firm,

and endearing of any known on earth, and on this account it suitably represents the union of believers to Christ. (See Matt 9:15; Jn. 3:29; Rev 19:7; 21:9; Eph 5:25-32).

Another parable, mentioned by Kimchi, concerning (Isa 65:13). "Rabbi Yuchanan, the son of Zachai, spoke a parable concerning a king, who invited his servants, but set them no time to come: the prudent and wary among them adorned themselves, and, standing at the door of the king's house, said, Is anything wanting in the house of the king? (I.e., Is there any work to be done?) But the foolish ones that were among them went away, and working said, When shall the feast be in which there is no labour? Suddenly the king sought out his servants: those who were adorned entered in, and they who were still polluted entered in also. The king was glad when he met the prudent, but he was angry when he met the foolish: he said, Let the prudent sit down and eat-let the others stand and look on." Rabbi Eliezer said, "Turn to God one day before your death." His disciples said, "How can a man know the day of his death? He answered them, "Therefore you should turn to God today, perhaps you may die tomorrow; thus every day will be employed in returning."²

Sad to say, many Christians today have fallen asleep under the powers of bewitching false ministers, and are busy about the day to day cares and affairs of this world. Many walk in a spiritual semi consciousness listening to false messages about everything but Jesus and His Word. This spiritual condition is shown interpreted and represented in our Lord's *parable of the ten virgins* (Matt. 25:1-13).

THE BRIDE

Question: "What does it mean that the church is the bride of Christ?"

Answer: The imagery and symbolism of marriage are applied to Christ and the body of believers known as the church. These are those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their personal savior and have received eternal life. In the New Testament, Christ, the bridegroom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride (Eph. 5:25-27). Just as there was a betrothal period in biblical times during which the bride and groom were separated until the wedding, so is the bride of Christ separate from her bridegroom during the church age. Her responsibility during the betrothal period is to be faithful to Him (2 Cor.11:2; Eph. 5:24). At the Second Coming of Christ, the church will be united with the Bridegroom, the official "wedding ceremony" will take place and, with it, the eternal union of Christ and his bride will be actualized (Rev. 19:7-9; 21:1-2).³

HEAVENLY CITY

At that time, all believers will inhabit the heavenly city known as New Jerusalem, also called "the holy city" in Revelation 21:2 and 10. The New Jerusalem is not the church, but it

takes on the church's characteristics. In his vision of the end of the age, the Apostle John sees the city coming down from heaven adorned "as a bride" meaning that the inhabitants of the city, the redeemed of the Lord, will be holy and pure, wearing white garments of holiness and righteousness. Some have misinterpreted verse 9 to mean the holy city is the bride of Christ, but that cannot be because Christ died for His people, not for a city. The city is called the bride because it encompasses all who is the bride, just as all the students of a school are sometimes called "the school."

As believers in Jesus Christ, we who are the bride of Christ wait with great anticipation for the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we remain faithful to Him and say with all the redeemed of the Lord, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).⁴

Remember the standard of truth is the Scriptures.

TEN VIRGINS

[Ten virgins] These virgins, doubtless, represent the church-a name given to it because it is pure and consecrated. (See 2 Cor. 11:2; Lam. 1:15; 2:13).

[Virgins] Denoting the purity of the Christian doctrine and character. In this parable, the bridegroom is generally understood to mean Jesus Christ. The feast that state of felicity to which he has promised to raise his genuine followers. The wise, or prudent, and foolish virgins, those who truly enjoy, and those who only profess the purity and holiness of his religion. The oil, the grace and salvation of God, or that faith which works by love. The vessel, the heart in which this oil is contained. The lamp, the profession of enjoying the burning and shining light of the Gospel of Christ. Going forth, the whole of their sojourning upon earth.⁵

(Matt 25:2),

[Five of them were wise] Or, provident, *phronimoi*-they took care to make a proper provision beforehand, and left nothing to be done in the last moment.

The five **wise** virgins represent true born again believers, and the five **foolish** virgins represent *Christendom* in general (those that profess faith in Christ but truly have no personal relationship with Him).

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The Apostle Paul, speaking about the **imminent return** of the **Lord Jesus Christ** exhorts us to be watchful and awaiting that day, not sleeping as others do, but eagerly awaiting God's Son from Heaven (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:4-10), “**But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that day should overtake you as a thief.** 5 **Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day:** we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 **Therefore let us not sleep, as do others;** but let us watch and be sober. 7 **For they that sleep, sleep, and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.** 8 **But let us,** who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,** 10 **Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.**”

TEN VIRGINS

The parable of the ten virgins is an important key to understanding the bride of Christ. It is quoted in its entirety below. It is critically important to notice that this speaks of distinguishing, even a separation, among the Christian Church people.

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like **ten virgins** who took **their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.' (Matt. 25:1-13) [bold type mine]

1. "**At that time**" (vs. 1) and the preceding context indicate this is an end-time event.

The kingdom of heaven is likened to ten virgins, not five. All ten are within the kingdom. This is not, as some have taught, a teaching about a saved group and a lost group.

There were 10 virgins. "**I promised you . . . as a pure virgin to him [Christ]**" (2 Cor. 11:2).

They all had lamps. They all had the word of God. "**Your word is a lamp to my feet**" (Ps. 119:105).

They "**went out to meet the bridegroom.**" All of them were looking forward to the coming of the bridegroom. This is certainly not true of the unsaved!

The bridegroom (Mk. 2:18-20; Jn. 3:28-30; Rev. 19:7) **is the Lord Jesus Christ.**

But "five were foolish and five were wise" (vs. 2). They were all called "virgins." They were all spoken of as part of the kingdom of heaven. All had lamps (**the word**) and all were looking forward to the Lord's coming. They all had oil (**the Holy Spirit**). Then what differentiated the foolish from the wise? The answer is found in (Verses 3-4).

Only the wise had an abundant supply of oil! (vs. 3-4). They were trusting in the Word of God.

The oil symbolizes the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God.

"Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance? The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power." (1 Sam. 10:1,6).

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. (I Sam. 16:12-13).

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, (Acts 10:38).

In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit . . . you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . . All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4).

You have an anointing from the Holy One, (1 Jn. 2:20).

The 'wise' category had a plentiful supply of oil. Wise Christians will have an anointing from the Lord — the baptism with the Holy Spirit — and will have an abundant, ongoing operation of the Holy Spirit in and through their lives.

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, (Lk. 12:35).

"After a long time in coming," the bridegroom will indeed come forth to meet his bride! (vs. 5-6). And note that this occurs in a midnight-hour time frame. Only at the end of the church age will the bride of Christ be prepared, identified and enabled to enter into that close of relationships with her bridegroom.

All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, (vs. 7). They all had some degree of oil. But (vs. 8) the oil of the foolish was running very low, and their lamps were going out.

All Christians have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. And Spirit-filled Christians have additionally partaken of the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with power (Acts 1:8). But the only 'wise' Christians, in this context, are those who possess an abundant measure of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by their having their lamps burning brightly at the time of the bridegroom's arrival.

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THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him, (Matt 25:6).

[At midnight there was a cry] The Jewish weddings were generally celebrated in the night; yet they usually began at the rising of the evening star; but in this case there was a more than ordinary delay.

[Behold, the bridegroom cometh] What an awful thing to be summoned to appear before the Judge of quick and dead! The following is an affecting relation, and *fas est ab hoste doceri*. "When Rabbi Jochanan ben Zachai was sick, his disciples came to visit him; and when he saw them he began to weep.

They say to him, Rabbi! The light of Israel, the right-hand pillar, the strong hammer, wherefore dost thou weep? He answered them, If they were carrying me before a king of flesh and blood, who is here today, and tomorrow in the grave; who, if he were angry with me, his anger would not last forever; if he put me in prison, his prison would not be everlasting; if he condemned me to death, that death would not be eternal; whom I could soothe with words or bribe with riches; yet even in these circumstances I should weep. But now I am going before the King of kings, the holy and the blessed God, who liveth and endureth forever and forever; who, if he be angry with me, his anger will last forever; if he put me in prison, his bondage will be everlasting; if he condemn me to death, that death will be eternal; whom I cannot soothe with words nor bribe with riches-when, further, there are before me two ways, the one: to hell and the other to paradise, and I know not in which they are carrying me, shall I not weep?"⁷

When the bridegroom goes forth for the marriage, it is too late for the foolish to secure this abundant supply of oil. As they scurried about in a last-minute effort to secure oil, the wise virgins entered into the wedding banquet with the bridegroom. The key was readiness (vs. 9-10).

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[Trimmed their lamps.] *Ekosmeesan*, adorned them. I have seen some of the eastern lamps or lanthorns, the body of which was a skeleton of wood and threads, covered with a very thin transparent membrane, or very fine gauze, and decorated with flowers painted

on it. It is probable that the nuptial lamps were highly decorated in this way; though the act mentioned here may mean no more than preparing the lamps for burning.

The following account of the celebration of a wedding in Persia, taken from the Zend Avesta, vol. 2 p. 558, etc., may cast some light on this place.

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The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. (vs. 10). She was ready to receive the Bridegroom. The preparation was finished. She was clean, washed in the Blood of the Lamb. Her spirit, mind and body was renewed by His Word. She was watching and waiting, keeping herself holy and pure.

The wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. (Rev. 19:7).

The parable of the ten virgins is a subject for much study. But two vital things stand out: (1) the anointing and (2) readiness made the difference!

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[Which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom] The "lamps" used on such occasions were rather "torches" or "flambeaux." They were made by winding rags around pieces of iron or earthenware, sometimes hollowed so as to contain oil, and fastened to handles of wood. These torches were dipped in oil, and gave a large light. Marriage "ceremonies" in the East were conducted with great pomp and solemnity. The ceremony of marriage was performed commonly in the open air, on the banks of a stream. Both the bridegroom and bride were attended by friends. They were escorted in a palanquin, carried by four or more persons. After the ceremony of marriage succeeded a feast of seven days if the bride was a virgin, or three days if she was a widow. This feast was celebrated in her father's house. At the end of that time the bridegroom conducted the bride with great pomp and splendor to his own home.

This was done in the evening, or at night, (Jer 7:34; 25:10; 33:11). Many friends and relations attended them; and besides those who went with them from the house of the bride, there was another company that came out from the house of the bridegroom to meet them and welcome them. These were probably female friends and relatives of the bridegroom, who went out to welcome him and his new companion to their home. These are the virgins mentioned in this parable. Not knowing PRECISELY the time when the procession would come, they probably went out early, and waited until they should see indications of its approach. In the celebration of marriage in the East at the present day, many of the special customs of ancient times are observed. "At a Hindu marriage," says a modern missionary, "the procession of which I saw some years ago, the bridegroom came

from a distance, and the bride lived at *Serampore*, to which place the bridegroom was to come by water. After waiting two or three hours, at length, near midnight, it was announced, in the very words of Scripture, 'Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.' All the persons employed now lighted their lamps, and ran with them in their hands to fill up their stations in the procession. Some of them had lost their lights and were unprepared, but it was then too late to seek them, and the cavalcade moved forward to the house of the bride, at which place the company entered a large and splendidly illuminated area before the house, covered with an awning, where a great multitude of friends, dressed in their best apparel, were seated upon mats.

The bridegroom was carried in the arms of a friend, and placed in a superb seat in the midst of the company, where he sat a short time, and then went into the house, the door of which was immediately shut and guarded by sepoys. I and others expostulated with the doorkeepers, but in vain. Never was I so struck with our Lord's beautiful parable as at this moment-`And the door was shut."⁸

There are certain preparations which most persons believe they must make at the approach of death; but, alas! it is often too late. The lamp is defiled, the light almost out, and the oil expended; and what adorning is a wretched sinner, struggling in the agonies of death, capable of preparing for his guilty soul!⁹

LAST GENERATION

(Matt 25:8).

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

[Our lamps are gone out.] *Sbennuntai*, are going out. So then it is evident that they were once lighted. They had once hearts illuminated and warmed by faith and love; but they **had backslidden from the salvation of God**, and now they are excluded from heaven, because, through their carelessness, they have let the light that was in them become darkness, and have not applied in time for a fresh supply of the salvation of God.¹⁰

Not every Christian will qualify for the bride of Christ. Will all Christians who persevere in serving God spend eternity with Him? Of course! But the bride of Christ comes into being out of that last generation of believers on the earth just before Christ's second coming (Matt. 25:5-6; Rev. 19:7), in the context of (Revelation chapter 19 —), the second coming).

The bride of Christ will emerge as a company of believers in the last generation who are still alive and on this earth. Not all believers alive at that time will measure up!

(Matt 25:9).

But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

[Lest there be not enough for us and you] These had all been companions in the Christian course, and there was a time when they might have been helpful to each other; but that time is now past forever-none has a particle of grace to spare, not even to help

(2 Cor. 11:2), **For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ,"**

The bride will be known for her righteous acts (Rev. 19:7-8).

The bridal church will be (Eph. 5:25-27): Holy; Cleansed and washed by the word of God; A radiant church; Without stain or wrinkle; Without blemish; Blameless.

The bride of Christ will have the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ (Eph. 4:13, KJV).

The bride will come from a portion of the body of Christ, rather than being the entire body (Gen. 2:22 by application).

The bride will have a sincere and pure devotion to Christ (2 Cor. 11:3).

The bride will be watchful and prayerful (Lk. 21:36).

The bride will have been pressing for perfection (2 Cor. 13:9,11).

The anointing, the baptism with the Holy Spirit, will be abundantly operating in the lives of those who qualify for the bride of Christ (Matt. 25:3-4).

The bride will live in a state of readiness to meet the bridegroom (Matt. 25:10; Lk. 12:35; Rev. 19:7).

With the help and grace of the Lord, all these are attainable. But not all Christians will cooperate with the Lord's grace and expend the effort to measure up in these and any other needful areas. Remember: Jesus is seeking a perfect bride, a "help meet" for Him!

[Shall be likened] Or shall resemble. The meaning is, "When the Son of man returns to judgment, it will be as it was in the case of ten virgins in a marriage ceremony." The coming of Christ to receive his people to himself is often represented under the similitude of a marriage, the church being represented as his spouse or bride. The marriage relation is the most tender, firm, and endearing of any known on earth, and on this account it suitably represents the union of believers to Christ. (See Matt 9:15 Jn. 3:29; Rev 19:7; 21:9; Eph 5:25-32).

Another parable, mentioned by Kimchi, concerning (Isa 65:13).

"Rabbi Yuchanan, the son of Zachai, spoke a parable concerning a king, who invited his servants, but set them no time to come: the prudent and wary among them adorned themselves, and, standing at the door of the king's house, said, Is anything wanting in the house of the king? (I.e., Is there any work to be done?) But the foolish ones that were among them went away, and working said, When shall the feast be in which there is no labour? Suddenly the king sought out his servants: those who were adorned entered in, and they who were still polluted entered in also. The king was glad when he met the prudent, but he was angry when he met the foolish: he said, Let the prudent sit down and eat-let the others stand and look on." Rabbi Eliezer said, "Turn to God one day before your death."

His disciples said, "How can a man know the day of his death? He answered them, "Therefore you should turn to God today, perhaps you may die tomorrow; thus every day will be employed in returning." ²

Sad to say, many Christians today have fallen asleep under the powers of bewitching false ministers, and are busy about the day to day cares and affairs of this world. Many walk in a spiritual semi consciousness listening to false messages about everything but Jesus and His Word. This spiritual condition is shown interpreted and represented in our Lord's *parable of the ten virgins* (Matt. 25:1-13).

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (Gen. 2:22).

Now you are the body of Christ, (1 Cor. 12:27). Note: But the entire body will not qualify as Christ's bride! (1 Cor. 12:27-31), "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

The bride will be presented as a pure virgin to him."

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey

the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known," (Deut. 11:26-28).

God bless you.

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