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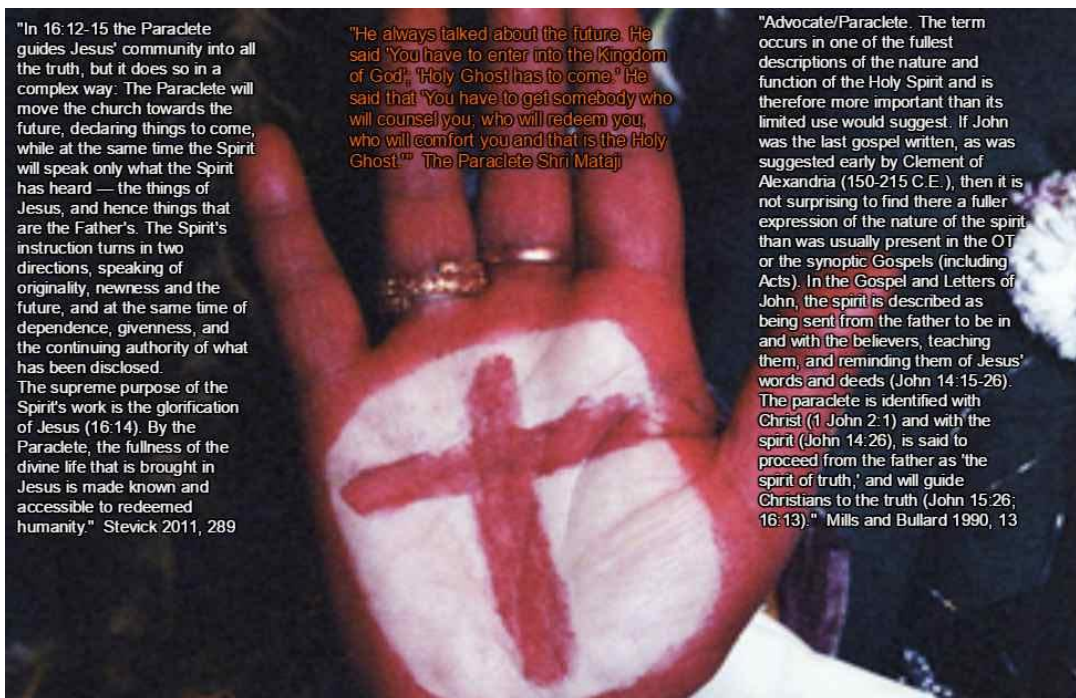
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The cochlea that today hears the promised *hitnakhlyot* of the *Apocalypse* of the Paraclete will tomorrow hear the *Covid-19 End Times* because yesterday they heard the *Apokalypsis* of the Christ who “came to give the message of Resurrection” for the day after. (November 26, 2021)



“Ask for the real. If there is Holy Ghost, if there is divine power, you should feel it. I think all the Catholics should ask, where is that? That is promised. What about the second birth? How long?

You see your father was Catholic, his grand father was a Catholic, her great grand father was a Catholic, the whole progeny has been of Catholic. What have they done? What have they achieved? You see, we have to see that we have to be born again. We are to be born again....

But Christ came. Why was it necessary for Christ to come when Moses has told all these things? Why did He come? He came to give the message of Resurrection. He came for you to know that you have to become the spirit. You have to be born of your spirit. That was it.

Now how many of these people who are baptizing are 'born again'? This is the point.

Today, sir you are accepting Catholicism, but your children won't. In London, people are selling their Churches. I mean what a shame? I feel hurt about it because this is Christ's one and because you have not put forward the real thing it is going to fade out, everywhere. Everywhere it is going to fade out Give them the truth. It's the living God you have to give them."

**THE MOTHER: Messiah-Paraclete-Ruh-Devi
Public Program in Zurich, Switzerland — 29 September 1980**

"Seeing history in the perspective of resurrection means participating through the Spirit in the process of resurrection. Belief in resurrection is not summed up by assent to a dogma and the registering of a historical fact. It means participating in this creative act of God. A faith of this kind is the beginning of freedom. If God reveals himself in the raising of the Christ crucified in helplessness, then God is not the quintessence of power, such as the Roman Caesars represented. Nor is he the quintessence of law, such as the Greek cosmos reflects. God is then the power that quickens into life, that makes the poor rich, that lifts up the humble and raises the dead. Faith in the resurrection is itself a living force which raises people up and frees them from the deadly illusions of power and possession, because their eyes are now turned towards the future of life. The proclamation of the resurrection of Christ is a meaningful statement against the horizon, or in the context, of the history which the resurrection itself begins - the history of the freeing of human beings and the whole sighing creation from the forces of annihilation and death. Understood as an event that discloses the future and opens history, the resurrection of Christ is the foundation and promise of life in the midst of the history of death." (Moltmann 1990 Kindle 3581)

Coronavirus Apocalypse Religion response New York Times

Mark

New York City

April 2, 2020

Thank you Elizabeth for a wonderful article! I consider myself to be a person of faith (in an idiosyncratic kind of way) but apocalypticism drives me mad. I've heard from relatives and friends that the COVID-19 pandemic is a sign that God is angry with us and wants us to repent (from what though?) and that if we repent God will remove this scourge from us; I've heard that Nature is punishing us for destroying Mother Earth and this is a kind of reset in that regard. Neither makes sense or is helpful. **It would be amazing and fascinating if the Second Coming of Christ happened in our lifetime as was mentioned in the article, but guess what- Jesus was supposed to return very soon after his ascension, and two thousand years later it hasn't happened yet, which to my mind means it is not happening.** Move on people. Ten thousand years from now, it still will not have happened. **I think Christ's followers two thousand years ago would've been quite surprised to learn that people two millennia later would still be anticipating the Second Coming.** Ecclesiastes 1:9 from the Hebrew Bible says, "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun." In other words, life goes on, there is no "end of the world", don't believe that this generation or epoch is more unique than any other in history. Plagues, division, corruption, natural disasters, etc have happened many times in the past and will continue to happen, we are not special.

Timeforchange

Ga

April 2, 2020

Thanks for the insightful article! I was raised as a Jehovah's Witness and left after 6 decades of very intense participation. I carefully considered the many failed prophesies (they call them "current truths") and decided that I was a living example of being a slave to a concept. Although some of the people were genuine and very sincere, they were unable to step back and recognize that they were part of a high-control, end-times religion, whose leadership never disclosed it financial records. The lack of respect for authority shown by their governing body leadership made the average follower feel that they were above the law. Almost to a man, each felt no moral directive to report sexual abuse of children, financial crimes, even murder. They really believed that ALL misdeeds could and should be handled internally. End-times religions have an expiration date, and spend most of their time and energy controlling their members to extract as much money, adoration and devotion as possible before they 'go out of business'. I feel that taxing all religions would quickly sort out the healthy from the destructive. Perhaps this pandemic will force the governments to insist that religions pay their fair share. It would surely be a welcome change, freeing billions of people from the snares of charlatans posing as messengers of God.

Karen

Yonkers NY

April 2, 2020

I'm a theologian by training and an accidental cultural anthropology student because I'm a theologian. The apocalypse is indeed a revelation and it reveals ourselves to ourselves and to each other -if we're willing to see what we're shown and that is the danger Putin aside, we did Trump to ourselves because we were blind to our prejudice and the sense that we are victims. The present apocalypse is more painful because it's showing us the consequences of our choices by attacking the innocent

DMatthew

San Diego

April 2, 2020

Throughout the vast 6,000 year history of the universe, thousands of gods have been created and worshipped. These "supreme beings" who could not accurately recall how they created the universe, were revealed to and represented by "prophets," who were in fact; shamans, charlatans, mass murderers, pedophiles, liars, dreamers, con artists, swindlers and lunatics. To these highly dubious "holy men," gods whispered their most intimate, hopes, dreams, regrets and requirements for worship. The Torah, the Bible, the Quran, the Book of Mormon and other "holy" texts, are full of demonstrably false, nonsensical and preposterous stories; talking snakes and donkeys, flying horses, celestial battles wherein gods are fought to draws, a woman turned into a block of salt, rivers turned to blood, lakes of fire...fantasies, Fairy Tales. The Torah, the Bible, the Quran have in common the purported "word" of one of these gods which specifically sanctions, genocide, rape, misogyny and slavery. Religion and Theology is all made up. Fabricated out of whole cloth. There is no empirical evidence for any religious belief...NONE. Individuals that hold true such absurd, ridiculous beliefs are capable of believing anything and the most reprehensible behavior. As Voltaire wrote many years ago, "Religion began when the first charlatan met the first fool."

Nancy

NYC

April 2, 2020

It isn't so much that highly religious people see the coronavirus pandemic as being more of an apocalyptic event than non-religious people do. I think all of us, religious and not, think this is the most apocalyptic event that we have ever experienced. The real difference is that so many Evangelical Christians are thrilled at the prospect of what the Apocalypse portends. They've been waiting for it; they've been hoping for it. They have wanted fervently for it to happen within their own lifetimes. The rest of us -- not so much.

Daniel

Indian Wells, CA

April 2, 2020

Biblical scriptures, and sacred writings from all world religions, are grossly misunderstood and misinterpreted by the masses. Over millennia, verses were translated from language to language, sometimes orally and from memory. Entire passages were deleted or rewritten, depending on the political slant of popes, kings, or even from economic considerations. This is just the truth. Yet, unenlightened mortals that we are, we continue to read and interpret these ancient writings as literal Words of God. In doing so, we continue to propagate wars, bloodshed, and hatred around the world because of the entire "It can only be our way...We are right" mentality that underlies every religion. The entire notion of any "second coming" refers only to the personal interior transformation that each and every one of us MUST undergo, if we are truly to progress on any spiritual journey. The so-called "second coming" requires we grow out of our narrow, personally-focused worldview and enlarge our consciousness to embrace ALL of humanity. Not just those who share our beliefs. In order to move forward as a species and as a planet, we must abandon all

man-made divisions and follow what God and all his prophets truly intended: that we treat each other and the planet with love and kindness - regardless of religious affiliation. And STOP with the ridiculous literal interpretations of words written thousands of years ago by men who could not begin to imagine today's world.

Elena Jose

Hudson, NY
April 2, 2020

@Elizabeth Dias You wrote the story of apocalypse is represented in the ancient traditions and lumped Judaism, Islam and Christianity with Buddhism. Buddhism comes out of Hinduism and the concept of apocalypse is different within Eastern religions. In eastern religions there is no end of times; all events within time are manifestations of the cyclical nature of the material dimension. Yugas are cycles which repeat through infinite time and space -- currently the kali yuga: avarice and wrath will be common; animosity and ignorance of dharma occur; religion, truthfulness, cleanliness, tolerance, mercy, physical strength and memory diminish -- you get the picture. This is the natural cycle of material life and it goes round and round, on and on, and the only way to find release from this cycle (good or bad) is to realize unexcelled, perfect enlightenment and see through delusions and finally nirvana -- it takes eons of rebirths to get to that. I am just pointing this out because westerners tend to simplify eastern traditions and try to incorporate them into their western framework, rather than recognize their radical differences.

Gary

Monterey, California
April 2, 2020

Thanks for this insight into the views of apocalypse from various religious perspectives. At this moment, I am not finding even a shred of inspiration from any theology. Religious viewpoints are all over the place, and the most likely summary is that they are all wrong. The religious benefit, I suppose, is that it provides a focus for worrying.

jw

Boston
April 2, 2020

I am a devout atheist, but I see doom coming in the form of global warming, the logical result of our hubris: consumerism, aka economic growth. Our masters have gotten us hooked in this infernal cycle: Happiness is around the corner, so keep going, keep buying, keep moving and keep evading difficult questions such as: Who profits? And who, ultimately, foots the bill? Painful though it is, the coronavirus pandemic presents us with an extraordinary opportunity to reset our priorities (greed vs needs, individualism vs solidarity...) and to reclaim our power to alter the suicidal course we are on. This crisis teaches us that not only is a different life possible, it is our only way to salvation.

jim Vickers

Manitoba, Canada
April 2, 2020

"it's the end of the world as we know it...and I feel fine" as R.E.M sings. Hopefully the changes that the COV19 pandemic triggers are more positive than negative. Let's all pull together and make sure that we all make the changes necessary for the foundation of a more just world.

Greenie

Vermont
April 2, 2020

I think that ultimately it doesn't matter what particular religious beliefs people hold or if they hold any at all. If we can use the pandemic as a trigger to all take a deep breath, hit pause on our lives and look deeply at where we are at as a world, nation, community, family or person this could cause considerable change to occur. Consider if we want "business as usual" to be our modus operandi after the pandemic ends or if we want to implement changes, both in our own lives and in the world around us. Remember going forward that "you must be the change you wish to see in the world".

cycledancing
CA
April 2, 2020

Another way to look at an apocalypse is that it is a transformation: death of something old replaced by something new. Some are seeing this worldwide crisis as the way that old habits die to be replaced by new revelation. It really is all up to us. Every downturn has a point where the path can be influenced to either generate growth or destruction. I choose the former. This is a time to let self destructive habits pass and a time to redefine what is really important in life.

Elizabeth Dias
National Religion Correspondent
April 2, 2020

Thanks for reading my story about apocalypse! I'd love to know what you think is being revealed during this modern apocalyptic moment. I'll be joining in and replying in the comments.

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msnymp
new jersey
April 2, 2020

Mother Nature is taking revenge on the human race for its heedless trashing of the beautiful planet she bestowed upon us. Overpopulation, pollution, consumption of irreplaceable resources, and willful ignorance of the reality in front of us has resulted in continuing natural catastrophes including the current pandemic. It is nature's attempt to right the wrongs committed by humans, and frankly, I hope she succeeds.

Michael Browder
Chamonix, France
April 2, 2020

No, it doesn't at all feel like the end. The world has faced many other worse calamities. And religions have predicted an end of times many times to no avail. For me this virus is yet another example of the failure of religion, all of them.

James
Baltimore
April 2, 2020

Times Pick

The unfortunate aspect of viewing the world and events through a religious lens, particularly as an apocalyptic scenario, is that it becomes easy for adherents to more readily dismiss—or even welcome—real problems and preventable damage in the world as unavoidable consequences of god's work. Climate change, drug addiction, inequality, even war and violence: what do these things matter if God's judgement is at hand and purity of one's soul is the only question? Why make changes to daily life to slow environmental catastrophe when all will be soon set right by the lord? Why worry about wealth inequality when the great equalizer of god's judgement will balance all scales? Sadly there are too many people in power in this country and around the world who seem to sincerely believe in this, and with all that is happening around the world currently, it just reinforces this apocalyptic ideology. As an atheist, it's disturbing and ridiculous enough, but as a rational human being who is alive in this world now and hopes to be for many many decades more, it's downright horrifying. My hope is that enough rational people in this country, religious or not, will take our current apocalyptic times as a sign that we have an urgent need—if not obligation—to come together and collectively address all these problems in the actual physical world here and now.

Tim Nunnally
Alabama
April 2, 2020

Interestingly I just started a master's program in religious studies, and before everything hit the fan had started research for two papers: 1. The effects of Jewish apocalyptic thinking on Jesus' ministry, and 2. A rhetorical critique of the Little Apocalypse in Mark 13. As I am firmly in the Albert Schweitzer school that Jesus was an apocalyptic prophet who believed the end of the current world was coming in his own generation with the violent establishment of an early Kingdom of God. I wish the general public had more exposure to this historical view of Jesus. People have been contorting Jesus' apocalyptic message for centuries to claim that the end, once again, is near. They haven't been right yet, although the joke is always that they only have to be right once. This article will likely make the bibliography in one or both papers. Thanks.