

How Well Do You Know Yourself?

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What in the world is going on? Take a look around and you'll see so many people doing it tough. You'll see depression, mental illness, marriage breakdowns, financial issues, arguments, strife, and now suicide. And this is all in our movement.

On top of this, we have false teachings and doctrinal disunity hitting our movement like a hail storm. We have Sacred Name use and non-use issues, as well as issues over the pronunciation over the Sacred Name. We have High Holiday issues, such as the Luna Sabbath, Molad vs Crescent moon, the Hillel 2 calendar vs the New Moon Sighting and the Enochian calendar to name a few. We've had Polygamy, issues over Messiah's identity, was he fully Divine, or fully human? We've had Trinity issues, predestination issues, Two-House vs One-House issues, the tabernacle was round, the earth is flat, like that has anything to do with doctrine! Messiah was stoned and not crucified, Messiah was a leper, Paul was a false prophet, The Mark of the Beast is a chip vs a day of worship. Messiah was a negro, the Jews of Yisrael today are not really Jews. And this is just to name a few issues.

We have groups within this movement that smash against each other like angry rhinos, the Hebrew Roots Movement, the Black Hebrew Israelites, the Messianic Karaite Movement and the Order of Melchizedek.

The Same Thing That Rescues Can be the Same Thing That Destroys

The individual that joins the Messianic faith is usually a self-thinker, a self-motivator who has the courage to challenge the doctrines of Christianity, ask questions, debates trained pastors and ministers, does research and isn't afraid to learn new insights even if they may challenge the current style and manner of his observance. He's not afraid to speak up or look or sound different from other members of a Christian community. He is curious, always thinking, pondering, searching through books or reading papers, listening to audio lectures or watching video teachings.

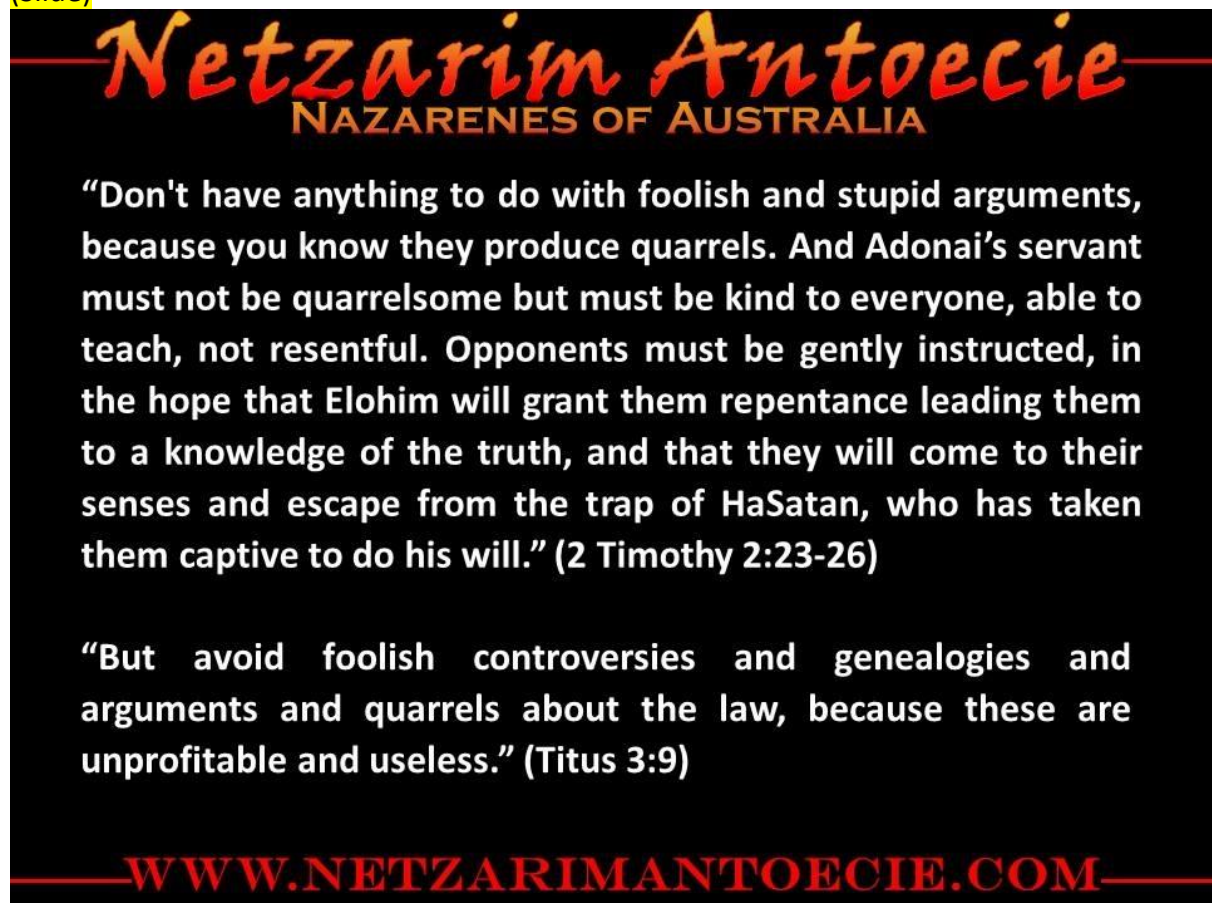
Unfortunately, the very traits that pull a believer out of Babylon, end up being the same traits that cause mayhem in the supposed freedom of the Messianic faith.

The person, called out of falsehood and into truth ends up becoming entangled in word debates, sectarianism, ostracism, and pointless discussions.

"For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

The same thing that rescues, becomes the same thing that entangles. A man gifted with the art of speaking can be an asset to the Kingdom and save many, but that same skill, if attached to the wrong cause, can destroy many.

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"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And Adonai's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that Elohim will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of HaSatan, who has taken them captive to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:23-26)

"But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless." (Titus 3:9)

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People are actively engaged in trying to convince people of doctrine, rather than be actively engaged in changing their lives to align with a Torah observant person. Yahshua was absolutely 100% Torah observant.

What's the point of understanding some aspect of the Book of Revelation, if you're going to live another day without being engaged in fixed prayer and Torah study, or eating food without blessing it or giving thanks, or if another week passes with you not keeping the Shabbat properly. What's the point of knowing some deep aspect of wisdom hidden in the Torah if you are not willing to change your behaviour or daily routine to adhere to Yahweh's desire. You are worse than a dead man when you have revelation with no works. As soon as a person dies, they receive full revelation about everything that eluded them when they were alive. A newly dead person tumbles out of the confinement of a body into the revelation of the real world. But what good is this revelation, if a person is on the wrong side of it. It's worthless. It's actually more painful, to have such revelation and have so little of it impact a person and inspire him to work on his own attributes.

The Counting of the Omer, the counting of the measure, is a daily accounting of the combination of traits that every person is imbued with.

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Aligning our Attributes with the 10 Divine Emanations

“For Yahweh gives wisdom (Chochmah): out of his mouth comes knowledge (da’at) and understanding (Binah).” (Proverbs 2:6)

“Blessed are You, Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness (Yesod), the power (Geverah) and the glory (Hod), the victory (Netzach) and the majesty (Tiferet); for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom (Malkut), O Yahweh, and You are exalted as head over all (Keter). (1 Chronicles 29:11,12)”

“Yahweh is good to all: and his tender mercies (Chesed) are over all his works. (Psalm 145:9)”

* In the later 16th Sefirot Da’at is added and accorded the 3rd emanation.

The human being is made up of a combination of attributes. This is called Sefirot, meaning “emanations.” A Human being is made up of ten emanations or attributes. They are (chesed) Loving kindness, (chochmah) wisdom, (da’at), knowledge, (binah) understanding, (gevurah)

severity, (tiferet) beauty, (netzach) endurance, (hod) splendour, (yosed) foundation or bonding and (malkut) nobility.

The three core attributes are chochmah, da'at and binah. **“For Yahweh gives wisdom (Chochmah): out of his mouth comes knowledge (da'at) and understanding (Binah).” (Proverbs 2:6)**

These attributes or emanations appear all together in **1 Chronicles 29**. **“Blessed are You, Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness (Yesod), the power (Geverah) and the glory (Hod), the victory (Netzach) and the majesty (Tiferet); for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom (Malkut), O Yahweh, and You are exalted as head over all (Keter). (1 Chronicles 29:11,12)”**

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These are the things that a follower of Messiah should be acutely aware of and in a process of refining during this time.

Right now every person in this room has a sefirot, a tree with evenly spaced attributes linked together with branches not unlike a tree.

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KARMA CHAKRA

Colours affect us in very subtle ways, we are surrounded by colour everyday but do you actually know how the vibration of that colour is impacting on your moods and feelings?

Follow this easy to read chart to see how you can increase your energy and use colour to help you enhance your everyday life.

CROWN intellectual, spiritual, divine connection

THIRD EYE intuitive, insightful, uplifting

THROAT communicative, calming, tranquil

HEART loving, caring, nurturing
HEART calming, confident, open hearted

SOLAR PLEXUS refreshes, joy, peace

SACRAL rejuvenates, releases, motivates

BASE passion, excitement energy

SILVER sleek, glamorous, rich **GOLD** extravagance, riches, bright
BROWN earthy, wholesome, friendly **BEIGE** conservative, relaxing
GREY formal, sophisticated, conservative
WHITE purity, clean open (Crown/Soul Star Chakra)
BLACK grounding, mysterious, introverted (Earth Star Chakra)

Sahasrara — **Crown**

Ajna — **Third Eye**

Vishuddha — **Throat**

Anahata — **Heart**

Manipura — **Solar Plexus**

Swadhisthana — **Sacrum**

Muladhara — **Root**

This concept is where the pagan gets the notion of the chakra.

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On each day of *Sefiros HaOmer*, we focus on one of our seven basic graces, and over seven weeks (49 days) cover each grace in combination with itself and every other (7 times 7 equals 49). At the end of this period, we celebrate the receiving of the Torah (*Matan Torah*), having fully achieved the refinement of all of our spiritual faculties.

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Mark 8:23-24

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Now we see why the blind man that Yahshua healed said that he saw people walking like

trees. As his eyes adjusted to the physical realm they had to descend from spiritual sight first hence his confusion.

Most people don't know who they are. Which means they have no idea what their emanations look like.



There is a desire in man to pursue truth and Divine wisdom in place of pursuing knowledge of his own self in relation to the truth that is being revealed to him. Many study to attain knowledge, but few study to attain self-mastery. Most people do not want to face their true selves. Even people who come into the faith will learn the Aleph bet, the Hebrew language, wear kippah, tzitzit, grow beards, observe Shabbat, keep High Holidays, pray, but ultimately refuse to face themselves in the midst of all these things. People will even help another, physically or financially, but refuse to help themselves. These are people that hide themselves within the Torah. The Torah's purpose is to affect a person's inner character.



The whole point of Yahweh's Divine wisdom, as ratified by His Right Arm, is to improve a person's behaviour, manifest in thought, word and deed.

Yahshua's half-brother Yakov HaTzadik (James the Just) states, **"Submit therefore to Elohim and stand against HaSatan (the accuser), and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)** The precursor to victory is submission to Elohim. Without submission of Elohim, without transferal of sovereignty from base animalistic desire to the King, through Moshiach, we are not able to stand against the enemy effectively. Note the requirement to stand. If possible, an occupant must not only take a firm mental stance, but also take on a physical stance, readying one's self to flee a scene as in the case of Joseph and Potiphar's wife. Though he fled her advances, it was the enemy that fled in fear at his course of action. He was required to rendezvous with Pharaoh's wine bearer in Prison to fulfil his mission. So by outwardly retreating and being subjected to incarceration he had already delivered a death blow to the enemy. The enemy had left him and would not resume an attack until his brothers would stand against in twelve years' time. **"When HaSatan had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time." (Luke 4:13)**

The royal chamber of a King's palace contains an *anteroom*, a waiting area to gather one's composure before seeing the king. Rabbi Yaakov said: "This world is like an **ante-room** before the World to Come; prepare yourself in the ante-room so that you may enter the banquet hall."

The World to Come, the era of redemption, is our beautiful destination, but it only holds reward for us if we prepare ourselves appropriately and merit these rewards.

Moshiach has revealed himself and he is the living Torah, the Word made flesh. To love him is to keep his commandments. **“If you love me, keep my commands (John 14:15)”** In other words, ‘if you love me then actively labour in pinning down my love connections!’ *Mitzvah* comes from the root צוה *tzavta*, which means ‘connection.’

If we knew the value of doing any mitzvah, we would treasure the search for them. It’s like being let loose in an expensive Jewellery store for two minutes. In two minutes, you can have all the jewellery you can stuff into a basket. Surely in that time you would work hard to acquire everything you can in the time allotted to you!

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

We store up treasures in heaven from earth, not heaven. Stop being frustrated with your limited physical circumstance and face yourself and your own shortcomings. Accept that you do have flaws and you are in a situation that is far from what you envisioned for yourself. Who cares what you’re lacking materially, improving a person’s behaviour costs no money at all. It’s submission to Yahweh’s will, by bringing him into each moment of the day.

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“My child, do not forget My Torah, and let your heart guard My commandments, for they add to you length of days and years of life and peace. Kindness and truth should not forsake you; bind them on your neck; inscribe them on the tablet of your heart, and you will find favour and goodly sense in the eyes of Elohim and man. Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and do not rely upon your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:1-5)

Ya’akov HaTzadik (James the Just) writes, **“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it--not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it--they will be blessed in what they do.” (James 1:23-25)**

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The Torah once heard and applied changes the face of an individual. When the Torah is heard and is applied and then forgotten, is like a man who forgets who he truly is.

There is no other valid identity than one that is immersed in Torah study, good deeds and mitzvoth. All other pursuits, even the study of Torah without the fear of HaShem is futility.

Conclusion

Our movement is dogged by so many difficulties, for two reasons. One is that this movement has the potential to impact the world with enormous power, so the enemy comes at us like a wrecking ball. Two, it's because we are refusing to allow the Torah to penetrate our hearts.

Each one of us should introduce ourselves to ourselves. See who we are and where we are in relationship to Moshiach. If it's far, what are we failing to do to close that gap. Do we even know what to do or how to do it? Shouldn't we find out how to please our Heavenly Father?

What are the things that are breaking our faith? Not our external circumstances, but what are the things that we are doing that is weakening our connection. How can we stabilise our minds? How can we keep calm?

Yahshua departed frequently into places of solitude to talk with his father, to get answers and to strengthen himself.