

Seeking My King & His Kingdom

#25 Compare Religious Pharisees With A Secret Society

Satan, whose goal is to be worshiped, has been very busy since his temptation of Eve.

I John 5:19 We know that we are from God and that the whole world lies under the control of the evil one.

The master deceiver cunningly perverts the Word of God through mixing holy and unholy doctrines. [Syncretism]

II Cor. 2:17 For we are not, as so MANY, peddling [corrupt] the word of God;

Gal. 1:7 To be sure, there are certain people who are troubling you and want to distort the Gospel about the Messiah

"The Two Babylons: The Papal Worship" by Rev. Alexander Hislop - published in 1853

His work is supported by 400 footnotes along with 61 woodcut illustrations from Nineveh, Babylon, Egypt, and Pompeii

Consider: The Effect Of A Secret Society On The Ministry And Death Of Jesus Christ

Satan's secret society precedes Nimrod, but with Nimrod his system began to take the human shape that has persisted to this day. Vestiges of this false religious system have spread to *every continent* and have influenced *every culture*.

1. Nimrod became the "first of deified mortals" after his death.
2. Not long after the Flood, a mighty warrior, Nimrod, arose in ancient Babylon. [Gen.10:8-12]
3. He established a Satanic system of religion based on witchcraft and idolatry.
4. Many were intrigued and followed this false and evil system of worship.
5. Shem, one of Noah's sons, militarily attacked Nimrod, defeated and took him prisoner.
6. Shem ordered Nimrod's body to be cut into pieces which were sent throughout the known world to demonstrate: the worship of Satan through idolatry and witchcraft will not be tolerated.
7. Nimrod's wife, Semiramis, and some priests created a secret, underground religion.
 - a. They deified Nimrod and created a counterfeit to the True Messiah, Jesus Christ.
 - b. Created a system of Satanic Mysteries which would be spread world-wide.
 - c. The teachings of these "mysteries" returned men to Nimrod's magic and idolatry.
 - d. This false path was made appealing to men by promising them "hidden knowledge."

It enticed them with the allure of keeping such knowledge secret by binding them together with oaths, secret signs and handshakes.

8. Through secret societies, the Babylonian system of Satanism was preserved.

The Babylon Mysteries then spread to Egypt, where the story of the death of Nimrod and Shem's dismemberment of his body was retold as the story of Osiris. Mysteries have been retold in many cultures and always with names and places unique to the specific culture.

In this way, Satan quite successfully spread his false system throughout the world, capturing the minds and hearts of the key leaders in each country.

9. From this system, Anti-Christ will arise, and will try to destroy God's system, as has been the plan from the beginning. At this point, the entire world will be covered over by the public reinstatement of the ancient Babylonian system of Satan worship. [Mystery Babylon]

Did the Babylonian Secret Societies Penetrate Jewish Religious System Leaders?

By the time God led the children of Israel out of their slavery in Egypt (approximately 1500 B.C.), Middle Eastern secret society teaching had existed for hundreds and hundreds of years. In the centuries before Jesus Christ was born, this deadly virus began to penetrate Jewish religious leaders. These Jewish leaders began to dabble in the occult. A Jewish Secret Oral Tradition began to be espoused, distinctly separate from God's written Pentateuch.

"The Chaldean science acquired by many of the Jewish priests, during the captivity of Babylon, gave birth to the sect of the Pharisees whose name only appears in the Holy Scriptures and in the writings of the Jewish historians after the captivity (606 B. C)."

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Apostle Paul warned in II Cor. 11:14-15 that Satan and his demons may transform themselves into angels of light and ministers of righteousness in order to deceive gullible man.

Consider: Does Satan have the power to prosper those who follow his leadership?

1. Bait that attracted Jewish religious leaders to the mystical, magical properties inherent in the Cabala. The Cabala is actually ancient magic.

It is an exotic blend of devilish, sometimes fanciful, New Age mystical practices.

2. Israel was suffering under the bondage of Gentile rulers. However, the Jewish priests won a certain autonomy which enabled them to virtually rule dictatorially over the Jewish citizens.

3. Common Jews didn't understand that the religious leaders had placed them under a system which put them under a yoke of bondage while it Elevated The Leaders to positions of power and wealth. Average Jews greatly admired and honored the religious leaders who afflicted them.

Compare the Religious Pharisees with the 5 Common Characteristics Of Secret Societies

Remember: The leaders are all serving the same supernatural being, Satan.

A. Arrogant Pride

1. Members of secret societies loathed the average citizen.

2. They deliberately attempted to mislead them spiritually by Hiding The Truth from them.

3. They built up social barriers to keep the masses separate from the members of the societies.

a. Thus, when Jesus began to associate with the common people, and especially with the most sinful of the common people, the Pharisees knew Jesus could not be their Promised Redeemer.

4. No one who was an Adept of a secret society, who had learned the secret truth, could ever reveal this truth to the common people.

a. Jesus revealed hidden spiritual truth directly to the masses of the people.

b. Did the Pharisees assume Jesus learned the spiritual truths from a secret society?

c. Secret societies require members to take severe oaths to keep all the secrets.

d. The penalty for such revelation to the common people was death, the most extreme and painful death possible.

e. The Pharisees possibly believed Jesus to be worthy of a severe and painful death.
5. They will deceive the common people of key truth; they will keep this truth to themselves, as a means of power and privilege.

Matthew 23:14, "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased...But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of God against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither allow ye them that are entering to go in".

Jesus spoke directly to this terrible situation in Luke 11:52 "How terrible it will be for you experts in the Law! You have taken away the key to knowledge.

You didn't go in yourselves, and you kept out those who were trying to go in."

The teachers and lawyers of the Law knew the simple truth that God had developed for people to be saved for eternity and to develop a love for Him. Yet, they hid this simple truth from the people, substituting the terribly suffocating system of daily rules of living against which Jesus so railed. These damnable secret society Pharisees were deliberately sending entire populations of Jews to Hell because they had hidden the truth from them.

Satan had convinced these Pharisees that every Jew was going to Heaven anyway, simply because they were Jews. Therefore, they believed it did not eternally matter what the Jews truly believed.

Matt. 3:9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

The Pharisees kept earthly power and prestige more firmly in their hands through this spiritual deception.

B. Both Groups Believed Man Is Inherently Good

Secret societies taught that man was inherently good, that he was corrupted only by his physical and spiritual surroundings. This contradicts clear and consistent Biblical teaching that man is inherently evil and CANNOT perform enough good works to atone for his evil.

1. Pharisees developed a system of salvation based upon works. [later called the Talmud]

2. Jesus left NO DOUBT the Pharisees had concocted this system of works.

3. When He railed against the "Traditions of Men," He was referring to this false religious teaching that salvation can be obtained by good works.

4. When you read Jesus saying, "You say...but I say...," He is usually addressing this issue of works related salvation.

C. Developed Dual Personalities

Because each member was learning tremendous, explosive information which he had promised to keep absolutely secret from any person(s) who were not members, members began to develop two distinct personalities. One personality was public and one was extremely secret.

The art of deception was quickly developed.

Matthew 23:27-28, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so, ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and uncleanness." Jesus is clearly speaking here of that dual personality

of the member of the secret society. The Pharisee had cleverly and effectively hidden the existence of these Satanic beliefs from their subjects, but could not hide it from the Omniscient Eyes of Jesus God.

D. Secret societies taught that Oral Teaching was as important and sacred as any Written Work. This emphasis on Oral Teaching is a very important tool of Satan. The Pharisees developed complex systems of Oral Teaching & they taught the Jewish people to revere them. The Jewish priesthood began formulating a plan to bring all Jewish people into spiritual and physical bondage by creating this dual system of the public Talmud plus the very secret Cabala. Two systems of Jewish Oral Teachings were created, one public and one secret.

1. The public teachings which dealt with the affairs of everyday life consisted of almost 1,000 rules such as laws on buying and selling and making contracts.

Note: In Jesus' day: Talmud only in oral form = traditions of scribes & Pharisees = Mishnah. After Christ's crucifixion the Mishnah was reduced to writing; rabbis added rabbinical commentaries which are called the Gemara. Mishnah + Gemara = Talmud = collection of books Babylonian Talmud is based on the mystical religious practices of the Babylonians. The Rabbis used these occult traditions in place of the Word of God.

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Jesus railed [condemn] against the imposition of this man-made law upon the people:

- a. because it bound them so tightly [absolute bondage to the priests, Pharisees]
 - b. It created a frustrating set of standards to which no one could attain.
 - c. These standards were not from God; they were man-made so that the priests could control the people.
 - d. Talmud hid God's Divine Truth contained within the books of Moses.
 - e. They hid the truth from the people: by outright fabrication and added to Moses' original laws
2. The second set of Jewish oral teachings was extremely secret and was classic secret society.

a. These teachings later became known as the Cabala. One of the books constituting the Cabala was called the Sepher-Ha-Zohar, or Book of Light. The secret teachings of the Cabala were truly Satanic. Some authors have admitted these teachings were for "magical" purposes. One author critical of the Cabala wrote that the Cabala is "a subtle poison which enters into the veins of Judaism and wholly infests it"

(Theodore Reinach, quoted by Nesta Webster in "Secret Societies", p. 9).

Salomon Reinach calls the Cabala "one of the worst aberrations of the human mind".

b. "The Cabala has been around for centuries. The Cabala is actually ancient magic. It is an exotic blend of devilish, sometimes fanciful, New Age mystical practices. Orthodox Judaism, or Phariseeism, is rife with cabalism, and the Pharisees were the Cabala's greatest promoters."

Remember, God established His Holy Scripture as written sacred work. He repeatedly stated that this written Word would never change, that it would be absolutely and completely fulfilled, and that it would last for eternity. [I Pet. 1:25; Matt. 24:35; Matt. 5:18]

Since Satan always works in the opposite way as God, we should not be surprised that he places his great emphasis upon oral teaching. Within the confines of secret societies, oral teaching also serves the critical purpose of keeping their society and their teachings secret.

Matthew 15:1-9 "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees...saying, 'Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.' But He answered...'Why do you transgress the commandments of God by your tradition?... you hypocrites...'"

Matt. 15:3 you transgress the commandment of God by your tradition...

Matt. 15:6 You make the commandment of God of none effect

Matt. 15:8 You hypocrites...your heart is far from Me.

Matt. 15:9 Teaching for doctrine, the commandments of men

Matt. 15:14 the blind leading the blind to destruction

Matt. 15:7-9 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

II Cor. 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. Jesus is clearly speaking out strongly against the evil which the secret society Pharisees had perpetrated against the Jewish people. They created oral tradition supposedly equal to God's Written Teaching, and, in fact, actually contradicted God's Written Word. No one understood how they had been tricked because they did not possess God's Written Word.

The Pharisees had God's Written Word, and they were keeping it to themselves.

Read Matthew 15:1-20, carefully, with the insight that Jesus is speaking here primarily against secret society Satanic teachings and practices.

Time after time, Jesus declares that the Pharisees are going to Hell. He minces no words.

Is it possible that the Jewish leaders in New Testament days were not traditional Abrahamic Covenant Jews even though they gave lip service to it? Is it possible The Jewish leaders who conspired to crucify Jesus were Satan-inspired men of a Secret Society that became known as the Cabala [Kabbala]?

Christ to the church in Sardis:

Rev. 3:4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not defiled their garments,

1. Few = Christ infers that most Sardis Christians did defile their garments.

a. A Few reformers did not defile their garments; implies a majority did.

2. In NT Scripture, white garments represent the righteous acts of the saints

3. When defiled garments are used in conjunction with church or Christian activity, it appears to be connected with idolatry or secret societies.

Titus 1:10-11 "For there are many unruly [rebellious] and vain [empty] talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision [meaning Jews]: Whose mouths must be stopped, who are ruining entire households, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."

1. Key words suggest these false teachers are members of a secret society.

2. Vain talkers in Greek = idea of deceptive manipulation toward idolatry

a. Phrase is derived from the root word used to define the systematic teaching of licentiousness by the woman Jezebel.

In Titus 1:13-14 Paul admonishes them to rebuke the Cretian Christians who fall for these deceptions taught by the Jews "Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; [And may show their soundness by] ceasing to give attention to Jewish myths *and* fables or to rules [laid down] by [mere] men who reject *and* turn their backs on the Truth.

1. "Fables" in Greek means "a myth told to initiate during initiation into a mystery religion."

2. Perhaps these Jewish fables came straight from the Jewish Kabbalah.

c. Kabbalah is a method by which any person can attain a higher level of reality.

Consider: Does this imply that if the majority of Reformers defiled their garments, they did so by joining secret societies? [Quote from author of a secret society during this time.]

The most admirable thing of all is that great Protestants and Reformed theologians who belong to our order really believe they see in it the true and genuine mind of the Christian religion.

Oh man what can you not be brought to believe! These Protestants and Reformers swell our numbers and fill our treasury. Get busy and make these people nibble at our bait but do not tell them our secret. They must be made to believe that the low degree that they have reached is the highest.

The Pharisees, the religious leaders in Israel during the time of John the Baptist and Jesus, were the Law-keepers and Promoters Of Tradition. They had become corrupt, legalistic, and hypocritical and would eventually bear some responsibility for crucifying the Son of God.

Col. 2:8 See to it that no one enslaves you through philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ

Matt. 3:7 John the Baptist condemned the Pharisees and Sadducees as a "brood of vipers"

Matt. 12:34 Jesus to the Pharisees:

Brood of VIPERS! How can you speak good things when you are EVIL?

A "brood of vipers" is a "family of snakes." Because vipers are venomous, John was essentially calling the religious leaders "DEADLY Sons Of Serpents." It's quite a bold denunciation!

It was also devious—the viper that bit Paul was hiding in the firewood [Acts 28:3].

The OT Scriptures associate the serpent with Satan in Genesis 3.

For John to call the Pharisees a "brood of vipers" implies that They Bore Satanic Qualities.

Jesus in John 8:44, the unbelieving Jews "belong to [their] father, the devil."

When John and Jesus called the Pharisees a "brood of vipers," they were pointing out:

1. They were deceitful, dangerous, and wicked.

Matt.23:15 deceitful in that they were hypocrites

Matt. 15:14 dangerous in that they were blind leaders of the blind

John 8:37 wicked in that their hearts were full of murder - won't escape hell

Summary: Religious leaders, Pharisees: promote traditions of men, corrupt, legalistic, brood of vipers, evil, deadly, devious, father is Satan, Dangerous, evil hearts, won't escape hell

Jesus never said this to any other person or groups of persons. He was very compassionate toward sinners. Why was Jesus was so stern toward the Pharisees? Steeped in the occult?

Consider: If the Pharisees and Sadducees were secretly controlled by Satan, it explains:

1. Their intense and unnatural hatred of Jesus although He performed unparalleled miracles in front of them.

Matt. 12:14 The Pharisees, however, went out and plotted against Jesus to kill him.

[at least 10 other references]

2. When they heard of the resurrection of Lazarus, did they believe?

No! Their desire to kill Jesus intensified. Unbelievable hardness of heart!

3. The uncharacteristically intense anger and animosity Christ displayed toward them.

Consider: If the Pharisees had been unbelieving sinners, Jesus would have met them with compassion instead of scathing condemnation.

E. Both Groups Were Looking For The Promised Redeemer/King

Both Pagan and Religious Pharisees were looking for a Messiah King to arise to lead mankind into new spiritual light [hidden knowledge]. Only when all mankind is initiated into these Mysteries will the world be able to live in the "Golden Age" for which it was intended.

The Secret Society Redeemer King

1. He will be an "Ascended Master", a man arising from within secret societies who had lived many lifetimes and had reached a "perfected" state upon whom the ultimate Christ Consciousness would descend at the right moment in history to lead the world into its "Golden Age."

2. The "counterfeit Christ" for whom the Pagans were awaiting is the Anti-Christ.

3. The Jewish secret society, the Cabala, was looking for a Promised Redeemer of the same type as other secret societies. These Jews were waiting for a man to arise from within a secret society, a mighty, rich ruler king in Israel, a warrior who would triumphantly lead Israel out of Gentile domination, ruling from the House of David forever.

a. Therefore, they were horrified when Jesus' birth was announced to humble shepherds instead of to the ruling council of the Cabala. They rejected the very idea that the Promised Redeemer could possibly be born to peasant parents in a stable. Their Redeemer would be born of secret society parents, who were wealthy, influential, and powerful. Surely this Redeemer would be born in a palace. Thus, they initially rejected the idea that Jesus could be the Christ, and evidently did not complain when King Herod attempted to kill Him.

4. They believed this Promised Redeemer would be capable of tremendous miracles and healings, because he was an Adept who could access the inherent power contained within the secret society.

a. When Jesus began to validate His ministry through the many miracles of healings and casting out demons, the Pharisees were not surprised. There is great power in the practice of the occult. Certain Pharisees had been able to perform some of the feats Jesus was doing, because they were able to access the power of the demons.

b. Therefore, when Jesus performed the miracles which the occultic Pharisees had been able to do, they simply attributed Jesus' power to the occult.

Matthew 12:22-37. Jesus had just cast a demon out of a man, and the Pharisees verbalized their secret society belief, when they are recorded as saying, in verse 24, "This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils".

Note: There is absolutely no evidence the Pharisees stopped making this claim once Jesus warned them this sin was unforgivable. In fact, their deplorable activity at the Cross strongly indicates they still believed this lie and were propagating it. As Jesus was dying, the Pharisees mocked him repeatedly, for not coming down off the Cross in great power to save Himself. *They still believed Jesus did not possess inherent power, that He had power only when He could access it properly from the occult.* When He did not come off that Cross, the Pharisees felt vindicated in this belief. Thus, the Pharisees felt they had performed their duty as the guardians of their secret society oath not to reveal secrets to non-members. Since they believed Jesus was a member of a secret society, they believed He was worthy of a painful, excruciating death, as called for in secret society oaths. The Pharisees had just done their duty.

5. They believe today that the Messiah King will be brought to Earth by their own power.

Jesus stated these 2 sources of Messianic power and their 2 vastly different goals:

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not:

if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive.

6. After rejecting Jesus and His Messianic Office, modern day Cabalists will accept their own Messiah King - Antichrist - in his own name!

7. The ruling body, the Sanhedrin, was controlled by the Pharisees and Sadducees.

a. Remember: They observed Jesus' miracles and concluded He was drawing His power from Beelzebub, one of Satan's chief demons.

b. The Pharisees concluded Jesus did not possess inherent power, but was merely accessing the power of Beelzebub,

c. This type of Satanism which the Pharisees practiced is the major power behind the drive to the "New World Order," which is the Kingdom of Antichrist.

d. It is the cornerstone of every major type of Satanism in the past centuries.

e. The anti-Semitic Adolf Hitler learned the Cabala while training in The Thule Secret Society. He used it to justify his genocidal murder of 6 million Jews.

The Biblical Redeemer King - Jesus Christ

1. Jesus Christ is Almighty, Omnipotent God, the Second Member of the Trinity.

2. Jesus Christ possesses inherent power because He was and is God.

3. God gives us His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into His Truth.

The Redeemer King for which the secret societies are awaiting will continue to hide the secret truths from the common people, elevating those members of the secret societies to their rightful place of honor in society.

This teaching is a counterfeit of the Truth of the Bible, which declares from beginning to the end that Messiah will establish His eternal kingdom.