



A Summary of their Books

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TWO TREES AND THE SABBATH

Exodus 20:11

(11) For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

This fourth commandment speaks of the Sabbath being hallowed. In fact, it is still observed as a sacred day for those of us who hold closely to Torah; yet others fail to see its beauty or its significance today. "Why would we do that today" they say, "when the Law was nailed to the cross"?

Instead of pursuing the normal discourse to explain why we should observe Sabbath today, perhaps it is even more apropos to show how today's Biblical misconceptions that cause such confusion came about. Identifying the root of the problem may help us to zero in on the solution to it. We hope to provide for you a series of articles to bring further clarification to this perplexing stumbling-block that today's mainline church faces in its attempt to be "godly" through its own understanding.

In our two-volume book set called Two Trees, Two Kingdoms, Two Kings, we set about to present a full discourse to cover this topic, but we will attempt to bring it to you in an abbreviated version here.

It all started in the garden – yes, in the garden – with Adam and Even and the serpent. If we don't understand the beginning, our view of the end will not be complete. Our Father above expects us to start at the beginning to see the whole picture.

Isaiah 46:9-10

(9) Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

(10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

In part one, we hope to impart a better perspective of the two trees in the Garden of Eden that Elohim spoke of when He communed with Adam. He said Adam could eat of the Tree of Life, but that the same day he ate of the tree of knowledge, he would die. What would this death be, and how did this tree of knowledge which would bring death differ from the Tree of Life?

The Tree of Life is **SINGULAR** in nature. It is pure, unadulterated goodness. There is nothing BUT goodness within this tree. Of the two trees, it is the "good" tree.

Conversely, the tree of knowledge of good and evil is **DUALISTIC** in nature, having attributes of both good and evil. Of the two trees, it is the "evil" tree. Even the good of this tree is distorted by its association with evil, and it is not the same pure quality of good as the goodness of the Tree of Life. This type of good could more aptly be called "the good side of evil", as it is tainted with the fallen nature.

We perceive that the tree of death was not just a tree, but that it opened up access to the realm of Adam's exile. When man ate of the forbidden fruit, he was expelled into this world - the realm of death where this duality reigned. The paradise realm of the Garden of Eden was closed off to him, and he lost (for a few millennia) the pure covering of Elohim – falling instead under the dualistic covering of the "spirit of this world" that we call the "contra spirit".

Ephesians 2:2

(2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

In this fallen realm, man is continually exposed to a corrupted spiritual diet from the dualistic spirit of this fallen realm. The adage about an angel on one shoulder and the devil on the other is now a part of daily life, but the angel is not a Tree of Life version. It is of the good side of evil. Not only is man now mortal - facing physical death, but his time on the earth is spent in confusion, and dealing with consequences for making wrong choices.

1 Corinthians 13:12

(12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Such is the fruit of this tree of death in the realm of death where we now reside. Our mortal flesh locks us into this realm until the day when our bodies are redeemed.

Romans 8:22-23

(22) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

(23) And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The best good that man in his fallen state could hope to achieve in this fallen realm (until the advent of Y'shua) was a version of righteousness from the good side of evil, which is seen as filthy rags to Elohim.

Isaiah 64:6

(6) But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as

filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Our righteousness after receiving Y'shua is to be from His seed. The Holy Spirit uses this seed to produce Fruit of the Spirit in our walk. If our righteousness comes through the fallen version of good, the seed is of a GMO nature, and the fruit that is produced is corrupted.

1 Corinthians 3:11-13

(11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

(12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

(13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

We MUST get back to the Tree of Life, but Elohim has stationed Cherubim with a flaming sword to keep us from it in our fallen state. We know that Y'shua is the answer to this dilemma, but that is for another part.

In the meantime though, what does all this have to do with Sabbath? Oh it does – just bear with us.

In figuring out how to return to the Garden, we must distinguish between the **singularity** of the Tree of Life and the **duality** of the tree of death. In the Tree of Life version, Elohim allows a triple witness for mankind: first through the Father's written Torah, secondly through the living Torah He sent us as Y'shua, then through the indwelling Torah He provides for us via the Holy Spirit. Yet, all three of these witnesses are of a singular essence – that of the one and only singular Truth that exudes from the Tree of Life itself.

Mark 12:29

(29) And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

John 10:30

(30) I and my Father are one.

John 16:13

(13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Conversely, the contra spirit of the dualistic tree of death is committed to corrupting the singularity of the Tree of Life. The formula for this destruction is altogether too simple, yet is rarely understood as being of the divisive nature that it is. We can easily recognize its red flags in the corporate church today. The agenda begins by rarely mentioning the Father, and teaching the people to love the Son exclusively. Then it proceeds to create the dualistic illusion that:

1 - The Old Testament = evil = the Old Covenant = wrath and vengeance of the Father figure, and is associated with overly restrictive rules and regulations.

2 - The New Testament = good = the New Covenant = forgiveness and love through the Messianic figure, and is associated with freedom and liberty.

Note - We will discuss the "old" vs. "new" covenant and the liberty concepts in other parts. The important thing to realize now though is that while this approach tickles our itching ears and appeals to our carnal nature, it totally destroys the Tree of Life singularity in the mind of the average Christian. It is the platform for various aberrant beliefisms in Christendom today, and leads Father's children into a bed of quicksand.

While this may seem exaggerated, if we really analyze the core of the teachings in Christendom today, they typically fall into this mold. The evil

constraints of the Father's stringent rules and regulations are to be rejected, and only the good liberties and love of the Son are to be embraced.

Y'shua said that a house divided against itself will fall:

Luke 11:17

(17) But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

This is exactly what the contra spirit of this world is trying to do! While this can be successful to a degree by deviating the perception of Believers, it can never be brought about in the Heavenly realm. The Tree of Life will remain undivided in its pure essence, regardless of human perception; and Yah's children can ultimately get back to it. However, desolation does lie ahead for the dual spirit of this world which is divided against itself (good vs evil) – and for all of those who fall prey to its deception. This type of distortion is the very root of the tree of death duality, and it has had a devastating effect on the average Christian today.

In a similar manner, Paul says what he writes comes from the Holy Spirit, and his messages are designed to draw Father's children back to Him. Yet many theologians (while under the influence of the contra spirit) often twists the words of Paul's epistles, broadcasting messages from behind today's pulpits which defend this fallen dualistic view. So it is that Sabbath is thrown under the bus (so to speak), along with the rest of what the church now sees as the Old Testament's unreasonable rules and restrictions.

There is much more depth to come, as there are four pillars of Truth that will serve to identify and nail down Tree of Life teachings, AND expose those messages that emerge from the tree of death to deceive us, particularly relative to Paul's writings regarding Sabbath. We will actually bring his words to life in light of their true intent, passage after passage.

When we understand these four pillars, it will not only help us to be discerning, but it will be a means to reach others so they too can see that Sabbath is for today – a true blessing to man of a magnitude that he is yet to fully comprehend. In fact, Sabbath is like a taste of the restoration that is to come. It is a glorious day of resting in the arms of Abba, and basking in His love. So, more later In the meantime, be blessed and be a blessing!

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