

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: Is it possible for a believer to be possessed by demons?

Answer: The Scriptures state that a person is healed according to their degree of Faith; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 9:29**. Mary Magdalene was healed of 7 demons, and so despite being demon possessed, was still coherent enough to trust in Yeshua for her healing. If you ever met a person taken over by demons, you would never think they could have such comprehension, as they have a tendency to be very irrational. But yet Mary Magdalene had sufficient faith to both comprehend her need for healing, and to know that Yeshua was the one who could provide that healing.

Another way put, Yeshua did not come to heal unbelievers, but believers. But this does not necessarily answer the question of whether she believed in the coming of Messiah prior to her becoming possessed, but only implies it.

So next we will go to Judas Iscariot who clearly did believe in Yeshua and was not only made part of Yeshua's inner circle, but also had been given the authority to spread the Gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 10:5-8**. But as a believer and follower of Yeshua, not only did Judas have a demon; **Yehochanan (John) 6:70,71**, but also became possessed by satan himself at the time of Yeshua's betrayal; **Luke 22:3**.

Mary Magdalene as a result of meeting Yeshua was healed of her demon possession and was given the privilege of being the first to see Yeshua after the resurrection as a result of her faith in Him. But Judas Iscariot as a result of meeting Yeshua, had a faith based on wrong motives that was insufficient to deliver him of his single demon, and was ultimately possessed by satan himself. His lack of properly motivated faith resulted in betrayal of Yeshua, and ultimately in Judas' suicide.

Suicide, by the way, is a common end result of those who lack sufficient faith to be healed of their demons.

The fact that Mary Magdalene had to have the 7 demons "cast out" of her tells us that her demons had taken over the controls of her mind. The act of which causes a person to behave in very strange ways. So to state that the 7 demons had been cast out becomes a statement that only would have been made if her mind was now sound, and her behavior normal.

On the other hand, Judas Iscariot was apparently only possessed by one demon, and in such a way to where he still appeared "normal" to those around him. From these two examples, we can see that demon possession does not automatically result in the taking over of the controls of one's mind, but can simply result in people's minds being influenced in favor of satan's way of

looking at things.

But again, because Mary Magdelene did have the controls of her mind taken over which would in turn then have caused her to behave very strangely, the societal stigma against those openly possessed by demons no doubt followed her long after her healing.

Because of this, Yeshua appears to have gone out of His way to make sure that people understood that He was fully accepting of her - despite the societal stigma against her past behavior. He did this by allowing her to be part of His inner circle (history also affirms this), and to make it a point to reveal Himself to her first upon rising from the grave, and be the first witness to proclaim that He had risen!; **Mark 16:9; Yehochanan (John) 20:1-18.**

This is no doubt to help everyone to overcome the societal stigma that they commonly held towards those formerly possessed by demons, in a similar way that those convicted of child molesting today are stigmatized in today's world - even after being saved and transformed.

Judas Iscariot on the other hand, who nobody even suspected had a demon, was entrusted with the money bag - that is, put in charge of the ministry funds, and entrusted with the Gospel and the ability to heal others in Yeshua's name.

So Mary Magdelene who had been completely healed, was likely, due to the stigma attached to her past behavior, never quite fully embraced as "normal"; but Judas Iscariot who was never healed was completely embraced as "normal" and entrusted with great responsibility.

Mary Magdelene, likewise, who had been completely healed - despite the stigma against her, gave greatly of her sustenance to support Yeshua's ministry; **Luke 8:1-3**, but Judas Iscariot who was never healed, and who had no societal stigma held against him, took of the sustenance of the ministry to enrich himself.

So yes, believers can both become possessed and be delivered from demon possession. On this same note, we must be careful not to follow societal stigma's lest we find ourselves distancing ourselves from His most faithful and honored of followers, and/or find ourselves rubbing elbows with the most traitorous and unfaithful of His followers.

As it is written in **I Corinthians 1:26-29**,

And also, to "Not judge by appearance, but to judge rightly"; **Yehochanan (John) 7:24.**

Question: Out of the 12 that Yeshua chose to be His core group of Disciples, and of the women who followed Him, why is it that He mentioned only the occupations of those of ill-repute, such as Matthew the tax collector, and Mary Magdelene who had been demon possessed?

Answer: He did not mention the occupations of the other disciples, or reputations of the other

women (outside of Mary and Elizabeth who had to be of good reputation to give birth to Yehochanan and Yeshua) in order to prevent people from associating good reputation or respectable occupations as some kind of "qualification" for being saved or accepted into His inner circle.

Along the same line of thought in the inverse pattern, the disreputable occupations of the other disciples, and the fact that Mary Magdelene had formerly been possessed was publicly disclosed in order to prevent people from associating bad reputations, former sins or states of mind, or undesirable occupations, as some kind of "disqualification" for being saved or accepted into His inner circle.

As Yeshua stated, "I came not to save the righteous, but to bring sinners to repentance". So the idea was not to focus on "good reputations or occupations" as the path to acceptance and salvation, but rather, to highlight the bad reputations and occupations while ignoring the others to show that it is sinners who need His salvation, and sinners who He therefore transforms to bring into His inner circle of influence.

By having this focus, then it is assumed that the ones of "good reputation and occupation" were also "sinners" and therefore not part of His inner circle due to any good reputation or occupation, but because they were sinners willing to repent and follow Him despite any good reputation or occupation they held.

Sadly, to this day, and despite this focus of His, believers to this day still have a tendency to almost exclusively select as their pastors and rabbis and elders, only those who have lived good, reputable lives, and to marginalize and keep out of leadership, those delivered of great sin.

By marginalizing those delivered of great sin, and emphasizing good lives as the qualification for eldership, the community of believers assures that each passing generation will emphasize less and less the importance of repenting of and overcoming sin.

This in turn, leads eventually to luke-warmness, and to the inability to effect society for the greater good. It ultimately leads to where we are at today. Great sermons, but weak churches because the sermons are only being taught by good culturally compliant Christians to other good culturally compliant Christians, rather than by radically saved, transformed sinners.

The former only encourages people to "cover up" their sins and pretend to be righteous, but the latter, encourages people to confess all their sins, no matter how large or small, vile or common, in order to be radically transformed into the glorious image of God's Son.

Question: You do the Torah processional, and other traditions during your services, including the use of tallits, tefillin, and kippahs for men and veils for women during the service. In Yeshua,

aren't we free from traditions? Isn't this just a form of legalism?

Answer: Everyone follows the traditions of their peer group. If you attend a church every week in your short, shorts, baseball cap, and a cup of coffee in your hand, then that is your tradition. If you dress like a priest every service, then that is your tradition. Outside of the "church" community, if you and your peers wear tattoos, leather jackets, and wear earrings in your nose while listening to rock and rock and smoking pot on a routine basis, then that is your tradition.

In Yeshua's day, Yeshua had some traditions that He opposed, such as the ritual washing of the hands prior to each meal regardless of whether they needed to be washed or not, and of donating to the Temple that which should have been used to take care of one's elderly parents; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 15:1-6**. But He also had traditions that He upheld, such as blessing food prior to the meal; **Mark 6:41; 14:22**, and making aliyah to go up and read from a scroll and provide a small discourse on what He read; **Luke 4:16-27**.

His Apostles also upheld certain traditions, such as that of not eating anything that had been strangled; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 15:20**, and of women veiling their heads while praying; **I Corinthians 11** (**See our study entitled, "On Kippahs, Veils, and Head Coverings"**), while opposing the tradition of adult circumcision for purposes of salvation.

So the Scriptures are not against tradition that is complimentary to the commandments of Scripture as shown in the examples above, but rather against those traditions that go contrary to, or are exercised in place of, His commandments; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 15:8,9**.

In Scriptures, the Word of God, and God Himself, is to be revered. And that this process is to involve "Decorum" and "Order" (translated from the Greek as "decently and in order"); **I Corinthians 14:40**.

In Judaism, a manner of service has been preserved since the time synagogues were developed centuries prior to Yeshua's day and that include this concept of "Decorum" and "Orderliness". They are an order of service that Yeshua and His Apostles would have partook of every time they attended the various synagogues, and an order of service that none of them ever spoke against.

This order of service is what we attempt to preserve in our service, and that order of service involves the blowing of the Shofar, the Torah processional, wearing beautiful garments of praise and appropriate head coverings, the singing of millennia old liturgy, among other things.

The bottom line, if Yeshua and His Apostles walked into our service today, they would see a service that was familiar to them; but that if they walked into a church, they would see things very unfamiliar, and sometimes even very pagan in its format.

Question: Why do you kiss the Torah Scroll?

Answer: Why do you kiss your Bible?

Question: What do the riots, shootings, and liberal strongholds all have in common?

Answer: They are all areas where law abiding citizens have been largely disarmed and no longer carry firearms.

Question: Why are police officers being charged with crimes they clearly from a legal perspective could never likely be successfully convicted on?

Answer: The answer is two-fold.

One, by charging them with crimes that would be next to impossible to successfully convict them on, the liberals set the stage to initiate more rioting upon the acquittal of these officers.

In other words, stage 1 was to discredit the President and conservatives, stage 2 is now to discredit law enforcement, and stage 3 will be to then discredit the court system, thereby laying the groundwork to overthrow, with the cooperation of the people, the current order of society based on our Constitution and the Bible, and replace it with a New World Wide Order that can be readily placed under the authority of the Anti-Christ when he is revealed.

The second fold laid out to accomplish this 3 stage agenda, is to empty police departments so that law enforcement can be replaced with sharia law and other Anti-Christ agents. They intend to accomplish this in any of 3 ways.

One, either by defunding current law enforcement, or two, by dismantling law enforcement - even if well funded. This is the George Floyd agenda. And three, by creating a sufficiently hostile environment to cause as many law enforcement officers to retire or quit as possible so that they can be replaced with Moslem, homosexual, and athiest and marxist style law enforcement agents.

This latest incident where the officer was charged with 12 criminal counts, including murder, for doing that which was completely lawful and appropriate for them to do under the circumstances is being done to strike fear into the hearts of law enforcement, to cause them to either fear arresting dangerous criminals, or to simply quit or retire out of disgust, discouragement, and/or fear of not being able to defend themselves in pursuit of carrying out their legal responsibilities.

Question: **Romans 13:1-4** states that because all authority is ordained by God, that we are to obey government authorities; but that there were clearly times when the Apostles themselves refused to obey the government; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 5:29**. At what point are we not obligated to obey?

Answer: This is correct, all authority is ordained by God, but **Romans 13:1-4** also tells us the

purpose for their authority, and that is "To reward good and to punish evil". So this is the line that government officials cannot cross. That is, that as long as they are rewarding good, and punishing evil, we are to obey them. But in any situation where they punish good and reward evil, they have usurped God's authority delegated to them in that area and have themselves become criminals subject to God's judgment.

To know when they have crossed this line, we have the Scriptures containing God's eternal standard defining what is right and wrong. Likewise, all government has been ordained by Him; **Romans 13:1**. That means that the constitution of all governments were also ordained by Him.

That means that the U.S. Constitution is also a divinely inspired document given to govern this section of the earth, and as such defines the limitations of our government. So that in addition to the word of God defining for us what is eternally good and eternally evil, we can also look at our U.S. Constitution and know when our elected and appointed officials are exceeding and usurping their God given authority as well.

The first amendment makes it very clear that the right to practice our Faith cannot be interfered with by the government for any reason, or under any circumstance. Our Faith, and how, when, and where we gather is completely outside of their jurisdiction to dictate in any manner whatsoever. And the fact that the founding fathers had no issues with prayer in schools or with biblical references in government offices indicates that the government could not even prevent us from expressing our Faith in government structures, locations, or federally funded entities.

They just simply cannot say ANYTHING for or against biblically based religious expression - regardless of where it is expressed at. In other words, when, where, and how a person expresses their biblically based Faith was to be, and IS to be, COMPLETELY up to individual citizens to decide.

The second amendment makes it very clear that the right to bear arms cannot be infringed. That means that no laws can be passed to deprive any person of gun ownership. That includes criminals and mentally ill individuals, as our forefathers knew that as soon as any exception was made, then laws would be passed to define certain groups as criminal or mentally ill who in fact are not criminal at all, and who are of a perfectly sound mind.

Bottom line, if everybody owned a gun, there would be no school shootings or other mass shootings, and because everybody would grow up with them, everybody would also now how to safely use them to minimize accidental shootings. But bottom line again, criminals have a tendency not to shoot at people who can shoot back at them.

So the solution to gun violence, according to the divinely inspired constitution is not gun control, but a requirement for all citizens to own guns, and to leave it up to the individual, not

the government, whether to ever exercise their right to use it or to refrain from using it.

I myself would choose not to exercise the right, but I refuse to undue this divinely orchestrated document to suit my preference or deny other people's right to defend themselves against corrupt government under the Constitution divinely ordained for our section of the earth.

Oh, how far we have fallen from the original intent of our founding fathers and God's Constitution for this country. God's judgment is most certainly coming to this nation, and those who fail to uphold the constitution out of fear of the wicked who have taken over will actually suffer at the hands of those wicked before God's judgment comes upon those wicked.

Question: Many good sermons come out of the pulpits of Sunday churches and over the radio. How is it that you believe the church is part of the problems our nation faces today, rather than solution?

Answer: We can only give to others what we have ourselves. Can an overweight person tell you how to successfully lose weight? A homeless person tell you how to successfully hold a job? A mailman successfully tell you how to perform surgery?

God's Law reveals the blemishes of our fallen nature. The Scripture refers to those blemishes as sin, and declares that those blemishes can only be healed through Yeshua. That is, that only Yeshua can make us whole.

However, the Church has taught God's Law as done away, and therefore has put away from themselves the very tool He has given us to accurately diagnose what our blemishes - our sins, look like.

As such, they only look to His commandments that the "good side" of their fallen nature agrees with, but ignore as done away or as non-applicable, the commandments that the "bad side" of their fallen nature is opposed to.

The result? The Church only being willing to partly shine the light of His Law against their fallen nature for proper "diagnosis", is in turn only capable of becoming partly healed.

As such, the Church can only restrain evil (heal the blemishes in society) and be healed of evil (be healed of their own blemishes), only to the degree that they acknowledge and uphold His Law (His diagnostic tool) as the only reliable tool capable of accurately revealing the fullness of our blemished nature through; **Romans 7:7**.

In a nutshell, the more lawless the church becomes, the more blemished we and society become; until finally we become spiritually blemishes from head to toe; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 1:5,6**, and can no longer distinguish between good and evil; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 5:20,21**.

Question: What is an easy way to show from Scripture that the Torah (God's Law) has not been done away?

Answer: Yeshua said, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 24:35**. His words in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 5:17-19** says that until Heaven and Earth pass away, that the entirety of the Torah will remain intact and in effect. In the future, it is His Torah that will go forth into all the earth from Mt. Zion; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-3**.

The Apostle Paul states that it is only the carnal mind that cannot and will not submit to the Torah; **Romans 8:6,7**. **And Yehochanan states** that those who are born of God do not have a Torah violating nature anymore; **I Yehochanan (I John) 3:9**.

A person clearly cannot fail to submit to, and refuse to submit to something that has been "done away", so Romans 8 makes it clear that His Torah is still here, because people who are yet carnal still resist it, and refuse to submit to it.

I Yehochanan (I John) 3:4 makes it clear that sin is the violation of Torah. Since sin is clearly still present in this world, then that which clearly defines what sin is, is also likewise still here. The same passage states that it is the born again nature that lives in harmony with it.

This makes it clear that God's solution for sin was not to do away with His standard defining what sin is and is not, but rather was through providing us a "new nature" that can, and does, and desires to, submit to and ascend into the image of His character as imprinted and revealed in His Law - to be healed of its blemishes".

Plain and simple, those who resist His Law; **Romans 8:7,8**, who do not have His Law in their heart; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 51:7** are yet carnal; **Mizmor (Psalm) 119:53, 126, 136; Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7:21-23**. But that those who are born again of the divine nature imputed to them through Yeshua, who now have the Law in their hearts; **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 30:11-14; Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:16; 51:6,7**, they no longer resist His Law, but embrace it; **I Yehochanan (I John) 3:4-10**.

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